



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL to

SERGEANT  
JOHN L. ARSENAULT  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For heroism in extreme cold weather conditions while serving with Company E, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division (Rein), United States Marine Corps Reserve during Operation BRIM FROST '89 from 27 January 1989 to 29 January 1989. During this period, Sergeant Arsenault continuously exposed himself to injury and life threatening temperatures reaching below minus seventy degrees fahrenheit in repeated actions to contact and extract units of his company from the field. Completely exhausted and with total disregard for his own personal safety, he repeatedly left a cabin at Beluga, Alaska to evacuate seriously injured Marines and their equipment to safety, and continued to look after their morale, welfare, and injuries. By his extraordinary courage and prompt actions in the face of personal danger, Sergeant Arsenault directly prevented loss of life or further injury to Marines; thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and upholding the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy