



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON 20593

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

**U.S. COAST GUARD MARITIME LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY  
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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

**CITATION:**

**“For exceptionally meritorious service from July 2009 to August 2010 while serving as the Center of Expertise for Maritime Law Enforcement Training. The Academy members orchestrated the development and implementation of six new courses including the first “A” School outside of Training Centers Yorktown, Petaluma and Elizabeth City in more than 20 years. This is the first training program to capitalize on multi-agency weapons expertise through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. For the Maritime Enforcement Specialist rating, they developed 29 non-resident lesson plans to support more than 2,400 personnel transitioning from legacy rates. Leading the design, development, and implementation of the Commandant’s Law Enforcement Comprehensive Qualification Instruction, they produced 44 field lesson plans and all training materials to support the new unit Law Enforcement Instructor in less than three weeks. The Academy played a pivotal role in the promulgation of the Force Readiness Command Instruction to standardize all unit level law enforcement training and readiness for the first time in Coast Guard history. Consistently evaluating and refining training practices and products, the Academy received initial accreditation for the Boarding Officer and Law Enforcement Facilitator courses, and obtained academy re-accreditation through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation Board. They amassed 26 college credits for all courses from the American Council on Education while developing landmark partnerships with colleges and universities, leading to joint development of education degree plans for personnel. Rapidly overhauling a fledgling Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive Program, they installed the necessary oversight and management to bring a \$3.5 million program into compliance with Department mandates while quadrupling training capacity and exceeding the Operational Commander’s needs and requirements. The professionalism, pride, and devotion to duty displayed by the Maritime Law Enforcement Academy are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.”**

**For the Commandant,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Manson K. Brown".

**MANSON K. BROWN  
Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard  
Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area**