



**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR MEDAL**

TO

**CALEB D. HALLE
AVIATION SURVIVAL TECHNICIAN SECOND CLASS
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Petty Officer HALLE is cited for meritorious achievement on 14 January 2023 in aerial flight while serving as Rescue Swimmer aboard Coast Guard CGNR 6566 during the rescue of seven crewmen onboard the disabled 95-foot tugboat LEGACY. Located 35 nautical miles offshore Ocean City, Maryland, the crew of CGNR 6566 prepared for nighttime hoisting in 12-foot seas, 30-knot winds, and 20-degree windchill. Petty Officer HALLE demonstrated outstanding initiative to lead a discussion of techniques and crew coordination taught at the Advanced Helicopter Search and Rescue School, which proved invaluable during hoisting. On-scene, LEGACY was beam-to 12-foot swells that were breaking over the deck. Petty Officer HALLE and crew identified a grated platform on the stern of the vessel as the best hoisting area and updated the rescue plan. Once onboard, Petty Officer HALLE traversed across the vessel, and he quickly identified three survivors to hoist. Petty Officer HALLE single-handedly directed survivors safely across the wave ravaged deck while tending the rescue basket and trail line for hoisting. Petty Officer HALLE remained on-scene for an additional hour to assist the crew of CGNR 6024 in deploying their rescue swimmer and hoisting the remaining four survivors, thus increasing the safety of the subsequent hoists. Petty Officer HALLE's actions and skill were instrumental in the rescue of the seven crewmen from LEGACY. Petty Officer HALLE's courage, judgement, 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.