



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
GREGG F. DAVIDSON
HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN SECOND CLASS
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
FOR**

HEROISM ON 11 DECEMBER 1993

GIVEN THIS 1st DAY OF March 1994



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Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commandant**

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
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Petty Officer DAVIDSON is cited for heroism on the evening of 11 December 1993 while on authorized liberty during the rescue of a two-year-old child from a burning residence located at Sigsbee Island housing, U.S. Naval Air Station Key West, Florida. Noticing a residence on fire on his street, Petty Officer DAVIDSON disregarded his own safety and entered the quarters to render assistance. Upon hearing a small child screaming, he quickly fought his way to the second floor through a thick blanket of smoke and intense heat. Determining no one was upstairs, he returned to the lower level and discovered the child with his mother, who was completely disoriented and unable to locate an exit. He then swiftly and calmly led the mother and child out of the residence to safety. A certified paramedic, Petty Officer DAVIDSON conducted a quick yet thorough assessment of the child's injuries from the fire and smoke. Realizing the child had sustained first, second, and third degree burns to more than 50 percent of his body, he expertly commenced treatment with the limited first aid supplies on hand. After checking all the child's vital signs, he commenced a cooling down process by using a water bath and then placed the child in a sterile burn blanket upon arrival of a Key West Rescue unit. The child was then evacuated to the Tampa Bay Burn Center in critical condition. As a direct result of his timely actions, the child's chance of survival from the burns were determined to be more than 90 percent. Petty Officer DAVIDSON demonstrated remarkable initiative, exceptional fortitude, and daring in spite of imminent personal danger in this rescue. His courage and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

