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COMDTNOTE 1650

SUBJ: HUMANITARIAN SERVICE MEDAL FOR MULTIPLE OPERATIONS

A. COMDTINST 1650.25A, MEDALS AND AWARDS MANUAL

1. ON 11 DEC 92, THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AWARDED THE HUMANITARIAN SERVICE MEDAL (HSM) TO MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND AWARDED THE COAST GUARD PUBLIC SERVICE COMMENDATION TO CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES FOR "TRULY EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE FROM OCTOBER 1991 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1992. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE COAST GUARD UNDERTOOK SEVERAL MASSIVE OPERATIONS THAT TOGETHER INVOLVED THE ENTIRE SERVICE IN SELFLESS ACTS OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FAR BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY. FOREMOST AMONG THESE WAS THE MASSIVE EFFORT THAT RESULTED IN THE RESCUE AT SEA OF MORE THAN 38,000 HAITIAN MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, MOST OF WHOM PUT TO SEA IN EXTREMELY OVERCROWDED, UNSEAWORTHY VESSELS. BUT FOR THE VIGILANCE AND RESOURCEFULNESS OF THE COAST GUARD, MANY WOULD HAVE PERISHED. . . . DURING THIS 14-MONTH PERIOD, THE COAST GUARD ALSO RESPONDED WITH AN OUTPOURING OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR A SEQUENCE OF NATURAL DISASTERS THAT INCLUDED HURRICANES ANDREW AND INIKI, TYPHOON OMAR, AND INSTANCES OF SERIOUS FLOODING. IN EACH CASE, THE COAST GUARD ACTED IMMEDIATELY TO SAVE LIVES, ALLEVIATE SUFFERING AND ASSIST THE VICTIMS IN COUNTLESS WAYS. . . ."

2. TO RECOGNIZE ADMIRAL KIME'S EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP AND VISION DURING THESE PERIODS OF UNPRECEDENTED OPERATIONS, THE SECRETARY ASKED PRESIDENT BUSH TO ESTABLISH A NEW AWARD, THE TRANSPORTATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (TDSM). THE PRESIDENT

AUTHORIZED THE NEW MEDAL IN AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ON 7 DECEMBER 1992.

3. THE TDSM WAS AWARDED TO ADMIRAL KIME BY SECRETARY CARD IN A SPECIAL CEREMONY HELD AT ISC ALEXANDRIA ON 11 DEC. DURING THE SAME CEREMONY, ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE, AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES WERE HONORED AND PRESENTED HUMANITARIAN SERVICE MEDALS AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMENDATION AWARDS ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE COAST GUARD FAMILY.

4. SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR RECIPIENTS OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AWARDS ARE BEING FINALIZED AND WILL BE PROMULGATED SHORTLY.

5. PROCEDURES FOR ORDERING MEDALS WILL BE PROVIDED BY SEPARATE ALCOAST WHEN FINALIZED. PROCEDURES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PINS FOR CIVILIANS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ALCOAST.

6. IN PREPARATION, COMMANDS, INCLUDING RESERVE UNITS, SHOULD PREPARE PRELIMINARY ROSTERS OF ALL PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEES WHO SERVED AT THEIR COMMANDS BETWEEN OCTOBER 1991 AND NOVEMBER 1992.

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7. ADMIRAL KIME SENDS BRAVO ZULU TO ALL HANDS FOR THEIR  
 CONTINUED OUTSTANDING RESPONSE AND HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS.

8. VICE COMMANDANT SENDS.

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