



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON 20593

13 August 1991

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

USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719)  
ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service from 3 September 1990 to 16 August 1991 during diverse activities. Following BOUTWELL's delivery from FRAM, over two hundred tons of material and equipment were moved with no personnel injuries or damage to equipment. Careful planning and outstanding teamwork enabled BOUTWELL personnel to complete the cross-deck and initial training process eighteen days early. All ready-for-sea activities were also completed on time or ahead of schedule. Noteworthy were the successful Communications System Operability Tests which netted BOUTWELL the highest scores of any Coast Guard Cutter. Due to scheduling conflicts, the cutter was required to conduct training readiness evaluation 30 days earlier than originally planned. Nevertheless, an Outstanding evaluation was earned with a minimal number of discrepancies. Evaluators lauded BOUTWELL's training readiness as "impressive and comprehensive". Refresher Training was completed one week early with the cutter earning Pacific Area Cutter Achievement Awards in all graded categories. BOUTWELL then served as the United States representative at the Japanese Maritime Safety Agency's Annual Sea Review in Tokyo, significantly strengthening international cooperation and goodwill between the Japanese government and the United States Coast Guard. During her first operational patrol following FRAM, BOUTWELL seized two fishing vessels. ENDURANCE was seized for violation of closed fishing area regulations, and HI SEAS I was seized and towed into Dutch Harbor for flagrant vessel safety violations. The high level of professionalism and dedication of Coast Guard Cutter BOUTWELL personnel are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. B. Beran".

A. BRUCE BERAN  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard  
Commander Coast Guard Pacific Area