



The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the AIR MEDAL (First Strike/Flight Award) to

COMMANDER DANIEL J. DECICCO  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

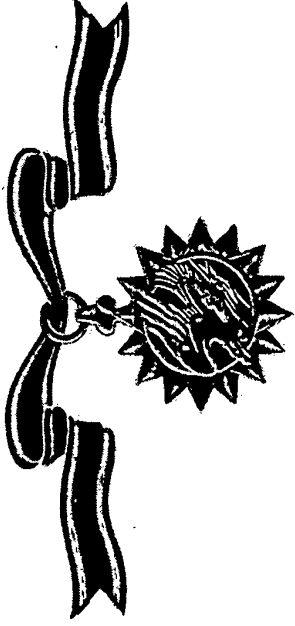
CITATION:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial flight while serving as UH-60 Instructor Pilot Advisor and C-208 Copilot, with Train Advise Assist Command-Air, 438<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing, Forward Operating Base Oqab, Kabul, Afghanistan, from 25 May 2018 through 29 November 2018 in support of Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. Commander DeCicco's ceaseless efforts were vital to the successful completion of 22 combat missions totaling 45.6 hours. Providing flight instruction on a newly introduced, complex, multi-engine utility helicopter, he expertly instructed five Afghan officers in Night Vision Goggle flight, a priority of the RESOLUTE SUPPORT Commander. Additionally, he operated a single-engine, and single- and multi-ship aircraft in the movement of combat cargo and personnel, and conducted airdrop training missions while personally exposed to a significant risk of hostile action at low altitude, in isolated and hostile mountainous locations on aircraft that do not have defensive systems. By his superior airmanship, unrelenting perseverance, and loyal devotion to duty in the face of hazardous flying conditions, Commander DeCicco reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

The Bronze Numeral "1" to represent First Strike/Flight Award is authorized.

For the President,

S. B. EASTER  
Director, Navy Staff



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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

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(THE BRONZE NUMERAL "1" FOR THE FIRST STRIKE/FLIGHT AWARD)

TO

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UNITED STATES NAVY

FOR

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT  
FROM 25 MAY 2018 TO 29 NOVEMBER 2018



GIVEN THIS 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2019

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SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

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