



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

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The Secretary of Transportation takes pleasure in presenting
the SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT to:

**THE MEN AND WOMEN OF
THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exemplary service to the nation from 1 October 1993 to 30 September 1994. During this period, the Coast Guard truly lived up to its motto 'Semper Paratus'...Always Ready. The Coast Guard saved the lives of thousands of mariners in peril on the high seas including the tumultuous summer of 1994. During the simultaneous operations of Able Manner, Able Vigil, and Support Democracy, the responsiveness of the Coast Guard provided the opportunity for the administration to implement an effective national security policy. The Coast Guard took bold and effective action to cope with environmental disasters, such as the devastating floods, fires and pollution in Houston, Texas, and the grounding of the Morris J. Berman, which threatened massive oil pollution to the beaches of Puerto Rico. During the most severe winter in decades, the Coast Guard facilitated the uninterrupted flow of commerce through unprecedented ice conditions in the Great Lakes and Northeast. The Coast Guard further distinguished itself when the Coast Guard Cutter Polar Sea became the first U. S. Surface vessel to reach the North Pole, while collecting invaluable scientific data. Throughout one of the most demanding years in the history of the Coast Guard, this unique and vital organization maintained an extraordinary measure of responsiveness, professionalism and service to the American Public. The outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Coast Guard men and women is heartily commended and is in keeping with the highest tradition of the U. S. Coast Guard and the Department of Transportation.

As a result of this exceptional recognition, I am authorizing Coast Guard regular, Reserve, and Auxiliary personnel to wear the ribbon Bar which accompanies the DOT Gold Medal. Civilian employees (including NAFA) will receive a comparable pin.

From the Secretary of Transportation,
FREDRICO PENA