

1 - 14.74 x 18.75 .25 magnesium plate  
Raised gold border and text with black background  
1 - 3.5 x 4.6 .02 gold metalphoto plate placed on top of the mag plate  
4 holes and screws



## **LCDR JOHN E. "BEAR" MOSELEY, USCG**

LCDR JOHN E. 'BEAR' MOSELEY, COAST GUARD AVIATOR NO. 743, IS RECOGNIZED FOR EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT AND ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS IN PRESERVING COAST GUARD AVIATION HISTORY. HIS CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT WAS HIS AUTHORSHIP OF THE WELL RESEARCHED AND COMPREHENSIVE "CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF COAST GUARD AVIATION, 1915-2015". IT IS A RICH TAPESTRY WEAVING TOGETHER THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL AVIATION PERSONNEL, USING EVENT NARRATIVES AND MANY PHOTO IMAGES. IT WAS PUBLISHED VIA CD AND ONLINE. HIS ACTIONS CONTRIBUTED TO THE COAST GUARD AVIATION ASSOCIATION (CGAA) BEING RECOGNIZED AS A RESPECTED CUSTODIAN OF COAST GUARD AVIATION HISTORY, AND A VENUE FOR MENTORING YOUNG COAST GUARD AVIATORS AND AIRCREW. WITHOUT HIS EFFORTS, MUCH OF ITS HISTORY WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE, OR TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

AS THE CGAA HISTORIAN, BEAR HELPED THE MUSEUM OF THE ALBEMARLE IN ELIZABETH CITY, NC, CREATE A UNIQUELY DESIGNED EXHIBIT (OUT OF THE BLUE—COAST GUARD AVIATION), THAT TRACED NEARLY 100 YEARS OF COAST GUARD AVIATION HISTORY. IT CONTAINED MORE THAN 120 ARTIFACTS - PHOTOGRAPHS, MODELS, GRAPHIC PANELS, ACTUAL RESCUE EQUIPMENT, INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS (INCLUDING FOR CHILDREN), AND A UNIQUE DISPLAY OF TIMELINES. IT RECEIVED OUTSTANDING REVIEWS.

HIS DOCUMENTATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR 11 COAST GUARD HELICOPTER PILOTS, WHO FOUGHT IN VIET NAM AS PART OF THE USCG/USAF EXCHANGE PROGRAM, BEING INDUCTED INTO THE CGAA HALL OF HONOR, RECOGNIZING THEIR HEROISM AND EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE. IN ADDITION, HIS RESEARCH LED TO THE ADDITION OF OVER 500 DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AND AIR MEDAL RECIPIENTS TO THE HISTORICAL RECORD.

BEAR WAS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE PLANNING, PROMOTION, AND EXECUTION OF THE EVENTS PRIOR TO AND DURING THE 2016 CENTENNIAL OF COAST GUARD AVIATION. HE ASSISTED IN THE COMPILATION OF THE CGAA'S "DECADE OF ACHIEVEMENT" AND "AN ERA OF ACHIEVEMENT" BROCHURES. HE AUTHORED WEEKLY HISTORY "BLOGS", TO INSPIRE PUBLIC APPRECIATION FOR THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF COAST GUARD AVIATION. HIS EXPERTISE WAS AND CONTINUES TO BE SOUGHT BY MANY.

BY HIS AVID AND HEARTFELT PARTICIPATION IN THESE AND NUMEROUS OTHER COAST GUARD AVIATION HISTORY-RELATED PROJECTS, LCDR MOSELEY PROVED THAT HE IS A TRUE CHAMPION OF ITS PRESERVATION, PROMOTION, AND DEVELOPMENT. THE COAST GUARD AND THE CGAA HAVE BEEN IMMEASURABLY ENRICHED BY HIS SERVICE AND HIS STAUNCH SUPPORT.

LCDR MOSELEY'S PROFESSIONALISM, LEADERSHIP, VISION, AND DEDICATION TO SERVICE ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST STANDARDS AND TRADITIONS OF COAST GUARD AVIATION AND THE COAST GUARD AVIATION ASSOCIATION.