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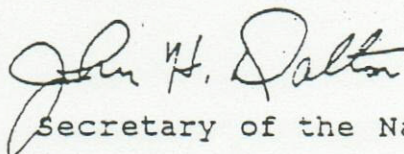
The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending

QUARTERMASTER SECOND CLASS
JOSEPH A. NAPILTONIA
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service while serving as Sea, Air, and Land (SEAL) Team EIGHT, DELTA Platoon Weapons Expert and Reconnaissance and Surveillance Sniper from 4 November to 4 December 1993 while deployed with United States Naval Forces Central Command in support of Operation RESTORE HOPE. Participating in sustained combat missions, Petty Officer Napiltonia consistently performed his demanding duties in a courageous and exemplary manner. During one hostile engagement, he returned focused, precision fire, wounding three belligerents resulting in an expedient end to the engagement. Petty Officer Napiltonia unwaveringly noted and reported reconnaissance information critical to intelligence assessments while under continual harassment fire. Additionally, he expertly provided aircraft tactical information to Carrier Air Wing ONE attack aircraft, Air Force gunships, and Army helicopters during rehearsals for contingency operations. He routinely provided effective security for helicopter logistics flights, ground convoys, and key officers negotiating hostile areas. Petty Officer Napiltonia's outstanding combat skill, unrelenting perseverance, and steadfast devotion to duty reflected credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.


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