THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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

COAST GUARD MEDAL

TO
KRISTIN L. REGER
SEAMAN
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
FOR

EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM ON 24 JULY 2008

GIVEN THIS 29th DAY OF OCTOBER 2010

ROBERT J. PAPP, JR.
Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commandant

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE COAST GUARD MEDAL

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Seaman REGER is cited for extraordinary heroism on 24 July 2008 while serving as a boat crewmember aboard Motor Lifeboat 47292 during the daring rescue of a man who was trapped beneath the hull of the sailing vessel WING IT. Immediately recognizing that the victim was unable to free himself from the wreckage, Seaman REGER volunteered to deploy from the Motor Lifeboat as a Surface Swimmer. She quickly donned the swimmer protective gear and, without hesitation or concern for her own safety, entered the turbulent frigid water of the San Francisco Bay. Battling 2 to 4 foot seas and over 25 knots of wind, Seaman REGER quickly located the victim and initiated communication via a through-hull fitting. Seaman REGER realized that the man needed immediate evacuation because the vessel was rapidly drifting into jagged rocks. After several failed attempts to assist the victim in exiting the capsized vessel on his own, Seaman REGER, fighting the cold and physical exhaustion placed her own life in peril in an effort to save the trapped man. She disconnected her lifeline and attached it to a personal floatation device which she shoved underneath the now sinking vessel. After instructing the man to don the life jacket Seaman REGER began to pull him to safety. While pulling the man from the sinking vessel he became entangled in the sail rigging which began to pull him under the water. Seaman REGER immediately took control of the situation and cut the submerged lines, which allowed her to pull the man to safety. Once aboard the CG 25561 she rendered first aid for severe hypothermia and major lacerations to the head. The victim was transferred to EMS where he made a full recovery. Seaman REGER demonstrated remarkable initiative, exceptional fortitude, and daring in spite of immediate danger in this rescue. Her courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

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MEMORANDUM

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Reply to
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Thru: (1) CG D11

Subj: INFORMATION CONCERNING EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM

Ref: (a) Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25D
(b) Personnel Manual, COMDTINST M1000.6 (series)
(c) Title 14, United States Code 357(i)

1. You are advised that on 29 October 2010, the Commandant cited you for extraordinary heroism in conjunction with the Coast Guard Medal awarded to you for your heroic actions on 24 July 2008.

2. Therefore, in accordance with article 1.B.5. of reference (a) and with the provisions and limitations of references (b) and (c), you are entitled to an increase in your retired pay by an amount equal to 10 percent of your active duty pay.

3. A copy of this letter will be filed in your official record at Coast Guard Personnel Service Command.

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