



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

25 January 2010

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

THE 2009 HAWAII AREA COAST GUARD BALL PLANNING COMMITTEE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For exceptionally meritorious service from February 2009 to August 2009 while serving as a member of the 2009 Hawaii Area Coast Guard Ball Planning Committee. During this period, the Committee organized, planned, and successfully executed a major morale event for all active duty, reserve, auxiliary, civilian and retired members of the Coast Guard family. The Committee skillfully orchestrated a celebration of Coast Guard history, improving morale and inspiring pride in our Service. Promoting the theme, “Ready for Tomorrow - Remembering Sacrifices, Sustaining Public Trust, Leading Change,” the Ball Planning Committee informed and encouraged all members to join in the celebration of our nation’s oldest continuous sea-going service. The Committee’s well-executed advertising campaign, combined with flexible ticket sales, resulted in attendance by 340 people--the highest number ever for a Hawaii Coast Guard Ball. Ingenuity and excellent use of resources kept the budget under the targeted \$20,000 while making it an event worth remembering. Fundraising goals were surpassed by hundreds of dollars, allowing a positive balance to be left for use by the 2010 Ball Committee. Additionally, the Committee strengthened ties with the other armed services through its diligence to ensure the attendance of flag and general officers and senior enlisted members from each military branch. Multiple dignitaries and members of other services who attended praised the high quality of the Ball. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the 2009 Hawaii Area Coast Guard Ball Planning Committee are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.”

For the Commandant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Manson K. Brown".

MANSON K. BROWN

Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District