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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Office of the Commandant

Robert A. Brower  
458th PBR-'Sea Tigers'  
3810 Spyglass Drive NE  
Tacoma, Washington 98422

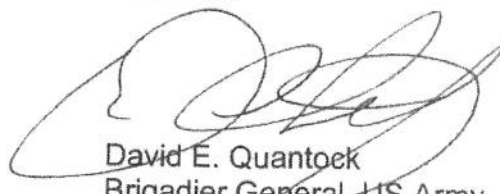
Dear Mr. Brower:

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for your efforts to honor the Military Police Soldiers with the Vietnam Combat Crew Commemorative insignia (VCCC). The actions of the Soldiers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Officers of the 18th Military Police Brigade while patrolling the waterways of Vietnam in support of the 458th Transportation Company (PBR) were truly exemplary. These men serving on Boston Whalers and Mark II Patrol Boats were quick to respond to a request for assistance and could execute their missions with great lethality and efficiency when called upon.

The US Army Military Police School (USAMPS) supports your endeavor and actions of your organization in awarding the VCCC to those veterans meeting your qualification standards. However, the USAMPS cannot officially endorse the device due to the fact that the Department of Defense and its service components cannot legally endorse private organizations or their products.

Again, on behalf of the Military Police Corps Regiment and those Soldiers who served in the 18th Military Police Corps Regiment on riverine operations in Vietnam, I offer this letter of support to your organizations endeavors. Your efforts on behalf of all veterans are greatly appreciated.

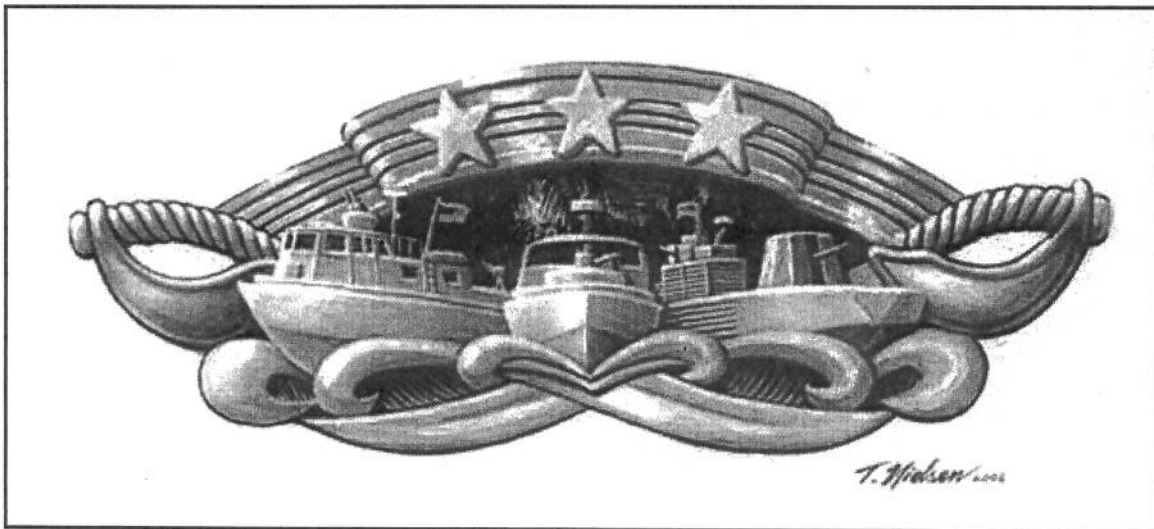
Sincerely,



David E. Quantoek  
Brigadier General, US Army  
Commandant

# "Vietnam Combatant-Craft Crewman"

## Insignia



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When Bruce McIver (T-131-7 & Naval Advisor) heard about the new Navy "Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewman" (SWCC) insignia in 2000 he brought it to my attention. Bruce and I then discussed the matter and felt that we Vietnam riverine craft sailors should be "grandfathered" into the award. We checked with Albert Moore and he gave us the go-ahead to pursue it.

Bruce and I drafted a letter to Admiral Vern Clarke, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), dated July 10, 2002. We requested that his office consider awarding the SWCC insignia retroactively to our Mobile Riverine Force - TF-117 combat assault sailors. The CNO, and the current Special Warfare Command, felt that our sailors did not meet the more stringent criteria for the new modern SWCC insignia, but they did offer us the opportunity to submit a new insignia for consideration.

Bruce and I then began working closely with Tom Forrest (TF-115) and Robert Gray, RMCM (USN Ret. - TF-116) on this matter. It has truly been a "joint

**operation" over the past 3 years.**

**I am proud to pass along the news that we were informed by the Department of the Navy on August 22, 2005 that our "Vietnam Combatant-Craft Crewman" insignia design has been officially approved for production. It is a "commemorative" award for Task Forces 115, 116 and 117 combat-craft sailors that has been officially sanctioned and approved by the Department of the Navy.**

**I am also thrilled to let you know that our own Tom Nielsen (T-132-6), who designed and painted the "Mobile Riverine Force Poster", is the gentleman who designed the insignia that has been officially approved..!**

**Let's give a big BRAVO ZULU to Tom as he has captured the essence of our history in this insignia design. The (3) stars represent the (3) naval Task Forces. The ribbon that the stars are on is the Vietnam Service Medal Streamer. He has depicted the Vietnamese jungle in the background. The rest is self-explanatory.**

**Here is a copy of the official letter from USMC Major General G. C. Nash:**