



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 MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to:

**USCGC DALLAS (WHEC-716)
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service from 06 June 2008 to 06 July 2008 while deployed in support of the U.S. Navy's Sixth Fleet furthering the Africa Command's Theater Security Cooperation objectives in the Gulf of Guinea region in direct support of the Africa Partnership Station (APS) program. USCGC DALLAS skillfully engaged with several foreign Coast Guard and Navy commands including U. S. Embassy representatives and foreign military and civilian leaders from six different African Partner Nations, promoting exceptional military training and operational readiness. DALLAS conducted critical Theater Security Cooperation events and Maritime Law Enforcement professional exchanges with Maritime Law Enforcement Officers from Cape Verde, Sao Tome & Principe, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, and Senegal; enhancing maritime security and U.S. State Department counter maritime terrorism initiatives in the region. DALLAS hosted several Cape Verde and Ghana ship riders, providing an opportunity to patrol their own Exclusive Economic Zone and complete several fishing vessel law enforcement boardings. Additionally, DALLAS crew completed four community relations projects consisting of repainting the exterior of the Padre Cristiano Rodriguez Primary School in Mindelo, cleaning the Barrakka Cemetery in Libreville, repairing screen doors and repainting the exterior of both a Sekondi school for deaf children and an Islamic School and Mosque in Dakar. DALLAS crew hosted two receptions in Ghana and Senegal, attended by local military, tribal, business, and political senior leaders further strengthening foreign relations and national strategic objectives. The devotion to duty and outstanding performance demonstrated by the officers and crew of DALLAS are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Papp, Jr.", written over a large, stylized signature stamp.

**R. J. PAPP, JR.
Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Commander, Atlantic Area**