



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
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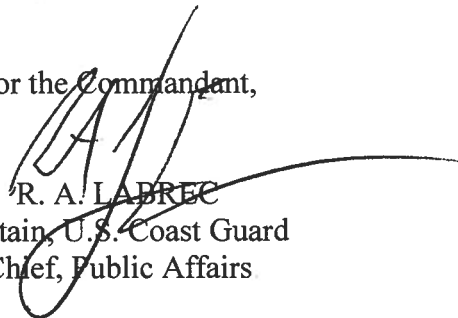
From: Commandant
To: CDR Ken Hines, USCG (Ret.)

Subj: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. Thank you for your outstanding support of the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band during the band's visit and performances in Washington, D.C., from 13 May to 15 May 2012. During this period, you not only performed as a piper in the band, but you also voluntarily assumed the responsibility of Project Officer, arranging lodging and transportation for the members of the band. In addition, you coordinated with the organizers of the various events in which the band participated to ensure the success of the band's performances. These events included participating in the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) National Pipe Band Competition, a performance for Coast Guard personnel at Coast Guard Headquarters, the Annual Emerald Society and Pipe Band March, and performing in a Massed Bands and Memorial Service at the Washington, D.C., National Law Enforcement Officers Monument. The memorial includes the names of 13 U.S. Coast Guard shipmates.

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 in ensuring the success of these notable events.

For the Commandant,


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