



Earned 2/9 - Mayaguez Recovery Ribbons/ Medals

1. CAR Combat Action Medal
Awarded to all USMC/USN in combat action. Must have been directly fired upon or returned fire. This ribbon entitles in the VFW and possibly VA benefits. We were individually issued this by orders, copy of which is in the archives

2. Navy Unit Commendation
Unit commendation issued to all in 2/9, even those who stayed at Schwab or U-tapo Issued to everyone in unit for specific time frame.

3. National Defense Medal
This medal was issued to all in service after 90 days. Also called the fire watch ribbon, we all had this, was issued to all branches of services.



4. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
This medal was individually issued by name on orders copies. This medal entitles wearer membership in VFW

5. Korea Defence Medal
Issued for those who spent more than 30 days in and around Korea. Instructions for how to apply for at Kohtang.com This medal entitles wearer membership in VFW

6. Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
This "I was there ribbon" was issued in the late 1970's "subsequent" to 1974. If you were in 2/9 in 1975 and went on the Float to Korea, Mt Fuji, etc You are eligible. This ribbon is probably not on your DD 214 but you are eligible to wear it.