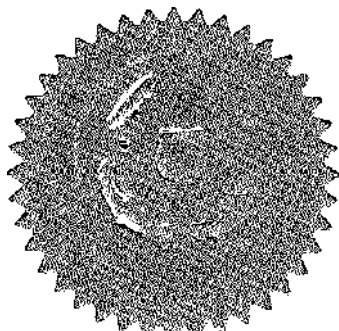
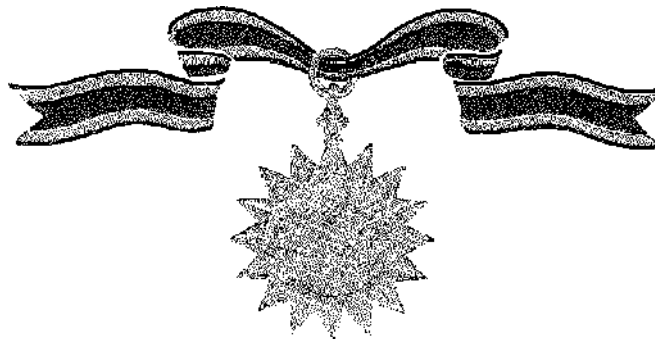


CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF**THE AIR MEDAL****TO****LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DANIEL A. SCHRADER****UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Lieutenant Commander SCHRADER is cited for meritorious achievement in aerial flight on 06 May 2018 while serving as Aircraft Commander aboard CGNR 6593. On 04 May 2018, CGNR 6593 embarked the CGC JOHN MIDGETT (WHEC-726) in '4 mile visibility, in order to MEDEVAC a critically ill crewmember from the USNS SBX-1 located approximately 400 NM South of Adak, Alaska. As the cutter transited 1,100 NM to get within range, a storm began building hurricane force winds and towering seas. On 06 May 2018, Lieutenant Commander SCHRADER perfectly planned a singular opportunity between storm fronts to depart the CGC JOHN MIDGETT's already pitching deck. During the harrowing 80 NM transit to retrieve the patient, winds in excess of 70 knots slammed driving rain into the aircraft and significantly reduced visibility. Upon reaching the USNS SBX-1, Lieutenant Commander SCHRADER battled turbulent winds and a violently pitching deck as he masterfully maneuvered to land. With the patient safely aboard, CGNR 6593 set a course for the CGC JOHN MIDGETT. As punishing seas swelled beyond 30 feet, recovery parameters for the cutter were stretched to their extreme limits. Lieutenant Commander SCHRADER battled the near impossible conditions to perfectly time the aircraft's landing between sets off surging seas. Lieutenant Commander SCHRADER's actions and aeronautical skill were instrumental in saving one life. His courage, judgment, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.





THE STATES OF AMERICA

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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TO

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

FOR

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT IN AERIAL FLIGHT ON 06 MAY 2018

GIVEN THIS

DAY OF
22nd **JANUARY 2021**



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. T. Bell".

For the Commandant
M. T. BELL f.
**Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District**