



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

TO

**Lieutenant LONNIE L. MIXON
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight on the night of November 23 1966 as pilot of a Coast Guard helicopter engaged in the perilous rescue of four hunters stranded on Point Mouillee Michigan, in Western Lake Erie. Despite darkness snow turbulence and gale force winds Lieutenant MIXON skillfully maneuvered the helicopter to the isolated area, maintaining visual reference along the banks of the Detroit River to avoid the numerous obstructions in the vicinity. After a brief search in limited visibility at an altitude of 200 feet above the lake, the bonfire of the hunters was located almost directly below the aircraft. Hampered by strong gusting winds, blowing snow and darkness, Lieutenant MIXON carefully landed the helicopter in the confined area of a small sandspit while the four stranded hunters were brought aboard. An instrument takeoff was then executed and the evacuees flown to safety. Lieutenant MIXON displayed expert airmanship throughout this perilous mission. His initiative, skill, sound judgment and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.



**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR MEDAL
(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)**

TO

**Lieutenant Commander LONNIE L. MIXON
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Lieutenant Commander Lonnie L. MIXON distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Rescue Crew Commander of an HH-3E helicopter over Southeast Asia on 9 June 1968. On that date, he superbly accomplished a highly intricate mission to support Free World forces that were combating aggression. His energetic application of his knowledge and skill were significant factor that contributed greatly to furthering United States goals in Southeast Asia. His professional skill and airmanship reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.

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31 March 1970

By direction of the President, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER LONNIE L. MIXON, 416380288, 6263 (USCG), (NAQPTO) , is awarded the Air Medal (SECOND THRU TENTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER) for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. During the period 12 April 1968 to 10 February 1969 outstanding airmanship and, courage were exhibited in the successful accomplishment of important missions under extremely hazardous conditions. The highly professional efforts of COMMANDER MIXON contributed materially to the mission of the United States Air Force in Southeast Asia*
FOR THE COMMANDER



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