



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON 20593

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

**THE CENTRALIZED REGIONAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM  
(CENTRIXS) TEAM**

for services as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

**“For exceptionally meritorious service from November 2011 to May 2012 in support of the Centralized Regional Information Exchange System (CENTRIXS) deployment at the Fourteenth Coast Guard District (D14), Honolulu, Hawaii. During this period, the Team orchestrated one of the most innovative and highly successful system deployments in recent D14 history. Confronted with an emergent requirement for protected communications with coalition partners in the South Pacific and Oceania, CENTRIXS was identified as the right solution. However, with insufficient funding and limited programmatic support, CENTRIXS appeared improbable. Recognizing the value of CENTRIXS to D14, personnel from the Thirteenth Coast Guard District (D13), Pacific Area (PACAREA), the Telecommunications and Information Systems Command (TISCOM), Electronic Systems Support Unit (ESU) Honolulu, Base Honolulu, and D14 overcame the substantial funding and support obstacles by relocating an underutilized suite from D13. As the D13 team quickly disassembled, packaged, and shipped the system to Hawaii, PACAREA facilitated the necessary authorization documentation and network accreditation packages. Upon receipt, ESU and D14 assembled and made-ready CENTRIXS for software and network configuration as Base Honolulu worked to ensure the sole source vendor was contracted and able to perform software installation and system configuration within the specified period. During the entire evolution, TISCOM worked tirelessly to ensure technical requirements were met. The Team’s success resulted in perfect CENTRIXS integration over a secure network. CENTRIXS was implemented in fewer than seven months at a savings of nearly \$41,000. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the members of the CENTRIXS Team are in keeping with the highest traditions of 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