



*Commandant of the Coast Guard, ADM J. S. Gracey, presents a plaque to CDR Bates and EMCM Metzbauer for the ship.*



*The Commandant addresses the honored guests and the crew of the BEAR during the commissioning ceremonies.*



*Commander Bates accepts a portrait of a Polar Bear on behalf of the crew from the ship's sponsor, Mrs. Hayes.*



*The crew of the BEAR looking sharp in their full dress uniforms during the commissioning.*

*Below; Sealer Chief Lipp leading the crew aboard to man the rails.*

