



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

1 August 2011

From: Commandant
To: Mrs. Theresa Henry, USCG Auxiliary
Subj: AUXILIARY LETTER OF COMMENDATION

1. I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty from 18 July 2007 to 04 August 2011 while serving with the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band. During this period, you played a vital role in the successful and stirring musical performances of the Pipe Band at annual Coast Guard Festivals in Grand Haven, Michigan – designated by an act of Congress as “Coast Guard City, USA.” In 2011, the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band chose to celebrate its 10th anniversary at the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival. Despite personal sacrifices and out-of-pocket expenses averaging \$1,000 per trip, you enthusiastically participated in the Grand Haven Festival on four separate occasions. As a drummer, you demonstrated true professionalism, exceptional musical talent and a willingness to volunteer many hours of your own time to practice alone and with your shipmates. As a result, the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band’s performances at the festival’s Coast Guard Day parade and memorial service have become a summer tradition in Grand Haven, drawing thunderous applause and a warm reception from nearly 100,000 spectators each year. Truly, you have not only raised the visibility of the Pipe Band, but have helped give back to a community that supports the U.S. Coast Guard every day.
2. You are commended by your outstanding performance of duty. By your meritorious service you have upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.
3. You are hereby authorized to wear the Commandant’s Auxiliary 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