

**PERSONAL AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

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COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESSES ARE REQUIRED

1. FROM: <b>JOINT TASK FORCE</b> ADDRESS: HQ, JTF (b)(1)1.7(e)		1a UIC / RUC 00000	2. TO (Awarding Authority): <b>COMNAVSPECWARCOM</b> ADDRESS: 2000 TRIDENT WAY, BLDG 624 SAN DIEGO, CA 92155-5599		2a UIC / RU 00074
3. COMMAND SOC: NAME: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6) EMAIL: (b)(6)		4. PHONE: (DSN): (b)(6) (COM): (b)(6)		5. EXP DATE OF ACTIVE DUTY (DD-MMM-YYYY): <b>24-Sep-2017</b>	
6. SSN (b)(6)		7. DESIG/NEC/MOS 5326		8. DETACHMENT OR CEREMONY DATE (EARLIER DATE): 10-Feb-2017	
9. NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE, SUFFIX) OWENS, WILLIAM RYAN			10. <input type="checkbox"/> RETIREMENT <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSFER <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPECIFIC ACHIEVEMENT		
11. COMPONENT USN			12. NEW DUTY STATION ADDRESS (Home address for retirement/separation) N/A		
13. PAYGRADE AND RATING E-3 SOCS			16. DUTY ASSIGNMENT ASSAULT TEAM LEADER		
14. WARFARE QUALIFICATION SEAL		15. UNIT AT TIME OF ACTION/SERVICE JOINT TASK FORCE		16. DUTY ASSIGNMENT ASSAULT TEAM LEADER	
17 UIC/RUC 00000	18. CAMPAIGN OTHER Other	18a. OPERATION: OCO		19. PREVIOUS PERSONAL DECORATIONS AND PERIOD RECOGNIZED (exclude Combat Action Ribbon)	
20. RECOMMENDED AWARD BV Bronze Star Medal w/V			NA (Aug03-Aug03) NC (Apr04-Oct04) NA (Oct05-Apr06) JV (Jan08-Apr08) BV (Oct08-Feb09) JA (Sep09-Sep09) JV (Feb10-Jun10) BV (Jun11-Nov11) NC (Nov07-Apr13) BS (Oct12-Mar13) NM (Sep12-Sep12) NA (Feb11-Feb11)		
21. <input type="checkbox"/> HEROIC <input type="checkbox"/> MERITORIOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEROIC POSTHUMOUS <input type="checkbox"/> MERITORIOUS POSTHUMOUS <input type="checkbox"/> MIA			22. PERSONAL AWARDS RECOMMENDED-NOT YET APPROVED SS (19JUL15-21JUL15)		
23. RECOMMENDED AWARD NUMBER (EX. 1,2,3 ...) 4		24. OTHER PERSONNEL BEING RECOMMENDED FOR SAME ACTION: N/A			
25. ACTION DATE/MERITORIOUS PERIOD 28-Jan-2017 - 29-Jan-2017			26 (FOR O-6 AND ABOVE) RANK AND NAME OF PREDECESSOR: N/A		
27. GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF ACTION/SERVICE MU Multiple Locations			28. IF FOREIGN NATIONAL, INDICATE FOREIGN SERVICE AND COUNTRY: N/A		
29. I CERTIFY THAT THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THE SUMMARY OF ACTION ARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KNOWN TO ME <input type="checkbox"/> A MATTER OF RECORD					
30a. NAME, RANK/GRADE, COMPONENT, TITLE OF ORIGINATOR (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6) USN COMMANDER			30b. (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6)		30c. DATE 1 FEB 17
31. FORWARDING ENDORSEMENTS BY VIA ADDRESSEE(S)					
VIA	COMMAND (To be completed by originator) (Include Telephone Number)	RECOMMENDED AWARD	"V"		DATE FWD
1	JOINT TASK FORCE	BV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6) COMMANDER	3 FEB 17
2			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
3			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
32. TO BE COMPLETED BY AWARDING AUTHORITY					
DISPOSITION OF BASIC RECOMMENDATION		COMBAT "V"	EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM RECOMMENDED	(b)(6)	DATE APPROVED
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	COMMANDER	6 FEB 17
33. CNO / CMC AWARDS BRANCH USE ONLY					
SERIAL NO:		DATE RECEIVED:			
34. NDBDM USE ONLY					
FROM: SECNAV (NDBDM)		DATE:			
TO: CNO (DNS-37/N09B13) CMC (CODE MMMA)					
1. Extraordinary heroism recommended: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE					
2. Reviewed and recorded.					

