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The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the
COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION to:

USCG PORT SECURITY UNIT 301 WELCOME HOME SUPPORT TEAM

for service set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For meritorious service from 24 November 2009 to 23 January 2010 as a member of the USCG Port Security Unit 301 Welcome Home Support Team, Cape Cod, Massachusetts. On 23 January 2010 at 2300 hours, USCG PSU 301 arrived home after a long 210-day deployment to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. To support this momentous and heartfelt occasion, a Welcome Home Support Team was established and comprised of several organizations, including Coast Guard Port Security Unit 301’s Beach Detachment, Coast Guard Deployable Operations Group, Coast Guard District One, Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Massachusetts Air National Guard, Massachusetts Army National Guard and several volunteer civilians. The initial pre-planning stages of this event required over 350-man hours and the event itself took 55 members 22 hours to set-up. The end result was a flawlessly executed, and most memorable welcome home ceremony that involved over 1300 total man hours of coordination and execution. The superior and unselfish efforts of your team resulted in the seamless coordination between several military and civilian components, despite daunting logistical challenges. These challenges included parking and base security involving civilian and military security forces, the operation of two National Guard commercial busses and eight Coast Guard Auxiliary 15-passenger vans to transport over 600 guests from their vehicles to the ceremony. It also encompassed the setup of the ceremony in the Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod fixed wing hanger, staging provided by the Massachusetts Air National Guard, table and chairs provided by the Coast Guard Morale Welfare and Recreation personnel, and food and beverages provided by Air Station galley. The ceremony itself was coordinated utilizing personnel from Port Security Unit 301, Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, and members of the elite Coast Guard Pipe Band. The end result was a well-orchestrated welcome home ceremony that hosted over 640 proud family members and friends of the returning Guardians. Military dignitaries included seven high-ranking military personnel including the First District Commander and the Deployable Operations Group Commander. During the entire evolution, your team displayed exceptional professionalism that was acclaimed by all in attendance. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the Welcome Home Support Team reflect credit on each team member, their team and the United States Coast Guard.”

For the Commandant,

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