

**27 August 2011**

**From: Commandant**

**To: Mr. Stuart Gitlow, USCG Auxiliary**

**Subj: LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

- 1. I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty while serving as Chief, Photography Branch from November 2009 to October 2010. Applying exceptional leadership and professional expertise, you reinvigorated this sector of the national public affairs staff by revitalizing the Auxiliary Photography Corps. Exercising remarkable guidance and administrative insight, you developed this group into an enthusiastic entity that provided essential support to many Coast Guard and Auxiliary units including the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. You coordinated the transfer of Auxiliary photographic imagery to the Coast Guard Visual Imagery database, and cataloged each image in conjunction with Coast Guard standards and protocols. As a direct result of your diligent efforts, you created an extensive and diverse archive of Auxiliary photographs for future generations.**
- 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 and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.**
- 3. You are hereby authorized to wear the Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar.**

**For the Commandant,**

**M. D. RIZZO  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety**