



Naval Air Force Atlantic

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the **AIR MEDAL** (with Gold Number "1" for the First Award) to

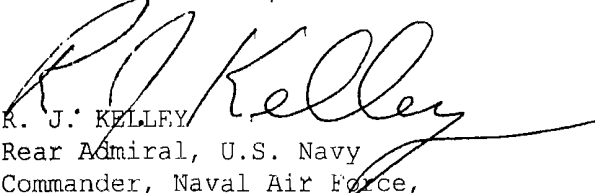
LIEUTENANT JAMES B. ROBINSON
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For heroic achievement while participating in aerial flight as a Co-Pilot of an MH-60S aircraft assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron TWO EIGHT in support of Hurricane Harvey disaster relief efforts on 28 August 2017. Lieutenant Robinson launched as a Defense Support of Civil Authorities Co-Pilot in BAYRAIDER 33 supporting the evacuation of civilians from severe flooding in the vicinity of Houston, Texas. To save lives, he expertly cleared the aircraft as it flew through torrential rain, 400-foot ceilings, and winds at tropical storm conditions to recover civilians in confined urban areas and deliver them to safety and shelter. With more than the 3-hour flight, he ensured the rescue of 29 civilians and 1 dog from grave personal danger by adroitly aiding flight and landings in difficult conditions, and wading into rising floodwater to assist stranded personnel. By his skillful airmanship, steadfast aggressiveness, and exemplary devotion to duty in the face of hazardous flying conditions, Lieutenant Robinson reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,


R. J. KELLEY
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
Commander, Naval Air Force,
Atlantic

