**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF**

**THE COAST GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL**

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

**TO**

**SHAUN R. LEDBETTER**

**MACHINERY TECHNICAN FIRST CLASS**

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Petty Officer LEDBETTER is cited for outstanding achievement while serving as the Engineering Petty Officer onboard USCGC CHOCK (WYTL-65602) Portsmouth, VA and Baltimore, MD from December 2011 to June 2015. Demonstrating visionary technical proficiency and exceptional professionalism, Petty Officer LEDBETTER assisted with the final execution of the cutters permanent relocation from Portsmouth, VA to Baltimore, MD establishing ice breaking capabilities in the Upper Chesapeake Bay. Displaying exceptional leadership, drive and engineering prowess Petty Officer LEDBETTER led aggressive campaigns to vastly improve the materiel condition of the 52-year-old cutter. Most notably, while conducting routine maintenance he identified that the installed battery charger was not compatible with the installed batteries. Demonstrating exceptional initiative and professional competence, Petty Officer LEDBETTER collaborated with the Asset Manager developing improved configuration design which was incorporated into a fleet wide upgrade. Petty Officer LEDBETTER’s forward thinking and detailed orientated approach to maintenance planning was significant in the awarding and execution of maintenance actions in CHOCK’s depot level availabilities. Serving professionally with superior technical acumen as CHOCK’s Contracting Officer’s Technical Representative and work inspector during the 2014 Dry Dock availability, Petty Officer LEDBETTER oversaw the completion of 48 shipboard work items, 81 additional items found in need of repair resulting in a 68 percent project growth valued at more than $950,000 dollars. Overcoming countless challenges, Petty Officer LEDBETTER’s superb efforts to minimize lead paint and asbestosis onboard CHOCK, increased crew safety and habitability. His immense efforts greatly improved CHOCK’s materiel condition and future operational viability. Petty Officer LEDBETTER’s dedication, judgment 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.