

This is a listing of the citations I earned while in the Navy. Most are "I was there" awards.



Navy Unit Citation



The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending

USS ORISKANY (CVA-34)

AND

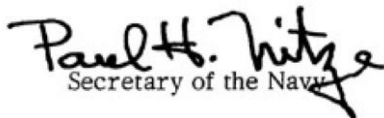
ATTACK CARRIER AIR WING SIXTEEN (CVW-16)

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious service from 12 June to 1 November 1966 while participating in combat operations in Southeast Asia in support of the Republic of Vietnam's effort to resist communist aggression. During this period, USS ORISKANY and her embarked air wing conducted extensive, aerial day and night armed reconnaissance and air strikes in the face of intensive hostile ground fire, which included surface-to-air missiles, and succeeded in inflicting severe damage on military Installations, lines of communications, watercraft, rolling stock, storage areas, and petroleum depots in North Vietnam. Making maximum use of shrike missiles, and rendering air support to friendly surface forces, ORISKANY and her embarked air wing executed all tasks with unwavering devotion, founded in superb morale, while displaying outstanding traits of initiative, perseverance, physical stamina and foresight. The courage, professionalism and dedication exhibited by the officers and men of ORISKANY and embarked Attack Carrier Air Wing SIXTEEN were In keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

All personnel attached to USS ORISKANY, or to her embarked air wing, and serving on board this vessel during the period designated above, or any part thereof, are hereby authorized to wear the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon.


Secretary of the Navy

Paul H. Nitze
Secretary of the Navy

Navy Good Conduct Medal



Service: Navy

Instituted: 1884

Criteria: Outstanding performance and conduct during three years of continuous active enlisted service in the U.S. Navy

Devices: Bronze, Silver Star

The Navy Good Conduct Medal was authorized on November 21, 1884. The medal is awarded to enlisted personnel of the United States Navy and Naval Reserve (active duty) for creditable, above average professional performance, military behavior, leadership, military appearance and adaptability based on good conduct and faithful service for three-year periods of continuous active service.

Those receiving the award must have had no convictions by court martial and no nonjudicial punishment during the three year period (there was a time from November 1963 to January 1996 when the period was four years). For the first award the medal may be awarded to the next-of-kin in those cases where the individual is missing in action or dies of wounds received in combat. Naval personnel may also receive the medal if separated from the service as a result of wounds incurred in combat.

National Defense Service Medal - NDSM



Instituted: 1953 Qualifying Dates: 1950-54 (Korean War period), 1961-74 (Vietnam War Period) , 1990-95 (Persian Gulf War Period), 2001-TBD (War on Terror period)

Criteria: 120 consecutive days of service participating in, or any honorable active duty service during any of the above periods

Devices: Bronze Star, Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Notes: Re-instituted in 1966, 1991 and 2001 for Vietnam, Southwest Asia (Gulf War) and Iraq/Afghanistan actions respectively

Vietnam Service Medal



Instituted: 1965

Dates: 1965-73

Vietnam Service Medal Criteria: Service in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, or Thailand during the above period. Prior to issuance of this award in November 1965, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal was given to those who served in Vietnam. After that period, it is the veteran's choice to exchange the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for the Vietnam Service Medal. It is the military's policy that you cannot have two medals to recognize service in the same action. There were 17 campaigns during the Vietnam War. The two bronze stars signify I was there for three of those campaigns.

RVN Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation



Country: Republic of Vietnam

Instituted: 1950

Criteria: U.S. Military units were individually cited for award of the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Gallantry Cross; however, the Vietnamese Government issued the award to all units subordinate to Military Assistance Command (MACV) during the period 8 February 1962 and 28 March 1973 and to U.S. Army Vietnam and its subordinate units for the period 20 July 1965 to 28 March 1973. This permits all personnel who served in Vietnam to wear the RVN Gallantry Cross unit citation..