

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

TO

JOHN PHILLIPS III

BOATSWAIN'S MATE FIRST CLASS

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Petty Officer PHILLIPS is cited for superior performance while assigned as First Lieutenant, USCG Cutter VISE (WLIC 75305) from December 1997 to June 2001. Displaying exceptional expertise as the senior Construction Deck Supervisor, Petty Officer PHILLIPS rebuilt over 850 aids to navigation. Most noteworthy was his construction supervision of the Tampa Bay Range Replenishment Project in which ten major structures were demolished and replaced with new range designs. Petty Officer PHILLIPS' exemplary leadership and mastery of marine construction was a contributing factor to the overall project savings of \$750,000. His construction expertise was again demonstrated in the pier extension project at Station Fort Myers Beach to accommodate the arrival of the new 87 foot Coastal Patrol Boat. His keen resource management skills contributed to the ultimate project savings of \$100,000 over commercial construction costs. During CGC VISE's 1999 dry-dock, Petty Officer PHILLIPS was selected as the primary inspector for seven major sandblasting and re-coating work items valued at over \$150,000. His thorough research on the state-of-the-art, anti-sweat coating system, along with his close and extensive work with the contractor ensured CGC VISE received high standards of workmanship and product application resulting in the overall reduction of unit maintenance hours. Petty Officer PHILLIPS consistently and aggressively mentored junior personnel. His strong leadership and positive motivation yielded remarkable success as six non-rated crewmembers of the small cutter advanced to Third Class Petty Officer. Petty Officer PHILLIPS' diligence, perseverance, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

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