

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

**THE COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
(GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF FIFTH)**

TO

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JOHN PHILLIPS III

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Chief Warrant Officer PHILLIPS is cited for superior performance of duty while serving as Executive Officer onboard USCGC JAMES RANKIN (WLM 555), from July 2009 to June 2012. With superior seamanship, administrative acumen, and professionalism, Chief Warrant Officer PHILLIPS filled a critical role to the Aids to Navigation mission throughout the environmentally sensitive Chesapeake Bay including the Potomac River's National Capital Region. He personally led countless standard and non-standard deck evolutions throughout the waterway, which directly facilitated over 4,000 vessel calls and the transfer of more than 76 million tons of cargo into the port of Baltimore alone. Chief Warrant Officer PHILLIPS effectively balanced his operational commitments with his administrative duties. As a result of his efforts, JAMES RANKIN met all required timelines for reports, marks, budget requirements, and training with a Coast Guard Business Intelligence compliance index consistently above 95 percent. With a keen eye towards sound financial stewardship, he managed the unit's 339,000 dollars yearly budget, simultaneously balanced strict federal spending demands, and prepared the unit for long-term future maintenance and operations. His budgetary expertise was especially evident during the timely and appropriate allocation of 150,000 dollars during the particularly harried 2011 fiscal environment. A true leader, Chief Warrant Officer PHILLIPS passionately shared his professional knowledge and simultaneously improved buoy deck expertise onboard JAMES RANKIN through the qualification of all five existing buoy deck supervisors onboard. In addition, Chief Warrant Officer PHILLIPS represented the Coast Guard with pride and vigor during an official visit from the Turkish Coast Guard Commandant, at the Maryland Food Bank canned food drive, and during the deployment of the Francis Scott Key Memorial Buoy. 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.

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

