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November 15, 2021

Mr. Curtis Anderson

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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter dated August 25, 2021 regarding two unit citations awarded to Third Naval Construction Brigade for exceptionally meritorious service during the Vietnam War. Please accept my apology for the delay in responding to your request.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Navy Unit Commendation and Meritorious Unit Commendation awarded to Third Naval Construction Brigade for the period of August 1, 1967 to December 31, 1968 and January 1, 1969 to March 1, 1970. The Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE THREE (NMCB-53) is listed as a participating unit under Third Naval Construction Brigade from August 1, 1967 to March 1, 1970.

*18 Jan 68 to 16 Aug 68 and 15 Mar 69 to 3 Nov 69 war*

The point of contact for this matter is Chief of Naval Operations Awards Office (DNS-13) at (202) 685-1770.

Sincerely,

T. L. BIDDIX  
By direction

Enclosure as stated



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

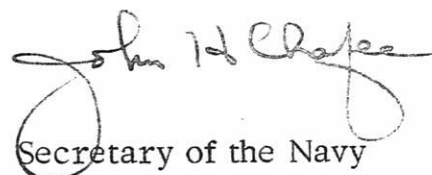
The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the  
NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION to the

THIRD NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious service from 1 August 1967 to 31 December 1968 while constructing combat-essential facilities in the I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam. During this period, the THIRD Naval Construction Brigade was increased in size to cope with the vast amount of combat construction support required in the I Corps Tactical Zone. The Brigade's reorganization resulted in the establishment of three headquarters and twelve battalions with a combined strength of over 9,000 personnel, and assigned equipment valued at over \$73 million. Carrying out assignments from all branches of the U. S. Armed Forces, the Agency for International Development, the Free World Military Assistance Forces, and the Government and Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam, the THIRD Naval Construction Brigade constructed many different types of facilities, including sophisticated refrigeration systems, airfields, parking and maintenance aprons, helicopter pads, major lines of communication, roads, bridges, pipelines, storage tanks, cantonments, hospitals, warehouses, and utility systems. Although under constant threat from and often in direct combat with enemy forces, the Brigade enthusiastically performed its mission with ingenuity, skill, and determination at all levels from the commander and his staff to each individual Seabee. During the Communist Tet Offensive in early 1968, the personnel of the THIRD Naval Construction Brigade demonstrated their versatility in the defense of many cities, villages, and installations by joining with regular fighting forces to repel enemy attacks. They operated around-the-clock, under relentless enemy harassment, and in the face of inclement weather conditions, treacherous terrain, and grueling timetables in order to meet the requirements placed upon them. By providing all Free World Forces in the Republic of Vietnam with the engineering and construction required to support each tactical commander, the officers and men of the THIRD Naval Construction Brigade contributed significantly to United States efforts in Southeast Asia and upheld the highest traditions of the naval service.

  
Secretary of the Navy

LIST OF SHIPS AND STATIONS AWARDED NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION (con.)

<u>Names</u>	<u>Dates</u>
*Third Naval Construction Brigade (consisting of): Thirtieth Naval Construction Regiment Thirty-Second Naval Construction Regiment Commander Construction Battalion Pacific Detachment RUN	1 Aug 67 - 31 Dec 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE	31 Aug 67 - 14 Nov 67 29 May 68 - 30 Dec 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion THREE	1 Aug 67 - 8 Jan 68 12 Jul 68 - 31 Dec 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FOUR	1 Aug 67 - 9 Sep 67 12 Feb 68 - 20 Sep 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE	30 Nov 67 - 30 May 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SIX	3 Aug 67 - 9 Mar 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN	1 Aug 67 - 23 Dec 67 19 Jul 68 - 31 Dec 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT	29 <del>Jan</del> <sup>Jan</sup> 68 - 1 Sep 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion NINE	28 Sep 67 - 7 May 68 2 Dec 68 - 31 Dec 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion TEN	27 Sep 67 - 19 Apr 68 20 Oct 68 - 31 Dec 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ELEVEN	1 Aug 67 - 23 Oct 67 6 May 68 - 8 Dec 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion TWELVE	22 Sep 68 - 31 Dec 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion TWO TWO	11 Aug 68 - 31 Dec 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FORTY	25 Oct 67 - 31 May 68 14 Dec 68 - 31 Dec 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE THREE	18 Jan 68 - 16 Aug 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE EIGHT	10 Dec 67 - 17 Jul 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SIX TWO	24 Jan 68 - 30 Aug 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN ONE	1 Aug 67 - 2 Oct 67 4 Apr 68 - 6 Oct 68

