

BOB WALKER

USCGC YAKUTAT (WAVP-380) – May67 to Jan68
Navy Unit Commendation – 24 Apr 67 to 1 Dec67

May 30, 2021 – Jean Walker E-mail to Bill Carr

I am back in NC but while I was in CT, I started reading some of Bob's letters from 1967-68. So far there were none that dealt with the assignment there. Just mentions of re-fueling, pinochle marathons, a stop in Japan with a hope to get us China and lonesomeness.

NOTE – Jean has donated the YAKUTAT Vietnam First Tour Ship's Book to this project.

Golden Journeys Booklet – 2015

On the day Bob reported for his new duty, he learned the YAKUTAT was to be deployed to Vietnam. So Bob sailed away to face the challenge of being in a war zone and away from his new wife.

WIKIPEDIA

YAKUTAT began Market Time operations on 10 May 1967 and remained in the Western Pacific until 1 January 1968, then returned to the United States.

YAKUTAT earned two campaign stars during this Vietnam War tour, for:

- Vietnamese Counteroffensive – Phase II - 31 May 1967
- Vietnamese Counteroffensive – Phase III - 1 July 1967 – 18 December 1967