



Commanding Officer  
Naval Special Warfare Center Coronado

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the  
NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (Gold Star in lieu of second award) to

RYAN KEITH ZINKE

LIEUTENANT

UNITED STATES NAVY

for services as set forth in the following  
CITATION:

"For professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as the First Phase Officer of the Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training course at the Naval Special Warfare Center from June 1988 to July 1990. Lieutenant Zinke consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Displaying exceptional skill and resourcefulness he directed the overhaul of the First Phase curriculum while safely supervising over 800 students involved in numerous high risk training evolutions. He researched and revised the swimming and physical training programs to better meet the needs of operational SEAL Teams then he spearheaded the development, approval and implementation of an improved SEAL training curriculum involving over 120 continuous hours of high risk training evolutions. His diligent efforts and superb leadership inspired all who observed him and contributed significantly to the accomplishment of the command's mission. Lieutenant Zinke's exceptional professional ability, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the Secretary of the Navy,

Captain, United States Navy