



Citation

TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE Defense Superior Service Medal

TO

Leonard A. Bracken, Jr.

Captain Leonard A. Bracken, Jr., United States Navy, distinguished himself by exceptionally superior service as Naval Attache, Defense Attache Office, Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, during the period July 1977 through July 1979. Captain Bracken displayed remarkable leadership and perseverance under extremely demanding circumstances to ensure the accomplishment of national objectives in a hostile environment. By virtue of frequent travel and keen powers of observation he dramatically enhanced the accumulation of high priority information about many aspects of the enigmatic Soviet society. More specifically, his knowledge of the Soviet Navy enabled him to interpret major new Soviet initiatives in this area. The distinctive achievements of Captain Bracken reflect the highest credit upon himself, the United States Navy and the Department of Defense.