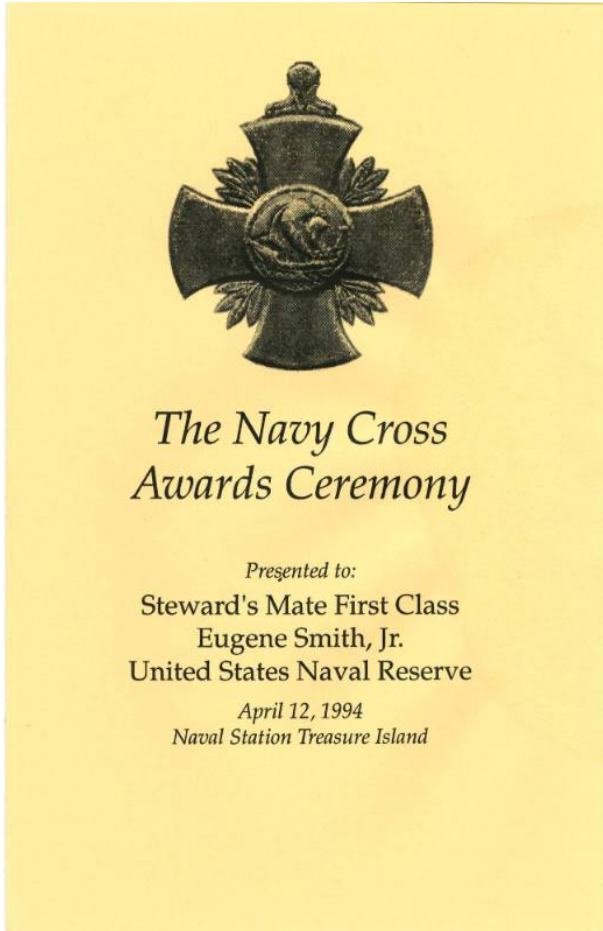


Basic Detail Report



Navy Cross Award Ceremony Program

Date

April 12, 1994

Primary Maker

Eugene Smith Jr.

Medium

paper, ink

Description

Program; The Navy Cross Award Ceremony // Presented to: // Steward's Mate First Class // Eugene Smith, Jr. // United States Naval Reserve // April 12, 1994 // Naval Station Treasure Island Citation in program reads: "For extraordinary heroism in connection with operations // against the enemy while serving aboard USS Intrepid. On 29 // October 1944, a Japanese dive bomber attacked from the // starboard side of the ship. Undaunted by the extremely // heavy volume of enemy fire which caused extensive damage to // the ship, Petty Officer Smith

remained in a dangerously // exposed position and continued to operate his portside gun // in its fire over the flight deck. Although it became // apparent that the enemy plane was headed directly for his // gun tub and despite the imminent danger, he steadfastly // continued to deliver effective gun fire upon the enemy // until the Japanese plane crashed into the tub and exploded, // causing him to be severely burned. Through his daring and // resolute determination, Petty Officer Smith was // instrumental in thwarting the enemy attack. By his personal // valor, significant contribution, and unwavering devotion to // duty, Petty Officer Smith reflected great credit upon // himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United // States Naval Service."

Dimensions

8 1/2 × 5 1/2 in. (21.6 × 14 cm)