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To whom it may concern:

A Change of Command and Retirement ceremony for U. S. Coast Guard Aid To Navigation Team South Portland will take place on July 15, 2011 at 1030 and should last no longer than one and a half hours. Senior Chief Sean Walsh, who has been the Officer In Charge of ANT South Portland since May 2007, will be relieved by Senior Chief Robert Lehmann as the next Officer In Charge. The Change of Command ceremony is a formal military event that occurs once every few years. The Retirement ceremony is for Senior Chief Sean Walsh who has served 24 years in the Coast Guard of which 12 years were here at the Aid To Navigation Team and a total of 14 years in the Portland area.

Although the planning of the event is in its infancy, Fort Williams Park was chosen as the location for the ceremony as the Coast Guard's history in Maine is directly tied to that of Portland Head Light and the picturesque setting of Fort Williams Park is commensurate with this distinctly prestigious event also this unit is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the lighting equipment at Portland Head Light. The Coast Guard has already been in consultation with Mr. Bob Malley as for approval of Fort Williams Park as the location for the ceremony.

The Coast Guard respectfully requests permission from the Fort Williams Advisory Commission and the Cape Elizabeth Town Council to set up a tent for the ceremony. There will be no reception held at this location and the tent would be set up and broken down by the members of this unit.

I appreciate the Commission's time and consideration on this matter and would welcome feedback and conversation on this request. I am available at 207-318-1096. Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregory L. Lewis".

Gregory L. Lewis, BM1
Executive Petty Officer, ANT South Portland