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Michael E. Thornton

Retired United States Navy SEAL and a recipient of the U.S. military's highest decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor. Born March 23, 1949 in Greenville, South Carolina



U.S. Navy

**Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while participating in a daring operation against an enemy-occupied naval river base...**

Mike Thornton enlisted in the United States Navy in 1967. He entered basic training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, California. Mike was selected for specialized training Basic Underwater Demolition in Coronado, CA and the Navy's elite SEAL community. He was assigned to SEAL team One from 1968-1974, during this period from 1968 -1973, Mike completed several tours of duty in the Republic of Vietnam and Thailand. He was the recipient of numerous awards, the most prestigious decoration was bestowed for the heroic actions on his last tour of duty in Vietnam which resulted in saving the life of a fellow SEAL. For this action during a reconnaissance and intelligence gathering mission, Mike received this Nation's highest award: Congressional Medal of Honor. From 1974-1977, he served as an instructor at the SEAL training command in Coronado, 1977 he transferred to SEAL 2, 1978 he deployed to the United Kingdom to serve with the Royal British Special Boat Squadron...he return to help establish and operate with SEAL team Six. In June of 1982, Lieutenant Thornton received his commission as U.S. Navy Ensign, after completing training 1986 he went on to the USS Edenton as Diving/Salvage Officer for Combat Support Squadron Eight. In 1990 he reported as Bravo Company Commander in Desert Shield /Desert Storm. In May of 1992, Lt. Thornton retired from Active Duty from the Navy.

Name: Michael E. Thornton

DOB: March 23, 1949  
Greenville, S.C.

Rank: Lieutenant, SEAL Team  
1, 2, 3, 6  
MACV-SOG

Awards: Medal of Honor, Silver  
Star, Bronze Star (3),  
Purple Heart



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