



Chief of Naval Operations

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL to

CHIEF MASS COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST (SURFACE WARFARE)

ROBERT J. FLUEGEL
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For heroism while serving in the line of duty in conducting operations in support of Operation UNIFIED RESPONSE on 15 February 2010. Chief Fluegel directly participated in recovery operations in Cap Haitien, Haiti, in an attempt to rescue four children who had been trapped in a landslide that destroyed the back portion of an elementary school and engulfed a classroom. Throughout a four hour operation conducted in high heat and cramped conditions inside the school, all the while dirt and rocks continued to sporadically fall from the hillside, Chief Fluegel placed himself in the hazard zone and rotated with other U.S. military personnel to dig out the children who had been buried in the mud and rocks of the landslide. Despite multiple warnings from local authorities to evacuate the building, he remained at work in digging for the children even after a second landslide occurred, reburying one of the children, and causing many of the local firemen to refuse to continue to work due to the continued danger of another landslide. By his courageous and prompt actions in the face of great personal risk, Chief Fluegel attempted to prevent the loss of lives, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and upholding the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

G. ROUGHEAD
Admiral, United States Navy
Chief of Naval Operations



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAS AWARDED THE

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TO

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FOR
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ON 15 FEBRUARY 2010

GIVEN THIS

27TH

DAY OF

JUL 2010



FOR

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY