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At the end of subtitle F of title V, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . AWARD OF VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL TO VET-**
2 **ERANS WHO PARTICIPATED IN MAYAGUEZ**
3 **RESCUE OPERATION.**

4 (a) **AWARD AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of the
5 military department concerned shall, upon the application
6 by or on behalf of an individual who is an eligible veteran,
7 award that individual the Vietnam Service Medal, notwith-
8 standing any otherwise applicable requirements for the
9 award of that medal. Any such award shall be made in
10 lieu of any Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal awarded
11 the individual for the individual's participation in the Ma-
12 yaguez rescue operation.

13 (b) **TREATMENT OF DECEASED VETERANS.**—In the
14 case of a veteran who is deceased, the application de-
15 scribed in subsection (a) may be submitted by the next
16 of kin of the veteran.

1 (c) ELIGIBLE VETERAN.—For purposes of this sec-
2 tion, the term “eligible veteran” means a veteran of the
3 Armed Forces—

4 (1) who was awarded the Armed Forces Expe-
5 ditionary Medal for participation in military oper-
6 ations known as the Mayaguez rescue operation of
7 May 12–15, 1975; or

8 (2) who participated in such operation.

