



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 services set forth in the following**

**CITATION**

**“For exceptionally meritorious service from 15 March 2008 to 18 March 2008 while serving as musicians of the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band during the New York City Saint Patrick’s Day Parade and Celebration. Building upon an already high degree of professionalism and preparedness, musicians of the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band converged at Coast Guard Sector New York to rehearse and prepare for the parade performance to be viewed by three million parade spectators, a regional television audience, and a worldwide Internet audience. Musicians traveled to New York from throughout the continental United States, some coming from as far as the Pacific Northwest. The all-volunteer Pipes and Drums was the largest performing contingent of the band ever with 32 musicians along with additional support staff. The United States Coast Guard Pipe Band was honored to be the first United States Coast Guard band to be invited to perform in the annual New York City event and was also the largest active U.S. Armed Services pipe band to ever perform in the parade. The Coast Guard Pipe Band coordinated with Coast Guard Sector New York to develop the parade contingent. This included a Sector New York Honor Guard, the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band, and a Sector New York Honor Platoon consisting of 150 uniformed Coast Guard service members. Overcoming inherent logistics and transportation issues associated with moving large numbers of musicians and equipment between key locations, band leadership was well prepared with government vehicles, staffing, and coordination to accomplish the mission of delivering the musicians to the mid-town Manhattan parade staging location despite rush hour traffic. While challenging weather conditions presented obstacles, the Pipes and Drums of the United States Coast Guard performed with a high degree of competency and professionalism overcoming low temperatures and gusting winds. The band’s stirring music and stunning visual presence served to further public awareness of the United States Coast Guard’s role and its contribution to the nation. 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.”**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. E. Landry".

**M. E. LANDRY**

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Director of Governmental and Public Affairs**