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Spot Award  
Serial 1995  
Signed NOV 11 1943

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CORPORAL JOHN J. ZAJAC, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 9, 1942. During this employment as a sniper far behind hostile lines, Corporal Zajac sighted a large Japanese force moving toward envelopment of an area intended for occupation by a Marine unit. Realizing the immediate danger confronting his comrades and the imminent threat to their proposed objective, he made a quick estimate of the situation, then cautiously worked his way back through enemy-infested territory in order to convey his information to headquarters. As a result of his alert presence of mind and courageous initiative, a combat unit was dispatched to the point in time to engage and hold the enemy until reinforcements could be brought up and the Japanese driven out. His heroic foresightedness contributed materially to the successful operation of our forces in this area and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Bay City, Michigan.

B - Leavenworth, Kansas.

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DGP-298-rtt

ComGenFMFPac Ser 79499  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DANIEL A. ZAWIERUCHA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 15 March 1945. When his platoon's advance was held up by devastating hostile machine-gun fire from a position which dominated the open terrain to his front, Private First Class Zawierucha courageously rushed forward of the lines for a distance of twenty-five yards and, despite the continuing enemy fire falling in the area, hurled several well-placed grenades into the emplacement, killing the occupants and silencing the machine gun. By his quick and heroic action, he enabled his platoon to continue the attack with a minimum of casualties. His initiative and aggressive fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Toledo, Ohio.

B..Toledo, Ohio.

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Spot Award  
Serial 001003  
Signed NOV 27 1944

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

FIRST LIEUTENANT DAVID I. ZEITLIN, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while attached to the Third Marine Division during an engagement against enemy Japanese forces at Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands, October 1, 1943. Although the invasion area was continually subjected to heavy bombardment by hostile planes, First Lieutenant Zeitlin directed the landing operations of his unit with unfaltering courage and skillful determination. When a beached landing ship was bombed and then exploded, igniting fuel and ammunition, he swam to the rescue of wounded men in the water despite the danger from strafing Japanese aircraft and burning oil. Quickly organizing a party of volunteers, he boarded the flaming ship and was directing rescue operations when the vessel was again struck by aerial bombs. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he supervised the removal of the injured from the blazing craft while his men valiantly fought their antiaircraft guns against the attacking planes. First Lieutenant Zeitlin's heroic leadership and outstanding efficiency in the face of extreme danger contributed to the saving of many lives and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.”

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Bridgeport, Conn.  
B - Bridgeport, Conn.

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Appd SofN 1-10-46

Serial 36930

Signed MAR 3 1947

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

CORPORAL FRANK S. ZERA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Tank-Infantry Liaison Man, serving with Company A, Sixth Tank Battalion, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 21 May 1945. Blown to the ground by an exploding enemy artillery shell as he was moving into position on a shelf-like ridge south of Sugar Loaf Hill, Corporal Zera quickly recovered his radio and proceeded to his station. Again interrupted when he and other members of the team were buried with mud from another bursting shell while they were attempting to set up the radio, he dug himself and radio out and, despite continued artillery bursts from all directions, worked desperately to prepare the radio for operation until he was mortally wounded by a Japanese shell. By his perseverance in this vital task, Corporal Zera effected the rapid communication of accurate orders to the tanks, thus enabling them to maneuver into position and destroy hostile mortars and automatic weapons. His devotion to duty and incomparable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--St. Louis, Missouri

B--St. Louis, Missouri

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Appd SofN 10-4-45  
Serial 35273  
Signed SEP 4 1946

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LAWRENCE J. ZETTER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Ammunition Carrier in a Machine Gun Squad of Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Divison, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. Pinned down with his squad in a shell hole on the front line when orders were received to deliver covering machine-gun fire for demolition men preparing to move out and assault an enemy position, Private First Class Zetter courageously took charge of a machine gun and moved the heavy weapon up to the edge of the hostile machine-gun and rifle barrages and aided in covering the advance of the demolition men, staunchly maintaining the uninterrupted stream of fire without assistance when his teammates became casualties, and continued to deliver a furious barrage until he fell at his post, mortally wounded. His outstanding devotion to duty and dauntless valor throughout reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Zetter and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Irwin, Pennsylvania,

B..Irwin, Pennsylvania.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was presented to the father of the late PFC Zetter, Mr. Dewey E. Zetter, Route 2, Irwin, Pa., on 21Nov46 by the OinC, USMC DHRS Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Signed FEB 27 1948

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CAPTAIN JACK H. ZIMMER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands on 19 February and 17 March 1945. When a company commanding officer was wounded and his men were disorganized because of heavy casualties, Captain Zimmer quickly reorganized the unit while it was still engaged in a fierce action. On another occasion, when the company was receiving heavy casualties from intense hostile fire, he daringly led his group against the center of enemy resistance and seized the objective, thereby contributing directly to the completion of the mission. His outstanding courage, leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Lakewood, Ohio

B..Cleveland, Ohio

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Serial 46173  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

The President of the United States takes pleasure  
in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR W. ZIMMERMAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. When his company was pinned down by accurate and heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from an enemy strong point one hundred yards forward, First Lieutenant Zimmerman realized that the Company Commander had been killed and, when unable to contact the Executive Officer, assumed command of the company on the front line. After reorganizing his undermanned unit, he courageously exposed himself to the rain of enemy fire to move his company forward. Calling for a tank, he guided it to the front lines by walking before it and, pointing out the hostile emplacement to the tank, aided materially in destroying the enemy position. Then, First Lieutenant Zimmerman led his company in an attack which annihilated the enemy to the front and resulted in a gain of several hundred yards for our forces. His fortitudinous leadership and initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Fairfield, Mont.,  
B--Great Falls, Mont.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

