

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON



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.

Paul H. Nitze
Secretary of the Navy