



**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE COAST GUARD MEDAL
TO
Lieutenant Junior Grade TERRY W. SINCLAIR
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Lieutenant SINCLAIR is cited for heroism on the afternoon of 12 April 1970 as copilot of Coast Guard HH-52A 1386 helicopter engaged in the perilous rescue of a survivor from an aircraft crash in the surf near Point Ano Nueva, California. Upon reaching an area 250 yards offshore, the survivor was sighted in the water. Although hampered by 6 to 8-foot seas and 10 to 12-foot waves, which prevented water landing, the helicopter was maneuvered into a hover over the helpless victim, and Lieutenant SINCLAIR was lowered inside the rescue basket. Upon reaching the unconscious man with remarkable effort, Lieutenant SINCLAIR succeeded in securing him into the basket. While the critically injured man was safely hoisted aboard the helicopter and flown to safety, Lieutenant SINCLAIR remained in the water. Lieutenant SINCLAIR was later retrieved by the helicopter. His outstanding initiative, exceptional fortitude, and daring in spite of imminent personal danger were constantly demonstrated throughout this mission. Lieutenant SINCLAIR's unselfish actions, remarkable courage, and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.