
Mentioned in Despatches

In February the Governor-General, Her Excellency the Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy, made formal presentations to veterans of the Vietnam War who were Mentioned in Despatches (MID).

The presentations occurred at Government House in both Wellington and Auckland. Mentioned in Despatches awards were given in recognition of gallantry and high levels of service.

At the time the citations were generally written by the commander of the unit involved and sometimes were read out on a Unit Parade. The thirty awards were presented to veterans, or to the family representatives of those who have passed away.

As the veterans already wear an oak leaf emblem on their Vietnam Medal, which designates they received an MID, they were presented with a formal letter and copy of their citation at the ceremony.

Photos from the ceremonies are available on the Governor-General's blog.

Governor-General's blogpost about the Mentioned in Despatches ceremonies (<https://gg.govt.nz/governor-general/blog/2019/02/mentioned-despatches-awards-auckland-and-wellington>) 

Full details on the MID, including citations, are available on the New Zealand Government's Vietnam War website

Honours and awards from the Vietnam War (<https://vietnamwar.govt.nz/resources/awards>) 

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