



Holly R. Harrison

Lieutenant
Class of 1995



The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Bronze Star Medal to Lieutenant Holly R. Harrison United States Coast Guard

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For meritorious achievement in connection with combat operations against the enemy as Commanding Officer, USCGC Aquidneck (WPB 1309) deployed with Commander, United States Fifth Fleet from March to April 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Lieutenant Harrison led the crew of Aquidneck during combat operations within the internal and territorial waters of Iraq with overwhelming success. Due to her uncommon bravery and tactical brilliance, Aquidneck represented the first line of defense for Coalition Naval Forces providing protection for coalition mine hunters within established mine danger areas in the internal waters of Iraq. Her impressive tactical skill and unparalleled leadership were demonstrated when escorting humanitarian assistance shipping to Umm Qasr, ensuring the expeditious flow of food and medicine to the people of Iraq. Her maintenance of a well-trained and tactically proficient crew and ship, which operated in excess of four times the normal operational tempo in a combat environment, was critical to the successful liberation of Iraq. Lieutenant Harrison's total effectiveness, forceful leadership, and loyal devotion to duty reflected great credit upon her and upheld the highest traditions of the Coast Guard and the United States Naval Service.

In 2005, Lieutenant Harrison remains on active duty in the Coast Guard.
