

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

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SYNOPSIS

When I started my only purpose was to gather information to put together a rack of ribbons and medals to display in a shadow box. I wanted to know what I was entitled to that was not on my DD 214. So I began to research the ribbons and medals the USS Boston CAG1/CA69 received. Once I had gathered and assembled all the information together, I began the effort to organize and assembled this material into a written form for my own pleasure. However, once assembled and completed I thought this might be of interest to the Boston shipmates and wanted to share my efforts.

DEDICATION

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

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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

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SECTION I – USS BOSTON CAG-1/CA-69 AWARDS

Exhibit - USS Boston CAG-1/CA-69 Ribbon Rack



List – 15 USS Boston CAG-1/CA-69 Ships Awards and Ribbons

- Combat Action Ribbon (2) - WWII and Vietnam
- Navy Unit Commendation (2) Palomares Incident 1966 (30 Jan 1966 – 15 Mar 1966) and Battle of Đông* Hà Vietnam (30 Apr 1968 – 15 May 1968)
- Navy Expeditionary Medal – Cuban Bay of Pigs Invasion Crisis (19 Apr 1961 – 29 Apr 1961)
- American Campaign Medal - WWII
- Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (10) battle stars -WWII
- World War II Victory Medal - WWII
- Navy Occupation Service Medal w/Japan Clasp - WWII
- National Defense Service Medal - Vietnam
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal – Lebanon Crisis (1 July 1958 - 1 Nov 1958)
- Vietnam Service Medal (5) battle stars - Vietnam
- Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge – WWII*, **
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm –Vietnam*, **
- Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation with Palm – Vietnam*, **,***
- Philippine Liberation Medal (2) battle stars – WWII
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 device (No end date on device because did not win war) – Vietnam**

Precedence of awards is from top to bottom, left to right:

Top Row - Combat Action Ribbon (2) - Navy Unit Commendation (2) - Navy Expeditionary Medal

Second Row - American Campaign Medal - Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (10) - World War II Victory Medal

Third Row - World War II Occupation Medal w/JAPAN Clasp - National Defense Service Medal - Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Fourth Row - Vietnam Service Medal (5) - Philippine Presidential Unit Citation - Republic Of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation w/Palm

Fifth Row - Republic Of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation w/ Palm - Philippine Liberation Medal - Republic Of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 device

Notes:*Regulations state that all members of the unit may wear the decoration, whether or not they personally participated in the acts for which the unit was cited. Only those assigned to the unit at the time of the action cited may wear the decoration as a permanent award.

** Foreign and international decorations are authorized for wear on United States military uniforms by the Department of Defense in accordance with established regulations for the receipt of such awards as outlined by the State Department.

***The Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation with Palm – Vietnam was not awarded to the USS Boston CAG-1/CA-69, See discussion Section III, Exhibit - USS Boston CAG-1/CA-69 - Awards and Ribbons with Campaign Battle Stars Post WWII.

<http://www.navy.mil/navsource.org/archives/04/069/04069.htm> -Nav Source Naval History

<https://www.history.navy.mil/> -Naval History and Heritage Command

<https://usshome.net/home/images/ribbons/opnavnote1650.pdf>.

Table - USS Boston CAG-1/CA-69 Awards and Ribbons

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name of Award</u>	<u>Award Code</u>	<u>Eligibility (Unit/Individual)</u>	<u>Type (Medal & Ribbon/Ribbon)</u>	<u>Classification</u>
1.	Combat Action Ribbon	CR	Individual	Ribbon	Combat Action Awards
2.	Navy Unit Commendation	NU	Unit*	Medal & Ribbon	Presidential Unit Citations
3.	Navy Expeditionary Medal	EM	Individual	Medal & Ribbon	Expeditionary Medals
4.	American Campaign Medal	QC	Individual	Medal & Ribbon	World War II Medals
5.	Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal	QD	Individual	Medal & Ribbon	World War II Medals
6.	World War II Victory Medal	RT	Individual	Medal & Ribbon	World War II Medals
7.	Navy Occupation Service Medal w/Japan Clasp	NG	Individual	Medal & Ribbon	Occupation Medals
8.	National Defense Service Medal	NH	Individual	Medal & Ribbon	General Service Medals
9.	Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal	AE	Individual	Medal & Ribbon	Special Service Medals
10.	Vietnam Service Medal	VS	Individual	Medal & Ribbon	Occupation Medals
11.	Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge**	PA	Unit*	Ribbon	World War II - Pacific
12.	Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm**	RG	Unit*	Medal & Ribbon	Vietnam War - Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)
13.	Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation with Palm**,***	RC	Unit*	Medal & Ribbon	Vietnam War - Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)
14.	Philippine Liberation Medal**	RA	Individual	Medal & Ribbon	World War II - Pacific
15.	Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 device**	PK	Individual	Medal & Ribbon	Vietnam War - Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)

