"For heroic achievement while serving with friendly forces engaged in armed conflict with Communist insurgent forces in the Republic of Vietnam from January to August 1967..."

Engineman Second Class James A. Brown, as engineer/gunner of armored troop carrier (ATC) 91-7, served with River Assault Squadron Nine, a unit of the Mobile Riverine Force, during 25 assault missions in enemy-infested waters. He was subjected to enemy fire on numerous occasions and reacted with speed, courage and bravery in each instance. On many occasions he was called upon to work long and tiring hours, many times throughout the night, and to endure the constant pressure of combat operations for periods in excess of three days. His efforts were instrumental in keeping his boat in a combat operational status and thereby enabling the Mobile Riverine Force to maintain a continuous posture of combat readiness. He is now serving in fleet ocean tug USS Cocopa.