



**COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND**

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE
AIR MEDAL (WITH BRONZE STAR FOR THE FIRST AWARD) TO

**LIEUTENANT SCOTT R. MCCANN
UNITED STATES NAVY**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING

CITATION:

FOR HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT AS AIRCRAFT COMMANDER OF AN SH-60B HELICOPTER AIRCRAFT ATTACHED TO HELICOPTER ANTI-SUBMARINE SQUADRON LIGHT FOUR EIGHT, DETACHMENT FOUR ON BOARD USS BULKELEY (DDG 84) DEPLOYED TO COMMANDER, U.S. FIFTH FLEET ON 16 MAY 2011 IN SUPPORT OF COUNTER-PIRACY OPERATIONS. LIEUTENANT MCCANN PERFORMED HIS FLYING DUTIES WITH COURAGE, HEROISM, AND THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF AIRMANSHIP. SHORTLY AFTER TAKE-OFF, HE INTERCEPTED A DISTRESS CALL FROM MOTOR VESSEL ARTEMIS GLORY STATING THE SUPERTANKER WAS UNDER THREAT OF BOARDING FROM PIRATES AND TAKING FIRE FROM SMALL ARMS AND GRENADE LAUNCHERS. HE SKILLFULLY PUSHED HIS AIRCRAFT TO THE EDGE OF ITS OPERATIONAL LIMITS TO RAPIDLY CLOSE THE 45 MILE DISTANCE AND DIRECTED HIS AIRCREW TO PREPARE FOR A POTENTIAL HOSTILE ENCOUNTER. UPON ARRIVAL, THEY WITNESSED THE PIRATE SKIFF FIRING AT ARTEMIS GLORY FROM CLOSE RANGE. DEMONSTRATING FLAWLESS TACTICS, HE IMMEDIATELY MANEUVERED HIS AIRCRAFT AT HIGH SPEEDS CLOSE TO THE WATER AND ENGAGED THE PIRATES. NOW UNDER FIRE FROM THE PIRATES, HE PERFORMED EVASIVE MANEUVERS AND DIRECTED RETURN FIRE, KILLING THE REMAINING PIRATES. HE ENSURED THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF THE ARTEMIS GLORY, A 300,000 METRIC TON SUPERTANKER, AND HIS 23 MAN CREW. BY HIS SKILLFUL AIRMANSHIP, STEADFAST AGGRESSIVENESS, AND EXEMPLARY DEVOTION TO DUTY IN THE FACE OF HAZARDOUS FLYING CONDITIONS, LIEUTENANT MCCANN REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE COMBAT DISTINGUISHING DEVICE IS AUTHORIZED.

FOR THE PRESIDENT,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. I. Fox".

M. I. FOX

VICE ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY