

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA148) for services as set forth in the following citation:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from 2 October 1967 to 26 April 1968 while engaged in operations against enemy aggressor forces in the waters contiguous to the hostile coastline of both North and South Vietnam. Although heavily engaged on seventeen separate occasions by enemy coastal defense shore batteries, the officers and men of USS NEWPORT NEWS executed their assigned missions with professionalism and intrepidity, demonstrating singularly outstanding resourcefulness and tenacity. During the conduct of nearly 1,000 strikes against enemy targets, NEWPORT NEWS fired over 59,000 rounds at enemy supply routes, logistics craft, troop movements, and artillery positions, consistently surpassing all previous records in every area of Naval Gunfire Support and Sea Dragon operations. The superior technical acumen, battle efficiency, and spirit of cooperation displayed by the officers and men of NEWPORT NEWS reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Naval Service."