



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:

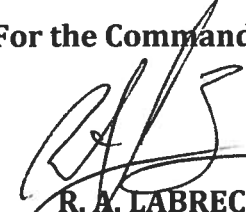
THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD PIPE BAND

for service set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For exceptionally meritorious service from 10 May to 18 May 2012 while serving as members of the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band. During this period, the band performed at several events in Washington, D.C., including the U.S. Coast Guard Vice Commandant’s Change of Watch and Retirement Ceremony, the National Capital Region Chiefs’ Call to Indoctrination Acceptance Dinner, and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) National Pipe Band Competition, for which the band received the Crystal Award for third place. The band performed for Coast Guard Headquarters personnel, for the general public at the FOP Lodge 1, and in the 18th Annual Emerald Society and Pipe Band March. The band also participated in a Massed Bands and Memorial Service at the National Law Enforcement Officers Monument, which includes the names of 13 U.S. Coast Guard shipmates. In addition to the D.C. engagements, the band performed in Buxton, N.C., for the British War Graves Memorial Service. The band, comprised of U.S. Coast Guard active duty, reserve, retired, and auxiliary members, came from various regions of the continental United States, at their own expense, to perform. In preparation, each member practiced individually for many months and then rehearsed 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 by overcoming inclement weather and unanticipated scheduling changes. 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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