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Captain Henry Stone Monroe, USN

A native of Somerville, Massachusetts, Captain Monroe entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1929. He was graduated and commissioned Ensign in June, 1933.

While in the submarine service during World War II Captain Monroe made 12 war patrols in the Pacific, six of these being made while in command. In November of 1941 he reported aboard the USS Permit, and for three of his eleven months aboard, served as Executive Officer. He next was Commanding Officer of the USS S-35. After fitting out and commissioning the new submarine USS Ronquil he served as its Commanding Officer until December, 1944.

After a tour with the Torpedo Research and Development branch of the Bureau of Ordnance in Washington, D.C., Captain Monroe served as Operations Officer of Commander Submarine Squadron Two and as Commander Submarine Division 21. He spent 30 months as Assistant Officer in Charge of the Submarine School at New London.

Promoted to his present rank in July, 1952, Captain Monroe commanded the USS Warrick until October, 1953, when he returned to the Bureau of Ordnance for a tour of duty as Assistant Division Director for Production-Material. He attended the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School before reporting to Commander Cruiser Division One as Chief of Staff and Aide in August, 1956.



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DATE OF BIRTH: January 12, 1910

Henry Monroe graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Class of 1933. He retired as a U.S. Navy Rear Admiral.

AWARDS BY DATE OF ACTION:

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Navy and Marine Corps Medal

AWARDED FOR ACTIONS DURING [World War II](#)

Service: [Navy](#)

Rank: [Lieutenant Commander](#)

Division: U.S.S. S-35

GENERAL ORDERS:

CITATION:

The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Navy and Marine Corps Medal to Lieutenant Commander Henry Stone Monroe (NSN: 0-72455/1100), United States Navy, for heroism and outstanding devotion to duty, in enemy waters, as Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. S-35. During a serious electrical fire lasting for many hours, which occurred while on patrol in enemy waters, during which the safety of the ship was endangered, although temporarily incapacitated as a result of injuries received on the bridge immediately preceding the fire, he directed his crew in such a manner that the fire was eventually brought under control. His tenacity, courage and coolness under hazardous conditions caused by fire and weather, enabled him to bring his disabled ship to port without the loss of a man. His conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

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AWARDS BY DATE OF ACTION:

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Silver Star

AWARDED FOR ACTIONS
DURING World War II

Service: Navy

Rank: Commander

Division: U.S. Submarine

GENERAL ORDERS:

CITATION:

The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Commander Henry Stone Monroe (NSN: 0-72455/1100), United States Navy, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of a United States Submarine during a War Patrol of that vessel in enemy controlled waters of the Pacific Ocean during World War II. Operating under extremely unfavorable weather conditions throughout a prolonged period of intensive combat action, Commander Monroe skillfully maneuvered through dangerous enemy infested waters to strike at Japanese surface units and, by his forceful leadership and daring combat tactics, contributed to the success of his ship in damaging and sinking an important amount of hostile shipping. His sound judgment, aggressive determination and zealous devotion to duty throughout served as an inspiration to the officers and men under his command and reflect the highest credit upon Commander Monroe and the United States Naval Service.



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AWARDS BY DATE OF ACTION:

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Silver Star

AWARDED FOR ACTIONS DURING [World War II](#)

Service: [Navy](#)

Rank: [Commander](#)

Division: U.S. Submarine

GENERAL ORDERS:

CITATION:

The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting a Gold Star in lieu of a Second Award of the Silver Star to Commander Henry Stone Monroe (NSN: 0-72455/1100), United States Navy, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of a United States Submarine, during a War Patrol of that vessel in enemy controlled waters of the Pacific War Area during World War II. Operating dangerously, Commander Monroe fearlessly launched a series of shrewdly-planned, skillfully executed attacks struck with devastating speed and accuracy to sink a hostile vessel vital to the enemy war effort. A superb navigator, he succeeded in returning his gallant ship safe to port after a period of bold offensive action. By his outstanding seamanship, resourceful initiative and indomitable determination in the fulfillment of an urgent mission, Commander Monroe contributed essentially to the extensive damage and destruction inflicted upon the enemy in their own waters and his undaunted courage and resolute conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.



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AWARDS BY DATE OF ACTION:

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Legion of Merit

Service: [Navy](#)

Rank: [Rear Admiral](#)

GENERAL ORDERS:

Board Serial 1627 (March 15, 1967)

CITATION:

The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Legion of Merit to Rear Admiral Henry Stone Monroe (NSN: 0-72455/1100), United States Navy, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Government of the United States from October 1964 to March 1967 as Commander Amphibious Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Exercising outstanding leadership and resourcefulness, Rear Admiral Monroe assumed command at a time of rapid expansion of missions in training functions for personnel en route to duty in Southeast Asia/Vietnam operations. Responsible for executing counterinsurgency training following broad guidelines set forth by the Chief of Naval Operations, he formed, advised and guided a Counterinsurgency Study Group appointed to study ways and means to implement this specialized training, resulting in the Navy's first formal course of instruction in this field, since proven of immeasurable benefit to personnel serving in Vietnam. When his command was tasked with the development of a concept of riverine warfare and the training of naval personnel therefore, Rear Admiral Monroe regulated the efforts of a committee through weeks of intensive study which culminated in the translation of their ideas and experience into a complete training program. He was directly responsible for the success of the initial phase of this program. Aware of the limitations of existing training and logistic facilities to pursue expanded training requirements, he supervised studies to develop methods of increasing the Amphibious Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet capabilities to meet commitments and absorb additional training tasks, resulting in improved management of existing resources and expansion of training capabilities to meet all foreseeable contingencies. Rear Admiral Monroe's outstanding professional competence and resourceful leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.



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AWARDS BY DATE OF ACTION:

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Legion of Merit

Service: [Navy](#)

Rank: [Rear Admiral](#)

GENERAL ORDERS:

Board Serial 5782 (June 12, 1968)

CITATION:

The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting a Gold Star in lieu of a Second Award of the Legion of Merit to Rear Admiral Henry Stone Monroe (NSN: 0-72455/1100), United States Navy, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Government of the United States from April 1967 to April 1968 as Commander Amphibious Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet. During this period, Rear Admiral Monroe provided outstanding assistance in connection with the high state of training readiness of Amphibious Force personnel to meet contingencies. The important part played by Navy riverine and coastal patrol forces within Vietnam is witness to the expeditious development and implementation of radically new training programs to meet new in-country requirements. Rear Admiral Monroe contributed greatly to revival in the U.S. Navy of the capability of conducting warfare in the rivers and inland waterways. The almost instant success enjoyed in Vietnam by the patrol boats (GAME WARDEN) and the Mobile Riverine Force is due evidence of the value of the training programs developed under his guidance and direction. Rear Admiral Monroe's exceptional insight into the logistics associated with training in-country replacement personnel has resulted in many improvements in outfitting and equipment issue procedures and with related monetary savings. Through his superb leadership ability and professional competence, Rear Admiral Monroe has integrated the efforts of his subordinate commands into a cohesive force and instilled in these forces a new awareness of our goal in support of military operations in Vietnam. His performance of duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.



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