

**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE  
COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**

**TO**

**LIEUTENANT STEVEN M. SHEPARD  
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS  
UNITED STATES NAVY**

**Lieutenant SHEPARD is cited for superior performance of duty while detailed from July 2010 to April 2011 by the Office of Legal and Defense Services, Judge Advocate General, Coast Guard Headquarters, to serve as military defense counsel in a highly publicized, technically complex court-martial. Lieutenant SHEPARD represented the Coast Guard coxswain charged with involuntary manslaughter, negligent homicide, improper hazarding a vessel, twelve specifications of assault, and dereliction of duty arising from the collision of a Coast Guard small boat with a small recreational vessel that resulted in the death of an eight year old boy and severely injured several other passengers. Lieutenant SHEPARD skillfully examined the information derived from multiple investigations convened by the National Transportation Safety Board, Coast Guard Investigative Service, and the San Diego Harbor Police and handled the most sensitive and difficult issues associated with this case at a General Court-Martial contested before a Coast Guard members panel. As the result of his exhaustive preparation, throughout the more than two-week trial Lieutenant SHEPARD masterfully cross-examined witnesses and provided essential legal research that led to well crafted, legally appropriate, and understandable jury instructions. Lieutenant SHEPARD's extraordinary efforts resulted in highly effective representation of his Coast Guard client as well clear and comprehensive presentation of the defense case to the members in a very complex, lengthy, and well publicized trial, exemplifying the military justice system operating at its best. Lieutenant SHEPARD's diligence, perseverance, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.**





# UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
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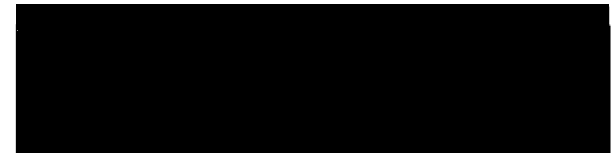
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GIVEN THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 2011



For the Commandant  
F. J. KENNEY  
Rear Admiral, United States Coast Guard  
Judge Advocate General