

USS BOSTON CAG-1/CA-69 AWARDS AND RIBBONS

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USS BOSTON SSN-703 AWARDS AND RIBBONS

(Commissioned 30 Jan 1982/ Decommissioned 19 Nov 1999)

DEDICATION

To All Who Served on the USS Boston CA-69/CAG-1/CA-69

To All Who Served on the USS Boston SSN-703

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Served on the USS Boston CAG-1/CA-69

From April 1966 to April 1969

Made the 1967 and 1968 Vietnam Tours

The shipmates serving on the USS Boston CAG-1/CA-69 from commissioning date November 1, 1955 to decommissioning May 5, 1970 or the USS Boston SSN-703 from commissioning date January 30, 1982 to decommissioning November 19, 1970 are entitled to the awards listed here if their tour of duty dates coincides with the dates the award were issued.

The Navy Combat Action Ribbon (CAR) was awarded for specific dates during the Boston 67, 68, and 69 Vietnam cruises. Only one Combat Action Ribbon will be authorized for wear if awarded for the Southeast Asia period 1 Mar 61 to 15 Aug 73. Each additional CAR award will be signified with a $\frac{5}{16}$ inch gold *star* attached to the ribbon. For example, two CAR awards are signified with the CAR ribbon and one gold star device. Three awards are signified with the ribbon and two stars.

The Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon (NU) was awarded to the USS Boston for the Palomares Incident January 30, 1966 to March 15, 1966 and for Vietnam gunfire support April 30, 1968 to May 16, 1968. Additional awards of the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon are denoted by bronze stars three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter worn to denote second and subsequent awards.

The Navy Expeditionary Medal (EM) was awarded to the USS Boston for operating for the period of April 19, 1961 to April 29, 1961 during the Cuban crisis designated period January 3, 1961 to October 23, 1961. Additional awards of the Navy Expeditionary Medal are denoted by bronze stars three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter worn to denote second and subsequent awards. A silver service star is worn in lieu of five bronze service stars.

The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is awarded to every member of the US Armed Forces who has served during any one of four specified periods of armed conflict or national emergency from 1950 to the present (Korean War - June 27, 1950 - 27 July, 1954, Vietnam War - January 1, 1961 – August 14, 1974, Persian Gulf War, and the Global War on Terrorism). The bronze star attachment is awarded for every subsequent award of the NDSM. For two awards of the National Defense Service Medal a bronze star is awarded, for three awards, two bronze stars, for four awards, three bronze stars are awarded. A shipmate on the USS Boston who served during these periods of time are entitled to wear the National Defense Service Medal with as many bronze stars as appropriate.

The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AE) was awarded to the USS Boston for operating for the period of July 15, 1958 – August 1, 1958, August 9, 1958 – August 21, 1958, September 2, 1958 – September 5, 1958 during the Lebanon crisis designated period July 1, 1958 – November 1, 1958. A bronze service star is worn to denote second and subsequent awards of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. A silver service star is worn in lieu of five bronze service stars.

The Vietnam Service Medal (VS) was awarded campaign battle stars for specific dates during the Boston 67, 68, and 69 Vietnam cruises. The USS Boston CAG1/CA69 qualified for five campaign battle stars. One bronze campaign star represents each qualifying campaign with a silver star worn in lieu of five bronze stars. The number of campaign battle stars a Boston shipmate is entitled to depend on the time served on the Boston and/or time spent in Vietnam during their military service.

Exhibit - USS Boston CAG1/CA-69 – Vietnam Service Medal

Table - 5 Campaigns Battle Stars - Vietnam War









<u>Vietnam Tour No.</u>	<u>Campaign Battle Stars</u>	<u>Operation and Engagement Campaign</u>	<u>Vietnam Tour Dates</u>	<u>Campaign Date</u>
1	1.	Counter Offensive, Phase II	20 April - 19 September 1967	1 Jul 66 - 31 May 67
1	2.	Counter Offensive, Phase III	20 April - 19 September 1967	1 June 67- 27 Jan 68
2	3.	Counter Offensive, Phase IV	29 April – 28 September 1968	2 Apr 68 - 30 Jun 68
2	4.	Counter Offensive, Phase V	29 April – 28 September 1968	1 Jul 68 - 1 Nov 68
3	5.	Summer - Fall 1969	28 June – October 1969	9 Jun 69 -31 Oct 69

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The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross unit citation with Palm (RG) was awarded for specific dates during the Boston 67, 68, and 69 Vietnam cruises. However, military regulations only allows one emblem (with palm) to be worn regardless of the number of times the unit was awarded the RVN Gallantry Cross.