By direction

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Before completing this form see SECNAVINST 1650.1. For the electronic form, help for each Block can be accessed by placing the cursor over the data entry field and pressing the F1 key.
2. The Summary of Action (item 35) is requested (except for Command approved NAMs). In addition, attach a double spaced proposed citation
3. Two (2) letter codes to be used in Blocks 19, 20, 31 and 32
4. All dates should be entered in the DD-3-letter month ID-YYYY format (EX: 23-FEB-2004)

MH	Medal of Honor	NM	Navy and Marine Corps Medal	JC	Joint Service Commendation Medal
NX	Navy Cross	BS	Bronze Star Medal	NC	Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal
DM	Distinguished Service Medal	BV	Bronze Star w/ V Medal	CV	Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal w/ V
SS	Silver Star	PH	Purple Heart Medal	JA	Joint Service Achievement Medal
LM	Legion of Merit	MM	Meritorious Service Medal	NA	Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal
LV	Legion of Merit w/ V	AS	Air Medal (Strike/Flight)	NV	Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal w/ V
DX	Distinguished Flying Cross	AF	Air Medal (Individual Action)	CR	Combat Action Ribbon
DV	Distinguished Flying Cross w/ V	AH	Air Medal (Individual Action w/ V)	XX	Letter of Commendation

#### 35. Summary of Action *(not required for Command approved NAMs)*

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COMMANDER  
NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE COMMAND

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the **BRONZE STAR MEDAL** (Gold Star in lieu of the Fourth Award) posthumously to

**SENIOR CHIEF SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR (SEA, AIR AND LAND)**  
**WILLIAM R. OWENS**  
**UNITED STATES NAVY**

for service as set forth in the following

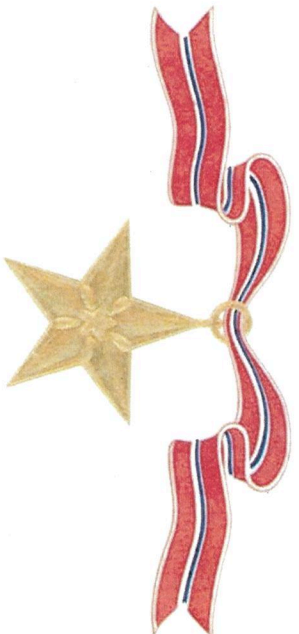
**CITATION:**

For heroic achievement in connection with combat operations against the enemy as an Assault Team Leader for a Joint Task Force in support of Overseas Contingency Operations from 28 to 29 January 2017. During this period, Senior Chief Petty Officer Owens displayed courageous combat leadership and incredible operational insight as a Team Leader in charge of a five-man assault team directed to execute a President of the United States approved contingency operation, which resulted in 35 enemy fighters eliminated, including several senior enemy commanders directly responsible for lethal attacks on coalition forces in the Arabian Peninsula. Senior Chief Petty Officer Owens served as an assault team leader for a Special Operations element targeting senior Al Qaeda leadership in Rawdat Athabah, Bayda Governorate, Yemen. He directed his team during an arduous dismounted patrol to the target objective. Without any regard for his own safety, and as the assault force came under withering enemy fire, Senior Chief Petty Officer Owens selflessly exposed himself to the attack, and courageously led his team's assault on the enemy stronghold. While maneuvering towards the enemy compound, Senior Chief Petty Officer Owens was mortally wounded by enemy fire. His courageous actions undoubtedly ensured mission success by regaining critical momentum for the assault force during the raid. By his extraordinary guidance, zealous initiative, and total dedication to duty, Senior Chief Petty Owens reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

(b)(6)

Rear Admiral, United States Navy  
Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
HAS AWARDED THE

## BRONZE STAR MEDAL

(GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF THE FOURTH AWARD WITH COMBAT "V")

TO  
SENIOR CHIEF SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR (SEA, AIR AND LAND) WILLIAM R. OWENS  
FOR  
UNITED STATES NAVY

HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT FROM 28 TO 29 JANUARY 2017

GIVEN THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2017



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COMMANDER, NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE COMMAND