



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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

COAST GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL

TO

LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE MICHAEL J. DORIA
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

FOR

SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY FROM FEBRUARY 2000 TO NOVEMBER 2008

GIVEN THIS

5th

DAY OF

MARCH 2009



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For the Commandant
M E. LANDRY

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Director of Governmental and Public Affairs

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE

Lieutenant Junior Grade DORIA is cited for his outstanding achievement and performance of duties from February 2000 to November 2008 as a volunteer bagpiper and founding member of the Coast Guard Pipe Band. In 2000, he was referred to as their "unofficial bagpiper" by the Commandant and the MCPOCG. Without hesitation he traveled the East Coast from 2000 to 2002 for more than 27 performances, supporting all military services. Since 2002, he participated in an additional 21 performances throughout the country, including changes of command, unit commissioning ceremonies, military balls, parades, retirements, and memorial services. As a result of his leadership, the Board of Directors of the Pipe Band appointed him Regional Coordinator for the First Coast Guard District in 2006. In 2007, he earned Sector New York's nomination, one of only two nominees from the 1st District, for the American League's Spirit of Service Award. As Regional Coordinator, he coordinated and planned requests for performances, most notably the participation of the largest contingent of the Pipe Band to date in the 247th New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade. During this event LTJG DORIA organized all Pipe Band activities over a three day period to include scheduling rehearsals and public affairs activities, credentials for volunteers, berthing and messing for all members, and coordinating local transportation from the USCG Academy, Sector New York, and Sector Delaware. With millions of spectators worldwide, the Coast Guard received immeasurable positive public recognition from his efforts. LTJG DORIA furthered international recognition of the Coast Guard by arranging for the band to perform for more than 5,000 firefighters from around the world at the historic 7th Regimental Armory in Manhattan. In November 2008, he coordinated the Pipe Band's performance for senior officials at the reopening of the USS INTREPID museum in New York City. Today, thanks to his efforts, the Coast Guard Pipe Band is the largest all volunteer military pipe band in the United States, promoting greater public appreciation of the values and traditions of the Coast Guard. LTJG DORIA's dedication, judgment, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

