

## THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WASHINGTON

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

## LIGHT ATTACK SQUADRON FOUR

for service as set forth in the following

## CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious service from 1 April 1971 to 31 October 1971 during operations against enemy forces in the Republic of Vietnam. Responsible for conducting fixed-wing close air support for naval river forces in the Mekong Delta area of the Republic of Vietnam, Light Attack Squadron FOUR was eminently successful in carrying out numerous low-altitude day and night air strikes against the enemy in the face of adverse weather conditions and frequently intense hostile fire. As a result of the squadron's combat readiness and consistently accurate and effective strikes against enemy positions, the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong units in the Delta sustained extremely heavy personnel and material casualties. Light Attack Squadron FOUR's extraordinary record of achievement throughout this period attests to the professional competence, courage, and determination of the officers and men of the unit, who have earned the greatest admiration and respect from both the United States and the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces. Their profoundly significant contributions to the free-world effort in the Republic of Vietnam were in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service.

Secretary of the Navy

John W. Warner