



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON 20593

13 December 2011

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

**THE 2011 HAWAII AREA COAST GUARD BALL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

“For exceptionally meritorious service from February 2011 to August 2011 while serving as a committee member for the 2011 Hawaii Area Coast Guard Ball. During this period, the Committee was responsible for organizing, planning, and executing a major morale event open to all Active Duty, Reserve, Auxiliary, Civilian, and Retired members of the Coast Guard. The Committee did an exceptional job of orchestrating a celebration of Coast Guard history, improving morale, fostering esprit de corps, and inspiring pride in our Service. The Coast Guard Ball Planning Committee successfully reached out to inform and encourage all District Fourteen members across all ranks to join in the celebration of our Nation’s oldest continuous sea-going service. Through the Committee’s well-executed advertising campaign, combined with flexible ticket sales, over 400 people attended this year’s ball, the highest number ever recorded at a District Fourteen Coast Guard Ball. Ingenious, well planned, and frugal use of resources minimized total budgetary expenditures while still ensuring a lavish event, one that will be remembered by all. The Committee’s total fundraising exceeded all previous years, providing over \$4,000 to the upcoming 2012 Coast Guard Ball Committee, preparing them for success. The Committee was responsible for strengthening ties with our fellow armed military services through diligent outreach programs to ensure the attendance of both officer and enlisted members from each branch. Multiple attending dignitaries and members of other services praised the extraordinary caliber of the Ball. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by each member of the 2011 Coast Guard Ball Committee reflect great credit upon themselves, their respective commands, and the United States Coast Guard.”

For the Commandant,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles W. Ray".

**CHARLES W. RAY**  
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard  
Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District