



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Ribbons and Medals



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Authority to Wear Ribbons and Medals

- Auxiliary uniforms are similar to those worn by Coast Guard officers. Auxiliarists may wear authorized emblems, insignia and ribbons.



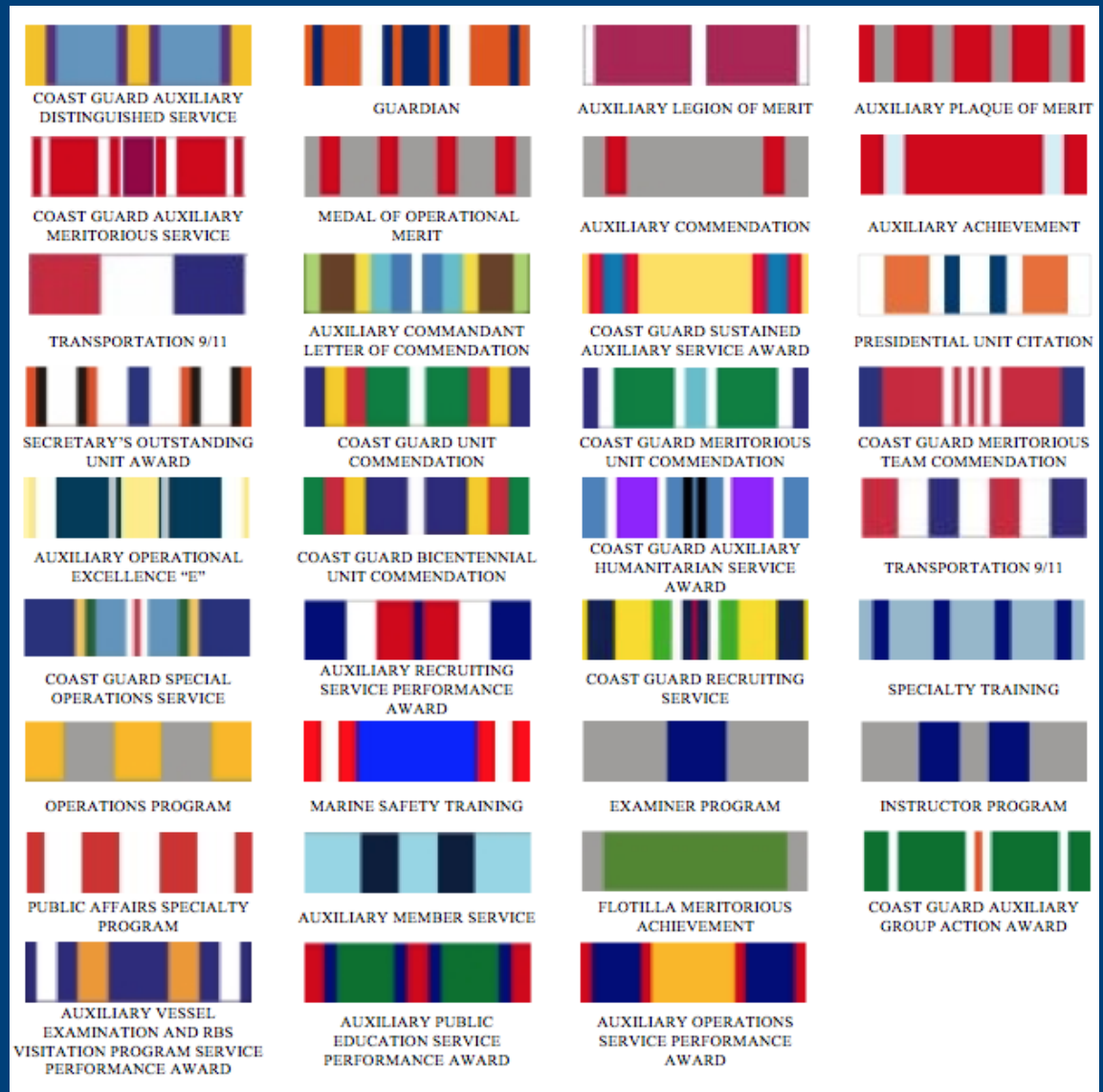
General Information About Ribbons and Medals

- Not all ribbons have a corresponding medal 
- Ribbons and medals are always worn in specific order of precedence
- If two ribbons or medals have the same precedence level, they are worn in the order in which they were awarded 
- Ribbons and medals may have attachment devices for a variety of purposes including indication of subsequent awards

