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Subject: State of Oregon Recognition of the USS McGinty

Dear Jose,

I am pleased to advise you that Chapter 392 of the Vietnam Veterans of America endorsed your proposal to have the State of Oregon recognize and honor the deployment of the USS McGinty to Vietnam in 1961-62 at our membership meeting on November 8, 2018.

Your letter about the McGinty reveals the unique ties the ship had to the State of Oregon. The ship was stationed in Portland both before and after its deployment to the Far East and served in a training role in the reserves as well as on active duty.

Our nation is currently observing a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. This program honors all veterans who served between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975. The USS McGinty served proudly during this period, both at home in Portland and in Vietnam.

One of the objectives of this program is to raise public awareness of the Vietnam War. The USS McGinty occupies a unique position in the history of Oregon in relation to the war, and we believe that this should be recognized by the State of Oregon as part of the Commemorative program.

Sincerely,

R. Stephen Carr
President
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