

USS Forrestal (CVA-59)

The Deck Logs Project was undertaken by members of the original Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Association to document when certain ships were within Vietnam Territorial Seas defined as 12 miles from Baseline. The Vietnam War Era covered by the analysis is January 1962 through May 1975.

This document represents data taken from the SECNAV 1650 Report which alleges to provide all dates a naval unit qualifies for a medal or ribbon. In this case, these are the dates when a ship's crew was eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal or an alternative Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, indicating they were in the Vietnam Theater of Combat during the time period shown.

The image below is a bar chart indicating the location of the ship during the Vietnam War. It shows that the ship was either in or not in the Theater of Combat and when the ship was in the Territorial Seas of Vietnam.

In the Bar Graph, the **Yellow** cells indicate when the ship was anywhere except in the Theater of Combat. **Gray** bars in the graph below represent every month when the ship was in the Theater of Combat, and **Red** bars represent a month when the ship was inside the 12 miles from the Baseline limit of the Vietnam Territorial Seas for some portion of at least one day during that specific month.

In this instance, the USS Forrestal never entered the Territorial Seas of Vietnam while in the Theater of Combat over a 2 month period.



The following pages provide details on the ship's positions inside the Territorial Seas (the **Red** portions of the above graph).

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The USS Forrestal had one cruise to the Vietnamese Theater of Operation in the months of July and August, 1967. During that time, it did not enter the Vietnamese Territorial Seas.