



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 MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION to:

THE COAST GUARD FESTIVAL PLANNING AND EXECUTION TEAM

for service set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service from 1 September 1996 to 3 August 1997 while serving on the planning and execution team in support of the 1997 Coast Guard Festival. During this period the Festival Board of Trustees along with Active, Reserve and Auxiliary members of Team Coast Guard combined their efforts in planning and executing this highly visible public event which attracts nearly 250,000 people each year to "Coast Guard City USA." Throughout the yearlong planning process, Coast Guard personnel worked closely with the Festival Board of Trustees to ensure maximum public exposure to the roles and missions of the Coast Guard with specific emphasis on this year's theme of "Small Service, Big Job, Best Value." This week-long annual celebration honoring the contributions and service of the United States Coast Guard included a wide variety of events and activities including sporting competitions, two parades, concerts, fireworks, a picnic, and the annual National Coast Guard Memorial Service. This special service honored those members of the Coast Guard who have made the "supreme sacrifice" in the performance of their duties. The festival also honored a number of Team Coast Guard dignitaries including the Vice Commandant, the Ninth District Commander and senior staff, Commanding Officers and Officers in Charge of 12 Ninth District Units, the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, and the Group Grand Haven Sailor of the Year. Working in concert with the Festival Trustees, Coast Guard men and women from numerous units expertly provided extensive support including color and honor guards, VIP lodging and transportation, static displays, helicopter fly-overs, ship tours, and the establishment of a marine safety zone. The dedication, pride and professionalism displayed by the members of the Coast Guard Festival Planning and Execution Team reflect credit upon themselves, their team and the United States Coast Guard."

For the Commandant,

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Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Vice Commandant