USS Independence (CVA-62)

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.

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

From INDEPENDENCE Deck Log - September 1965

Days/Times Inside Territorial Seas

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Note: The Hits Summary is the result of manually reading the deck logs. Although these results have been double checked, the report may not be 100% accurate. Please refer any discrepancies or questions to info@oldbluewater.com

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