



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 for in the following

CITATION:

“For exceptionally meritorious service from 15 March to 18 March 2011 while serving as members of the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band during the 250th annual Saint Patrick’s Day Parade in New York City. The Pipe Band, a contingent of 44 Active Duty, Reserve, Retired, and Auxiliary members, brought their combined musical and marching talents to New York City from virtually every region of the United States, travelling from as far away as Hawaii, to participate in this widely viewed and highly regarded celebration. During the six months leading up to the event, each member of the Pipe Band individually practiced and, after arriving at Sector New York, intensively rehearsed as a single unit for the two days preceding the parade. The Pipe Band coordinated a network of complicated logistics throughout the three day period, arranging lodging for all its members, scheduling meals at the Sector Galley, and arranging for government vehicles and duty drivers for transportation. An estimated crowd of two million spectators and millions of television and internet audiences throughout the world watched and listened to the Pipe Band as it marched and played over the two mile parade route. 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 "Linda L. Fagan".

LINDA L. FAGAN
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Commander, Sector New York