



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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

COAST GUARD FESTIVAL 2021 PLANNING AND EXECUTION TEAM

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from 30 July 2021 to 08 August 2021 while serving as part of the planning and execution team supporting the 2021 Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, Michigan. The team spent 12 months meticulously planning this annual event which became one of the most highly anticipated Coast Guard Festivals since its inception in 1924. The team consisted of over 15 Coast Guard operational and support units in addition to numerous auxiliary, reserve, recruiting, and other public and private partners. The event drew over 350,000 people into the city of Grand Haven requiring a highly organized and synchronous management strategy to safely and effectively facilitate all of the Festival's events. The team worked tirelessly, spending numerous hours orchestrating a complex array of interrelated Festival details to ensure the success of the Coast Guard's principal annual celebration. In addition to navigating the challenges of typical Festival events, the team also had to adapt to the ever-changing safety rules from the ongoing pandemic and the cancellation of the previous year's Coast Guard Festival. A special partnership was formed with the Coast Guard Festival Committee to ensure that all guests and honorees, including the Commandant and family of fallen Lieutenant Junior Grade Morgan Garrett, were properly honored and safely transported between the various week-long Festival events. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the 2021 Coast Guard Festival Planning and Execution Team are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

For the Commandant,

D. P. MONTORO

**Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
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