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*Third Naval Construction Brigade (consisting of) (con.):	1 Aug 67 - 31 Dec 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN FOUR	1 Aug 67 - 31 Dec 67 25 Jun 68 - 31 Dec 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE TWO ONE	1 Aug 67 - 13 Apr 68 9 Oct 68 - 31 Dec 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE TWO EIGHT	22 Oct 67 - 15 Jun 68
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE THREE THREE	1 Aug 67 - 25 Sep 67 <del>13 Apr 68 - 23 Nov 68</del>
Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE Detachment DELTA	1 Aug 67 - 31 Mar 68
Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE Detachment GOLF	1 Oct 68 - 30 Nov 68
Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE Detachment INDIA	1 Dec 68 - 31 Dec 68
<u>SEABEE TEAM NUMBER</u>	
0701	1 Aug 67 - 5 Feb 68
0702	
0511	4 Sep 67 - 8 Apr 68
1011	6 Sep 67 - 7 Apr 68
0601	1 Oct 67 - 6 Jun 68
4001	4 Oct 67 - 3 Jun 68
1110	9 Dec 67 - 7 Aug 68
0809	10 Dec 67 - 10 Aug 68
0602	22 Jan 68 - 5 Jun 68
5801	17 Feb 68 - 6 Jul 68
5802	15 Mar 68 - 19 Aug 68
4002	12 Feb 68 - 19 Aug 68
6201	1 Feb 68 - 30 Sep 68
13301	4 Feb 68 - 8 Oct 68
7101	9 Mar 68 - 6 Nov 68
0912	1 Apr 68 - 3 Nov 68
0408	8 Apr 68 - 6 Dec 68
0409	18 Apr 68 - 30 Nov 68
13602	5 Jun 68 - 7 Nov 68
7401	6 Jun 68 - 31 Dec 68
7402	3 Jun 68 - 31 Dec 68
0101	7 Jul 68 - 31 Dec 68
0102	30 Jun 68 - 31 Dec 68

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<u>Names</u>	<u>Dates</u>
*Third Naval Construction Brigade (consisting of) (con.)	1 Aug 67 - 31 Dec 68
<u>SEABEE TEAM NUMBER</u> (con.):	
0310	7 Aug 68 - 31 Dec 68
0311	11 Aug 68 - 31 Dec 68
0603	7 Oct 68 - 31 Dec 68
0604	
0703	18 Aug 68 - 31 Dec 68
0704	19 Aug 68 - 31 Dec 68
12101	5 Nov 68 - 31 Dec 68
12102	7 Nov 68 - 31 Dec 68
1013	30 Nov 68 - 31 Dec 68
0513	6 Dec 68 - 31 Dec 68
0913	3 Dec 68 - 31 Dec 68



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the  
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to the

THIRD NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service from 1 January 1969 to 1 March 1970 in providing combat essential forward area and base facilities required by United States military forces engaged in operations against enemy forces in the Republic of Vietnam. During this period the material cost of facilities constructed by the THIRD Naval Construction Brigade exceeded forty million dollars and required the expenditure of over a million man-days of direct construction effort. Construction facilities completed by the Brigade included the roadway and bridges for National Route One and Nine in the Northern I Corps Tactical Zone, secondary roads and bridges, air fields, aircraft hangars and shelters, cantonments, industrial and storage facilities, advance Tactical Support Bases, Vietnamese Naval Bases, and other essential combat and civic support facilities. The successful and timely completion of this construction provided a significant and vital contribution to United States efforts and goals in the Republic of Vietnam. By their skills, perseverance, and dedication throughout this period, the officers and men of the THIRD Naval Construction Brigade upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Warner", written in a cursive style.