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SECTION II – WWII ERA 1943 - 1946 - USS BOSTON CA-69 AWARDS

(Commissioned 30 Jun 1943- Decommissioned 29 Oct 1946)

Exhibit - USS Boston CA-69 - Awards and Ribbons with Campaign Battle Stars WWII

1. Combat Action Ribbon awarded retroactive for combat action in WWII effective December 7, 1941
2. American Campaign Medal - WWII
3. Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal — 10 Battle Stars – WWII
4. World War II Victory Medal - WWII
5. Navy Occupation Service Medal w/Japan Clasp – WWII
6. Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge - WWII*, **
7. Philippine Liberation Medal (First and Second Philippine Sea Battles) — 2 Battle Stars - WWII**

Notes:

1. Combat Action Ribbon:

The Combat Action Ribbon (CAR) is a personal decoration awarded to members of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard (when operating under the control of the Navy) in the grade of captain (or colonel in the Marine Corps) and below who have actively participated in ground or surface combat. The Combat Action Ribbon was established during the Vietnam War by Secretary of the Navy Notice (SECNAVNOTE 1650), ^[1] dated February 17, 1969. The CAR was authorized for Vietnam for the date beginning 01 Mar 61 and given and end date of 15 Aug 73. In October 1999 World War II and Korean War Veterans became retroactively eligible for the Combat Action Ribbon by Public Law 106-65—Oct. 5, 1999, 113 STAT.588, G, Sec. 564 (Pub. L. 106-65), "Retroactive Award of the Navy Combat Action Ribbon", permitted the Secretary of the Navy to award the Combat Action Ribbon to a member of the Navy or Marine Corps for participation in ground or surface combat during any period on or after Dec. 7, 1941, and or before March 1, 1961, if the Secretary determines that the member has not been previously recognized in an appropriate manner for such participation. Only one Combat Action Ribbon is authorized for wear, with each additional CAR award signified with a $\frac{5}{16}$ inch gold star attached to the ribbon.

2. American Campaign Medal:

The American Campaign Medal was used in World War II for U.S. military service in the American Theater for at least 30 days outside the U.S. or 1 year inside the U.S. between December 7, 1941, and March 2, 1946.

3. Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal w 10 campaign battle stars:

Additional awards of the medal are represented by a Bronze Service Star device won on the award with each fifth award represented by Silver Service Star which is worn in lieu of 5 Bronze Service Stars.

4. World War II Victory Medal:

Presented to those who served in the armed forces between the dates of 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946.

5. Navy Occupation Service Medal w/Japan Clasp:

The Navy Occupation Service Medal w/Japan Clasp was awarded for occupation duty during and/or following WWII. The "Asia" clasp was authorized for any service performed on shore or on ships in the Japanese territories (September 2, 1945 to April 27, 1952. Service prior to March 2, 1946 would not be credited toward eligibility for the Navy Occupation Service Medal unless the individual is already eligible for the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal for service prior to September 2, 1945.

6. Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge:

The Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge (PRPUCB) was established by Headquarters, Philippine National Defense Forces, on September 14, 1946, to be awarded for extraordinary meritorious service during World War II. The award is made in the name of the President of the Republic of the Philippines. All U.S. military unit and naval vessels that earned any of the Philippine service stars and certain submarines which maintained physical contact with the newly ongoing Philippine Commonwealth military and local recognized guerrilla forces during the Japanese occupation of the Philippine Islands during World War II are entitled to the award: For service in defense of the Philippines from December 7, 1941 to May 10, 1942 and for service in the liberation of the Philippines from October 17, 1944 to July 4, 1945.

