



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

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

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 31

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service in connection with meeting worldwide operational and training commitments for the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic from 7 November 1983 to 31 March 1986. During this period, Marine Aircraft Group 31 and participating units flew over 56,000 accident-free hours in the F-4 PHANTOM, TA-4 SKYHAWK, and the F/A-18 HORNET while participating in operations and training from the Philippines to Norway and from Puerto Rico to Korea. In addition, Marine Aircraft Group 31 exceeded all requirements while maintaining a perfect safety record and set a standard for others to emulate. Through an aggressive training program, and by participating in numerous exercises and deployments, Marine Aircraft Group 31 attained the highest possible state of combat readiness and safety, thus contributing significantly to the effectiveness of the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing. By their professionalism, initiative, and complete dedication to duty, the officers and enlisted personnel of Marine Aircraft Group 31 and participating units reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Ball".

Secretary of the Navy