



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

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

THE 2014 COAST GUARD FESTIVAL PLANNING AND EXECUTION TEAM

For service set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from 01 September 2013 to 03 August 2014 while serving on the planning and execution team in support of the 2014 Coast Guard Festival. During this period; the Festival Board of Trustees along with Active, Reserve, Civilian and Auxiliary members of Team Coast Guard combined their efforts in a yearlong planning process to celebrate and honor the contributions and service of Coast Guardsmen and women past and present. This highly visible week-long public event maximized public exposure and education in the roles and missions of the Coast Guard to nearly 350,000 people. Working in concert with over 700 festival civilian volunteers, Coast Guard members from numerous units expertly provided ship tours, boat crew safety challenges for kids, establishment of marine safety zones, search and rescue demonstrations, anti-terrorism force protection, cutter port services, bagpipe band music support, helicopter fly-over's, color and honor guards, VIP security, lodging and transportation services. They were also fully engaged in extensive volunteer support for a wide variety of events and activities including sporting competitions, two parades, concerts, fireworks, a Coast Guard family picnic, a Coast Guard enlisted dinner, a Coast Guard retirees dinner and the capstone of the celebration, the National Coast Guard Memorial Service. This special all-hands service, attended by over 400 Coast Guard personnel, honored those Coast Guardsmen who sacrificed their lives in the service of their country while fulfilling their motto "SEMPER PARATUS". Additionally, the team honored and hosted a number of Team Coast Guard dignitaries including the Governor of Michigan, the Commandant, the Ninth District Commander and senior staff, Commanding Officers and Officers in Charge of nine Ninth District Units, the NOAA ship LAURENTIAN, the US Army Corps of Engineers Detroit District Commander, the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Enlisted person of the year and the Coast Guard Reserve person of the year.

The dedication, pride and professionalism displayed by the members of the Coast Guard Festival Planning and Execution Team reflect credit upon themselves, their team and the United States Coast Guard."

For the Commandant,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A.B. Cocanour, CAPT".

A.B. COCANOUR

Captain, U.S Coast Guard
Commander, Sector Lake Michigan