7. Philippine Liberation Medal w 2 campaign battle stars:

The Philippine Liberation Medal is a military award of the Republic of the Philippines which was created by an order of Commonwealth Army of the Philippines Headquarters on 20 December 1944, and was issued as the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. The decoration was presented to any service member, of both Philippine Commonwealth and allied militaries, who participated in the liberation of the Philippine Islands between the dates of 17 October 1944, and 2 September 1945. The Philippine Liberation Medal is intended to recognize military service during the last eleven months of World War II when the military of Japan was driven from the Philippines before their surrender in September 1945. To be awarded the Philippine Liberation Medal, a service member must have participated in at least one of the following actions:

- Participation in the initial landing operation of Leyte and adjoining islands from 17 October to 20 October 1944. An individual is considered to have participated in such operations if he landed on Leyte or adjoining islands, was on a ship in Philippine waters, or was a crewmember of an airplane, which flew over Philippine territory during the period.
- Participation in any engagement against hostile Japanese forces on Leyte and adjoining islands during the Philippine Liberation Campaign of 17 October 1944, to 2 September 1945.
- Participation in any engagement against hostile Japanese forces on islands other than those mentioned above during the Philippine Liberation Campaign of 17 October 1944, to 2 September 1945.
- Served in the Philippine Islands or on ships in Philippine waters for not less than 30 days during the period.

Personnel who are awarded the medal for participation in any of the above-mentioned operations are authorized a bronze $\frac{3}{16}$ " service star to the Philippine Liberation Medal for each additional qualifying action.

Members of the United States Armed Forces included the Philippine Commonwealth Army and Philippine Constabulary. Those members were also eligible to receive the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, often with a service star, for participation in the liberation of the Philippines.

Notes:

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Exhibit - USS Boston CA-69 WWII Pacific Theater History

Boston reported to the Pacific Fleet, arriving at Pearl Harbor 6 December 1943. She joined Task Force 58 (TF 58) in January and took part in the raids on the Marshall Islands in support of the invasions of Kwajalein, Majuro, and of Eniwetok (31 January – 28 February 1944).

Boston also supported the assaults on the Palaus and Western Carolines between 30 March and 1 April, and operations at Hollandia (currently known as Jayapura) and Western New Guinea on 21 – 24 April. The ship participated in the attack on Truk, including bombardment of Satawan Island between 29 April – 1 May. *Boston* also supported the **invasion of Saipan** between 11 and 24 June, and took part in several raids on the Bonin Islands in June and July. She was also supporting the carrier task forces during the Battle of the Philippine Sea on 19 June. *Boston* towed the crippled *USS Houston* after it was torpedoed by the Japanese. *Boston* returned to the Marianas, to support the invasion of Guam on 12 July, until the successful completion of the campaign on 15 August. The ship also took part in the raids on Palau-Yap-Ulithi between 25 and 27 July, as well as the landings on Morotai on 15 September, and the seizure of the southern Palaus between 6 September – 14 October. She also supported the raids on the Philippine Islands, starting on 9 September, until 24 September.

She served with TF 38 during the Okinawa raid on 10 October, and the northern Luzon and Formosa raid on 11–14 October, as well as the Luzon raids on 15 October and 24–26 October, 13–14 November and 19–20 November, and 14–16 December. *Boston* also participated in the Battle of Leyte Gulf on 24 October, as well as the Formosa raids in January, on 3–4, 9, 15, and 21 January 1945). Further raids on Luzon took place on 6–7 January, with raids on the Chinese mainland on 12 and 16 January. The carrier task force launched a raid on Nansei Shoto on 22 January, and Honshū and Nansei Shoto raids on 15–16 February and 1 March), in which she bombarded Japan itself.

Boston then returned to the United States for overhaul, arriving at Long Beach, California, 25 March 1945. Returning to the Western Pacific, via Pearl Harbor and Eniwetok, she joined TF 38 for the raids on the Japanese home islands (20 July – 15 August), including the bombardment of Kamaishi, Honshū (9 August). Following the Japanese surrender, *Boston* remained in the Far East on occupation duty until 28 February 1946. She then returned to the United States and was placed out of commission in reserve at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard on 12 March 1946.

