



# IC2C William E. Graddy (NAVY)

Dates of Service: 1961-1965

Vessels: USS Aldebaran AF-10

Location: Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Caribbean Sea



USS ALDEBARAN (AF-10)  
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From: Commanding Officer, USS ALDEBARAN (AF-10)  
To: GRADDY, William E., 583 61 45, IC3, USN

Subj: Commendation

Ref: (a) CINCLANTFLT ltr serial 451/40 of 28 Jan 1963  
(b) CONSERVIANT ltr serial 05/1424 of 27 Feb 1963

- As substantiated by references (a) and (b), you are commended for your splendid performance of duty aboard ALDEBARAN during October 1962.
- While operating as a unit of a task force engaged in a regularly scheduled exercise in the Caribbean, ALDEBARAN unexpectedly became a unit of a task group engaged in underway replenishment of Atlantic Fleet units operating in support of the Cuban quarantine operations. ALDEBARAN's immediate mission became one of cycling hundreds of lengthy quarantine line dispersed along lanes extending hundreds of miles and performing underway transfer of food to ships at a tremendously accelerated rate. At the peak of the quarantine, AV support to a hundred ships and a quarantine line of over 2000 miles. That this force was sustained by ALDEBARAN and her sister AFs is accredited to the hard work and dedication of the officers and crew of those ships. ALDEBARAN's efforts in the Caribbean contributed directly to the overall success of the Cuban Quarantine operation.
- A copy of this letter will be made a permanent part of your service record.

*R. J. Davis*  
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