**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF**

**THE COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**

**(GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF A SECOND)**

**TO**

**BRANDON A. CARR**

**BOATSWAIN’S MATE SECOND CLASS**

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

**Petty Officer CARR is cited for superior performance of duty while assigned to Coast Guard Station Crisfield, Maryland, from July 2013 to April 2015. Exhibiting outstanding leadership, guidance and instruction as Assistant Training Petty Officer, his efforts led to over 80 certifications for unit personnel in multiple watch stations, enabling their successful performance of more than 550 underway missions. Demonstrating exceptional professional knowledge and dedication as a duty Coxswain, he completed over 200 missions, logging over 450 hours and were responsible for 35 percent of the Station’s underway activities on four different boat platforms, including patrols in support of Marine Safety, Ports, Waterways and Coastal Security, Training, Living Marine Resources Enforcement and multiple Search and Rescue cases. Furthermore, he vigilantly completed over 50 percent of the unit’s boardings aiding in the safety and protection of the local boating public. On July 10, 2014, upon notification from Sector Baltimore of a vessel taking on water in the vicinity of Fishing Bay, Petty Officer CARR initiated a search leading to the discovery a partially submerged sail boat. His thorough investigation of the wreckage and cooperation with Mount Vernon Fire Department and Maryland Natural Resource Police provided valuable evidence to investigators who determined that the vessel was intentionally scuttled, resulting in a $5,000 penalty. His commitment to excellence was also evident in the town of Crisfield as he volunteered countless hours to Woodson Elementary School, providing mentorship to the at-risk children of Crisfield. Petty Officer CARR’s diligence, perseverance, and devotion to duty are most heartedly commended are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.**

**The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.**