



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 2015 HAWAII AREA COAST GUARD BALL PLANNING COMMITTEE
HONOLULU, HAWAII**

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For exceptionally meritorious service from 01 April 2015 to 08 August 2015 while serving on the 2015 Hawaii Area Coast Guard Ball Planning Committee. The Committee’s superb professionalism and devotion to duty made an immeasurable contribution to the success of this year’s Ball. They demonstrated a tireless commitment to others by volunteering more than 40 hours to attend planning meetings and to participate in highly successful fundraising activities. Displaying exceptional diligence, the Committee accurately identified fiscal requirements by thoroughly researching historical data and setting aggressive financial goals to ensure all monetary obligations would be recognized early in the planning process. As a result of their initiative and fiscal accountability, more than \$23,500 was raised through ticket sales, fundraising ventures, and sponsorships obtained from local commercial enterprises. All program debts were settled accordingly, while ensuring \$1,500 in residual funds were available for the subsequent year’s planning committee. Hosting more than 300 members from Coast Guard Hawaii area units, the Ball served as a means to celebrate the time-honored traditions of the Coast Guard on our 225th birthday while reinforcing important partnerships with Department of Defense services, international dignitaries, and distinguished guests from the Navy League. The Committee’s dedicated efforts to secure an attractive venue, arrange for a premier entertainment, provide convenient childcare, and ensure military protocol and traditions were recognized throughout the program promoted the highest levels of esprit de corps. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the 2015 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 "Vincent B. Atkins".

VINCENT B. ATKINS

Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District