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## SEABEES IN ACTION

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"CAN DO!"



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SEABEE STANGER NO STRANGER TO DANGER!

The heroic action of Seabee Equipment Operator Third Class John V. Stanger is credited with saving the life of an Armed Forces Policeman attempting to make an arrest in DaNang East, Vietnam.

Stanger and Seabee Builder Third Class Salvatore Scola were returning to the U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Seven Batch Plant for a late concrete pour when they witnessed the knife attack and immediately went to the policeman's aid. However, because a group of Vietnamese people had gathered, it was not feasible to fire their rifles so Seabee Stanger used his rifle butt to ward off the attacker and was stabbed in the back during the melee.

When more Armed Forces Police arrived and the attacker had been subdued, Seabee Stanger was taken to the Naval Support Activity Hospital where he was detained overnight.

In a letter of appreciation from the Third Military Police Battalion at DaNang, Lieutenant Colonel C. H. Sullivan highly praised Seabee Stanger for the complete disregard of his own personal safety:

"Your heroic conduct saved the life of a patrolman and has gained you the highest respect of this unit. Your conduct not only reflects favorably upon you but further displays the "Can Do" attitude of your famed organization, the Seabees."

Seabee Stanger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent P. Stanger of Cragsmoor, New York. Prior to entering the Navy in February 1965, he attended the Delhi Agricultural and Technical Institute in Delhi, N. Y.

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