



COMMANDER
U. S. COAST GUARD PACIFIC AREA
COAST GUARD ISLAND, BLDG. 51-6
ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA 94501-5100

26 April 2012

Dear Lieutenant Commander Tubbs,

Thank you for your outstanding support of the Coast Guard Cutter STRATTON's commissioning on March 31, 2012, in which First Lady Michelle Obama was ship's sponsor and keynote speaker.

As a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band playing at the ceremony, you added a very enjoyable dimension to this historic event. The Band's outstanding performance was well-received by the hundreds of distinguished guests and visitors attending the historic event.

We appreciate your help in honoring Captain Stratton and the SPARS, and for your significant contribution to this notable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Manson K. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

**Manson K. Brown
Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard**

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