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DAN LAMOTHE  
WASHINGTON POST

**RE: Veteran's Name: MUELLER, Robert**  
**SSN/SN:**  
**Request Number: 2-21320131685**

Dear Recipient:

Thank you for contacting the National Personnel Records Center. We are providing the releasable military service information based on restrictions imposed by the military services consistent with Department of Defense regulations and the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. Releasable information has been transcribed, photocopied, or a combination of both, in order to comply with your request.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding this response, you can reach Rita Cann by phone at 314-801-0514 or by mail at the address shown in the letterhead above, ATTN: AFN-MC2D, Room 200. If you contact us, please reference the Request Number listed above.

Sincerely,

FOR KEVIN PRATT  
Assistant Director

Enclosure(s)



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Veterans' Privacy**

*Let us know if we have  
failed to protect it.*

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD

(1070)

UNIT/ORGANIZATION	PRIMARY DUTY	REMARKS
<p>MCRFAA KSC MCRFAC, KSC</p> <p>MCRFAC</p>	<p>INACTIVE</p>	<p>JD 750409 760711 TO 760723 ASG ATD TO CO, Nav Justice School, Newport, RI Naval Justice Course</p> <p>790408-TERM MTU CA-15</p> <p>800618 <i>Assigned</i></p>

EMBOSSSED PLATE IMPRESSION

■ MUELLER ROBERT SWAN



NAME (Last) (First) (Middle) SSN

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

PERIOD		UNIT OR ORGANIZATION	PRIMARY DUTIES	ADDITIONAL DUTIES
FROM	TO			
30 Aug 66	19 Nov 67	USMCR	INACTIVE	
20 Nov 67	01 Feb 68	OCS, MCB, Quantico, Va.	OC	PEC
02 Feb 68	15 Jul 68	OCS, MCB, Quantico, Va.	Awtg Asg	2nd Lt.
12 Nov 68	690501	H Co 2/4, 3d Mar Div FIMF	FIMF, Co ExO	(6 Mos)
690502	690512	Co F, 2d Bn, 4th Mar, 3d Mar Div	Co ExO	
690513	690516	H&SCo, 2d Bn, 4th Mar, 3d Mar Div (Rein)	Co ExO	OIC VCB
		FIMF		Bn Postal 10
690516	691101	Hq Co Hq Bn 3d Mar Div (Rein), FIMF	Aide-de-Camp for Maj Gen W. K. JONES (6 mos)	
691209		Gd Co, Hq Bn, H&MC, HendH, Arl., Va.	Company Off	
691209	700827	Gd Co, Hq Bn, H&MC, HendH, Arl	Co Exec (6 Mo) Guard (3 Mos)	Bn Car Plant (1 Mo.) Mbr MCEch Council (8 Mos) Mbr Clubs Inv Bd (8 Mos) Bond O (1 Mo.)
29 AUG 70	24 NOV 72	MCRF (CI III), KSC, Md.	ASL	MBRVTU12-2750409

NAME (Last) Robert (First) Swann, III (Middle) SERVICE NO. 0105600

**INFORMATION RELEASABLE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

**NAME:**

ROBERT SWAN MUELLER III

**BRANCH OF SERVICE AND SERIAL/SERVICE NUMBER(S):**

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND USMC RESERVES/ 2317837

**DATES OF SERVICE:**

AUGUST 30, 1966 TO JUNE 18, 1980

ACTIVE DUTY DATES: USMCR NOVEMBER 20, 1967 TO FEBRUARY 1, 1968.

ACTIVE DUTY USMC: FEBRUARY 2, 1968 TO AUGUST 28, 1970.

**DUTY STATUS:**

RESIGNED

**RANK/GRADE:**

CAPTAIN

**SALARY:**

N/A

**SOURCE OF COMMISSION:**

OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL

**PROMOTION SEQUENCE NUMBER:**

N/A

**ASSIGNMENTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS:**

ENCLOSED

**MILITARY EDUCATION:**

OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL; RANGER COURSE; AIRBORNE COURSE.

**DECORATIONS AND AWARDS:**

ENCLOSED

**TRANSCRIPT OF COURT-MARTIAL TRIAL:**

NOT ON FILE

**PHOTOGRAPH:**

ENCLOSED

**PLACE OF ENTRY:**

PHILADELPHIA, PA

**PLACE OF SEPARATION:**

ARLINGTON, VA

**FOR DECEASED VETERAN ONLY**

**PLACE OF BIRTH**

**DATE OF DEATH**

**LOCATION OF DEATH**

**PLACE OF BURIAL**

NOTE: N/A denotes information is not available in the veteran's records

**DECORATIONS AND AWARDS:**

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PURPLE HEART

BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH COMBAT "V" DEVICE

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH COMBAT "V" DEVICE AND 1 GOLD STAR

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL WITH 4 BRONZE SERVICE STARS

MARINE CORPS MARKSMAN RIFLE BADGE

MARINE CORPS EXPERT PISTOL BADGE

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH 1960 DEVICE

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS WITH BRONZE STAR

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CIVIL ACTIONS MEDAL

MARINE CORPS HONORABLE DISCHARGE BUTTON

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION RIBBON

\*\*\*\*\*NOTHING FOLLOWS\*\*\*\*\*

RECORD OF SERVICE

ORGANIZATION	DATE	REASON	PRIMARY DUTY	PROFICIENCY		CONDUCT	SIGNATURE OF MARKING OFFICER
				GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS	DUTY		
RES OFF CANDS MCS, QUANT, VA.	30Aug66	Enl/Jd	Inactive	/	/	/	<i>[Signature]</i> ByD
RES OFF CANDS MCS, QUANT, VA.	19Nov67	Tr	Inactive	/	/	/	<i>[Signature]</i> ByD
OCS, MCS, QUANT, VA.	20Nov67	Jd	Asg EAD	/	/	/	<i>[Signature]</i> ByD
OCS, MCS, QUANT, VA.	01Feb68	Dis	OCC	/	/	/	<i>[Signature]</i> ByD

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NAVMC 118(3)-PD (Rev. 6-62) SUPERSEDES PREVIOUS EDITION WHICH WILL BE USED



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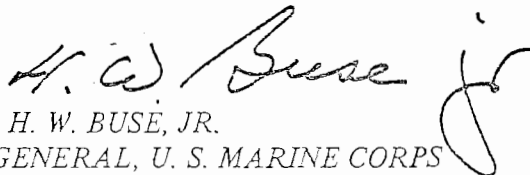
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Second Lieutenant Mueller is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

FOR THE PRESIDENT,



H. W. BUSE, JR.

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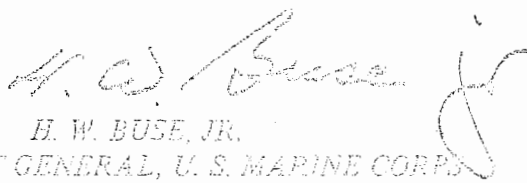
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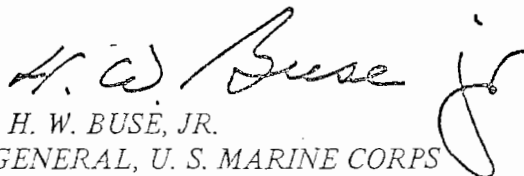
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