



**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE  
SILVER LIFESAVING MEDAL**

**TO**

**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN NATWIG  
United States Coast Guard**

A Coast Guard Silver Life-Saving Medal has been presented to LCDR John Natwig, USCG, by the Secretary of the Treasury for heroic action on 11 April 1952, when he rescued a boy from drowning in the Atlantic Ocean, off San Juan, Puerto Rico. LCDR Natwig was serving as a copilot of a CG PB5AG plane, which had landed to affect the rescue of a ditched Pan American DC-4 plane, when he saw a boy whose head was submerged at times and who appeared to be drowned. Without hesitation for his own personal safety, LCDR Natwig climbed out of the plane into the shark-infested water. He swam to the assistance of the unconscious boy and supported him until they were both taken aboard an Air Force plane approximately 27 minutes later. LCDR Natwig's outstanding courage, initiative, and unswerving devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Coast Guard.