



THE NAVAL CRYPTOLOGIC VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Executive Director of the NCVA takes pleasure in presenting the

NCVA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

to

Master Chief Cryptologic Technician John A. Gustafson, USN (Retired)

for service set forth in the following **CITATION**:

For distinguished service and conspicuous dedication as an elected officer and leading volunteer in the Naval Cryptologic Veterans Association during the period 1997-2014. For contiguous portions of 3 decades, John "Gus" Gustafson has set an extraordinarily high standard for selfless volunteerism and leadership by example. His many contributions to the NCVA have been diverse, exceedingly well done, and of inestimable value to our organization. Examples include his 13-year exemplary performance as membership secretary, a term on the Board of Directors, and the registrar for the highly successful 2014 reunion in Mobile, Alabama. By far, Gus's most significant and lasting contribution to the NCVA has been his unequalled performance as the mainstay of the Cryptologic Command Display at Corry Station, Pensacola, Florida. One of two volunteers who, beginning in 1997, did the bulk of the work to initially establish the Display, he has continued to skillfully organize, preserve and interpret Navy historical cryptologic materials for the benefit of countless visitors and researchers. Indeed, it is a testament to Gus Gustafson's extraordinary drive for excellence that the Command Display is acknowledged as the foremost military cryptologic museum in the nation, and his broad knowledge of Navy cryptologic history places him in an elite group of experts having few peers. His enduring contributions to the preservation of Naval cryptologic history and his professional integrity in that endeavor are in keeping with the highest traditions of the NCVA.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 2nd DAY OF MAY 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. H. Hickey", written in a cursive style.

Executive Director, Naval Cryptologic Veterans Association