



**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS**

TO

**LIEUTENANT CHARLES A. MILHOLLIN
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Lieutenant MILHOLLIN is cited for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 17 and 18 October 1994 while serving as aircraft commander of Coast Guard HH-65A CGNR 6516. In 3 days, Montgomery County, Texas, received 30 inches of rain that all but stagnated life within a 300-square-mile area. Launching from Air Station Houston, Lieutenant MILHOLLIN flew at treetop level in torrential rains, thunderstorms, and extremely low ceilings. On scene, the crew located a clearing surrounded by rising flood waters where rain-soaked survivors had mustered. Lieutenant MILHOLLIN flew several maximum load sorties into darkness, breaking only for fuel, to expedite the rescue efforts. Surrounded by 100-foot pine trees, the confined area forced Lieutenant MILHOLLIN to delicately maneuver the aircraft, though frequently reaching aircraft operating limits, to successfully rescue and deliver 23 victims to safety. The next day, Lieutenant MILHOLLIN located two families on rooftops surrounded by rising floodwaters. Hovering just below the cloud layer, he successfully maneuvered 80 feet above the ground, hoisting everyone safely. Lieutenant MILHOLLIN's actions, aeronautical skill, and valor were instrumental in the rescue of 58 victims. His courage, judgment, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.