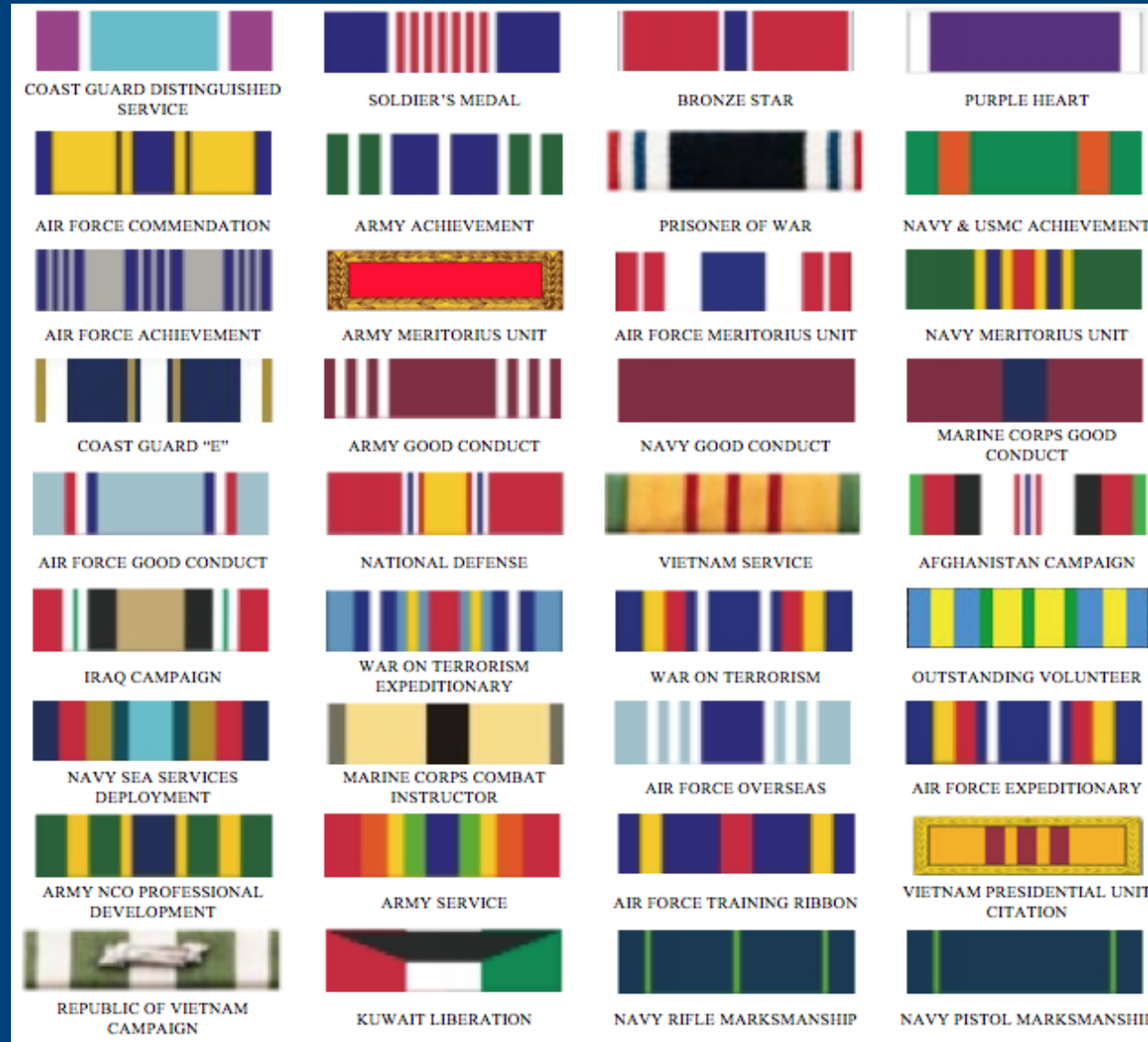


- Auxiliarists are not authorized to wear anchors, the letters "X" and "V", and numerals on any Coast Guard or Auxiliary ribbons.

Authorized Ribbons of the Auxiliary



Authorized Ribbons of Other Services*



* Examples:
some but not all.

Individual Awards and Medals

- CG AUXILIARY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
- AUXILIARY LEGION OF MERIT
- PLAQUE OF MERIT
- AUXILIARY MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD (“O” Device Option)
- AWARD OF OPERATIONAL MERIT
- AUXILIARY COMMENDATION AWARD
- AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (“O” Device Option)
- AUXILIARY COMMANDANT LETTER OF COMMENDATION (“O” Device Option)



5/16” Gold Star = Additional Award

5/16” Silver Star = 5 Gold Stars

Coast Guard Sustained Auxiliary Service Award

- SUSTAINED AUXILIARY SERVICE AWARD (750 Hours)



3/16" Bronze Star = Additional Award

3/16" Silver Star = 5 Bronze Stars (sixth award)

