



Naval Air Force

United States Atlantic Fleet

Headquarters of the Commander

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting a Gold Star in lieu of the Third NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL to

COMMANDER LEONARD A. BRACKEN

UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

For meritorious service while serving as Commanding Officer of Air Antisubmarine Squadron THIRTY-ONE from July 1972 to March 1973. Commander BRACKEN's superb performance of duty was instrumental in advancing the effectiveness of carrier ASW (antisubmarine warfare), and in promoting greater awareness of the submarine threat. Additionally, he skillfully and aggressively utilized the Navy's newest carrier ASW vehicle, the S2G weapons system, in locating and tracking a highly sophisticated nuclear submarine while his squadron was deployed to the North Atlantic. The exceptional leadership, professional knowledge, and management ability Commander BRACKEN displayed in carrying out his duties were recognized and widely respected throughout the Atlantic Fleet ASW community. His continuing efforts to carry out the duties of his demanding tasks with unflinching good judgment, effectiveness, and total devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the Secretary of the Navy,

F. H. Michaelis

Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy

Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

