

THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD WASHINGTON 20593

28 July 2014

From: Commandant

To: M. L. Loudermilk, 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 as the Pipe Major for the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band (USCGPB) from November 2013 through May 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. This included preparing and leading the Band during its participation in the 2014 Buxton & Ocracoke British War Graves Services in North Carolina; a Band Competition in Washington, D.C.; the National WWII Memorial Service; the FOP Lodge 1 "Tent City" performance; the Annual Emerald Society and Pipe Band March; a Memorial Service at the National Law Enforcement Officers Monument; and four events in the Atlanta, GA, area. You also developed schedules and selected the music for all events; wrote musical arrangements to meet organizers needs' and competition requirements; made video and audio presentations of music for Band members to use in preparing for all events; developed USCGPB-wide notifications to encourage participation; tuned instruments; and worked closely with both experienced and new performers.
- 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 Auxiliary Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar.

For the Commandant,

R. A. HAHN

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard