



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
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From: Commandant

To: YN3 Michael J. Doria, EMPLID 1137941, USCG


Subj: MILITARY OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL

1. I am pleased to recognize your outstanding volunteer contributions to the community during the period 1 August to 21 December 2001. During this period, you volunteered approximately 150 hours with the Office of Access Services, Instruction, and Support of the College of The Citadel. Additionally, you volunteered over to 350 hours helping and counseling individual students and parents about the Learning Disorder - Attention Deficient Hyperactivity Disorder (LD/ADHD).

2. As a result of your tireless efforts, unyielding support and caring for students, you have been a positive representative of the U.S. Coast Guard. You designed and constructed a banner for the Citadel's Instruction and Support Department. On your off-duty time, you met with and counseled cadets with ADHD. On a regular basis you helped relieve them of academic and personal concerns about this disorder while remaining available and responsive via phone and email at all hours. You designed a brochure on coping with ADHD and coordinated its printing. This brochure explained to students how a cadet with ADHD could be successful at The Citadel without using medication. On weekends, you discussed with the parents of incoming freshman campus resources available for students with ADHD. Furthermore, you volunteered and taught lessons on Test Anxiety to students attending the summer transition program. Most impressive was your care and first-person intervention for a suicidal freshman that needed counseling. You immediately initiated counseling work with the student and ensured appropriate mental health professionals were available to assist. In that same fashion, immediately upon getting off duty on 11 September, you appeared at the office of the President of the Citadel and assisted him throughout the evening as he visited and counseled cadets who had families involved in the tragedy.

3. You are hereby authorized to wear the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

For the Commandant,

  
JAMES E. TUNSTALL  
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard  
Commander, Coast Guard Group Charleston