



**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE COAST GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL**

**TO**

**GERDO W. PEYTON  
AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN SECOND CLASS  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Petty Officer PEYTON is cited for outstanding performance on 19 and 20 November 1950, while serving as a crew member aboard a Coast Guard helicopter engaged in flood rescue of operations in Fresno County, Calif., and using a life jacket and line, PEYTON went to the assistance of numerous persons in danger of drowning and, on several occasions, swam the raging flood waters to assist stranded persons in reaching safety. By his ingenuity, resourcefulness, and tact, he gave comfort to the women and children, thereby averting panic and hysteria, and making the task of evacuation considerably easier. PEYTON's initiative, courage and unwavering devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.