



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON 20593

1 August 2011

From: Commandant  
To: LTJG Andrew D. Bacon, USCG  
Subj: LETTER OF COMMENDATION

1. I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty with the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band from 14 March 2011 to 18 March 2011 during preparations and execution of the band's performance in the 250<sup>th</sup> annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City, the world's largest and longest parade for this holiday. Composed entirely of volunteers, the U. S. Coast Guard Pipe Band represented the Coast Guard with remarkable vitality, color and spirit in this extremely high profile event. Your efforts in preparing the band for this premier cultural celebration strengthened Coast Guard ties to the community and projected the Coast Guard's image, logo and missions to millions of parade spectators. The Band's success reflects your great personal dedication, genuine talent and long hours of preparation in making this event a success for the entire Coast Guard family. The quality of the music and the enthusiasm with which it was delivered enhanced the Coast Guard's reputation in a city with a rich cultural, musical and maritime heritage. I commend you for your outstanding effort and dedication.
2. You are commended for your outstanding performance of duty. By your meritorious service you have upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.
3. You are hereby authorized to wear the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar.

For the Commandant,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karl L. Schultz".

K. L. SCHULTZ

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard  
Director of Governmental and Public Affairs