Boston VI (CA-69)

(CA-69): dp. 13,600; l. 673'5"; b. 71'10"; dr. 26'10"; s. 33 k.; cpl. 1142; a. 9 8", 12 5"; cl. *Baltimore*)

Exhibit - USS Boston CA-69 Major Operations and Landings of WWII

List – 13 Major Operations Participated in WWII

- 1 Marshall Islands (Majuro, Kwajalein)
- 2 Eniwetok
- 3 Palau
- 4 New Guinea
- 5 Truk
- 6 Saipan, Guam
- 7 Bonin Island (Iwo Jima)
- 8 Mindanao
- 9 Formosa, Okinawa
- 10 Philippine Islands (First Battle)
- 11 Philippine Islands (Second Battle)
- 12 South China Sea
- 13 Japan (Tokyo), Hamamatsu, Kamaishi

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List – 11 Major Landings Participated in WWII

- 1 Marshall Islands (Majuro, Kwajalein)
- 2 Marshall Islands (Eniwetok)
- 3 New Guinea (Hollandia)
- 4 Guam
- 5 Saipan
- 6 Palau
- 7 Leyte
- 8 Mindora
- 9 Luzon
- 10 Bonin Islands (Iwo Jima)
- 11 Okinawa Islands

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Exhibit - USS Boston CA-69 Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal
List – 10 Campaign Battle Stars - WWII

1.) 1 Star / MARSHALL ISLANDS OPERATION:

Occupation of Kwajalein and Majuro Atolls: 31 Jan–8 Feb 1944

Occupation of Eniwetok Atoll: 11–26 Feb 1944

(WWII Operation and Engagement Code: P26 (P26-2, P26-3))

2.) 1 Star / ASIATIC - PACIFIC RAIDS – 1944:

Palau, Yap, Ulithi., Woleai Raid: 30 Mar–1 Apr 1944

Truk, Satawan, Ponape Raid: 29 Apr–1 May 1944

(WWII Operation and Engagement Code: P27 (P27-3, P27-5))

3.) 1 Star / HOLLANDIA OPERATION:

Aitape-Humboldt Bay - Tanahmerah Bay: 21–24 Apr 1944

(WWII Operation and Engagement Code: P28 (P28-8))

4.) 1 Star / MARIANAS OPERATION:

Capture and Occupation of Saipan: 11–24 Jun 1944

First Bonins Raid: 15–16 Jun 1944

Battle of the Philippine Sea: 19–20 Jun 1944

Second Bonins Raid: 24 Jun 1944

Third Bonins Raid: 3–4 Jul 1944

Capture and Occupation of Guam: 12 Jul –15 Aug 1944

Palau, Yap, Ulithi Raid: 25–27 Jul 1944

(WWII Operation and Engagement Code: P29 (P29-2, P29-3, P29-4, P29-5, P29-6, P29-7, P29-9))

5.) 1 Star / WESTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS OPERATION:

Capture and Occupation of the Southern Palau Islands: 6 Sep –14 Oct 1944

Assaults on the Philippine Islands: 9–24 Sep 1944

(WWII Operation and Engagement Code: P30 (P30-2, P30-3))

6.) 1 Star / WESTERN NEW GUINEA OPERATIONS:

Morotai Landings-. 15 Sep 1944

(WWII Operation and Engagement Code: P31 (P31-2, P31-3, P31-4, P31-5))

7.) 1 Star / LEYTE OPERATION:

Third Fleet Supporting Operations Okinawa Attack: 10 Oct 1 -

Northern Luzon and Formosa Attacks: 1–14 Oct 1944

Luzon Attacks: 15 Oct 1944; 5–6, 13-14, 19-20 Nov 1944 14–16 Dec 1944

Battle of Surigao Strait: 24–26 Oct 1944

(WWII Operation and Engagement Code: P32 (P32-3, P32-4))

8.) 1 Star / LUZON OPERATION:

Third Fleet Supporting Operations:

Luzon Attacks: 6–7 Jan 1945

Formosa Attacks: 3–4, 9, 15, 21 Jan 1945 China Coast Attacks; 12, 16 Jan 1945

Nansei Shoto Attack,. 22 Jan 1945

(WWII Operation and Engagement Code: P32 (P32-4, P32-6))

9.) 1 Star / IWO JIMA:

