

Sec Nav Awards NUC For RVN Service

The Secretary of the Navy has approved the award of the Navy Unit Commendation to the below listed units for exceptionally meritorious service in the Republic of Vietnam.

All personnel attached to and serving with any of the units listed during the designated periods or any part thereof are entitled to the commendation and authorized to wear the NUC ribbon bar.

Periods Cited/Unit Listings

31 Oct 68-31 Jul 69: *1st Radio Bn, 3d MAF. 16 Apr-16 Oct 68: *Provisional Marine Aircraft Group-39; H&MS-39; HMM-262; VMO-6; MATCU-62, Det A; Air Observer Unit, G-2, HqCo, HqBn, 3d MarDiv and Resident officers in charge, Dong Ha and Quang Tri Airbases, Airbases Staff, 1st MAW. 16 Apr-17 May 68: HMM-163; 17 May-16 Oct 68: HMM-161. 16 Apr-24 Aug 68: MATCU-66, Det A. 25 Aug-16 Oct 68: MATCU-66. *Sub Unit One, 1st ANGLICO FMF-Pac. 1 Jan-31 Mar 68: *3d Med Bn, 3d MarDiv; H&S Co, Companies A, B, D, 903d AeroMedical Evacuation Squadron, Det #1. 1 Jan-22 Jan 68: Co C, 3d Med Bn. 1 Jun 68-30 Jun 69: *FLC; H&S Bn, (—) (Rein), 1st FSR; Supply Bn, (—) (Rein), 1st FSR; Maint Bn, (—) (Rein), 1st FSR; FLSG A/3d Ser Bn; FLSG B/1st Ser Bn; 7th MT Bn; 1st MP Bn and 3d MP Bn. 1 Jun 68-15 Apr 69: 5th Comm Bn.

Units indicated by an asterisk have been individually cited for the subject award. Units in support follow the asterisked unit.

CamPen Houses New Unit

The Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity (MCTSSA), a new unit to keep the Marine Corps current in the latest and future developments in automated tactical systems, has been established in temporary facilities as a tenant activity of Camp Pendleton in the Del Mar area.

Nucleus of MCTSSA was provided by the redesignation of Marine Air Control Squadron-3 which was deactivated 1 July at MCAS, (Helicopter), Santa Ana, Calif.

The unit, which is under the direction of the Commanding General, MCDEC, Quantico, Va., and commanded by Col Stanley G. Dunwiddie, is tasked with the mission to test, evaluate and provide programming support for tactical systems, to include vehicles and related equipment within the Marine Corps.

Construction of new facilities on a 20-acre tract should be completed during FY 72. Once this is completed and the activity is fully operational, a complement of approximately 400 Marines and about 250 civilians, both civil service and contractor personnel will be employed.

Billet Change

HQMC announced last month that Col Norman W. Gourley, a brigadier general selectee, will relieve BGen Leslie E. Brown as Deputy J-3, U. S. European Command.

Col Gourley is currently Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, FMFPac. BGen Brown is scheduled to report for duty as Assistant Wing Commander, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, El Toro.

Commandant's Message on Absentee Voting

Soon now you and all Marines serving in the defense of our country will be called upon to mark your ballots in the 1970 General Election.

The privilege of voting is the cornerstone of our national heritage. You are the most recent of a long line of Marines who have pledged their lives to the survival of this privilege. As defenders of freedom, it is of paramount importance that you cast your vote and exercise that freedom.

Therefore I charge every commander to ensure that each eligible Marine is individually counseled, is given the opportunity, and is encouraged to vote. Further, it is the responsibility of each Marine to cooperate in the efforts of the Marine Corps by registering and voting. In this, as in all asked of us by our country, let us not be found wanting.

L. F. CHAPMAN JR.
General, U. S. Marine Corps

Units Renamed "Amphibious"

No longer will the term "expeditionary" be used in air-ground task organizations, it has been replaced by the term "amphibious" thereby creating Marine amphibious forces, Marine amphibious brigades and Marine amphibious units in lieu of Marine expeditionary forces, brigades and units. For example, the title of the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade will now be the 5th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

The change, announced last month in ALMAR 78, instructed commanders whose organizational titles contains the term "expeditionary" to take administrative action to replace that term with the term "amphibious."

Title change action will include all places where organizational titles appear; i.e., unit diaries, command directives and directories, DODAAD, battle standards, operational plans, Mares/Forstat Reports, unit and personal addresses, etc.

Christmas Mailing Periods

The Post Office Department in conjunction with the military departments, has established mailing periods for Christmas mail.

Surface parcels to armed forces personnel overseas should be mailed between 12 Oct and 7 Nov. Space Available Mail (SAM) parcels, letters, voice recordings, postal and greeting cards should be mailed between 19 Oct and 28 Nov.

Parcel Air Lift (PAL) should be mailed between 26 Oct and 28 Nov. Parcels, letters, and cards bearing airmail postage should be mailed between 30 Nov and 12 Dec.

Mail originating overseas for delivery to other overseas addresses of the continental U.S. is the same as mail destined overseas.

Employment in Puerto Rico

The Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce, according to American Forces Press Service, says it is interested in telling retiring servicemen of employment opportunities in Puerto Rico.

Interested servicemen may obtain job information by writing to Mr. M. P. Brail, Assistant Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce of Puerto Rico, Tetuan 100, P.O. Box 3789, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00904.