On behalf of the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Commandant takes great pleasure in presenting the CERTIFICATE OF VALOR to

NATHAN L. JONES BOATSWAIN'S MATE SECOND CLASS UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

for services as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic action on the morning of 22 December 2006, during the rescue of a drowning woman while off-duty and serving as a volunteer responder with a local fire department. Without regard to his personal safety, Petty Officer JONES, in a courageous display of selfless dedication to the preservation of life, responded as a volunteer firefighter to an emergency page indicating that a woman had jumped from the Highway 17 New Bern High Rise Bridge, and was struggling to stay afloat in the frigid water below. After several failed attempts by his fellow rescuers to pass rescue devices to the victim, he volunteered to be lowered by rope some 78 feet to the river surface. After reaching the surface, he disconnected from his tending line and swam 100 yard to the victim who was in extreme distress and struggling to remain afloat. After passing a float to the victim, Petty Officer JONES towed her against the current another 100 yards back to the tending line. The New Bern Fireboat eventually arrived on scene and pulled both the rescuer and victim to safety. Petty Officer JONES' unselfish actions and valiant service reflect credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of humanitarian service."

On behalf of the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Commandant takes great pleasure in presenting the CERTIFICATE OF VALOR to

BRANDON ROY

for services as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic action on the afternoon of 3 July 2004, while assisting in the rescue of a distressed swimmer off the shores of Candlewood Lake, New Milford, Connecticut. On that July afternoon, Mr. ROY and several friends and relatives were enjoying a day of boating adjacent to an area that was frequented by many local boaters and swimmers. The seemingly uneventful afternoon quickly changed into a frantic situation as he was alerted that a distraught swimmer was in need of assistance. As he assessed his surroundings, he witnessed his friend diving into the water and swimming some 30 feet from shore. Realizing the urgency of the situation, he immediately joined the search for the drowning person. Without regard to his own personal safety, he dove to the bottom of the lake on three separate occasions in an attempt to locate the person. Encountering the cold, murky water of the lake, he used his outstretched arms to feel for the swimmer. While battling the effects of fatigue during his final dive, he miraculously grasped the swim shorts of the unconscious victim. With a limited air supply and the uncertainty of being able to return to the surface, Mr. ROY was pushed to unparalleled limits to complete the rescue. Upon surfacing, he swam the patient in the direction of another rescuer who was a trained Emergency Medical Technician. The Emergency Medical Technician immediately took charge and assisted with evacuating the unresponsive victim to a rock ledge where rescue breathing successfully revived him. Emergency services met the patient and transported him to Danbury Hospital, where he was able to make a full recovery. Mr. ROY's determined efforts, outstanding initiative and fortitude during this rescue resulted in saving a man's life. His unselfish actions and valiant service reflect credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of humanitarian service."



The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION to:

U.S. COAST GUARD AIDS TO NAVIGATION TEAM CHINCOTEAGUE CHINCOTEAGUE, VIRGINIA

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from August 2001 to February 2004 while executing aids to navigation maintenance and waterways management. During this period, Aids to Navigation Team Chinoteague distinguished itself by demonstrating a strong commitment to readiness through preventative maintenance, aggressive training, and attention to detail. Concentrating on efficient planning and intense quality control standards, the Team expertly serviced its assigned 481 aids to navigation including aids marking the Virginia Inside Passage, a waterway prone to constant shoaling and treacherous currents. In the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel, the crew of Aids to Navigation Team Chinoteague demonstrated impressive surge capabilities. Within 10 days of the storm's passage, the Team surveyed their 2,000 square mile area of responsibility and quickly corrected 116 aid discrepancies, ensuring safe passage for commercial and recreational mariners. The Team supported Aids to Navigation Teams Crisfield and Cape May by removing 96 seasonal lights and servicing discrepancies when both units were forced into safety stand-downs. The Team provided tremendous community support, assisting local watermen in establishing a danger light to protect the island's only water main, installing new bleachers at the local high school, opening the Assateague lighthouse for over 20,000 visitors, and coordinating the Coast Guardsman of Yesteryear breakfast events. In August of 2002, the Team completed intensive 50,000-dollar dockside availability on their 63-foot Aids to Navigation Boat, which included major upgrades and renovation to various shipvard systems including weight handling equipment, propulsion machinery and electrical systems, saving 20,000 dollars in contractor maintenance costs. The professionalism, pride, and devotion to duty displayed by Aids to Navigation Team Chinoteague are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

JAMES D. HULL Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area



The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION to:

