



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL (Gold Star in lieu of the Fourth Award) to

COMMANDER LEONARD A. BRACKEN  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service as Commander, Carrier Antisubmarine Air Group Reserve EIGHTY from February 1974 to June 1975. Commander Bracken's superb performance of duty during this period was instrumental in promoting many and improved programs throughout his command. His guidance and ingenuity were instrumental in the Air Group's outstanding performance in major fleet and joint United States/Canadian forces Antisubmarine Warfare (ASW) exercises and enabled Commander Naval Air Reserve Force to provide the Fleet with a viable and ready ASW Force. The exceptional leadership, professional knowledge, and managerial ability which Commander Bracken displayed in carrying out his duties were recognized and widely respected throughout the Naval Reserve and Fleet ASW communities. By his untiring efforts, mature judgment, and total devotion to duty, Commander Bracken reflected credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the Secretary,

J. L. Holloway III  
Admiral, United States Navy  
Chief of Naval Operations