



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

6 February 1984

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

DISASTER CONTROL GROUP 8.3
Galveston, Texas

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptional meritorious service from 19 to 29 August 1983 while engaged in the recovery from Hurricane Alicia which devastated the Central Texas Coast, particularly the area from the Brazos River to High Island. The units comprising Disaster Control Group 8.3 were activated immediately after Hurricane Alicia passed. Rescue and investigation parties were dispatched to provide relief assistance and survey damage to the area's navigational aids. The relief forces searched the entire Central Texas Coast for people in distress and quickly assessed the damage. All crews of Disaster Control Group 8.3 performed continuous duty for the recovery period. By the completion of the recovery effort, crews had repaired over 330 navigational aids; aircrews flew 29 over flight searches and aerial surveys, totaling 52 hours; and eight Aids to Navigation units and four Search and Rescue units logged over 1300 underway hours. The Disaster Control Group assisted in the immense task of coordinating repair to Coast Guard property, helping fellow Coast Guard personnel recover from extensive personal losses, and assisting the community's recovery efforts. No Coast Guard vessels sustained debilitating damage and all remained operational throughout the recovery, which was attributable to detailed preparations. The Disaster Control Group performed with an outstanding display of professionalism. The challenges and hardships encountered only served to bolster morale and effectiveness rather than obstruct them. The professionalism and devotion to duty exhibited by Disaster Control Group 8.3 during this period 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 cursive script that reads "W. E. Caldwell".

W. E. CALDWELL

Vice Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commander, Atlantic Area