

# USS Cassin Young

## Navy Unit Commendation



### THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION to  
**THE UNITED STATES SHIP CASSIN YOUNG**  
For service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION:

“For outstanding performance in combat against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Okinawa Jima from 25 March 1945 to 8 August 1945. The U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG, under the most hazardous and difficult conditions, and in spite of damage to the ship and casualties to personnel, continued to seek her targets and destroy hostile shore batteries and aircraft with her deadly gunfire. She furnished powerful fire support for our landing operations and covered our ships during retirement; she furnishes, as a radar picket ship, timely early warning of impending enemy air attacks; she furnished protection to a damaged friendly ship and recovered many survivors while defeating enemy air attacks; she furnished excellent protection to friendly ships at anchor; when damaged herself on two occasions, she cared for her own wounded and prevent the spread of damage so efficiently that she was able to proceed to a friendly port under her own power. Attacking boldly by day and dangerously by night, the CASSIN YOUNG gallantly fulfilled her missions despite fierce Japanese resistance and by her readiness for combat, implemented the skill and fighting spirit of her officers and men throughout a critical period.”