The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the
MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL to

COMMANDER JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For outstanding meritorious service while serving as the Director of
Modeling and Virtual Environments and Simulation (MOVES) Institute at the
Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), Monterey, California from January 2008 to
December 2010. CDR Sullivan was vital to the mission performance of NPS and
MOVES Institute productivity of faculty and staff. His positive impact
extended well beyond NPS to our partner agencies, organizations, and nations.
Assigned to serve as Director at short notice during a crucial period for
NPS, he not only sustained important ongoing academic functions, he
aggressively pursued initiatives to support specific Navy and national
interests.

CDR Sullivan significantly elevated the level of communication with NPS
Board of Advisors, the Navy Modeling and Simulation Office (NMSO) and various
Department of Defense and Intelligence Community Agencies and organizations.
The impacts of his efforts are restored productivity in research and
teaching, and a greatly improved educational culture across the NPS campus.

At the same time, CDR Sullivan developed new relationships with
Commander Pacific Fleet (CPF) on numerous other initiatives: to improve fleet
training, explore irregular warfare analysis for US Marine Corps tactical
elements and head quarters units. He fostered relationships with DOD
distributed learning capabilities to export MOVES educational and analytical
capabilities to remote units around the globe.

CDR Sullivan has provided rare and remarkable leadership to MOVES
Institute and NPS. His exceptional professional judgment, proclivity for
action, and selfless dedication to duty reflected great credit upon him and
were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval
Service.

For the President,

DANIEL T. OLIVER
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)
President, Naval Postgraduate School