CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

**TO**

**KYLE A. ZILBERFARB**

## BOATSWAIN’S MATE SECOND CLASS

# UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

**Petty Officer ZILBERFARB is cited for superior performance of duty while serving at Coast Guard Station Curtis Bay, Maryland from February 2011 to April 2015. Demonstrating exemplary professionalism and exceptional skill, he personally accumulated 1,215 underway hours and responded to 63 Search and Rescue cases, most notably during the rescue of a father and son who lost power to their boat and drifted towards the rock jetty at Hawkins Point during small craft warning conditions. Once Petty Officer ZILBERFARB and his crew arrived on scene, the boat was being slammed against the rocks putting the two passengers in extreme danger. Petty Officer ZILBERFARB quickly took charge of the situation and safely maneuvered where he was able to assist the vessel, tow it to safe water and treat the passengers’ injuries. As a leading Boarding Officer, he conducted 252 recreational safety boardings, three of which resulted in Boating Under the Influence violations ensuring the safety of boaters throughout the Chesapeake Bay. Exhibiting tremendous work ethic as the Assistant Training Petty Officer, Petty Officer ZILBERFARB personally aided the management of a comprehensive training program for two Standardization Team visits and four Ready for Operations Team visits with zero discrepancies. Petty Officer ZILBERFARB was a valuable member of the unit’s Training Board and helped qualify 13 Coxswains, 12 Boarding Officers, and 45 Boat Crew Members. On his own initiative, Petty Officer ZILBERFARB proactively took on the responsibility as the unit’s Local Systems Manager and the first line of defense for hardware and software issues for over 65 users, 16 Standard Work Stations, five servers and four printers, ultimately minimizing downtime for issues to be resolved. Petty Officer ZILBERFARB’S diligence, perseverance, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.**

**The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.**