



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON 20593

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

**THE 2012 HAWAII AREA COAST GUARD BALL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

“For exceptionally meritorious service from September 2011 to August 2012 while serving as a member of the 2012 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 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 400 people. Ingenuity and excellent use of resources kept the budget under the targeted \$30,000 while making it an event worth remembering. Fundraising goals were surpassed by hundreds of dollars, allowing a positive balance to be left for the 2013 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 2012 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Charles W. Ray".

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