

NAVY CROSS



EDWARD H. WYNN

Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
Company E, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines
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Entered service at: Napa, California

Citation:

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Navy Cross to Edward H. Wynn (2424476), Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps, for extraordinary heroism while serving as a Platoon Radio Operator with Company E, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade, in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. On the morning of 25 May 1968, Company E was assaulting two North Vietnamese Army companies occupying well-fortified positions near the village of Nhi Ha (2) in Quang Tri Province when the point platoon became pinned down by intense small arms, automatic weapons, and mortar fire. Realizing that the heavy volume of fire was preventing his platoon from reinforcing the lead elements, Private First Class Wynn fearlessly exposed himself to the furious hostile fire and commenced delivering suppressive fire upon the enemy emplacements. Observing a Corpsman attempting to assist a wounded Marine to a covered location, he unhesitatingly maneuvered across the fire-swept terrain to a more advantageous firing position and directed devastating covering fire which enabled the injured man to be moved to an area of relative safety. Although seriously wounded by intense grenade fire, Private First Class Wynn steadfastly refused medical treatment and continued his determined efforts against the enemy. Alertly observing three hostile soldiers approaching a tank from the rear, he courageously assaulted the enemy attackers, wounding two and capturing the third soldier. Ignoring the hostile rounds impacting near him, Private First Class Wynn rapidly returned to his platoon with the prisoner and, fearlessly traversing the dangerously exposed area on two additional occasions, recovered the two remaining injured North Vietnamese and delivered them to his unit. Although weak from his wounds, he resolutely resumed his fighting position and assisted his comrades until all of the other casualties were medically evacuated. By his intrepid fighting spirit, exceptional fortitude and gallant initiative, Private First Class Wynn served to inspire all who observed him and contributed in large measure to the success of his unit in assaulting the enemy. His great personal valor reflected the highest credit upon himself and enhanced the finest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.