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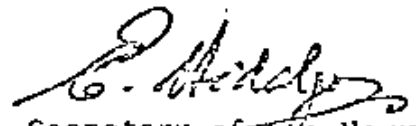
The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting
the MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

USS RAY (SSN 653)

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service from April 1979 through October 1979 in preparing the ship for and conducting a very important independent submarine operation of great importance to the United States and the United States Navy. The outstanding results achieved by USS RAY (SSN 653) both during the deployment preparations and during the operation itself testify to the exceptional professional skill, resourcefulness, and ingenuity of her dedicated crewmembers. Their technical knowledge and steadfast commitment were particularly responsible for the consistent successful performance throughout this extremely arduous and demanding period. By their inspiring professional performance, determination, and complete dedication to duty, the officers and enlisted personnel of USS RAY (SSN 653) reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.


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