

From: Commandant
To: BMCS Robert S. Cochran, USCGR

Subj: MILITARY OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL

1. I am pleased to recognize your outstanding volunteer contributions to the community during the period 02 Aug 2002 to 01 Jan 2008. During this period, you volunteered hundreds of hours with the United States Coast Guard Pipe Band, a volunteer organization affiliated with the US Coast Guard. You were a founding member and appointed Pipe Sergeant in 2002. Acting as the mid-Atlantic regional coordinator, you fielded all request for performances in the most active area for the Pipe Band. You participated in numerous CG funeral ceremonies, including the one held at Arlington Cemetery for the only Coast Guard member Missing in Action in Vietnam, LT Rittichier, on 06 Oct 2003. You also participated in numerous military ceremonies such as the launching of the USCGC Alder in Marinette, WI on 07 Feb 2004, the establishment of CG Sector North Carolina in 2005, and the dedication of the LCDR Gilbert F. Granados, USCGR, building at CG Station Kings Point, NY, honoring the only Coast Guard Reserve Officer who died in the World Trade Center o September 11, 2001. You also faithfully piped from 2002 to 2007 for the annual Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, MI, and the British War Graves Memorial ceremonies at Buxton and Ocracoke, NC, which were attended by flag officers from the US Coast Guard, the Royal Navy, and the Royal Canadian Navy to honor sailors killed in World War II.

2. As a result of your efforts, members of the Cost Guard and their families have benefited from the increased public understanding, recognition and appreciation of the history, traditions, contributions, sacrifices, and missions of the men and women of the U. S. Coast Guard resulting from your pipe band performances in memorial services, military balls, patriotic and military parades, public ceremonies and concerts, Commissioning Ceremonies, Change of Command Ceremonies, Retirement Ceremonies, funerals of Coast Guard members, and similar ceremonies in which any active, reserve or auxiliary component of the U. S. Coast Guard or U. S. Armed Forces is participating.

3. You are hereby authorized to wear the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

For the Commandant,

Brian D. Kelly, CAPT
CG SECTOR Baltimore