



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

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From: Commandant
To: MST3 Thomas J. Larson, USCG

Subj: LETTER OF COMMENDATION

1. I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty while assigned to Sector Baltimore's Change of Command Team in July 2012. During this period you demonstrated exceptional professional competence and initiative for your contributions in support of Sector Baltimore's Change of Command and CAPT Mark P. O'Malley retirement ceremony. You were responsible for flying CAPT O'Malley's retirement flag at Stations Annapolis, Inigoes, and Crisfield, completing much of the tasking during off-duty hours, and then ensuring the flag was encased properly for the ceremony. You volunteered as the logistics petty officer to set up the transportation of personnel back and forth to the ceremony, arranging times and consistently working through last minute changes, ultimately ensuring participants arrived on time. You projected an ideal Coast Guard image for the ceremony by greeting, escorting, and seating all VIPs, including Major General Linnington from the Joint Forces Headquarters and his staff. The most important role you filled was CAPT Kevin C. Kiefer's aide for the Change of Command, ensuring he and his family had everything they needed, which allowed them to relax and enjoy the special day. Your outstanding efforts were key during the coordination returning ceremonial equipment to Station Annapolis and Sector Baltimore. The professionalism and enthusiasm you displayed in all of your endeavors directly contributed to the overall success enjoyed by Sector Baltimore.

2. You are commended for your outstanding performance of duty. By your meritorious service you have upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

3. You are hereby authorized to wear the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar (gold star in lieu of a second).

For the Commandant,

K. C. Kiefer
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Commander, Sector Baltimore