

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
(GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF A THIRD)

TO

JOHN PHILLIPS III

BOATSWAIN'S MATE FIRST CLASS

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Petty Officer PHILLIPS is cited for superior performance of duty while serving as Executive Petty Officer on board USCGC HAWSER (WYTL-65610) from January 2002 to April 2004. Demonstrating exceptional seamanship and risk management, he safely navigated HAWSER through dozens of ice breaking missions on the Hudson River, New York Harbor, and Sandy Hook Bay keeping vital shipping lanes and waterside facilities open and allowing more that \$1 billion in commerce to flow through the region unimpeded. He effectively leveraged interagency partnerships to provide security for dozens of events of national interest, including Presidential Security Zones, United Nation General Assemblies, Fleet Week, Macy's Firework Demonstrations, and numerous Homeland Security patrols. Despite continuous Homeland Security patrols, Petty Officer PHILLIPS ensured the units completion of its annual aids to navigation visits to assigned lighted structures and prepared the unit was ready for a successful Maintenance and Logistics Command Compliance Inspection, receiving satisfactory marks in both administration and supply. Petty Officer PHILLIPS successful coordination of transferring personnel ensured the unit readiness was not degraded and has been able to improve Hawser's underway endurance and capabilities by utilizing assigned reserve personnel to augment the crew. Petty Officer PHILLIPS worked tirelessly to keep morale and unit performance high despite the unprecedented pace of operations and limited resources. Demonstrating exceptional administrative expertise, Petty Officer Phillips maintained a \$36,000 annual budget while overseeing the unit's property, ordnance, law enforcement and rescue systems programs. Petty Officer PHILLIPS diligence, perseverance, devotion to duty are most heartily commended and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

