

*MEDAL OF HONOR*

*NUGENT, Christopher*  
*Orderly Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps*  
*G. O. Navy Department, No. 32*  
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*CITATION:*

*Serving on board the U.S.S. FORT HENRY, Crystal River, Florida, 15 June 1863. Reconnoitering on the Crystal River on this date and in charge of a boat from the FORT HENRY, Orderly Sergeant Nugent ordered an assault upon a rebel breastwork fortification. In this assault, the orderly sergeant and his comrades drove a guard of 11 rebels into the swamp, capturing their arms and destroying their camp equipage while gallantly withholding fire to prevent harm to a woman among the fugitives. On 30 July 1863, he further proved his courage by capturing a boat off Depot Key, Florida containing two men and a women with their baggage.*