**6 July 2018**

**From: Commandant**

**To: BM2 Justin Crane, 2019494, USCG**

**Subj: LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

**1. I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty from July 2017 to July 2018 while assigned aboard USCG Station Curtis Bay. During this period you accumulated 290 hours underway, served as the Officer of the Day for 14 cases, and acted as Coxswain for five Search and Rescue cases. During your 290 hours underway, you were involved in 18 training evolutions, 50 Recreational Boating Safety patrols, two High Value Asset escorts, and seven engineering operations. Your dedication to Station Curtis Bay is proven through your exemplary work ethic. At the start of 2017, Senior Chief Henry challenged the crew to attain record numbers of Law Enforcement boardings and you took this challenge seriously. You ended the season with the most boardings of all Coast Guard Boarding Officers with 312 vessel boardings. This resulted in the issuance of 52 violations, 129 warnings, and termination of eight voyages. Additionally, you represented Station Curtis Bay for a real world Hazardous Material pollution exercise in the Susquehanna River. You functioned as the Coast Guard’s on-scene response, working closely with the Havre de Grave Police Department, Maryland Natural Resources Police, Maryland Transit Authority officers, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and numerous members from Sector MD NCR Command Center. Moreover, you developed the pre-brief checklist for an out-bound escort of the cargo ship Bahri Hofuf which contained hundreds of thousands of pounds of explosives. This operation involved a three-hour patrol commencing at 0330, with the CGC Shearwater and the Baltimore County PD tactical delivery team. You assisted the Executive Petty Officer in managing the procurement and follow up on over 60 purchase requests totaling** **over $60,000 of unit funds. Your pride in contributing to the unit’s success has been well above your pay grade and reflected the highest standards of honor, respect and devotion to duty.**

**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. The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.**

**For the Commandant,**

**L. P. Harrison**

**Captain, U.S. Coast Guard**

**Commander, Sector Maryland NCR**