



## THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20350

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the LEGION OF MERIT to

CAPTAIN LEONARD A. BRACKEN  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

### CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Head, Nuclear Negotiations Branch, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations from August 1979 through May 1980. During this period, Captain Bracken demonstrated superb leadership and extraordinary skill in international negotiations. He represented Navy interests in the often turbulent and controversial area of arms control and disarmament. Captain Bracken's excellent understanding of the Soviet Union provided a unique insight into Soviet motivations as the principal Navy advisor in important areas such as Strategic Arms Limitations, Comprehensive Test Ban, and other multilateral and bilateral negotiating fora. His superior intellect and clarity of expression contributed significantly to the mission of the Strategic and Theater Nuclear Warfare Division during a period encompassing international events of historic importance. Captain Bracken's unfailing good judgment, total effectiveness, and steadfast devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy