



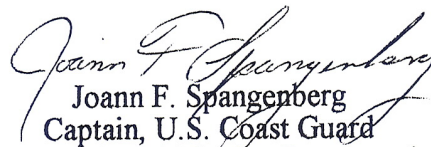
THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

13 August 2007

From: Commandant
To: ENS Michael J. Doria, EMPLID 1137941, USCGR
Subj: MILITARY OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL
(Bronze Star in Lieu of a Second)

1. I am pleased to recognize your outstanding volunteer contributions from May 2006 to July 2007, which have made a difference in the lives of so many people throughout our community. During this period, you volunteered approximately 1,750 hours with the New York University Hospital's Center, RUSK Institute for Rehabilitation Medicine, and the Department of Psychology's Brain Injury Day Treatment Program in New York City.
2. As a result of your tireless efforts and unyielding care and support for patients, you have been a positive representative of the U.S. Coast Guard. Your service to the community and beyond is an inspiration to those who have yet to make the commitment to volunteer. As a junior psychologist under the direct supervision of world-renowned neuropsychologists, Dr. Yehuda Ben-Yishay and Dr. Leonard Diller, you actively assisted in an intensive day program dedicated to the cognitive, social/emotional, and vocational neurorehabilitation of several individuals suffering from brain injuries. The program includes individual and group sessions based on tailor-made treatment plans. You worked systematically coaching patients in their guided work trials in vocational neurorehabilitation in the hopes that they would regain the highest level of cognitive ability possible. Your strong passion and desire to help others when they are in urgent need and at their most vulnerable was an ongoing daily process. By actively listening and becoming an integral part of their treatment, you have observed first-hand how external environmental contributions can halt an individual's path to recovery or help him or her make significant gains. You have utilized this factor in order to become an indispensable part in helping to facilitate change. You provided long-term guidance in the areas of independent living and self-management of daily living skills and responsibilities that assisted with the transfer of strategies acquired in the program.
3. You are hereby authorized to wear the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (Bronze Star in Lieu of a Second).

For the Commandant,


Joann F. Spangenberg
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard

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