

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



Certificate of Merit

IN RECOGNITION *of notable services that have
assisted greatly in furthering the aims and
functions of the Coast Guard*

This certificate is awarded to

Michael D. Henry

Executed this 15th *day of* May 2008

at Washington, DC

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Certificate of Merit

to

CWO MICHAEL D. HENRY, USCG (Ret.)

The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes great pleasure in presenting the United States Coast Guard Certificate of Merit to CWO Michael D. Henry, USCG (Ret.) for his service from 15 March 2008 to 18 March 2008 as a musician of the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band during the New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration. Building upon an already high degree of professionalism and preparedness, CWO Henry, along with musicians of the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band met at Coast Guard Sector New York to rehearse and prepare for the parade performance to be viewed by three million parade spectators, a regional television audience, and a worldwide Internet audience. The United States Coast Guard Pipe Band was honored to be the first United States Coast Guard band to be invited to perform in the annual New York City event and was also the largest active U.S. Armed Services pipe band to ever perform in the parade. Overcoming inherent logistics and transportation issues and challenges imposed by inclement weather, CWO Henry, alongside other band members, provided an outstanding performance. His participation made a vital contribution to the band's stirring music and stunning visual presence which served to further public awareness of the United States Coast Guard and its contribution to the nation. The dedication, pride and professionalism displayed by CWO Henry are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.