Secretary of the Navy  
(Acting)

## Units Attached:

1 Jan 69 - 1 Mar 70

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1	27 Jun 69 - 1 Mar 70
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3	1 Jan 69 - 1 Mar 70
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4	1 Jan 69 - 24 Jul 69
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5	1 Jan 69 - 10 Oct 69
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7	21 Sep 69 - 1 Mar 70
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 8	3 Mar 69 - 20 Nov 69
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 9	1 Jan 69 - 2 Jul 69
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 10 (Less Det Q and P	1 Jan 69 - 2 Jul 69
	29 Dec 69 - 1 Mar 70
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 10, Det O	1 Jan 70 - 1 Mar 70
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 10, Det P	1 Jan 70 - 1 Mar 70
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11	1 Jan 69 - 23 Jan 69
	16 Apr 69 - 18 Nov 69
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 12	1 Jan 69 - 28 Mar 69
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 22	1 Jan 69 - 15 Mar 69
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40	1 Jan 69 - 21 Jul 69
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 53	15 Mar 69 - 3 Nov 69
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 58	19 Jun 69 - 13 Oct 69
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 62	7 Mar 69 - 4 Dec 69
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74	1 Jan 69 - 19 Jan 69
	1 Aug 69 - 15 Aug 69
	2 Oct 69 - 1 Mar 70
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 121	1 Jan 69 - 15 Aug 69
	2 Nov 69 - 1 Mar 70
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 128	15 Jan 69 - 1 Aug 69
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133	21 Jun 69 - 17 Jan 70
THIRD NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION	1 Jan 69 - 1 Mar 70
THIRTY NAVAL CONSTRUCTION REGIMENT	1 Jan 69 - 6 Dec 69
32 Naval Construction Regiment	1 Jan 69 - 1 Mar 70
Seabee Team 0101	1 Jan 69 - 7 Feb 69
Seabee Team 1012	1 Jan 69 - 6 Feb 69
Seabee Team 0103	5 Jul 69 - 1 Mar 70
Seabee Team 0104	4 Jul 69 - 1 Mar 70
Seabee Team 0310	1 Jan 69 - 3 Apr 69
Seabee Team 0311	1 Jan 69 - 5 Apr 69
Seabee Team 0312	15 Aug 69 - 1 Mar 70
Seabee Team 0313	5 Sep 69 - 1 Mar 70
Seabee Team 0410	11 May 69 - 3 Jan 70
Seabee Team 0513	1 Jan 69 - 5 Aug 69
Seabee Team 0514	6 Feb 69 - 21 Oct 69
Seabee Team 0603	1 Jan 69 - 9 Jul 69
Seabee Team 0604	1 Jan 69 - 11 May 69
Seabee Teams 0703, 0704	1 Jan 69 - 25 Mar 69
Seabee Team 0705	7 Sep 69 - 1 Mar 70
Seabee Team 0706	6 Sep 69 - 1 Mar 70
Seabee Team 0707	4 Oct 69 - 1 Mar 70
Seabee Team 0708	8 Nov 69 - 1 Mar 70
Seabee Team 0810	5 Apr 69 - 11 Dec 69
Seabee Team 0811	3 Apr 69 - 8 Dec 69
Seabee Team 0913	1 Jan 69 - 29 Jun 69
Seabee Team 0914	10 May 69 - 6 Sep 69
Seabee Team 1013	1 Jan 69 - 4 Jul 69
Seabee Team 1017	30 Nov 69 - 1 Mar 70
Seabee Team 1018	30 Dec 69 - 1 Mar 70
Seabee Team 5301	25 Mar 69 - 8 Nov 69
Seabee Team 5803	7 Feb 69 - 6 Oct 69
Seabee Team 5804	12 May 69 - 7 Oct 69

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Seabee Team 6202  
Seabee Team 7102  
Seabee Team 7103  
Seabee Team 7403  
Seabee Team 12101  
Seabee Team 12102  
Seabee Team 12103  
Seabee Team 12104  
Seabee Team 12801  
Seabee Team 12802

Commander Naval Construction Battalions, U. S.  
Pacific Fleet Detachment, Republic of Vietnam

25 Mar 69 - 15 Nov 69  
8 Jun 69 - 3 Jan 70  
22 Oct 69 - 1 Mar 70  
7 Oct 69 - 1 Mar 70  
1 Jan 69 - 4 Jul 69  
1 Jan 69 - 8 Jun 69  
15 Nov 69 - 1 Mar 70  
7 Dec 69 - 1 Mar 70  
1 Jan 69 - 7 Sep 69  
1 Jan 69 - 5 Sep 69  
1 Jan 69 - 1 Mar 70