



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL to

VICE ADMIRAL WILLIAM P. MACK
UNITED STATES NAVY

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for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious service to the Government of the United States in a duty of great responsibility as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) from January 1969 to May 1971.

This was a period of unusual pressures and demands in the manpower area. The war in Southeast Asia, the threats of war elsewhere, substantial cuts in the Defense budget, and widespread anti-military feeling compounded the ordinary challenges of this position. Vice Admiral Mack addressed these extraordinary challenges with a broad knowledge of Defense matters, a rare objectivity and analytical skill, and an ability to reduce complex problems to understandable terms.

One area of exceptional accomplishment deserves special comment. Vice Admiral Mack was Chairman of a Department of Defense Task Group charged with examining Defense policies and programs pertaining to drug abuse with the view of recommending necessary reforms. The recommendations of this Task Group led to important improvements and increased emphasis of the Department of Defense program of drug control. He is an acknowledged leader among those in our nation who are bringing drug abuse under control.

Vice Admiral Mack served all Military Departments without discrimination, equally and exceedingly well. His integrity and instinct for always doing the right thing is a hallmark well known to those privileged to work with him.

Vice Admiral Mack's exceptional leadership abilities, integrity, objectivity, and dedication reflected great credit upon himself and the Department of Defense, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

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