



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

TO

**LIEUTENANT JORDAN A. HOPSON
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Lieutenant HOPSON is cited for extraordinary achievement in aerial flight on 15 June 2023 while serving as the Copilot aboard CGNR 2313 during a series of emergencies that crippled the \$41M aircraft and endangered the lives of those on board. Following a routine engine shutdown during a training functional check flight, Lieutenant HOPSON recognized abnormal indications during an engine restart and quickly aborted the procedure to avoid catastrophic engine damage. While addressing the failed engine, a fuel leak was reported on the only operating engine. The aircraft experienced several other abnormalities resulting in complete electrical failure. The number of simultaneous emergencies was widely considered to be nearly impossible in the HC-144. Without a way to verify aircraft status, he executed numerous emergency checklists and completed an emergency landing gear extension while navigating to Martha's Vineyard Airport. These actions enabled a safe landing with one engine and no electrical power, aircraft instrumentation, navigation capability, flight control hydraulics, or ability to internally or externally communicate. This event marks the first time an HC-144 landed in this configuration and highlighted unknown abnormalities which resulted in fleet-wide change in operational, training, and maintenance procedures. Lieutenant HOPSON's actions and aeronautical skills were instrumental in the safeguarding of all crewmembers. 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.