Assault and Occupation of Iwo Jima; 15 Feb –4 Mar 1945

Fifth Fleet Raids against Honshu and the Nansei Shotos: 15 Feb –4 Mar 1945

(WWII Operation and Engagement Code: P33 (P33-1, P33-2))

10.) 1 Star / THIRD FLEET OPERATIONS AGAINST JAPAN: 20 Jul - 15 Aug 1945

(WWII Operation and Engagement Code: P35)

BOSTON earned ten battle stars and other awards for her operations in the Pacific during World War II. (Only 1 star for participation in 1 or more related Operation and Engagement Awarded)

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Table – 10 Campaigns Battle Stars - WWII

<u>Battle Stars</u>	<u>Operation and Engagement Campaign</u>	<u>WWII Operation and Engagement Code</u>
1.	MARSHALL ISLANDS OPERATION	P26 (P26-2, P26-3)
2.	ASIATIC - PACIFIC RAIDS - 1944	P27 (P27-3, P27-5)
3.	HOLLANDIA OPERATION	P28 (P28-8)
4.	MARIANAS OPERATION:	P29 (P29-2, P29-3, P29-4, P29-5, P29-6, P29-7, P29-9)
5.	WESTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS OPERATION	P30 (P30-2, P30-3)
6.	WESTERN NEW GUINEA OPERATIONS	P31 (P31-2, P31-3, P31-4, P31-5)
7.	LEYTE OPERATION	P32 (P32-3, P32-4)
8.	LUZON OPERATION	P32 (P32-4, P32-6)
9.	IWO JIMA	P33 (P33-1, P33-2)
10.	THIRD FLEET OPERATIONS AGAINST JAPAN	P 35

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Exhibit - USS Boston CA-69 Navy Occupation Service Medal

Navy Occupation Service Medal w/Japan Clasp: (Asia):

2 Sep 1945–28 Feb 1946

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Exhibit - USS Boston CA-69 Philippine Republic Badge and Philippine Liberation Medal

List - Republic of the Philippines Awards - WWII

1. Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge:

10–15, 24–26 Oct 1944; 5–6, 13–14, 19–20 Nov 1944; 14–16 Dec 1944; 3–4; 9, 12, 15–16, 21–22 Jan 1945. For certain units of the US Armed Forces which participated in the war against the Japanese Empire during the periods 7 Dec 1941 and 10 May 1942 and 17 October 1944 to 4 July 1945.

2. Philippine Liberation Medal w 2 Campaign Battle Stars:

2 Battle Stars for participation in the Liberation of the Philippines from Oct 17, 1944 to Sept 3, 1945. (First and Second Philippine Sea Battles)

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SECTION III – ERA 1955 – 1970 - USS BOSTON CAG-1/CA-69 AWARDS

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Exhibit - USS Boston CAG-1/CA-69 - Awards and Ribbons with Campaign Battle Stars Post WWII

1. Combat Action Ribbon awarded for Vietnam
2. Navy Unit Commendation (2) – Palomares Incident 1966 (30 Jan – 15 Mar 1966) and Battle for Dong Ha Vietnam (30 April 1968 - 16 May 1968)*
3. Navy Expeditionary Medal – Cuba Bay of Pigs Invasion (19 Apr 1961 -29 Apr 1961)
4. National Defense Service Medal – Vietnam
5. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal – Lebanon Crisis 1958 (1 July 1958 – 1 Nov 1958)
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2. Navy Unit Commendation (NU):

The 1966 Palomares Incident refers to the B-52 crash, which occurred on 17 January 1966, when a B-52G bomber of the United States Air Force's Strategic Air Command collided with a KC-135 tanker during mid-air refueling at 31,000 feet over the Mediterranean Sea, off the coast of Spain. At the time of the accident, the B-52G was carrying four Mk28FI (full fuing internal) thermonuclear (hydrogen) bombs, three fell to the land surface of Spain and was discovered and disposed, and one fell into the Mediterranean Sea and was recovered. The USS Boston CAG1 received its first Navy Unit Commendation for the 1966 Palomares Incident. The USS Boston CAG1 received the second Navy Unit Commendation for naval gunfire support during the **Battle of Đông Hà**, Vietnam 30 Apr 1968 – 16 May 1968. Additional awards of the Navy Unit Commendation are denoted by bronze stars three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter.

