# **From: Commandant**

# **To: SN Cody Ralph, USCG**

# **Subj: LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

**1. I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty while stationed at Aids to Navigation Team Crisfield, MD from November 2011 to April 2015. During your tenure, you successfully executed 156 missions, logging over 600 hours underway ensuring the Aids to Navigation (ATON) in the Mideastern portion of the Chesapeake Bay, Tangier Sound and Pocomoke Sound were watching properly. As an instrumental boat crew member on these sorties, your high level of expertise in ATON equipment and their associated systems led to the correction of over 150 discrepancies and countless scheduled maintenance inspections of nearly 600 primary aids. Your efforts directly contributed to the safe transit of passengers and goods between Smith Island, MD, Tangier Island, VA, and Crisfield, MD, as well as preserved the way of life on the last inhabited islands of the Chesapeake Bay. You excelled at a number of collateral duties including assistant Weapons Petty Officer, assistant Rescue and Survival Systems (RSS) Petty Officer, assistant ATON Operations Petty Officer and ATON Boat (small) boat keeper. Your knowledge and commitment was demonstrated in four successful Ready for Operations Inspections, two Ordnance Safety Inspections and three U.S. Coast Guard Fifth District ATON Inspections. Your keen efforts are especially commended on the significant improvements you made to the unit’s Rescue and Survival Systems program through your development of processes to ensure all gear was serviced in the allotted time frames.**

**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,**

**K. C. Kiefer**

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

**Commander, Sector Baltimore**