



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

1 December 2016

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

THE 2016 HAWAII AREA COAST GUARD BALL PLANNING COMMITTEE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from February 2016 to October 2016 while serving as a committee member for the 2016 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. They did an excellent job of orchestrating a celebration of Coast Guard history, improving morale, and inspiring pride in our Service. The Committee successfully informed and encouraged all members 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 250 people attended the Hawaii Area Coast Guard Ball. Ingenuity and excellent use of resources kept the budget under \$20,000 while making it an event worth remembering. The Committee's total fundraising exceeded all previous years which allowed over \$5,000 to be left for the 2017 Ball Committee to use. The Committee was responsible for strengthening ties with other senior military leaders through its diligence to ensure the attendance of officers and enlisted members from each branch and with distinguished members of the Consular Corps. Multiple dignitaries and members of other services who attended praised the high quality of the Ball. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the members of the 2016 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 that reads "Vincent B. Atkins".

VINCENT B. ATKINS

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