



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON 20593

The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting  
the COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION to:

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For exceptionally meritorious service from June 24, 1999, through June 23, 2009 while providing superb operational, logistical, and administrative support to the United States Coast Guard and unparalleled performance to our nation. Auxiliarists nobly offered their time, effort and resources to support the Coast Guard whenever needed. Despite unprecedented challenges to our national safety, security, and spirit, Auxiliary contributions were staggering in their breadth and scope. These stalwart volunteers performed over 1.2 million recreational and commercial fishing vessel safety checks, over 980 thousand hours of boating safety course instruction, and more than 7.7 million hours of operational support and patrol missions. Their diligent efforts resulted in successful boating safety course completion by more than 1.6 million boaters, the saving of more than 3,100 lives, assistance of over 91 thousand boaters in distress, and the prevention of loss of more than 437 million dollars in property. The costs of such performance were admirably and overwhelmingly borne by Auxiliarists as they logged over 23.7 million hours of staff work, travel, preparation, training, and self-administration. All of this was unselfishly delivered as Auxiliarists stood side by side with their Coast Guard counterparts to confront and overcome a roll call of daunting challenges to American fortitude including Y2K, 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, and many other natural and man-made disasters. Demonstrating remarkable organizational courage and determination, the Auxiliary undertook and successfully implemented the most sweeping changes in its history to its business processes. These included implementation of background checks on all members as well as comprehensive realignment of its leadership construct to more flexibly and effectively support the Coast Guard’s modernization efforts. The professionalism, pride, and devotion to duty displayed by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.”

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. W. Allen".

T. W. ALLEN  
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard  
Commandant