



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON 20593  
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The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the  
COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION to:

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

for services as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from June 23, 1939 through June 23, 1999 for providing sixty years of dedicated public service and operational, logistical, and administrative support to the United States Coast Guard and the nation. Since its creation by Congress in 1939, as the original Coast Guard Reserve, and later designation as the Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1941, members of this superb maritime volunteer organization have served side by side with Regular, Reserve, and Civilian Coast Guard personnel to accomplish Coast Guard goals. Undergoing stringent training requirements and using their own personal resources, the men and women of the Auxiliary have successfully supported Coast Guard missions on land, on the water, and in the air. While doing so, these most trusted volunteers, often at risk to their own personal safety, have saved tens of thousands of lives, assisted hundreds of thousands of boaters in distress, and prevented the loss of billions of dollars worth of property. Auxiliary volunteers have prevented the loss of life at sea by routinely examining recreational boaters and commercial fishing vessels to ensure boats are seaworthy and equipped with working and ready lifesaving equipment. Auxiliarists have also instructed over tens of millions of citizens, young and old, in the basic tools of seamanship and navigation to operate vessels on our waters and return to homeport safely. Furthermore, the Auxiliary has worked with all the members of the Coast Guard family to provide humanitarian assistance when hurricanes, typhoons, floods and other disasters victimize our nation's citizens. Over these many years, the Auxiliary has willingly provided these services, with a "can do" attitude and a unique, remarkable altruistic spirit typical of its citizen members. The professionalism and devotion to duty of the Auxiliary members are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. M. Loy".

James M. Loy  
Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard  
Commandant