



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

TO

**GEORGE L. MOORE
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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Petty Officer MOORE is cited for meritorious achievement in aerial flight on the afternoon of 29 May 1989 when he rescued two men clinging to the hull of their capsized 14-foot aluminum boat one and one-half miles southeast of Swann Island, Honduras. Petty Officer MOORE was serving as a crewmember of HC-130 CG1719, which was diverted 220 nautical miles to the search area. Shortly after arriving on scene, the aircrew located the victims. Since there were no surface resources available in the area, a rendezvous at a nearby island was established with an American Embassy helicopter. Since the helicopter was not equipped to perform rescue hoists, the 1719 aircrew ingeniously devised a plan to use repelling ropes and a gunner's belt for a hoisting device. Petty Officer MOORE and another crewmember embarked the helicopter and returned to the victims' location. Once back on scene, without regard for his own safety, Petty Officer MOORE entered the water to assist the victims, one of whom was a panic-stricken non-swimmer. He assisted both victims in donning life vests, secured a makeshift sling device and prepared the first survivor for hoisting. Despite great danger, both survivors, suffering from sunburn, abrasions, slight dehydration, and hypothermia, after spending nearly 23 hours in the water, were successfully rescued and returned to the safety of nearby Swann Island. Petty Officer MOORE's actions were instrumental in the rescue of two persons. His courage, judgment, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.