



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

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The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the
COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION to:

THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD PIPE BAND

for service set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For exceptionally meritorious service from 2 August to 6 August 2012, while serving as members of the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band during Coast Guard week festivities in Grand Haven, Michigan (Coast Guard City, USA). During this period, the Band performed at many events including a Coast Guard Auxiliary memorial service; a Coast Guard walk of history; a Coast Guard national memorial service; an enlisted person’s dinner hosted by the American Legion; the Grand Haven Festival parade; and at the CDR Karl Willis retirement ceremony. The Band, comprised of United States Coast Guard active duty, reserve, retired, veteran, and auxiliary members came from various regions of the United States, at their own expense, to perform at these events. In preparation for the performances, each member of the Pipe Band practiced individually for many months and then gathered to rehearse extensively as a group for several days prior to the activities. After each activity, community leaders and individual members of the Grand Haven community verbally commended the Band for its outstanding and dedicated performance. During the parade, especially, the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band marched and performed with exceptional élan in spite of near record high temperatures and uncomfortable humidity. This, coupled with the long distance of the parade route, required enormous physical endurance and perseverance on the part of the Band’s members. They were cheered on by a live audience of tens of thousands of delighted spectators with many thousands more watching on television. The Band’s performances greatly increased public awareness of the United States Coast Guard and its contributions to our great nation. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.”

For the Commandant,

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