

## CHAPTER 6. AWARDS

### A. Awards Available.

1. Auxiliary Awards. A variety of awards are available to Auxiliary units and individuals. Refer to Chapter 11 of the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series) for Auxiliary award descriptions.
2. Applicable Coast Guard Awards. Refer to Chapter 11 of the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series) for applicable Coast Guard awards.
3. National Auxiliary Awards.
  - a. National Commodore's Trophy. Presented annually to the District which qualifies for a National Vice Commander Trophy in a cornerstone program, Courtesy Marine Examinations, Public Education or Operations, and does so with the highest overall percentage increase over its goals in all three areas.
  - b. National Vice Commodore's Trophy. Presented annually to the District with the best achievement in Courtesy Marine Examinations, Public Education and Operations.
  - c. Publication Award. Presented annually, during the Fall Meeting of the National Board, for the best publication for District, Division and Flotilla.
  - d. Training Aids Award. Four awards presented annually for the best training aids exhibited at the Auxiliary National Conference.
  - e. Photograph Award. An award for the best photograph submitted to The Navigator and published during the award year.
  - f. Growth Award. An award presented annually to each Division having a twenty percent (20%) or greater increase in membership (BQ & AUXOP) during a calendar year.
4. Eighth District Coastal Region Awards Program. As set forth in Appendix A of the District Standing Rules.
5. Eighth Coast Guard District Awards. Criteria is as follows:
  - a. District Commander's Public Education Award. This award recognizes the most outstanding Auxiliarist in the Public Education field for the preceding calendar year and is presented at the region's winter conference. Criteria is based on a point system as follows:

- (1) Head Instructor - PE class. Three points per mission **hour** properly reported into the database. To be eligible for the Public Education Award, a minimum of 75 points must be earned in this category.
  - (2) Head Instructor - MT class. Two points per mission **hour** properly reported into the database.
  - (3) Assistant Instructor/Aide - PE or MT class. One point per mission **hour** properly reported into the database.
- b. District Commander's Vessel Examiner Award. This award recognizes the most outstanding Vessel Examiner based on the number of examinations properly reported into the database for the preceding calendar year and is presented at the Regional winter conference.
  - c. District Commander's Air Operations Award. This award recognizes the most outstanding Auxiliarist in the Air Operations field during the preceding calendar year and is presented at the region's winter conference. Nominations for this award will be solicited from all aviation callout authorities with final selection by DIRAUX, after consulting with the DSO-AV.
  - d. District Commander's Surface Operations Award. This award recognizes the most outstanding Auxiliarist in the Surface Operations field during the preceding calendar year and is presented at the region's winter conference. DIRAUX will solicit nominations for this award from all vessel callout authorities.
  - e. National Safe Boating Week Award. This award recognizes the flotilla with the most outstanding National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) activity. This award is based on the NSBW reports submitted to the DSO-PA and **may** be presented at the region's fall conference.
    - (1) Background. The week prior to Memorial Day weekend has been proclaimed by the President as National Safe Boating Week. This will be the same each year with only the actual dates changing.
    - (2) Theme. The theme **usually** remains the same for two consecutive years. The supplies and suggested procedures are furnished by the National Safe Boating Council, Inc., of which the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary and other groups involved in boating safety are members.
    - (3) Action Manuals, Posters, etc.. Action Manuals are mailed directly to the District NSBW chairman who will forward the manuals to each Flotilla NWSB chairman. Distribution of the posters, etc. will be made through the Division Captains. Additional posters and material may be ordered by the flotillas, using the order form included in the Action Manual. Supplies and Action Manuals are limited and are to be passed on to the successors.

(4) Reporting activity.

(a) National Safe Boating Week Reports. The flotilla NSBW chairpersons shall report activities to the FSO-PA to ensure all activities are included on the June, Unit Monthly Public Affairs Report, **ANSC 7031**. Flotilla NSBW reports must be forwarded to the division NSBW Chairperson prior to 1 July. The division NSBW Chairperson forwards the flotilla reports and documentation to the region's NSBW Chairperson prior to 15 July. The region's NSBW Chairperson screens and forwards the division and flotilla reports and documentation to DIRAUX prior to 31 July.

(b) Required information for NSBW activities.

(1) Number of articles published

(2) Number of civic lectures

(3) Number of verified television spots

(4) Number of verified radio spots

(5) Number of radio programs

(6) Number of television programs

(7) Number of safety booths

(8) Number of public appearances other than booths or lectures

(9) Number of persons and hour per person for each lecture, booth or other public appearances

(10) Total number of Courtesy Marine Examinations (CME)

**[Note: Verified television and radio spots are confirmed as being aired, either by hearing/viewing, or calling station for verification.]**

(c) Accounting for TV and radio spots: Count only the days during the month as reported by the station.

