



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON 20593

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

USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC-719)  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

“For exceptionally meritorious service from October 2014 to March 2016, while significantly advancing U.S. national security objectives, USCGC BOUTWELL’s superior mission readiness and execution were showcased during the final chapter of her 47-year distinguished career. While engaged in counterdrug and fisheries enforcement in the Pacific, BOUTWELL demonstrated superior dedication and professionalism and continued a legacy of sustained excellence and noteworthy performance. BOUTWELL displayed strategic planning and innovative tactical employment of interagency and partner-nation assets in support of Operation MARTILLO by conducting six go-fast vessel pursuits and 10 counternarcotics boardings, resulting in four interdictions, the detention of 11 suspected traffickers, and the seizure of more than 2600 pounds of cocaine valued at 40 million dollars. Testing the upper limits of the Cutter’s towing capacity the crew successfully executed a 550 nautical mile tow of the seized M/V ALTIC, successfully delivering the 270-foot coastal freighter to Panama. At the conclusion of this patrol, BOUTWELL offloaded more than 14 tons of cocaine to the Drug Enforcement Administration, providing the model from which future bulk dispositions will be arranged. During two Bering Sea Patrols, BOUTWELL seamlessly flexed to shifting mission demands, medically evacuating four patients from remote Alaskan villages, conducting 29 Living Marine Resource boardings, enforcing the U.S.-Russia Maritime Boundary Line, enforcing safety zones for Arctic drilling rigs and supporting the first Presidential visit to the Arctic. Bolstering U.S. and Coast Guard Intelligence efforts, BOUTWELL drafted 39 Field Intelligence Reports and conducted 92 Specific Emitter Identification collections, detailing smuggling tactics and fisheries trends. The professionalism, pride, and devotion to duty displayed by USCGC BOUTWELL 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 blue ink, appearing to read "C. W. RAY".

C. W. RAY  
Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard  
Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area