

COMMANDER
NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE COMMAND

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the
MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Gold Star in lieu of the Fourth Award) to

COMMANDER RYAN K. ZINKE
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For outstanding meritorious service while serving as Naval Special Warfare Technology Programs and Tactical Training Range Officer from January to October 2007. Commander Zinke was the single driving force behind developing the command vision, policy, organization, and resource requirements to create a viable, Naval Special Warfare (NSW) tactical training range program. Under his bold leadership, tenacious acumen, and unmatched technical knowledge, the NSW range program contributed significantly to the overall mission readiness and combat effectiveness of NSW. His superb efforts and phenomenal ability to produce results will leave a legacy of excellence in preparing and training every SEAL and SWCC for combat operations. While serving as Technology Programs Officer, Commander Zinke spearheaded multiple advanced technology efforts which supported the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) and Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Commander Zinke's exceptional professionalism, personal initiative, and loyal devotion to duty reflected great credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,



Rear Admiral, United States Navy
Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAS AWARDED THE

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TO
COMMANDER RYAN K. ZINKE, UNITED STATES NAVY

FOR

OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE FROM JANUARY TO OCTOBER 2007

GIVEN THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2007




REAR ADMIRAL, UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDER, NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE COMMAND