



## THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the  
NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION to

U.S. NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND

for service as set forth in the following

### CITATION:

For outstanding performance in action against terrorist forces from 19 October 2023 to 30 May 2024. The personnel of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) and its operational forces combatted highly kinetic and asymmetric threats to regional stability, and their actions ensured the success of military operations such as SPARTAN SHIELD, COBALT SHIELD, INHERENT RESOLVE, PROSPERITY GUARDIAN, POSEIDON ARCHER, and PANDORA THROTTLE. They protected vital global commerce through two strategic maritime chokepoints, defended key allies and partners, deterred aggression, and forged partnerships founded on trust and unity of effort against violations of international law. In self-defense they destroyed many unmanned aerial vehicles, anti-ship ballistic and cruise missiles, land attack cruise missiles, and small boats, and they provided crucial naval presence in the region at a pivotal moment in history. By their truly distinctive achievements, bold and decisive actions, and unfailing devotion to duty, the officers, enlisted personnel, and civilian employees of NAVCENT and its forces reflected great credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

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