



**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR MEDAL**

TO

**LIEUTENANT LANCE A. EAGAN
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Lieutenant Lance A. Eagan distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as rescue Crew Commander of an HH-3E helicopter in Southeast Asia on July 2, 1968. On that date Eagan penetrated a heavily defended area of North Vietnam to attempt the rescue of an injured downed pilot after three helicopters had previously been severely damaged and driven off by the intense, hostile ground fire. Eagan with undaunted determination, indomitable courage and professional skill established a hover and deployed a pararescueman to assist the injured airman. Disregarding the hostile fire that originated from beneath his hovering helicopter, Eagan maintained a stable hover until the downed pilot and pararescueman were safely recovered from the hostile area. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Eagan reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.