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THE AIR MEDAL**

TO

**SHANE W. MOORE
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Petty Officer MOORE is cited for heroic achievement while participating in aerial flight as the Rescue Swimmer on CGNR 6512 from 12 to 14 September 2008, during the Sector Houston-Galveston response and recovery operations to Hurricane IKE, a devastating Category 2 storm that struck Southeast Texas on 13 September 2008. Coming ashore with a storm surge of 15 feet and 100 MPH winds, Hurricane IKE decimated Galveston Island, Bolivar Peninsula and other low-lying areas, resulting in the rescue of 235 people. In the morning hours. Petty Officer MOORE was dispatched into IKE's harsh winds and pounding storm surge to attempt the rescue of seven persons trapped on a truck on Bolivar Peninsula. They were in immediate danger of succumbing to the storm surge, which was flooding the entire area, trapping hundreds of people, and cutting them off from all avenues of escape. Petty Officer MOORE confidently deployed from CGNR 6512 and assessed the three children and four adults huddling in the bed of the truck. He chose to first hoist the children, with an immediate hoist of the smallest boy, followed by his sister. While preparing to hoist an elderly man, a powerful surge-driven wave knocked them from the pickup truck into the chest-high water. Petty Officer MOORE heroically placed himself in danger by rotating underneath the survivor, protecting him by absorbing the brunt of the fall. Through his heroic actions in executing this rescue, seven lives were saved. On later sorties, Petty Officer MOORE remained on scene alone to triage and muster storm victims, ensuring the survival of 13 more people that day. The following day CGNR 6512 was the first aircraft on scene in Galveston and Bolivar Peninsula to Search for survivors and assess the damage with winds howling at 50 knots. He was hoisted to the patio of a home to rescue three people and later aided in the MEDEVAC of an elderly woman with pneumonia and a heart condition. Petty Officer MOORE's actions and skill were instrumental in the rescue of 24 people. His courage, judgment, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.