(d) Include in the reports, the names of individuals and/or companies (not Auxiliarist) whose contributions to NSBW deserve recognition. Again, document when possible. Certificates of appreciation will be sent for those nominated. These certificates are to be presented by the Flotillas at an appropriate time and setting.

- f. Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award. This award is given annually to the flotilla in each region judged by the **its** Commodore and **its** Director of Auxiliary to have made the most significant contributions to the program that year. Each member of the winning flotilla is eligible to wear the Flotilla Meritorious Achievement ribbon and receive the Flotilla Meritorious Achievement certificate provided the Auxiliarist has been a member of the flotilla for at least six months and one day during the award period.
- g. The above mentioned awards shall be presented at the region's winter conference, with the exception of the NSW Award which **may** be awarded at the region's fall conference.

## **B. Award Recommendation.**

1. General. Any Auxiliarist may recommend the following Coast Guard awards:
  - a. Plaque of Merit
  - b. Meritorious Service Award
  - c. Award of Operational Merit
  - d. Award of Administrative Merit
  - e. Award of Merit
  - f. Meritorious Team Commendation
  - g. Humanitarian Service Award

The award recommendation will consist of the Individual Award Recommendation form, DIRAUX Form 16799.7 (5-97), and a proposed citation. Accuracy and completeness of the award recommendation cannot be over-emphasized since review boards will be base their recommended action solely on the material submitted. Refer to Enclosures (1) for a sample Award of Operational Merit citation, Enclosure (2) for a sample Award of Administrative Merit citation and Enclosure (3) for the DIRAUX Form 16799.7.

2. Award Submittal Procedures. Procedures for Auxiliarists submitting an award recommendation are prescribed in the Eighth District Instruction, Auxiliary Awards, CCGD8INST 1650.1(**Series**).

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY  
THE AWARD OF ADMINISTRATIVE MERIT  
TO  
I. EMMA VOLLENTIER  
U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Auxiliarist I. Emma VOLLENTIER is cited for outstanding administrative achievement while serving as the Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Education, Flotilla 99, Boatingbay, LA., during the period January 1997 through December 1998. Auxiliarist VOLLENTIER contributed in excess of 1,500 hours of service while guiding the flotilla's instructors to high levels of accomplishment in which they conducted twenty-three public education courses and graduated more than 700 students. She personally instructed fifty-six classes and assisted with fifty other classes. Auxiliarist VOLLENTIER also actively participated in more than 25 public affairs presentations to local civic groups. She conducted over one hundred marine dealer visits during the period to ensure boaters had access to safety information. Auxiliarist VOLLENTIER assisted Coast Guard Station Back Bayou with recovery operations after four severe storms struck their operating area by conducting patrols to identify aids to navigation discrepancies and other hazards to navigation. Her personal effort significantly contributed to Flotilla 99 receiving recognition as one of the best within Division 9. Auxiliarist VOLLENTIER's perseverance, dedication and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY  
THE AWARD OF OPERATIONAL MERIT  
TO  
HRESS Q. PEPULLE  
U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Auxiliarist HRESS Q. PEPULLE is cited for outstanding operational skill while serving as crew person on Coast Guard Auxiliary Facility 22199009 on July 4, 1998 at Back Bayou, LA. Responding to a request from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's office, Auxiliary facility 22199009 arrived on scene of a boating accident involving a 22-foot run-a-bout and a bass boat. Four people from the bass boat had been thrown into the water. Two occupants of the bass boat were already recovered and onboard the bass boat. While the coxswain skillfully maneuvered Auxiliary facility 22199009 to recover the other two victims of the bass boat from the water, Auxiliarist PEPULLE maintained a visual sighting of the victims and guided the coxswain to their position. Despite the 2-3 foot choppy water conditions, Auxiliarist PEPULLE pulled each victim from the water safely then administered first aid to stabilize their conditions during the transit to shore for medical assistance. The quick response, skillful maneuvering of the facility and professional actions in removing the victims from the water, providing of emergency first aid and transporting the victims to awaiting medical care resulted in the successful execution of the rescue. Auxiliarist PEPULLE's perseverance, dedication and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Information copies to: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of enclosures attached: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of Action or Service: (All recommendations require an award citation. A Summary of action or service is only required for Meritorious Service Awards and higher.) This is the most important part of their commendation, since approval or disapproval is based solely upon the justification given. Avoid generalities and excessive use of superlatives. Include specific examples, positive results, monetary savings, eyewitness statements, precise location of rescue or attempted rescue, the date or inclusive dates. Time of day, amount of natural or artificial light, complete weather conditions, names of all persons rendering assistance, the nature of assistance and all other pertinent information. Attach additional sheets as necessary.