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recognizes

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VITA Site Web Master
14th Coast Guard District Tax Clinic – PJKK

for outstanding public service contributed to your community
through the SPEC (*Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication*)
VITA (*Volunteer Income Tax Assistance*) and TCE (*Tax Counseling for the Elderly*) Programs

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Dear Volunteer:

Thank you for being committed to the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (VITA/TCE) Programs during the 2010 tax filing season.

I continue to be amazed at the outstanding accomplishments you have made to deliver a much-needed service to American taxpayers. Volunteers like you are helping millions of Americans claim the Earned Income Credit and other tax benefits. You play a vital role in making it all happen.

This filing season was truly like no other with many of you transitioning from TaxWise Desktop to TaxWise Online and dealing with the challenges of Schedule M rejects from the Making Work Pay Credit. It kept us in constant dialogue looking for the best strategy for processing taxpayers' returns. I offer my sincere apologies for the confusion these issues may have caused you. The abundance of patience and understanding exhibited by you as we worked to resolve issues deserves the greatest recognition.

The importance of filing an accurate return for taxpayers cannot be expressed enough during the filing season. Collaboratively, we have reached an unprecedented level of achievement regarding the quality and accuracy of returns filed. We have improved quality standards for the VITA/TCE Program nationwide and applaud you for your great work and effort in making this happen. You continue to do a great job using the tools provided, which is key to an accurate return and a successful quality process.

I am pleased you chose to volunteer with us and to help others receive all benefits to which they are eligible. Your contributions are vital to the programs we deliver and we do not take them lightly. We hope you continue to help us help others in the future. We look forward to serving with you again next year.

Sincerely,

Julieta D. Garcia
Director, Stakeholder Partnerships,
Education and Communication (SPEC)

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You are FABUL☺US! MAHAL☺!

The Internal Revenue Service thanks you

14th Coast Guard District Tax Clinic
PJKK/ASBP/SI - Hawaii

for your time in educating others on taxes,
new tax benefits and, especially,
for your efforts in promoting the
Earned Income Tax Credit.

Glenna J. Nakamura

Senior Stakeholder Relationship Tax Consultant
IRS-SPEC, Honolulu, HI—04/15/2010



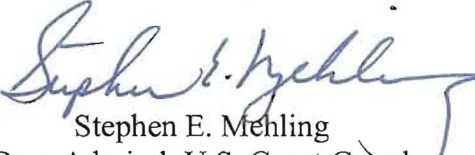
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E.B.
Dear Mr. ~~Lawson~~,

Thank you for your generous and high quality volunteer service during the 2010 Income Tax season. This year, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Team assisted 149 Coast Guard military, civilian, retiree, and dependent personnel in preparing their 2009 tax returns, saving eligible members over \$29,000 in tax preparation and filing fees. The VITA Team's hard work and dedication resulted in over \$41,000 worth of state refunds and over \$335,000 in federal refunds for eligible members. As a member of the team, you devoted many hours to learning the tax preparation software, preparing the returns, and administering the program. You also made yourself available to prepare returns for personnel at remote units that did not have tax assistance resources available. Your diligence, devotion, and "can do" attitude greatly contributed to the morale and financial well-being of the Coast Guard personnel assigned to this area; and for that, I extend my most heartfelt thanks and commendation.

Sincerely,


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