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The Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) heaped high praise on a small team of South Coast Auxiliary members on April 18 for their 700 hours of volunteer labor to Sector Humboldt Bay. Chief Warrant Officers **Curtis Barthel** and **Benjamin Dreaper**, representing Sector Humboldt Bay and USCG Air Station Humboldt Bay, presented the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation to the Flotilla 87 Point Arena Fuel Team.

The Commendation is for service from December 2011 to February 2015 in the maintenance of the Coast Guard helicopter pad and fueling facility at Point Arena. Those receiving the com-

mendation were Team Lead **Glenn Funk**, Alternate Lead **Ken Reynoldson** and Team members **Chris** and **Jan Jewell** and **Ed Secco**.

According to the Commendation, during the period covered by the award, Team members "volunteered over 700 labor hours, supported over 35 aircraft fueling evolutions, delivered over 6000 gallons of jet fuel, and staffed an on-call team ready to support operational and training missions any time, day or night. Their dedication and willingness saved Sector Humboldt Bay over \$25,000 in travel costs and 1500 hours of travel time."

Members of Auxiliary Flotilla 87 of Men-

docino County are proud of their work in support of the Coast Guard and specifically Air Station Humboldt Bay and Motor Lifeboat Station Noyo River in Fort Bragg, Funk said.

People interested in knowing more about the Coast Guard Auxiliary can contact Funk at 707-884-1448.

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CWO Ben Dreaper (far left) presents a Commendation to Fuel Team members Chris Jewell, Jan Jewell, Glenn Funk and Ken Reynoldson (Ed Secco absent). Retiring CWO Curt Barthel stands at far right. Photo by Harold Hauck.