



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 2014 HAWAII AREA COAST GUARD BALL PLANNING COMMITTEE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For exceptionally meritorious service from February 2014 to September 2014 while serving as a member of the 2014 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. Exhibiting perseverance, flexibility, and impressive logistical prowess, the Committee created an online ticket purchase program through PayPal, iterated childcare and alcohol risk mitigation plans to overcome fiscal and policy concerns, and managed a second full round of coordination effort due to postponement and rescheduling associated with Hurricane Anna. Promoting our rich heritage, remembering sacrifices, and honoring our traditions, the Committee informed and encouraged all members to join in the celebration of our nation’s oldest continuous sea-going service. Their well-executed advertising campaign, combined with flexible ticket sales, resulted in attendance by approximately 400 people. Ingenuity and excellent use of resources kept the budget under the targeted \$20,000 while making it an event worth remembering. Fundraising goals were surpassed by hundreds of dollars, allowing a positive balance to be left for the 2015 Ball Committee. Additionally, the Committee strengthened ties with the other armed services through its diligence to encourage the attendance of flag and general officers and senior enlisted members from each military branch. Multiple dignitaries who attended praised the high quality of the Ball. The highlight of the evening was the Committee’s montage of Coast Guard missions set to music that resulted in cheerful and pride-filled applause. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the 2014 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 "Cari B. Thomas", written over a diagonal line that extends from the bottom left towards the center.

CARI B. THOMAS
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Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District