

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE COAST GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL

TO

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JOHN PHILLIPS, III

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Chief Warrant Officer PHILLIPS is cited for outstanding achievement duty while serving as Commanding Officer, USCGC POLAR STAR (WAGB 10), Seattle, Washington from July 2008 to August 2009. Demonstrating exceptional leadership, Chief Warrant Officer PHILLIPS meticulously executed a 25 day, \$1.2 million drydock and engineering assessment in support of POLAR STAR reactivation efforts. Dedicated to continuous improvement, he led his crew to rehabilitate 75 percent of the cutter's interior spaces, which vastly improved crew habitability. Chief Warrant Officer PHILLIPS established a robust community partnership with the Seattle Fire Department by using POLAR STAR as a training platform. This relationship trained more than one thousand Seattle firefighters on the unique hazards and special procedures for combating shipboard fires. Supporting governmental outreach initiatives, he hosted members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Department of Homeland Security, and Office of Management and Budget officials to educate delegations on Icebreaker Operations and the readiness status of POLAR STAR. Chief Warrant 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.

