



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON 20593

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The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting  
the COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION to:

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

“For exceptionally meritorious service from June 24, 2019, to June 23, 2024, while providing extraordinary levels of public service and support to the United States Coast Guard, thereby enhancing total workforce resilience and operational effectiveness. In response to a historic period of rapid growth in recreational boating across the nation, the Coast Guard Auxiliary surged public boating safety outreach and education to ensure the safety and security of America’s waterways for both recreational and commercial mariners. Exhibiting superb initiative and unwavering determination, the Coast Guard Auxiliary implemented novel concepts to deliver unprecedented levels of support to the Service, including fielding virtual applications to improve Auxiliarist proficiency and establishing the first virtual flotilla, which immediately bolstered the technical expertise, capacity, and resilience of the Coast Guard’s cyber security forces. Providing invaluable administrative, logistical, and humanitarian support, Auxiliarists volunteered to facilitate the safe and timely processing of 324,000 immigrants as part of the Department of Homeland Security’s Southwest Border operations. As the Service faced a historic increase in illegal maritime migration, the Coast Guard Auxiliary once again answered the call, deploying dedicated volunteers who provided critical translation assistance, religious ministry, and food service support. Fully integrated into daily operations of the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary conducted 570,000 vessel safety checks and marine dealer visits, logged 10 million hours of cumulative operational support, saved more than 1,000 lives, assisted 7,000 boaters in distress, and prevented the loss of more than 120 million dollars in property. The professionalism, pride, and devotion to duty displayed by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.”

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. L. Fagan".

**L. L. FAGAN**  
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard  
Commandant