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MEMORANDUM

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Subj: PRECEPT CONVENING A SELECTION BOARD TO RECOMMEND OFFICERS OF THE COAST GUARD ON THE ACTIVE DUTY PROMOTION LIST FOR PROMOTION TO THE GRADE OF CAPTAIN

Ref: (a) Section 251, Title 14, U.S. Code
(b) Personnel Manual, COMDTINST M1000.6A

1. Pursuant to the authority provided by references (a) and (b), a Selection Board is appointed consisting of yourself as President and the following members:

CAPT John S. Welch, USCGR - Member
CAPT Thomas M. Sparks, USCG - Member
CAPT Eduardo Pino, USCG - Member
CAPT Peter J. Brown, USCG - Member
CAPT Chris P. Scraba, USCG – Member
CAPT Lisa M. Festa, USCG - Member

LCDR Craig J. Wieschhorster, USCG - Non-voting Recorder

2. The Board shall convene at 1000, 13 July 2009, in suite 501, Coast Guard Personnel Service Center, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the purpose of considering all officers in the grade of commander who are eligible for consideration for promotion to the grade of captain in the Coast Guard. Members of the Board shall swear or affirm that they will, without prejudice or partiality, and having in view both the special fitness of officers and the efficiency of the Coast Guard, perform the duties imposed upon them.

3. There is hereby established a promotion zone of 96 commanders on the Active Duty Promotion List consisting of the most senior officer; namely, CDR Brian L. Dunn, USCG, and those 95 officers junior thereto who have not been previously included in a promotion zone, through and including CDR Joseph J. Mahr, USCG. There are 44 officers above the zone and 154 eligible officers below the zone. The names and records of all officers to be considered for promotion shall be furnished to the Board. The 64 best qualified officers shall be recommended

for promotion. If considered best qualified, not more than 6 officers below the zone may be among those recommended.

4. The Board may identify several officers of particular merit, from those chosen for promotion, and recommend them for In Zone reordering and placement at the top of the list of selectees, if at least two-thirds of the members of the Board agree. The Board is under no obligation to employ In Zone reordering; however, if employed, the number of officers selected for reordering will be limited to 10 percent of the total number authorized to be recommended for promotion (up to 6 officers). Officers above, in, and below zone are eligible for reordering if selected for promotion. The selected officers will be reordered in the list of selectees as identified by the Board upon approval by the Secretary.

5. Prior to the date the Board submits its report, the Commander, Coast Guard Personnel Service Center, is authorized to delete the name of any officer whose name is removed from the Active Duty Promotion List for any reason. In the event any officer in the promotion zone established herein is removed prior to the date the Board submits its report, the Commander, Coast Guard Personnel Service Center will provide additional instructions. Any communications to the Board by any officer under consideration will be transmitted under separate cover.

6. The Board shall refer to the provisions of Sections 5.A and 14.A of reference (b) and the enclosed Commandant's Guidance to PY10 Officer Selection Boards in your development of criteria for determining the officers recommended for selection. Section 14.A.3 of reference (b) provides four factors to consider in developing your criteria: performance, professionalism, leadership, and education.

7. You should emphasize to the members of the Board the importance of their obligation to confine themselves to facts of record and not predicate judgments on rumor or hearsay. At the end of your deliberations, all members must be able to say that the officers recommended for promotion are, in the opinion of at least a majority of the members if the board has five members, or in the opinion of at least two-thirds of the members if the board has more than five members, are the best qualified to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the grade for which they are selected.

8. The Board shall submit a report in writing signed by all members of the Board. Except for the report of this Board, the proceedings of the Board shall not be disclosed to any person not a member of the Board. You will direct the members of the Board that their recommendations shall be kept confidential until the Secretary approves the report on behalf of the President, and the names of officers selected for promotion are released to the Service at large.

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Enclosure: Commandant's Guidance to PY10 Officer Selection Boards