

THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD WASHINGTON 20593

28 July 2014

From: Commandant

To: B.J. Ferguson, USCG Auxiliary

Subj: AUXILIARY LETTER OF COMMENDATION

- 1. I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your outstanding performance of duty while serving with the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band (USCGPB) from July 2009 through July 2014.
- 2. The United States Coast Guard Pipe Band is a great asset to the United States Coast Guard and you are to be commended for your significant contribution in increasing public awareness of the service and the Band and in insuring the success of numerous notable events.
- 3. During this period you played a vital role in the successful musical performances of the Band in Grand Haven, Michigan's annual Coast Guard Festival for five consecutive years; in the Band's Washington, D.C. National Law Enforcement Week activities, including the Fraternal Order of Police National Pipe Band Competition for two consecutive years; and in numerous performances in the Atlanta, GA, area for the past four years.
- 4. During this period you also served with distinction on the Band's Awards Committee and Nomination/Election Committee, including three years as chairman of the latter. You dedicated an enormous amount of personal time, energy, and resources to this complex and important function. You have maintained the Band's social media Facebook page, which provides excellent publicity for both the USCGPB and the USCG and has proven to be very popular with almost 400 followers from all over the world. You have kept the site relevant and interesting to your audience by continuously updating it with photographs and videos of recent Band activities and training material for members.
- 4. You are commended for your outstanding performance of duty. By your meritorious service you have upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.
- 5. You are hereby authorized to wear the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar award.

For the Commandant,

R. A. HAHN

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard