

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Commander Wolf,

I am finally getting a break from my hectic schedule to express how much my wife and I truly appreciate the tremendous job you and the Coast Guard Cutters band did for our retirement ceremony on 18 May 2007 at Ft. Lesley J. McNair in Washington, DC.

The reviews from every one of our 500+ guests in attendance, including our family, friends, the Commandant, the Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security and my new colleagues from the White House were all glowing with praise for the very best retirement they have ever witnessed. The ceremony was quite overwhelming, touching, enjoyable, dignified and professional, but your fine musical performance is what made the entire event awesome!

I know well that it could not have been a huge success without a significant amount of effort behind the scenes by you and the rest of the band. Even more remarkable is that you all accomplished this in a relatively short time period of time that was available to practice, within tight quarters to perform, and with fairly high expectations from yours truly, but you all far exceeded my expectations.

Please accept our warmest gratitude for making Shirley's and my last day in the Coast Guard very special with memories that will last us a lifetime. We will always remember you all with great fondness for your tremendous act of kindness. Please pass on my hearty "Bravo Zulu!" to your outstanding fellow band members.

Thanks, a billion!



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