

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending DETACHMENT FIVE, HELICOPTER COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON ONE (HC-1) for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

For heroic and exceptionally meritorious service from 23 February to 5 June 1966 while conducting Search and Rescue (SAR) operations of the coast of Vietnam. While based on various frigates during this period, Detachment FIVE's helicopter crew carried out forty-eight combat SAR missions, rescuing five downed airmen from certain capture or death by the enemy. Rescue missions were repeatedly, aggressively and relentlessly pursued in the face of intense hostile fire. The outstanding professional skill, teamwork, coolness under fire, and devotion to duty of the officers and men of this helicopter-squadron detachment reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Naval Service.

All personnel attached to and serving with Detachment FIVE, Helicopter Support Squadron ONE, during the period designated above are hereby authorized to wear the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon.

/s/ Paul H. Nitze
Secretary of the Navy

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