3. Navy Expeditionary Medal (EM):

The Bay of Pigs Invasion was a failed landing operation 17 Apr 1961 – 19 Apr 1961, on the southwestern coast of Cuba in 1961 by Cuban exiles who opposed Fidel Castro's Cuban Revolution. The USS Boston CAG1 Navy

Expeditionary Medal award is for the period of operation 19 Apr 1961 - 29 Apr 1961. A bronze star is authorized to be worn on the service ribbon of the Navy Expeditionary Medals for participation in subsequent expeditions. Two service medals have been authorized for Navy and Marine Corps personnel who served in Cuban waters during the period of tension that culminated in the Cuban quarantine of 1962. For service performed during the Cuban crisis between 3 January 1961 and 23 October 1962 The Navy Expeditionary Medal (EM) was authorized. For service performed in the Cuban quarantine, 24 October through 31 December 1962 The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AE) was authorized.

4. The National Defense Service Medal:

The National Defense Service Medal was awarded to all persons in the naval service who served on active duty at any time between 01 Jan. 1961 and 14 Aug. 1974 being the criteria for the award, both dates inclusive which coincided with that of the Vietnam War. It 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, Vietnam War, 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.

5. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AE):

The USS Boston CAG-1 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal award is for the period of operation 1 Jul 58 - 1 Nov 58 in the Lebanon crisis (also known as the Lebanese Civil War of 1958). The Lebanon crisis was a Lebanese political crisis caused by political and religious tensions in the country that included a United States military intervention.

Since its original conception in 1961, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal has been awarded for United States participation in over forty five designated military campaigns. The first campaign of the AE was the Cuban Missile Crisis and the award was issued for military service between October 1962 and June 1963. Following this original issuance, the AE was made retroactive to 1958 and issued for actions in Lebanon, Taiwan, Republic of the Congo, Quemoy and Matsu, and for duty in Berlin between 1961 and 1963. A bronze service star is worn to denote second and subsequent awards of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Discussion:

Many USS Boston shipmates would not be aware that the Boston was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for the Lebanon crisis (1 Jul – 1 Nov 58) due to their being discharged/separated from naval service prior to the execution of the Executive order 10977 by President John F. Kennedy dated December 4, 1961 and being made retroactive to July 1, 1958 which coincide with the start date of the Lebanon crisis.

6. Vietnam Service Medal (VS):

The Vietnam Service Medal was awarded to all members of the armed forces who service in Vietnam and contiguous waters and airspace between 3 July 1965 and 28 March 1973.

To qualify for award of the VS an individual must meet one of the following qualifications:

- (1) Be attached to or regularly serve for 1 or more days with an organization participating in or directly supporting military operations.
- (2) Be attached to or regularly serve for 1 or more days aboard a Naval vessel directly supporting military operations.
- (3) Actually participate as a crewmember in one or more aerial flights into airspace above Vietnam and contiguous waters directly supporting military operations.
- (4) Serve on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days in Vietnam or contiguous areas, except that time limit may be waived for personnel participating in actual combat operations.

Personnel are authorized one bronze campaign star for each qualifying campaign with a silver star worn in lieu of five bronze stars.

The USS Boston CAG1/CA69 met the qualifying conditions for the Vietnam Service Medal during all three Vietnam cruises 1967, 1968, and 1969. Also, the USS Boston CAG1/CA69 qualified for five campaign stars.

7. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm (RG):

The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm (RVNGCUC) was a decoration presented by the government of South Vietnam to recognize a unit valor and gallantry while serving in active combat against enemy forces. Palm represents Armed Forces Level. The Boston was awarded the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm in each of its three tours to Vietnam 67, 68, and 69. 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.

8. Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (also known as the Vietnam Campaign Medal):

The Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal (also known as the Vietnam Campaign medal) was established in 1964 by the South Vietnamese government to honor members of the Republic of Vietnam Military Forces for direct participation in major conflicts and to foreign military personnel for service in South Vietnam.

At that time, the medal was awarded for service between March 8, 1949 and July 20, 1954 (the French Colonial period, when few—if any—U.S. Armed Forces would have served and be eligible) and from January 1, 1960 until the end of the Vietnam War, which was still in progress. That end date was eventually set as April 30, 1975 (the Fall of Saigon).