The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (also known as the Vietnam Campaign Medal) was awarded the USS Boston, who met the qualifying conditions for specific dates during the 67, 68, and 69 Vietnam cruises. However, military regulations only allow one emblem to be worn regardless of the number of times the Vietnam Campaign Medal was awarded.

Table – USS Boston CAG-1/CA-69 Awards and Decorations by Category

<u>Name of Category</u>	<u>Name of Award</u>	<u>Picture of Award</u>
Combat action awards	Navy Combat Action Ribbon	
Presidential Unit Citations	Navy Unit Commendation	
Navy Unit Commendation	Navy Expeditionary Medal	
General service medals	<u>National Defense Service Medal</u>	
Campaign and Expeditionary / Conflict Service Medals	<u>Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal</u>	
Occupation Medals	Vietnam Service Medal	
Vietnam War – Republic of Vietnam (South Republic)	RVN Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm	
Vietnam War – Republic of Vietnam (South Republic)	RVN Campaign Medal with 1960-device	

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Notes:

USS Boston entitled to one gold star attached to Navy Combat Action Ribbon for WWII and Vietnam.

USS Boston entitled to one bronze star attached to Navy Unit Commendation for 1966 Palomare Incident and for gunfire support for Vietnam 30 Apr 1968 to 16 May 1968.

Table of Ship Awards - USS Boston CAG-1/CA-69

<u>SHIP/UNIT NAME</u>	<u>AWARD ABBREVIATION</u>	<u>AWARD LONG FORM</u>
BOSTON CAG1/CA69	CR	Combat Action Ribbon
BOSTON CAG 1	NU	Navy Unit Commendation
BOSTON CAG 1	EM	Navy Expeditionary Service Medal
BOSTON CAG1/CA 69	NDSM	National Defense Service Medal
BOSTON CAG 1	AE	Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
BOSTON CAG1/CA 69	VS	Vietnam Service Medal
BOSTON CAG1/CA 69	RG	RVN Meritorious Unit Citation – Gallantry w Palm
BOSTON CAG1/CA 69	-	RVN Campaign Medal with 1960- device

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Table of Ship Awards and Campaign Participation - USS Boston CAG-1/CA-69

(Start Date and End Date)

<u>SHIP/UNIT NAME</u>	<u>AWARD</u>	<u>Start - Date</u>	<u>End - Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Boston CAG-1	CR	26-Apr-1967	08-May-1967	
Boston CAG-1	CR	09-May-1967	23-May-1967	
Boston CAG-1	CR	24-May-1967	17-Jul-1967	
Boston CAG-1	CR	10-Aug-1967	12-Aug-1967	
Boston CAG-1	CR	18-Aug-1967	02-Sep-1967	
Boston CAG-1	CR	03-May-1968	05-May-1968	
Boston CAG-1	CR	17-Jun-1968	08-Aug-1968	
Boston CAG-1	CR	25-Aug-1968		
Boston CAG-1	NU	30-Jan-1966	15-Mar-1966	
Boston CAG-1	NU	30-Apr-1968	16-May-1968	
Boston CAG-1	EM	19-Apr-1961	29-Apr-1961	Cuba Bay of Pigs Invasion (19 Apr 1961 -29 Apr 1961)
Boston CAG-1	NDSM	1-Jan-1961	4 Aug-1974	
Boston CAG-1	AE	15-Jul-1958	01-Aug-1958	Lebanon (1 Jul 1958 - 1 Nov 1958)
Boston CAG-1	AE	09-Aug-1958	21-Aug-1958	Lebanon (1 Jul 1958 - 1 Nov 1958)
Boston CAG-1	AE	02-Sep-1958	05-Sep-1958	Lebanon (1 Jul 1958 - 1 Nov 1958)
Boston CAG-1	VS	15-Apr-1967	01-May-1967	
Boston CAG-1	VS	16-May-1967	20-Jun-1967	
Boston CAG-1	VS	08-Jul-1967	22-Jul-1967	
Boston CAG-1	VS	07-Aug-1967	07-Sep-1967	
Boston CAG-1	VS	14-Sep-1967	24-Sep-1967	
Boston CAG-1	VS	15-Oct-1967	16-Oct-1967	
Boston CAG-1	VS	26-Apr-1968	13-May-1968	
Boston CAG-1	VS	07-Jun-1968	08-Jul-1968	
Boston CAG-1	VS	30-Jul-1968	30-Aug-1968	
Boston CAG-1	VS	07-Sep-1968	28-Sep-1968	
Boston CA-69	VS	27-Jun-1969	28-Jul-1969	
Boston CA-69	VS	21-Aug-1969	01-Sep-1969	
Boston CA-69	VS	15-Sep-1969	07-Oct-1969	
Boston CAG-1	RG	18-May-1967	21-May-1967	
Boston CAG-1	RG	24-May-1967		
Boston CAG-1	RG	26-May-1967		
Boston CAG-1	RG	02-Jun-1967	12-Jun-1967	
Boston CAG-1	RG	31-Aug-1967	05-Sep-1967	
Boston CAG-1	RG	15-Sep-1967		
Boston CAG-1	RG	17-Apr-1968	12-May-1968	
Boston CAG-1	RG	07-Jun-1968	08-Jul-1968	
Boston CAG-1	RG	30-Jul-1968	30-Aug-1968	
Boston CAG-1	RG	07-Sep-1968	28-Sep-1968	
Boston CA-69	RG	28-Jun-1969	27-June-1969	
Boston CA-69	RG	22-Aug-1969	01-Sep-1969	
Boston CA-69	RG	16-Sep-1969	20-Sep-1969	

