**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF**

**THE COAST GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL**

(GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF A FOURTH)

**TO**

**COMMANDER STEPHANIE MORRISON**

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

**Commander MORRISON is cited for outstanding achievement while serving as Chief of the Waterways Management Division at Coast Guard Sector Baltimore from July 2012 to July 2015. Through her exceptional leadership, Sector Baltimore’s three Aid to Navigation Teams maintained an over 99% aid availability rate by servicing over 1,300 aids and surpassing the 95% required by law. Her tireless leadership and effective resource management ensured safe navigation and protected the environmentally sensitive Chesapeake Bay and National Capital Region during record setting ice seasons in 2014 and 2015. She led her division planning and executing several Multi-Agency Strike Force Operations where a diverse team comprised of 13 federal, state, and local law agencies inspected 475 containers and verified over 2,000 Transportation Worker Identification Credentials, significantly contributing to the overall maritime safety and security of the Port of Baltimore. Under Commander MORRISON’s direction, Sector Baltimore also set the standard for security inspections of marine terminals worldwide. Coordinating with CG Headquarters and the Maryland Port Administration, she directed and coordinated multiple port visits from foreign state dignitaries demonstrating Coast Guard Port Security measures. In 2013, Commander MORRISON was selected to lead and assist the European Union (EU) in completing an audit of the U.S. implementation of the International Ship & Port Facility Security Code, the first audit of its kind. This successful audit finalized the Memorandum of Understanding between the EU and U.S. creating reciprocal acceptance of security exams saving significant costs and resources for both the EU and U.S. CDR Morrison also chaired the Sector Leadership Diversity Advisory Council leading a highly successful Sector wide Women’s networking program mentoring junior personnel. Commander Morrison’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.**