



COMMANDER  
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the  
**SUPERIOR CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD** to

DR. MICHAEL HARPER

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

For superior service as Office of Naval Research Science Advisor for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and Commander, U.S. FIFTH Fleet from June 2009 to June 2012 in support of Partnership-Strength Presence, Maritime Security Operations, the Struggle Against Violent Extremism, and Operations IRAQI FREEDON, ENDURING FREEDOM and NEW DAWN. Dr. Harper distinguished himself by directing the intellectual capital of the staff and focused it on the development and sustainment of cutting edge operational capability across an extensive span of warfare areas. His expertise led to bridging a science and technology capability gap which resulted in saving \$21.5 million in technology transition capabilities. Displaying exceptional leadership and technical aptitude, he developed two joint capability technology demonstrations through the office of the Secretary of Defense to combat piracy and anti-submarine warfare. He also championed an international conference with over 100 military leaders, general and flag officers, and technologists. His efforts led to laying the groundwork for a partnership directed at ensuring Maritime security within the FIFTH fleet area of operations and security for U.S. Central Command base of operation. By his outstanding loyalty and inspiring dedication to duty, Dr. Harper reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Civil Service and the United States Naval Service.

For the Secretary,

M. I. FOX  
Vice Admiral, United States Navy