



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

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

ATTACK SQUADRON ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service while conducting naval jet flight operations from 10 June 1976 to 26 April 1977. During this period, Attack Squadron ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR conducted flight operations as a Readiness Training Squadron, characterized by unparalleled, excellent performance in the areas of mission accomplishment, safety awareness, and people-oriented programs. Operating under the Chief of Naval Operations syllabus, the Squadron trained eighty-one Replacement Pilots well within the established timeframe. The Squadron also exceeded the longest accident-free period in the squadron's history, logging more than 13,500 accident-free hours. The personnel of the Squadron further demonstrated their excellence by completing ten Carrier Qualification Detachments and ten Weapons Detachments to Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona; the former resulting in 830 day and 500 night carrier landings with the latter producing more flight hours (4,000) than any unit permanently assigned to the Air Station. By their exceptional professional performance and selfless dedication to duty, the officers and enlisted personnel of Attack Squadron ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

W. Graham Clayton
Secretary of the Navy