



COMMANDER, ATLANTIC AREA
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Dear Mr. Henry:

I can't tell you how impressed I was at the performance by the Coast Guard Pipe Band during the Annual Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, Michigan earlier this month.

The combined performances by such talented and gifted musicians during the parade and the picnic that followed all made for a very "magical" event. It was an added pleasure to be able to meet and speak with many of the members prior to the parade.

Please pass my congratulations, appreciation, and pride to these fine musicians who performed so remarkably. I hope to see them in the Tidewater area next summer to perform at the Atlantic Area Change of Command ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. S. Crea".

V. S. CREA

Vice Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard

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*You all sounded
terrific, and
add so much
to the event.
Thanks for being
here!*