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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Address reply to:
Commanding Officer
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Wilmington, N. C. 28401

From: Executive Officer, USCGC MENDOTA (WMEC 69)

To: Officers and Crew, MENDOTA

Subj: Letter of Appreciation


The end of our WESTPAC deployment is upon us and with its passing I would like to express my personal appreciation for your superior performance.

Your superior performance was not restricted to our tour in Viet Nam but actually began months before upon notification of deployment. The time and efforts made preparing yourselves and MENDOTA for combat operations were commendable.

Once MENDOTA assumed her duties with Market Time Forces your true value as a team became very apparent. The numerous gunfire support missions, UNREPS, service to small patrol craft, Medcaps, people to people projects, and SCPA Admin Hong Kong assignment, were just a few of the duties you performed with exceptional ability. I need not elaborate on the praise received from higher authorities since you are aware of their messages. You have earned this praise by your tireless efforts in keeping MENDOTA on course and on time.

I am proud of you and proud of your conduct aboard ship and ashore. Your time devoted to off-duty study has resulted in setting a record in promotion and advancement, a record, I may say, that will be difficult to match or exceed by other ships.

Homeport is just over the horizon where loved ones and new assignments are awaiting, so I say to each and every one of you it has been a pleasure to serve with you and I hope your memories will all be fond ones. Heads up and remember the "69er" pulled her weight and carried her load because of you, and only you.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer