



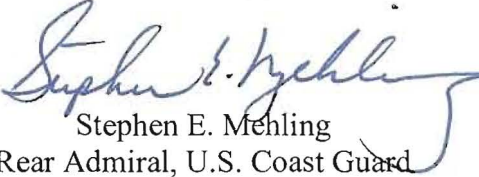
COMMANDER, FOURTEENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT  
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Dear Mr. ~~Lawson~~,

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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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard

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