U.S. COAST GUARD AIRCRAFT REPAIR AND SUPPLY CENTER ELIZABETH CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

for service set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from July 2004 to May 2007 as the "Center of Excellence" for aviation engineering, overhaul, logistics, and supply activities. During this period, the Aircraft Repair and Supply Center aviation logistics business model served as the cornerstone for the Coast Guard's transformation to a single logistics system. Partnering with the Engineering Logistics Center, Aircraft Repair and Supply Center implemented the Field Unit Inventory Repositioning Project for all consumable inventory. After conducting a thorough analysis of baseline demand data, the Center identified \$250 million in inventory from over 700 units Coast Guard-wide for removal and repositioning, the Center's efforts significantly reduced the material management burden and provided manageable unit-level inventories that brought Chief Financial Officer audit compliance closer to realization. The Center processed over 2.2 million parts valued at over \$89 million, while saving the Coast Guard nearly 20 labor years in administrative processing time. In addition, the Center was instrumental in establishing the Standard Boat Asset Project Office, providing full exposure and training on centralized supply, reliability centered maintenance, and centralized business processes. Faced with ever-increasing concerns over HH-65 engine reliability, the Center devised and implemented a plan of action to expedite a fleet-wide \$355 million engine replacement project, significantly improving operational capability and aircrew safety. This project ensured successful execution of the Rotary Wing Air Intercept mission for the National Capital Region, and made the HH-65 a viable platform for the counter-drug Airborne Use of Force mission. Consistently refining processes to maximize capabilities, the Center increased HH-60J overhaul production by 80 percent, began an in-house HH-60J avionics upgrade project, and implemented a hybrid organic HC-130H depot-level maintenance program. These efforts resulted in a combined savings of nearly 76.2 million dollars over industry alternatives. The Center displayed unparalleled initiative while simultaneously providing flawless Coast Guard-wide operational support. The professionalism, pride, and devotion to duty displayed by the Aircraft Repair and Supply Center are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard "

> T. W. ALLEN Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commandant



The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to:

USCGC DRUMMOND (WPB 1323) KEY WEST, FLORIDA

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service from February 2005 to December 2005 while supporting operations throughout Sector Key West. As post-delivery casualties hampered the operation of Sector Key West's 123-foot Deepwater cutters, the crew of DRUMMOND marvelously carried the weight of operations in Sector Key West's 33,000 square mile area of responsibility. Routinely being pulled from needed maintenance periods, the crew of DRUMMOND sailed over 130 days away from homeport, not once postponing operational commitments due to a shipboard casualty, an astounding feat for a patrol boat logging nearly 2,300 underway hours during the period. Throughout Operation HAMMER, one of the most successful Cuban migrant interdiction operations executed by the Coast Guard, the crew of DRUMMOND intercepted 13 migrant vessels attempting to enter the United States illegally, including the seizure and citation of three migrant smuggling go-fast vessels for violations of the Florida Security Zone. DRUMMOND's outstanding operational performance resulted in the interdiction of over 210 illegal Cuban migrants and the apprehension of six suspected smugglers for transfer to Customs and Border Protection officials for prosecution. Processing the 1,100 illegal migrants that crossed the cutter's decks, the crew of DRUMMOND adeptly and professionally responded to a number of extraordinary situations. The most notable being a precarious helicopter hoist medical evacuation of an unconscious migrant suffering from severe head trauma and internal injuries sustained during a failed go-fast smuggling attempt. In addition to its impressive law enforcement record, DRUMMOND was also called upon to perform three precarious search and rescue missions, rescuing 11 people and saving over one million dollars worth of property. The devotion to duty and outstanding performance demonstrated by USCGC DRUMMOND are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

JAMES D. HULL Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area



The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to:

