

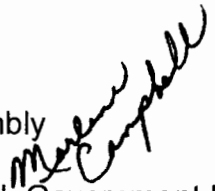


City and Borough of Sitka

100 Lincoln Street • Sitka, Alaska 99835

July 20, 2011

MEMO TO: Mayor and Assembly

FROM:  Marlene Campbell, Government Relations Director

SUBJECT: Events Honoring Sitka's U.S. Coast Guard

The enclosed Citation is proposed to recognize the annual U.S. Coast Guard Day on August 4, as well as to acknowledge Sitka's Coast Guard City status, and most important, to honor all Sitka-based personnel of the U.S. Coast Guard and their families.

I also wanted to update you on planning for a community-wide Sitka Coast Guard City Celebration. The City and Borough of Sitka has proposed to host an event to honor our Coast Guard staff and families for several years. Receipt of Sitka's Coast Guard City status provides an opportunity to move ahead with this event. To avoid many August conflicts, it has been scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2011 at the Kimsham Ballfield complex. There are still conflicts, but also hopefully good weather.

The planning team is still finalizing the details, but the general plan is to provide picnic-type food, children's games and activities, a pick-up softball game, tents for shelter and house activities, and possibly some music. The most important ingredient is to recognize and support our Coast Guard staff and families and provide an opportunity for the community to interact with them. We'll hope for sun but anticipate rain.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR! We'll be getting publicity out through August. If you have any questions about either the Citation or the Celebration, please contact me at 747-1855 (campbell@cityofsitka.com e-mail).

cc: Jim Dinley, Municipal Administrator

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City & Borough of Sitka

CITATION

In recognition of U.S. Coast Guard Day, "Sitka A Coast Guard City", and in honor of all Sitka-based personnel of the U.S. Coast Guard

WHEREAS, August 4 is U.S. Coast Guard Day, marking the birthday of the United States Coast Guard, which began 4 August 1790 with Congress authorizing ten vessels to enforce federal tariff and trade laws and prevent smuggling; it received its present name in 1915 with Congressional action to provide the nation with a single maritime service dedicated to saving life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws and later added maintaining the country's aids to maritime navigation and other missions; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2011, the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard proclaimed the City and Borough of Sitka to be known officially as "A Coast Guard City" - only the twelfth community in the nation to be so designated; "it is the intent of this program, in accordance with federal law, to provide for the recognition of those cities that, in return, have made special efforts to acknowledge the professional work of the Coast Guard men and women assigned to their area by regularly reaching out to them and their families and making them feel at home at their home away from home"; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka and the Sitka community continue to support and honor the five Sitka Coast Guard Units: Air Station Sitka, Cutter Maple, Aids to Navigation Team Sitka, Marine Safety Detachment Sitka, and Electronic Support Detachment Detail Sitka as America's lifesavers and guardians of the seas;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, in recognition of the 217th birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard and Sitka's Coast Guard City status, does hereby recognize the professionalism, skill, and unwavering devotion to duty of all Sitka Coast Guard personnel who provide the City and Borough of Sitka and this country with the safety, security, and stewardship of our oceans in an often dangerous world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assembly and the Sitka community greatly appreciate the brave and dedicated Coast Guard personnel and their families, present, past, and lost in service, most recently in the tragedy of Jayhawk 6017. We will remember your sacrifices and will continue to support Sitka's Coast Guard as an integral part of our Sitka family.

Signed and sealed this 26th day of July, 2011.

Cheryl Westover, Mayor

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC, Municipal Clerk