



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 MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION to:

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY PARTNERSHIP IN EDUCATION TEAM

for service set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For exceptionally meritorious service from 1 May 2008 to 13 June 2008 while serving on the Northern New Jersey Partnership in Education team. The team meticulously planned and executed “Coast Guard Day” in New Jersey for over 600 students from kindergarten through sixth grade. Over 40 active duty, reserve, civilian, and auxiliary members from five Sector New York units, one First District unit, one Fifth District unit, and nine Auxiliary Flotillas planned and organized the event. “Coast Guard Day” culminated on the grounds of Highland Avenue middle school, located in Midland Park New Jersey. A major attraction for the event was a Coast Guard HH-65 helicopter that landed on the baseball field of the school. The entire student body assembled outside and cheered as the helicopter made its approach. A Coast Guard Station small boat, Aids to Navigation display, and a portable Coast Guard environmental pollution learning lab were also very popular with the students. In addition to the major attractions, the team members held knot tying classes, radio communication exercises, personal flotation device training, heaving line demonstrations, dewatering drills, and canoe/kayak safety lessons and handed out hundreds of coloring books, pamphlets and posters. The team seamlessly managed hundreds of details, expertly handled last minute event changes and worked tirelessly to ensure the students experienced an exceptionally informative, memorable, and entertaining day. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the Coast Guard Partnership in Education Team are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.”

For the Commandant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert R. O'Brien, Jr.".

ROBERT R. O'BRIEN, JR.
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Commander, Coast Guard Sector New York