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

**2014 STAR SPANGLED SPECTACULAR AUXILIARY TEAM**

**BALTIMORE, MD**

**for service as set forth in the following**

**CITATION:**

**“For meritorious service from 06-16 September 2014 while serving on Sector Baltimore’s Auxiliary Team during the War of 1814 Bicentennial Commemoration. Known locally as the Star-Spangled Spectacular, the Commemoration drew hundreds of thousands of spectators to Chesapeake Bay and the Port of Baltimore to promote the nation’s naval and maritime heritage. Comprised of 120 Coast Guard Auxiliarists, this Team provided sustained operational, logistical, public affairs, and staffing resources to Sector Baltimore by combining efforts with over 300 Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and first responders from 14 federal, state, and local agencies. Over 20 Auxiliary operational facilities played a vital role enforcing safety zones for over 1,000 recreational and commercial vessels during four consecutive days of Blue Angels air shows and the largest fireworks event in the history of Maryland. Notably, the 443310 and 413451 provided transport support to the Unified Commander, numerous VIPs, and the Blue Angels signaling crew, enabling swift delivery of essential personnel to over 25 events within the Inner Harbor. Members of the team also provided public affairs outreach to spectators and served as language interpreters to visiting naval vessels and Tall Ships from around the world. Furthermore, the Team provided critical manpower to the Incident Command Post, filling roles in the Communications Unit, Situation Unit, Resources Unit and Operations Section. The Team’s efforts directly contributed to the safe and effective completion of this Marine Event of National Significance for the spectators and the estimated 4,000 visiting sailors from across the globe. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the 2014 Star Spangled Spectacular Auxiliary Team are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.”**

**The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.**

**For the Commandant,**

**K. C. KIEFER**

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

**Commander, Sector Baltimore**