



## James McCloughan

### Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient

Mr. McCloughan was raised in the rural area of Bangor, MI. He graduated from Olivet College in 1968 with a BA in Sociology. Drafted into the United States Army in 1968, Jim served as a combat medic with the Americal Division where he rose to the rank of Specialist Five. In one battle alone "Doc" McCloughan has been credited with moving into the "kill zone" on ten occasions, saving ten American lives and one Vietnamese interpreter's life.

Specialist McCloughan was highly decorated receiving the Combat Medic Badge, two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars with "V" device for valor, The U. S. Army Valorous Unit Citation, The National Defense Medal, The Good Conduct Medal, The Vietnam Service Medal with three Battle Stars, The Vietnam Campaign Medal, The Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palms and one Oak Leaf Cluster and the M16 Expert Rifle Badge. In 2017, Jim was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military commendation.

In 1970, upon returning home from service to our country, Mr. McCloughan resumed his contract with South Haven Public Schools and in 1972 earned a MA in counseling. Remaining with South Haven High School for 38 years, Jim taught psychology and sociology while coaching football, wrestling, baseball, and American Legion Baseball. As a MHSAA wrestling official, he was selected to referee eighteen MI Wrestling State Finals. Jim has been inducted into three athletic halls of fame, plus the MI High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, the MI High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and the MI High School Coaches Hall of Fame which represents coaches from all boys' and girls' sports. In June 2019, Jim was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Since retirement Jim has remained dedicated to his community and the nation, as a member of non-profit organizations, serving multiple charitable projects, assuming roles on boards and performing as a vocalist. Representing the Medal of Honor, Jim speaks across the nation. He and his wife, Chérie, reside in Saugatuck, MI. They have four adult children, seven grandchildren, and two standard poodles.



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