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Dear Sir:

This letter is to advise you that Navy Sea Cadet MATTHEW TEMPLE served aboard Coast Guard Cutter JAMES RANKIN (WLM 555) while we were deployed in support of Operation Deepwater Horizon from July 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

During this time, Cadet TEMPLE was exposed to both modern and traditional aspects of seamanship. He trained in positions which included: Helm and Lookout, Junior Officer of the Deck, as well as piloting the cutter using our state of the art Z-drive propulsion system. He demonstrated respect to nautical history and tradition by participating in both passing honors between military vessels and performing the duties of the ship's colors detail. Cadet TEMPLE exhibited remarkable stamina and work ethic; after each long day of patrolling and searching for oil, he could be found on the cutter's mess deck reading and studying materials necessary for qualification. Additionally, he found time to participate in physical fitness training with other members of the crew.

Cadet TEMPLE's dedication and eagerness to learn is highly commendable. His military bearing, communication skills and maturity far exceeded expectation. His uniform appearance and grooming standards served as a model for others. It is my observation that Cadet TEMPLE is a fine representative of the Naval Sea Cadet program and he will make a great addition to either of our country's naval services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.D. Lewald".

R.D. Lewald  
Commanding Officer,  
USCGC JAMES RANKIN

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