



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

10 June 1985

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

COAST GUARD MARINE SAFETY OFFICE
GALVESTON, TEXAS

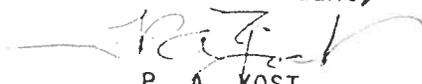
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from 2 August 1984 to 9 October 1984 while engaged in response to the major pollution incident resulting from the grounding of the M/V ALVENUS, in the Gulf of Mexico on 30 July 1984. The rapid response of personnel from Marine Safety Office Galveston provided for immediate mobilization of the spill response organization. Before the oil came ashore, the unit had begun preparing for cleanup. The unit launched a massive effort to establish lines of communication with concerned state, county and local officials. With reliable spill trajectory predictions provided by NOAA personnel, Marine Safety Office Galveston was able to direct the development of flexible resource employment strategies, keyed to the sensitivity of areas threatened with oil impact. Marine Safety Office Galveston personnel located and alerted available cleanup contractors and provided for response equipment preparation. Due to these efforts, when the oil did come ashore, vigorous cleanup commenced immediately. Throughout the cleanup, the unit's efforts proved the necessary catalyst to bring the diverse groups of industry, government and private interests together. Marine Safety Office Galveston personnel coordinated the ever changing equipment, personnel and disposal site requirements. Their establishment of a media center enabled them to handle a myriad of inquiries from a concerned national media. Marine Safety Office Galveston's effectiveness in this massive response effort is directly attributable to the tenacity, versatility and special perseverance of all Coast Guard personnel involved. This professionalism, devotion to duty and exceptionally meritorious performance reflects highly on each individual and the command and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

The Operational Distinguishing device is authorized.

For the Commandant,


P. A. YOST
Vice Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commander, Atlantic Area