



**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE  
MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL  
TO  
LIEUTENANT MICHAEL G. WALLACE  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Lieutenant WALLACE is cited for outstanding meritorious service in the performance of duty on 30 July 1982 while serving as copilot of HH-52A 1425 and senior member of the ground party engaged in the rescue of survivors of the HC-130 1600. The HC-130 had crashed while on a flight from Shemya AFB to Loran Station Attu Island, Alaska. Flying in fog with disability as low as 100 yards in 30 knot winds, Lieutenant WALLACE skillfully assisted the aircraft commander in navigating the 90 miles from CGC MELLON to Attu Island. Arriving in the vicinity of Attu Island, the helicopter began homing on an ELT bearing. After locating survivors, Lieutenant WALLACE deplaned and coordinated the evacuation of four injured, hypothermic survivors who were all suffering from shock. As ground party members began arriving from the Loran Station and while the helicopter evacuated the first victims, Lieutenant WALLACE directed the treatment and evacuation of the remaining five survivors. He then remained at Attu through the next day coordinating the search for the missing passengers. Lieutenant WALLACE's exceptional skill, perseverance and competence under stress directly contributed to the saving of nine lives. Lieutenant Wallace's devotion to duty, sound judgement and deep sense of responsibility are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.