

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

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

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 Officer in Charge, Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) Key West from June 2006 to June 2008. Chief Warrant Officer PHILLIPS demonstrated exceptional leadership, initiative, and professional competence by skillfully managing the maintenance of more than 400 Aids to Navigation throughout the Florida Keys. These efforts have ensured the safe navigation of all mariners throughout 200 nautical miles of environmentally sensitive shoreline and reefs. He focused on critical training needs and capitalized on all training opportunities to ensure ANT personnel possessed the skills necessary to meet demanding mission requirements and enhance ANT members' personal and professional development. Chief Warrant Officer PHILLIPS exhibited superior planning and logistical skills in support of Alien Interdiction Migration Operations (AMIO) missions, conducting the delivery of critical supplies to personnel remotely stationed at the Dry Tortugas. Through innovative cargo loading techniques, he maximized the carrying capacity of CG ship 55106 to facilitate the transport and delivery of propane tanks, refrigerators, mattresses, and a vehicle to help improve the quality of life for remotely deployed personnel. Chief Warrant Officer PHILLIPS demonstrated a sincere dedication to environmental and wildlife preservation, as the driving force behind the successful collaboration between ANT Key West, the Turtle Hospital, and the Discovery Channel, he coordinated the safe release of a rehabilitated Loggerhead Sea Turtle back into the wild. Chief Warrant Officer PHILLIPS demonstrated superior expertise as a coxswain during an extensive USAF parachute rescue training operation in the Gulf of Mexico. His precise handling of CG55106 ensured the success of the evolution and provided an invaluable recovery platform for the USAF Rescue Team. 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.