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Presidential Unit Citations	Coast Guard Unit Commendation	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation	
Efficiency Awards	Navy "E" Ribbon	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation	

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Note:

Award FS (Armed Forces Service Medal) is a Coast Guard Unit Commendation

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<u>SHIP/UNIT NAME</u>	<u>AWARD ABBREVIATION</u>	<u>AWARD LONG FORM</u>
BOSTON SSN-703	FS	Armed Forces Service Medal (See Note)
BOSTON SSN-703	MU	Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation
BOSTON SSN-703	NE	Navy "E" Ribbon
BOSTON SSN-703	JU	Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation

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Table of Ship Awards and Campaign Participation - USS Boston SSN-703

(Start Date and End Date)

<u>SHIP/UNIT NAME</u>	<u>AWARD ABBREVIATION</u>	<u>Start - Date</u>	<u>End - Date</u>	Remarks
Boston SSN-703	FS	11-Mar-1994*	26-Mar-1994	(See Note)
Boston SSN-703	FS	18-Apr-1994*	01-May-1994	(See Note)
Boston SSN-703	MU	28-Mar-1983	28-Sep-1984	PER 1985
Boston SSN-703	MU	01-Nov-1995	01-Dec-1996	
Boston SSN-703	NE	01-Oct-1983	30-Sep-1984	
Boston SSN-703	NE	01-Oct-1984	30-Sep-1985	
Boston SSN-703	NE	01-Oct-1995	30-Sep-1996	
Boston SSN-703	MU	15-Jul-1991	07-Sep-1991	
Boston SSN-703	JU		1997	

* One Award for Multiple Dates

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Two FS (Armed Forces Service Medal) were awarded which counts as one award for multiple dates.

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NAVY BIDS FAREWELL TO USS BOSTON (SSN 703)

After nearly 17 years of dedicated service to the nation, the navy and the submarine force, the nuclear-powered attack Submarine USS BOSTON (SSN 703) will be honored 18 January 1999 during inactivation ceremonies at Naval Submarine Base New London, CT.

Built by Electric Boat, BOSTON was commissioned in Groton 30 January 1982 as the 16th Los Angeles class attack submarine and the seventh naval ship to bear the name.

During her career, BOSTON completed nine deployments to all corners of the globe. Her first deployment, in fact, was a seven-month-long voyage around the world. Fittingly, her last deployment was in support of UNITAS and took the submarine around the point of South America.

The exploits, dedication and hard work of the ship BOSTON and her crew have been recognized and fittingly rewarded. She has earned a Joint meritorious unit commendation, four meritorious unit commendations, three battle efficiency "E" awards, three golden anchor awards, three silver anchor awards and the Arleigh Burke Trophy.

After being a mainstay on the New London water front, BOSTON will slip her moors 5 February 1999 and head west to Pearl Harbor for decommissioning.

To all who have served in USS BOSTON, and on behalf of a grateful Nation, I extend my deepest appreciation and respect to you and your families for the many sacrifices you have made. You directly contributed to victory in the cold war and have defended the nation with distinction. Many thanks for a job well done. VADM Giambastiani

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<https://fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/ship/docs/990115-boston.htm>