U.S. NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMANDER



The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL to

ROBERT JOSEPH FLUEGEL
PHOTOGRAPHER'S MATE THIRD CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY
for service as set forth in the following

## **CITATION**

"For professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as an aircrewman and Combat Photographer in a P-3C aircraft while attached to Patrol Squadron FOUR during February 1991. Petty Officer Fluegel was tasked by Commander Task Force ONE FIVE FOUR to conduct surface surveillance in the northern Arabian Gulf against Iraqi Naval targets. Courageously flying in an area highly vulnerable to surface to air missile attacks and within the envelope of enemy fighter aircraft, he tenaciously and aggressively executed his mission. He was instrumental in locating five fast-moving Iraqi secret police gunboats south of Bubiyan Island on 24 February 1991, and reported these contacts to the ensuing surface strike. resulting in the destruction of three enemy combatants. Petty Officer Fluegel's professionalism and total devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the Secretary of the Navy,

S. R. ARTHUR Vice Admiral

United States Navy



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS AWARDED THE THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

## NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

PH3 ROBERT JOSEPH FLUEGEL

FOR

## PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT **DURING FEBRUARY 1991**

GIVEN THIS

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DAY OF FEBRUARY 19 92

United States Navy Vice Admiral S. R. ARTHUR