



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

COAST GUARD ACTIVITIES NEW YORK

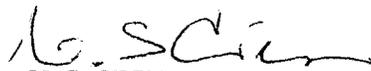
For service set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from 1 September 2002 to 01 February 2005 in extraordinary execution of multiple, multi-faceted elevated maritime security (MARSEC) operations and events of national significance, including the extended 2003-2004 MARSEC II and 2004 Focused MARSEC II periods, in the complex Port of New York/New Jersey. This included the anniversary observations of the September 11th terrorist attacks, the first Joint Session of Congress in Manhattan in over 200 years, the annual convenings of the United Nations General Assembly, extensive VIP and dignitary visit demands, two Navy Fleet Weeks, and the Republican National Convention. The command frequently executed rapid, large-scale mobilizations. For the February to July 2003 MARSEC II period in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, the command integrated 1,000 personnel from 29 Coast Guard units and 40 cutters, small boats and aircraft, while qualifying 650 reservists and training 200 local law enforcement partners. Leveraging impressive port partnerships, ACTIVITIES NEW YORK led responses to volatile events such as the container ship PALERMO SENATOR suspected of carrying nuclear radioactive material, the container ship RIO PUELO suspected of containing a biological hazard threat, the tank barge B-125 that exploded with two million gallons of gasoline at a Staten Island waterfront terminal, the Staten Island Ferry allision, the capsizing of the freight ship STELLA MARE in the Port of Albany, and the maritime evacuation of Manhattan during the Northeast Blackout of 2003. ACTIVITIES NEW YORK aggressively prosecuted an astounding level of ports, waterways and coastal security missions, amassing 43,000 underway hours in 3,700 high risk port security boardings and positive control movements of high interest commercial vessels, 4,800 escorts of cruise ships and high capacity ferries, and 4,300 shore-side maritime domain awareness patrols. The Vessel Traffic Center flawlessly transitioned to the Ports and Waterways Safety System while maintaining control of a remarkable 360,000 annual vessel movements, including intensive waterway management requirements stemming from the Army Corps of Engineers' two billion dollar waterway deepening project and a critical one-way vessel traffic scheme in the dredge and blast work zone. Faced with the risks attendant with stewardship of the world's tenth largest port, the command accomplished the First District's Operation PORT SHIELD requirements in implementing the historic Maritime Transportation Security Act and International Ship and Port Facility Security Code for 200 regulated facilities, 500 marinas and 5,400 annual foreign flagged ship arrivals. The professionalism, pride, and devotion to duty demonstrated by ACTIVITIES NEW YORK is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,


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