



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

TO

**VICTOR E. ROULUND
Aviation Machinist's Mate Second Class
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight during the early morning of 21 December 1955, as crew member aboard a Coast Guard helicopter engaged in the rescue of men, women and children during the flood disaster at Yuba City, California. With full knowledge of the dangers presented by the raging flood waters and darkness, ROULUND displayed outstanding initiative and skill while serving as crewmember and hoist operator for twelve consecutive hours. On one occasion, ROULUND was lowered with flashlight and axe to the top of a house trailer where he chopped a hole in the side to rescue a trapped, invalid woman. Although his knees were rubbed raw and his hands lacerated from the arduous task of lifting and pulling the rescued persons into the helicopter from the hoist rescue basket, ROULUND persisted in his efforts until relieved. His judgement and clear instructions in guiding his pilot during hoist operations greatly contributed to the successful rescue of sixty-six persons, and his expert airmanship, dauntless valor and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United State Coast Guard.