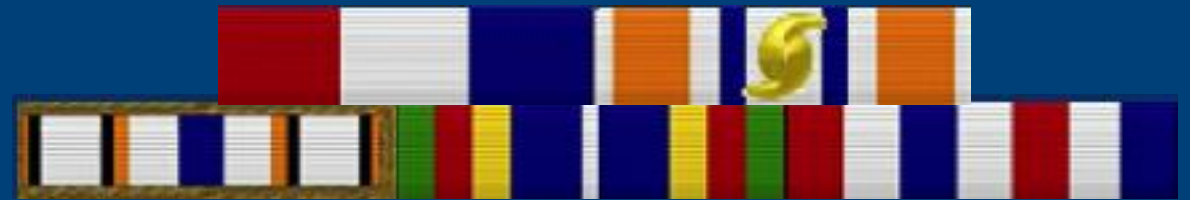
Bronze Hourglass = 7,500 Hours

Gold Hourglass = 15,000 Hours

Silver Hourglass = 25,000 Hours

One-Time Unit and Team Awards

- TRANSPORTATION 9-11 MEDAL
- PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION
- DOT SECRETARY'S OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD
- CG BICENTENNIAL UNIT COMMENDATION
- TRANSPORTATION 9-11 RIBBON



Unit and Team Awards

- CG UNIT COMMENDATION (“O” Device Option)
- CG MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION (“O” Device Option)
- CG MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION (“O” Device Option)



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5/16" Silver Star = 5 Gold Stars

Qualifications and Training

- CG RECRUITING SERVICE RIBBON
- AUXILIARY SPECIALTY TRAINING RIBBON (Non-AUXOP Members ONLY.)
- AUXILIARY OPERATIONS PROGRAM RIBBON (“E” Device for QE’s)
- MARINE SAFETY TRAINING RIBBON
- AUXILIARY EXAMINER PROGRAM RIBBON
- AUXILIARY INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM RIBBON
- PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST AWARD

Remove Specialty Ribbon when AUXOP is earned →



3/16” Bronze Star = Additional Award/Qualification/AUXOP Credit

3/16” Silver Star = 5 Bronze Stars

(No stars for the CG Recruiting Service or Instructor Program Ribbons)

Flotilla Achievement Award



- FLOTILLA MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

5/16" Gold Star = Additional Award

5/16" Silver Star = 5 Gold Stars

Annual Service Awards

- AUXILIARY RECRUITING SERVICE AWARD
- AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP SERVICE AWARD (5 years)
- AUXILIARY PE SERVICE AWARD
- AUXILIARY VE/MDV SERVICE AWARD
- AUXILIARY OPRNS SERVICE AWARD

Worn in the order earned



3/16" Bronze Star = Additional Award
3/16" Silver Star = 5 Bronze Stars

Wearing Ribbons (Rack Configuration)

Ribbons are worn in rows of 3 except:

- When a jacket lapel obscures more than 1/3 of a medal, it can be worn in successively decreasing rows

*** "Offset" ribbon mounts can be purchased from 3rd parties outside the UDC.



Wearing Medals and Devices

- Devices are worn on metals, similarly as on ribbons
- Devices are centered horizontally and vertically
- 1/8" stars are used for all miniature medals



Wearing Medals (Rack Configuration)

Differing from ribbons:

- Medal mounts change in width, deepening on the number of medals and rows

Miniature Medals					
Number of medals	Number of Rows	Top Row	2nd Row	3rd Row	4th Row
1-5	1	1-5	-	-	-
6	2	3	3	-	-
7	2	3	4	-	-
8	2	4	4	-	-
9	2	4	5	-	-
10	2	5	5	-	-
11	3	3	4	4	-
12	3	4	4	4	-
13	3	3	5	5	-
14	3	4	5	5	-
15	3	5	5	5	-
16	4	4	4	4	4
17	4	3	4	5	5
18	4	3	5	5	5
19	4	4	5	5	5
20	4	5	5	5	5

Ribbon Rack Options

All Ribbons, Top 9 Ribbons, or Top 3 Ribbons



Ribbon Rack Construction & Tips

- Watch out for breaking pins on the mounts!
- Be careful of pins that stick through clutches
- Plastic mount and insignia backers
- Bending metal ribbon frames to fit and hold on to mounts
- Key tools and attaching devices to ribbons

Ribbon and Award Resources

- USCG Ribbon Checker: <http://ribbons.cgaux.info/>
- AUXMAN (COMDTINST M16790.1G); Chapter 11
- USCG Uniform Regulations (COMDTINST M1020.6G); Chapter 3, Article G
- USCG Auxiliary Awards and Ribbons web site: <http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/awards/ribbons/>



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