

THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S UNIT CITATION
AWARD

HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS

Headquarters, Southeast Region

Alabama Wing

Florida Wing

Georgia Wing

Mississippi Wing

Tennessee Wing

of the

CIVIL AIR PATROL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY

FOR

*Sustained superior performance, exceptionally meritorious
service and singularly distinguished achievements during
Operation Deep Water Horizon*

PERIOD COVERED:

1 May 2010 to 30 October 2010 (inclusive)

CAP MEMBERS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AND WEAR THE AWARD INCLUDE:

1. All CAP members in good standing assigned to Headquarters, Southeast Region (SER-SER-001) during any part of the award period.
2. All CAP members in good standing assigned to one of the following Wings within the Southeast Region: Alabama Wing, Florida Wing, Georgia Wing, Mississippi Wing or the Tennessee Wing, to include all subordinate units of these Wings, except the "000 Squadrons," during any part of the award period.

NOTE: A total of six separate National Commander's Unit Citation Awards were presented for this action (one for each of the units names above) by the National Commander at the 2011 Summer National Board Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, in August 2011.

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY
THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S UNIT CITATION AWARD

FOR sustained superior performance, exceptionally meritorious service and singularly distinguished achievements during Operation Deep Water Horizon from 01 May 2010 to 30 October 2010. As part of the Unified Command Structure the Southeast Region provided leadership, direction and control of all Civil Air Patrol assets deployed to Operation Deep Water Horizon. During this declared national Emergency the Southeast Region conducted 118 days of sustained operations in support of National and State level emergency management objectives. This support included: Daily operational and mission planning, air tasking order scheduling and de-confliction, interagency coordination and post mission analysis. The Southeast Region is credited with leading Civil Air Patrol assets in the execution of over: 20,000 personnel hours; 1,011 mission sorties; flying 2387 hours and providing over 100,000 high resolution digital images of the coastal oil boom emplacements and staging areas. The Region also provided Chaplain Services for the 1200 members of the Unified Command and numerous citizens of the Gulf Coast community directly impacted by the disaster. While supporting Operation Deep Water Horizon the Southeast Region also continued to successfully execute Civil Air Patrol's three mandated missions for America. All for this was accomplished with an exceptional focus on safety and risk management. As a direct result of Civil Air Patrol's involvement the US Coast Guard an operational cost savings in excess of \$22 Million. The Region's actions have set the standard for all future planning and execution of sustained emergency service operations by the Civil Air Patrol. The Southeast Region's singular achievements and sustained superior performance during a period of great risk and uncertainty is a shining example of our core values in action. The collective action of the Officers, Senior Members and Cadets of the Southeast Region during Civil Air Patrol's longest mission since World War II is in keeping with the highest traditions of selfless service to the Nation and reflects utmost credit upon the Southeast Region, Civil Air Patrol and the United States Air Force.