Criteria for that second period states a member of the Armed Forces had served in South Vietnam for six months between March 1, 1961 and March 28, 1973; had served outside South Vietnam, but contributed direct combat support to its Armed Forces for an aggregate of six months; was wounded by the enemy during a military action; was captured during action or in the line of duty, but later rescued or released; was killed in action or in the line of duty; or served sixty calendar days in Vietnam between Jan. 29, 1973 and March 28, 1973.

The USS Boston CAG1/CA69 met the qualifying conditions for the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal during all three Vietnam cruises 1967, 1968, and 1969. However, military regulations only allow one emblem to be worn regardless of the number of times the Vietnam Campaign Medal was awarded.

Notes:

*Regulations state that all members of the unit may wear the decoration, whether or not they personally participated in the acts for which the unit was cited. Only those assigned to the unit at the time of the action cited may wear the decoration as a permanent award.

** Foreign and international decorations are authorized for wear on United States military uniforms by the Department of Defense in accordance with established regulations for the receipt of such awards as outlined by the State Department.

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Discussion: Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation with Palm (RC) and The Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Gallantry with Palm (RG)

The Republic of Vietnam had two Armed Forces Level unit awards represented by Palm: The Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation with Palm also known as Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation (RC), and The Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Gallantry with Palm (RG).

Navy records for unit awards and campaign medals do not show the Boston receiving the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation with Palm (RC). It shows the Boston receiving the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Gallantry with Palm (RG). Refer to this web page

<https://usshome.net/horne/images/ribbons/opnavnote1650.pdf> ; it has a pdf file in the name of the USS Horne. Select the site heading OPNAVNOTE 1650 – USS Horne.

Different web pages on the internet about the USS Boston and its awards may state the following:

The USS Boston CAG-1/CA-69 received the *Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm* and *Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation with Palm* for naval gunfire support and “Sea Dragon” Operations during the period 30 July-30 August 1968 and again during **Operation Brave Armada** and **Operation Durham Peak** in June–July 1969.

This is not correct that the USS Boston received both awards. The USS Boston only received the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Gallantry with Palm (RG). Therefore, a USS Boston crew member is only entitled to wear the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Gallantry with Palm if earn. 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.

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 Jul 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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SECTION IV - RESOURCES

1. Steve Kelly Books:

Books by Steve Kelly can be purchased on Amazon for the Kindle Reader in e-book format Steve Kelly is the author of the following:

U.S.S. Boston in World War II: Baked Beans Vol. 1 (Aug 26, 1942 – Aug 31, 1944)

U.S.S. Boston in World War II: Baked Beans Vol. 2 (Sept 1, 1944 – March 31, 1945)

U.S.S. Boston in World War II: Baked Beans Vol 3 (April 1, 1945 – 28, January 1946)

A Bird's Eye View: Of The Heavy Cruiser USS Boston And Task Force 58 In Combat Operations Against The Empire Of Japan

2. USS Boston Shipmates Flash Drive:

The USS Boston shipmates have a flash drive for sale that includes CA-69 and CAG-1 Deck Logs, WWII war diary. The file folder has four sections, 1. WWII CA-69 Deck Logs 1943-1946, 2. WWII CA-69 War Diaries 1942-1945, 3. CAG-1 Logs 1955-1962, 4. CAG-1 Logs 1963-1970.

3. Master List of Unit Awards and Campaign Medals:

The Master List of Unit Awards and Campaign Medals reflects the awards/ribbons given to the USS Boston CAG1/CA69 and USS Boston SSN 703. This document can be located on the following web pages.

1. <https://usshorne.net/horne/images/ribbons/opnavnote1650.pdf>.

2. <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/51143486/opnav-notice-1650-the-goat-locker>.

The **Master List of Unit Awards and Campaign Medals** can be purchased from **IHS Markit, Englewood, CO** Phone: +1 800 854-7179 Fax: 303-397-2740 web page <https://global.ihs.com>

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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 CAG1/CA 69	RG	Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation – Gallantry w Palm
BOSTON CAG1/CA 69	VS	Vietnam Service Medal
BOSTON CAG 1	AE	Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
BOSTON CAG 1	EM	Navy Expeditionary Service Medal
BOSTON CAG 1	NU	Navy Unit Commendation

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Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AE):

Dates: 15 Jul 1958 - 01 Aug 1958, 09 Aug 1958 – 21 Aug 1958, 02 Sep 1958 – 05 Sep 1958

The USS Boston CAG1 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal award is for the period of operation 1 Jul 58 - 1 Nov 58 in the Lebanon crisis (also known as the Lebanese Civil War of 1958). The Lebanon crisis was a Lebanese political crisis caused by political and religious tensions in the country that included a United States military intervention.

