



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
HAS AWARDED THE

COAST GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL

TO

ROBERT J. FOUCHA
CHIEF DIVER
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
FOR

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OF DUTY FROM APRIL 2013 TO JULY 2016

GIVEN THIS 29TH DAY OF JUNE 2016



A stylized signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Nadeau", is written over a horizontal line.

For the Commandant
JOHN P. NADEAU
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Assistant Commandant for Capability

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
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Chief Petty Officer FOUCHA is cited for outstanding achievement while assigned as an instructor at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center from April 2013 through July 2016. As one of only five Coast Guard diving instructors, Chief FOUCHA demonstrated tireless stamina and dedication to joint-Service interoperability and training. He earned all possible qualifications, including Mixed Gas Diving Supervisor, and became a lead instructor at our Nation's premier military diving training center and the largest diving facility in the world. Chief FOUCHA's superior leadership and comprehensive technical knowledge directly contributed to the training of more than 1,200 military divers, including 20 Coast Guard Second and First Class Divers, and 60 Cold Water Ice Divers. As Leading Petty Officer and High Risk Training instructor, Chief FOUCHA supervised 5,336 hours of diver training and 720 hours of Advanced Hyperbaric Supervisor training. Chief FOUCHA displayed superb leadership and foresight while safely conducting the Coast Guard's Cold Water Ice Diving course, providing more than 1,000 hours of ice diving training for Coast Guard and Department of Defense divers in the only course of its kind in the United States military. In addition, Chief FOUCHA served as a High Risk Training instructor for the Joint Diving Officer course that graduated 21 Army, Navy, and Coast Guard officers. Chief FOUCHA's, dedication, judgment, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