USCGC MORGENTHAU (WHEC 722) ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service from May 2007 to July 2007 in support of the Eleventh Coast Guard District and joint Interagency Task Force South, while conducting counternarcotic operations in the Eastern Pacific high threat corridor. Demonstrating unwavering commitment to mission execution, U.S. Coast Guard Cutter MORGENTHAU successfully interdicted six "go-fast" vessels, seized 13,800 pounds of cocaine, and detained 11 narcotics smugglers. On three separate occasions, MORGENTHAU expeditiously and efficiently employed airborne use of force to disable drug-laden vessels. Exercising vigor, MORGENTHAU surprised a logistics support vessel attempting to rendezvous with a "gofast" vessel. The "go-fast" vessel and cocaine were seized and the overall operation was disrupted. In late June, MORGENTHAU embarked a Panamanian shiprider patrolled inside Panamanian territorial waters. This vital international effort bolstered the U.S. Coast Guard's relationship with the country of Panama and strengthened our bilateral agreement. In early July, MORGENTHAU interdicted an Ecuadorian fishing vessel smuggling 75 migrants. The migrant vessel was unstable, overcrowded, and did not have adequate supplies. MORGENTHAU safely transported all 75 migrants to Guatemalan authorities for repatriation to Ecuador. The crew demonstrated exceptional flexibility and teamwork by altering their patrol schedule to refuel USCGC ZEPHYR. This delicate, at-sea evolution allowed USCGC ZEPHYR to remain on patrol for several additional days supporting counter-drug operations. The devotion to duty and outstanding performance demonstrated by USCGC MORGENTHAU are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

C. E. BONE Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District



The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION to:

THE 2006 STATE OF THE COAST GUARD ADDRESS PLANNING TEAM

for service set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from January 2006 through March 2006 in support of the Commandant's 2006 State of the Coast Guard Address and Luncheon. The team meticulously planned and executed this annual event for over 350 active duty, reserve, civilian, and retired members of the Coast Guard, corporate and industry partners, and colleagues from the Hill. The team members effectively planned and organized the event from start to fmish. Collectively, the team spent untold hours orchestrating an array of complex program details that ensured the success of this most visible and important event. The team members worked flawlessly, managed hundreds of program requirements, expertly handled last-minute program changes, promoted ticket sales with a marketing campaign, ensured coordination of critical security access to Bolling Air Force Base, and worked tirelessly to ensure that guests experienced an exceptionally informative, memorable and musically entertaining afternoon. The team ensured special recognition and attention was given to the 19th Commandant of the Coast Guard; the recipients of this year's Captain John G. Witherspoon, Master Chief Angela M. McShan, and the George R. Putnam Inspirational Leadership Awards; and the Coast Guard Elite Athletes of the Year. As this event marked the 22nd Commandant's fmal State of the Coast Guard Address and his last significant public speaking engagement prior to his Change of Command and retirement in May 2006, the team adroitly worked special requests into the program. The dedication, pride and professionalism displayed by each member of the 2006 State of the Coast Guard Address team reflect great credit upon themselves, their respective commands, the Washington Coast Guard Association, and the United States Coast Guard."

For the Commandant,

J. L. NIMMICH Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Assistant Commandant for Policy and Planning



The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION to:

HALTER-CALCASIEU DRY DOCK RESPONSE FORCE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

'For exceptionally meritorious service from 13 June 2000 to 12 July 2000 in response to the sinking of the 428 foot by 138 foot dry dock operated by Halter-Calcasieu Shipyard, in the Calcasieu River near Lake Charles, Louisiana. On 13 June 2000, the Halter dry dock listed and quickly sank while attempting to lift the 273-foot long, Panama flag, chemical tank ship NEWBURY. The dry dock submerged completely in the center of the 40-foot deep shipping channel and prevented ships from using the channel for five days. The Response Force immediately established a safety zone, initiated vessel traffic control from Coast Guard small boats, established an incident command, and coordinated incident response planning. They set temporary buoys to guide tows past the site, facilitated the movement of crude oil through lightering of crude oil tankers, and ensured the public remained informed through press contacts, phone calls, and periodic e-mail updates. After initial efforts by the shipyard to refloat the dry dock failed, the Response Force engaged the Army Corps of Engineers to help expedite clearing the channel. An emergency removal and dredging action was initiated by the Corps of Engineers. As a consequence of the ongoing channel restrictions, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve was accessed to supplement the refineries in Lake Charles to alleviate a national crisis over gasoline costs. The Corps dredges quickly created a new 275-foot wide channel along the western edge of the sunken dry dock; however, normal use of the channel by large crude carriers and large freighters remained limited for four weeks. During this time, the Response Force ensured the continued safe navigation of Intracoastal Waterway traffic and Liquefied Natural Gas tankers around the sunken dry dock through ongoing coordination with the pilots and marine industry. Boat patrols supplemented numerous radio notices to mariners in informing nearby vessel traffic of the navigation hazards and ensured safety at the site of the sunken dry dock. Eventually, under the guidance of the Response Force, heavy lift vessels were brought in to salvage the dry dock. During the entire evolution, the Response Force ensured optimal flow of marine traffic and minimal disruption to industry operations. The dedication, pride and professionalism displayed by the HALTER-CALCASIEU DRY DOCK RESPONSE FORCE reflect credit on each team member, their team and the United States Coast Guard."

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

G. W. ANDERSON
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Office Port Arthur

On behalf of the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Commandant takes great pleasure in awarding the SILVER LIFESAVING MEDAL to

ROBERT EWENS

for acts as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic action on the morning of 23 December 2004, when a woman and her two-year-old son were trapped in their automobile in the near-freezing waters of the Arkansas River in Tulsa, Oklahoma. On witnessing the accident that ended with the automobile in the river, Mr. EWENS, with complete disregard for his own safety and the extremely dangerous conditions, immediately entered the water and swam to the sinking vehicle. He instructed the driver to exit the vehicle and, along with another rescuer, helped her from the vehicle. Then, despite a severe injury to one of his hands, he towed her, a non-swimmer, to the riverbank. He then returned to the vehicle, took the child who had just been pulled from it by the other rescuer, and returned him to another rescuer near the riverbank. Exhausted and suffering extreme hypothermia, Mr. EWENS was helped from the water and treated on-scene by emergency medical personnel. If not for his heroic actions at least two lives would have been lost. His unselfish actions and valiant service reflect the highest credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of humanitarian service."

On behalf of the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Commandant takes great pleasure in presenting the GOLD LIFESAVING MEDAL to

PATRICK CYR

for acts as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For extreme and heroic daring on the morning of 28 May 1994 when a van carrying two small children plunged into the Saco River, Saco, Maine. Mr. CYR single-handedly rescued a three-year-old boy and his 20-month-old sister from the submerged van. Awakened by the desperate cries of the children's mother, he ran from his home to the river's edge wearing only his under clothes. Disregarding his own safety, he immediately, without hesitation, plunged into the extremely cold and fast-flowing river. An attempt by another rescuer was thwarted by frigid waters and the potential personal danger. Mr. CYR quickly located the submerged van despite the six- to eight-knot current and brought the three-year-old victim to shore to waiting emergency rescue personnel. He then reentered the river, in spite of the current and murky water conditions, and relocated the van after several more dive attempts. He successfully removed the remaining victim, still strapped in her child safety seat, from the vehicle and delivered her to waiting emergency rescue personnel. Mr. CYR's determined efforts, outstanding initiative, and personal fortitude during the rescue resulted in the saving of two lives. His unselfish actions and valiant services, despite imminent personal danger, reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of humanitarian service.

On behalf of the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Commandant takes great pleasure in presenting the GOLD LIFESAVING MEDAL to

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JAMES D. METZA UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

for acts as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For extreme and heroic daring on the afternoon of 27 February 2005, when Chief Warrant Officer METZA rescued his brother from the freezing waters of the Chippewa River. Chief Warrant Officer METZA was off-duty and with his brother, David Metza, on a snowmobile ride from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, heading north to Cornell, Wisconsin. While crossing a frozen river, David's snowmobile broke though the ice into the frigid waters. He first attempted to rescue his brother by lying down on the ice and having David swim to him. Unfortunately, David was 75 yards away and unable to close the distance. Unable to safely and directly reach his brother, he tried to go down river on his snowmobile and come up from the other side. During the maneuvering he also broke through the ice into the freezing river. Now in a life or death struggle himself, he called upon his Rescue Survival Training to overcome conditions that would incapacitate most individuals. After 30 grueling minutes, he managed to crawl back onto the ice losing his boots in the process. Unrelentingly, he returned to rescuing his stranded brother, regardless of the life threatening danger they now both faced. During this renewed effort, he broke through the ice and freed himself several more times, all the while never succumbing to unimaginable physical and mental trauma. Finally reaching his brother, he found himself unable to extract David from the water. Despite suffering from shock, exposure and hypothermia, he made his way through the woods to a nearby house to call for help. After asking the homeowner to call 9-1-1, he returned to the river. During subsequent attempts, battling excruciating pain, disabling cold, exhaustion, extreme exposure and hypothermia, he was miraculously able to pull his brother out of the freezing water to safety. Chief Warrant Officer METZA and his brother were both taken to the hospital and treated for extreme exposure and severe hypothermia. His unselfish actions and valiant service, despite imminent personal danger, reflect great credit upon himself and are in the keeping with the highest traditions of humanitarian service."



