



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

28 July 2014

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 05 May to 16 May 2014. During this period, and for the third consecutive year, the U. S. Coast Guard Pipe Band competed in the Fraternal Order of Police’s National Pipe Band Competitions in Washington D.C., during the 2014 National Law Enforcement Week events. This year the band’s performance earned a 3rd place award, an exceptional showing for a band whose members are only able to rehearse together a few times each year. Seventeen members of the band traveled from diverse locations such as California, Washington State, Missouri, Arizona, Georgia and Florida to perform. In addition to the competition, the band also performed at the National WWII Memorial; the Fraternal Order of Police’s “Tent City”; and in the Emerald Society Parade and Annual Memorial Service. The week prior to the D.C. events, twelve of the band’s pipers and drummers also traveled to the Outer Banks of North Carolina to perform at the memorial services at the British War Graves in Buxton and Ocracoke. The Band, comprised of U.S. Coast Guard Active Duty, Reserve, Retired, and Auxiliary members, came at members’ own expense to perform in these activities. 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 events. During this period, the members of the Band demonstrated their flexibility, resourcefulness, and “can do” attitude at all times. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. A. Hahn".

R. A. HAHN
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard