



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
HAS AWARDED THE

COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

TO
MICHAEL J. DORIA
LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE

FOR

SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY FROM JUNE 2002 TO AUGUST 2011

GIVEN THIS 1st DAY OF AUGUST 20 11



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karl L. Schultz".

For the Commandant
K. L. SCHULTZ
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Governmental and Public Affairs

**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
(GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF A SECOND)**

TO

**MICHAEL J. DORIA
LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE**

Lieutenant Junior Grade DORIA is cited for superior performance of duty while serving with the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band from 01 June 2002 to 04 August 2011. During this period, LTJG DORIA played a vital role in the successful and stirring musical performances of the Pipe Band at annual Coast Guard Festivals in Grand Haven, Michigan -- designated by an act of Congress as "Coast Guard City, USA." In 2011, the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band chose to celebrate its 10th anniversary at the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival. Despite personal sacrifices and out-of-pocket expenses averaging \$1,300 per trip, LTJG DORIA enthusiastically participated in the Grand Haven Festival on eight separate occasions. As the first acting drum major and later as a piper, he demonstrated true professionalism, exceptional drill and musical talent, and a willingness to volunteer many hours of his own time to practice alone and with his shipmates. As a result, the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band's performances at the festival's Coast Guard Day parade and memorial service have become a summer tradition in Grand Haven, drawing thunderous applause and a warm reception from nearly 100,000 spectators each year. Truly, LTJG DORIA has not only raised the visibility of the Pipe Band, but has helped give back to a community that supports the U.S. Coast Guard every day. LTJG DORIA'S diligence, perseverance, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

