



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON 20593

06 September 2002<sup>4</sup>

From: Commandant  
To: PS1 Charles Malouff, USCGR

Subj: LETTER OF COMMENDATION

1. I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty from September 2001 to September 2002 while serving in the Sea Marshal Branch of the Homeland Security Department at MSO Houston-Galveston. Following the tragic events of the 11 September 2001 "Attack on America" you were recalled to serve your country in the newly created Homeland Security Department during Operation Noble Eagle. You began your duty in the Base Security Branch, logging over 200 hours of security patrols that were instrumental in the overall protection of the base and its personnel. You were the lead watchstander supervising over 45 day and nighttime watches when you resolved over 20 potential trespass attempts, including a series of suspicious vehicles in the vicinity of the main gate. When Coast Guard priorities changed and new security missions evolved, you volunteered to serve on one of the Coast Guard's first Sea Marshal teams. Your relentless drive and considerable Coast Guard law enforcement experience played a vital role in the new operational mission as you oversaw the escort of 65 High Interest Vessels. In March 2002, upon receiving reports of a possible stowaway, you fought drenching rains, high winds and 8-foot seas in order to reach the suspect vessel. Once on board, you conducted a comprehensive search ruling out the presence of the potential threat, and then provided an armed escort during the vessel's twelve-hour transit into port. In December 2002, you aggressively investigated an incident involving a suspicious crewmember of a foreign vessel taking photographs of the Houston Ship Channel and its critical infrastructure. Your quick actions led to immediate interviews with the crew and a federal law enforcement analysis of the photographs, circumventing any potential threat to the port. Your rapid patriotic response and participation in the most extensive mobilization of reserve forces since World War II greatly contributed to the rapid establishment of our current heightened national maritime security posture.

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.

3. You are hereby authorized to wear the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar. The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant

  
KEVIN S. COOK

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard

Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston  
Safety Office Houston-Galveston

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Entry Type: Performance and Discipline

Reference: None

Responsible Level: Unit

Entry: (General-Positive)

26DEC01: PS2 Malouff is recognized for his outstanding and significant accomplishment in identifying and handling of the preliminary espionage investigation of a suspected Eastern Bloc operative on December 26, 2001. PO Malouff was part of a Sea Marshal Team onboard the vessel UMIAVUT when it was brought to their attention that one of the crew members had taken an excessive amount of security related pictures throughout the Houston Ship Channel. Upon closer investigation of this individual by the FBI, no wrongdoing could be proven. PO Malouff is commended for his professionalism, dedication and expertise. Job well done, Bravo Zulu.



M.R. Riley, CW04, USCG

18JAN02: I acknowledge the above entry.



C.A. Malouff

1. NAME OF PERMANENT UNIT MSO Houston-Galveston		2. NAME OF UNIT PREPARING THIS FORM MSO Houston-Galveston			
3. NAME OF MEMBER (Last, First, MI) Malouff Charles A.		4. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 456   21   3151	5. GRADE/RATE PS2	6. PAGE 7	

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