30 June 2006

From: Commandant

To: ETI Chad E. Tate, USCG

Subj: LETTER OF COMMENDATION

- 1. I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty while serving at U.S. Coast Guard Long Range Aids to Navigation Station St. Paul Island, Alaska, from June 2005 to June 2006. During this period, you superbly served as the Electronics Shop Supervisor and were solely responsible for ensuring that five new technicians were properly trained in caring for the station's labor intensive A/N-FPN 44B Transmitter set, and associated Timing and Control Equipment. As a further testament of your dedication, you expended over 100 hours of your personal time organizing qualification material, ensuring that an entire shop of new technicians could systematically learn the tasks associated with record keeping, procurement and watch standing. In doing this, you made improvements to the Station's qualification guide, the Bravo Control worksheet and also System Sample worksheets; thereby decreasing the qualification time from over six weeks to less than four (a 30 percent decrease). Displaying expertise and foresight after Long Range Aids to Navigation Station Narrows Cape's new transmitter upgrade, you identified a possible communications problem and provided solutions, preventing a severe loss of both communications and equipment monitor while in Bravo Control. As a steward to other agencies, you closely coordinated with a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration technician in testing their remote transmitting site, saving National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nearly \$1,500 in airfare and manpower. Additionally, you have been the Station's Automated Information System Representative, Configuration Management Plus manager, Training Management Tool manager, local telephone technician, local locksmith, and the unit's morale internet equipment expert.
- 2. You are commended for your outstanding performance of duty. By your meritorious service you have upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.
- 3. You are hereby authorized to wear the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar (silver star in lieu of a sixth).

For the Commandant,

A. E. BROOKS Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District



30 March 2007

From: Commandant

To: GMl Michael C. Day, USCG

Subj: LETTER OF COMMENDATION

- 1. I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty while assigned to Coast Guard Pacific Area Armory, Alameda, California, from July 2005 to March 2007. During your tenure as "Weapons Petty Officer" for the Eleventh Coast Guard District, you demonstrated exceptional abilities, accomplishing many complex tasks through diligence, foresight and sound judgment. During assignment, significantly contributed through the issuance and receipt of 2,013 weapons, and the repair and replacement of 506 service weapons, allowing operational units to maintain readiness and meet armed mission requirements. Your devotion to duty at the Area Armory was evident in your work ethic, as you averaged 65 hour work weeks that included most weekends. You superbly carried out your responsibilities and established procedures to exchange 833, 9mm Beretta pistols over to the new 40 caliber Sig Sauer P229DAK pistols. Your sharp attention to detail was invaluable in keeping all administrative transfer document discrepancies to a minimum during these weapons exchanges. With your superb knowledge of the new Sig Sauer P229DAK pistol, you volunteered to assist other ordnance personnel from Sectors San Diego and San Francisco, and Group Humboldt Bay in the qualification process for this new weapon. While fuliilling all assigned duties and responsibilities, you displayed exceptional stamina, abilities and initiatives. Your high level of morale was worthy of emulation and contributed significantly to the success of the Armory's mission. Finally, your devotion to duty and superior knowledge of the many facets of the small arms field not only resulted in the development of high standards for weapons readiness but inspired all those with whom you work.
- 2. You are commended for your outstanding performance of duty. By your meritorious service you have upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.
- 3. You are hereby authorized to wear the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar (gold star in lieu of a second).

For the Commandant,

C. E. BONE Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District On behalf of the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Commandant takes great pleasure in presenting the SILVER LIFESAVING MEDAL to

HONORABLE DONALD M. GOODWILLIE, JR. Judge of the Seventh District Court South Haven, Michigan

for acts as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic action on the afternoon of 3 September 1979 in the rescue of four youths from drowning in Lake Michigan at South Haven, Michigan. The youths been body-surfing when the current moved them in front Judge GOODWILLIE's residence where a 10-foot seawall prevented the youths from getting to shore without being dashed against it by large breakers. Proceeding to the seawall, he assisted one of the boys who had gotten close to the seawall to safety. When other rescuers arrived, he donned a lifejacket with a lifeline, entered the pounding surf, and swam to the remaining three youths. Taking one of the boys in tow, he swam back to the seawall and positioned himself between the wall and the boy as other rescuers pulled him to safety. When another rescuer attempted to reach the remaining youths and failed, Judge GOODWILLIE again entered the surf. Reaching the youths, he instructed them to hold onto him as he was pulled back to the seawall. The two boys were then pulled to safety and he pulled himself out of the surf. Judge GOODWILLIE's determined efforts, outstanding initiative and fortitude during this rescue resulted in the saving of the youths' lives. His unselfish actions and valiant service reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of humanitarian service."