Navy Expeditionary Service Medal (EM):

Dates: 19 Apr 1961 – 29 Apr 1961

The USS Boston CAG1 Navy Expeditionary Service Medal award is for the period of operation 19 Apr 1961 - 29 Apr 1961 in which The Bay of Pigs Invasion took place. The Bay of Pigs Invasion was a failed landing operation 17 Apr 1961 – 19 Apr 1961, on the southwestern coast of Cuba in 1961 by Cuban exiles who opposed Fidel Castro's Cuban Revolution.

Navy Unit Commendation (NU):

Dates: 30 Jan 1966 – 15 Mar 1966, 30 Apr 1968 – 16 May 1968

The USS Boston CAG1 received its first Navy Unit Commendation for the 1966 Palomares Incident 30 Jan 1966 – 15 Mar 1966. The USS Boston CAG1 received the second Navy Unit Commendation for providing naval gunfire support during the **Battle of Đông Hà**, Vietnam 30 Apr 1968 – 16 May 1968.

Combat Action Ribbon (CR), Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation – Gallantry w Palm (RG), Vietnam Service Medal (VS) with five campaign battle stars: Various Dates the USS Boston CAG1/CA69 earned the awards during each Vietnam tour 1967, 1968, 1969.

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 ABBREVIATION</u>	<u>Start - Date</u>	<u>End - Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Boston CA-69	CR	06-Jul-1969	06-Jul-1969	
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	
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	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	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	EM	19-Apr-1961	29-Apr-1961	Cuba Bay of Pigs Invasion (19 Apr 1961 -29 Apr 1961)
Boston CAG-1	NU	30-Jan-1966	15-Mar-1966	
Boston CAG-1	NU	30-Apr-1968	16-May-1968	
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 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	

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Table of Ship Awards - USS Boston SSN-703

<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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Note:

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

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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Note:

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

Awarded two FS (Armed Forces Service Medal) 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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4. **USS Boston CA-69/CAG-1/CA-69 Awards:**

Table – Awards and Decorations by Category – Currently in Use by USN

<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>	

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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.

USS Boston SSN-703 Awards:

Table – Awards and Decorations by Category – Currently in Use by USN





<u>Name of Category</u>	<u>Name of Award</u>	<u>Picture of Award</u>
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	

Table – Awards and Decorations by Category – Currently Not in Use by USN

U.S. military personnel having received these awards have participated within these areas of combat / conflict during the time these awards were given to U.S. service members. Such awards have since been discontinued or are no longer applicable in terms of receiving these commendations.

<u>Awards by Category</u>	<u>Name of Award</u>	<u>Picture of Award</u>
World War II service medals	American Campaign Medal	
World War II service medals	Asiatic-Pacific Campaign	
World War II service medals	World War II Victory Medal	
Occupation Medals	Navy Occupation Service Medal	
Occupation Medals	Vietnam Service Medal	

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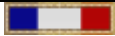



Notes:

USS Boston entitled to wear ten battle campaign stars represented by two Silver Service Stars in lieu of ten Bronze Service Stars on the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal.

USS Boston entitled to wear Japan Clasp – WWII on Navy Occupation Medal.

Table – Foreign and International Awards – Currently Not in Use by USN

Foreign and international decorations are authorized for wear on United States military uniforms by the Department of Defense in accordance with established regulations for the receipt of such awards as outlined by the [State Department](#). In the case of foreign decorations, the awards may be divided into senior service decorations (awarded only to high ranking U.S. officers), heroic decorations for valor, and Foreign Service decorations.

<u>Awards by Category</u>	<u>Name of Award</u>	<u>Picture of Award</u>
World War II (Pacific)	Philippine Presidential Unit	
World War II (Pacific)	Philippine Liberation 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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Note:

USS Boston entitled to wear two battle campaign Bronze Service Stars on the Philippine Liberation Medal.