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Appd SofN 11-15-45  
Serial 36969  
Signed JAN 2 1947

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE MERRITT J. ZIMMERMAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a Rifle Squad, of Company G, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 15 April 1945. Determined to locate the position of an enemy gun which was delivering devastating fire upon his advancing squad with resultant heavy casualties, Private Zimmerman unhesitatingly advanced in the face of the furious onslaught to locate the strategic hostile emplacement. Courageously drawing the enemy fire to himself, he made possible the escape of his wounded comrades and enabled his squad to continue the advance in safety. Although he, himself was struck down and instantly killed, Private Zimmerman, by his splendid initiative, cool courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty had contributed materially to the success of his company's mission and his conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Retosky, Michigan

B..Bogne City, Michigan

SSM w/perm cit ltr fr CMC pres informally by OinC to Mrs. Zimmerman, widow on or about 11 April 1947 at CHRD, Detroit, Mich.

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILDO E. ZIMMERMAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a Demolition Team of Company C, First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 3 July 1944. Frequently braving heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Zimmerman neutralized enemy positions with demolitions of a flame thrower and, with the aid of his teammate, accounted for approximately one hundred and fifty enemy casualties. On 3 July he suffered severe wounds while advancing on an enemy position to neutralize it. His courage and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R- Youngstown, Ohio.  
B- Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Appd SofN 10-11-45  
Serial 031620  
Signed MAY 28 1946

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

CORPORAL AIDEN A. ZIRKLE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action on Okinawa Island, Ryukyu Group, 13 April 1945. With his rifle squad imperiled by an intense barrage of hostile machine-gun fire, Corporal Zirkle instantly realized the necessity for further movement to a more advantageous location and, exposing himself continually to enemy fire, moved from man to man to direct the fire and movement of his squad. Although seriously wounded, he continued to lead his men until he had successfully maneuvered them to a commanding position. Then, refusing to allow the stretcher-bearers to expose themselves to the heavy Japanese fire, he crawled back unaided to the company lines to receive medical attention. His courageous leadership, initiative and gallant devotion to duty were inspiring to his men and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

The Silver Star Medal with permanent citation was presented to widow, Mrs. Aiden A. Zirkle with appropriate ceremony & publicity on 15 June 1946, by OinC, Northeastern Recruiting Division, Baltimore, Maryland.

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Baltimore, Maryland  
B.--Jackson, Virginia

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MICHAEL ZOMBAR,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of the Control Team of a Heavy Mortar Platoon of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 17 September 1944. When hostile forces strongly entrenched in concealed caves and pillboxes fired on the rear of our assault troops during an advance in this area, Private First Class Zombar unhesitatingly rushed the enemy gun and killed the crew with a knife in furious hand-to-hand combat. While returning to his gun position after guiding a wire-control team to the front lines later in the day, he noticed a Marine who had sustained wounds during an intense exchange of rifle and machine-gun fire and, courageously moving to the casualty under heavy fire, carried him across four-hundred yards of open terrain in the face of mortar and machine-gun fire to the safety of an aid station. By his boldness, daring initiative and unwavering devotion to duty, Private First Class Zombar upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Warren, Ohio

B..Crescent Heights, Pa.

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Serial 01635  
Signed OCT 5 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

SERGEANT FRANK N. ZSERDIN, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 21 September 1944. Leading his squad during the bitter hostilities on the northern section of the island, Sergeant Zserdin defended the Umurbrogal Mountain sector against a powerful enemy pre-dawn counterattack. Fighting his gun with determined aggressiveness, he rushed forward in defiance of withering fire to aid in halting the enemy and cover the evacuation of casualties and, although himself wounded while carrying out this hazardous task, remained steadfast at his post performing his duties continuously and efficiently and was instrumental in repelling the attack. Leading his men later the same day, he pressed relentlessly on, braving the savage fire from Japanese gun emplacements until mortally wounded. By his resolute and tenacious devotion to duty, Sergeant Zserdin contributed materially to the conquest of this vital enemy stronghold, and his valiant conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

B..Allentown, Pa.

R..Allentown, Pa.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by Comdt, Phil. Pa., on 12-9-45 to the parents of the late Sgt Zserdin, Mr. and Mrs. John Zserdin at the Hungarian Hall, Allentown, Pa. Form pres.

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Serial 111  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE BERT E. ZUMBERGE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Amphibious Reconnaissance Company, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Apamama Atoll, Gilbert Islands, 24 November 1943. When one of his comrades was wounded during a heavy enemy rifle and machine-gun barrage, Private Zumberge immediately left his sheltered position to go to the aid of the man. Although the area was covered by hostile machine-gun fire, he protected the casualty with his own body and rendered first aid until he, himself, was wounded. Refusing to be evacuated, he continued his attempts to evacuate the wounded man and repeatedly refused to submit to first-aid treatment himself until everything possible had been done for the other wounded Marine. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private Zumberge and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
B--Helena, Montana.

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Serial 86490  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CORPORAL JULIAN A. ZYCH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Tank Battalion, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. Assigned the mission of finding and aiding the withdrawal of fourteen riflemen who had been isolated for two days and prevented from withdrawing by hostile machine-gun fire, Corporal Zych discovered a route of approach over almost impassable terrain and reached the isolated position in his tank. By skillful use of his weapons, he neutralized several enemy positions, thereby permitting the withdrawal of eleven of the riflemen. Upon discovering that the other three were wounded and unable to move, he remained even though the hours of darkness were approaching and his tank was without close infantry support and despite terrain conditions that made movement extremely hazardous, effected the evacuation of the three wounded with his tank. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Harvey, Ill.,

B..Harvey, Ill.