



HELICOPTER COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON ONE

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HEL SUPPRON 1/1650
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From: Commanding Officer, Helicopter Combat Support Squadron 1

To: AN Ross Dixon WELBURN, USN, 789 59 94

Subj: Letter of Commendation

1. On the occasion of my relief as your Commanding Officer, I want to pass my compliments to you for your outstanding performance of duty.
2. This past year has seen the requirements for this command's services grow from 23 to 37 detachments. We have saved our flier's lives in North Viet Nam with our DLG based SAR dets and have taken Viet Cong lives in South Viet Nam with our GAME WARDEN dets. We have supplied our combatant ships of the line on station with our VERTREP dets and have saved many lives and performed otherwise unavailable utility services with our CVA dets. We have supported the Amphibious Force Commander aboard the AGC in WESTPAC and have provided the mobility so necessary to COMSEVENTHFLT aboard his flagship. We have provided the helicopter support for both NORTH PAC and SOUTH PAC scientific explorations aboard both Navy and Coast Guard icebreakers. Our dets at Atsugi and Cubi have provided the support so necessary to backup all other HC-1 dets on the line.
3. In order to accomplish these many and varied tasks we have grown from a squadron of 150 officers and 750 enlisted men to one of 230 officers and 950 enlisted men in the past year. We now operate 70 aircraft. You have participated in and contributed to this growth. You may feel very proud to have been a part of this command's great support of our nation's goals.
4. It is with regret that I leave such a fine squadron. However, having served with you in HC-1 while accomplishing the many tasks herein enumerated with such great professionalism gives me great pride and satisfaction. Once again I commend you for your contribution to this command's unqualified success in all endeavors and for your part in helping to achieve the outstanding reputation enjoyed by HC-1 throughout the Pacific Fleet. You may always remember that your squadron saved 133 lives during the past year; people who might not be alive today were it not for HC-1.
5. May you always enjoy fair winds and following seas.


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