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Subj: 2022 AUXILIARY INTEGRATION AWARD PROGRAM RESULTS

1. Please read ALCOAST 207/23, 2022 AUXILIARY INTEGRATION AWARD PROGRAM RESULTS, for the announcement of the award recipients. Congratulations to the following award winners!

a. Commodore Viggo C. Bertelsen, Jr. and Vice Admiral John P. Currier Awards:

(1) Enhanced Mission Support Award: U.S. Coast Guard Academy

(2) Enhanced Operations Award: U.S. Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound

(3) Applied Innovation Award: U.S. Coast Guard Research and Development Center

b. District Director of Auxiliary of the Year: Commander Christina Sullivan (D1-NR)

2. The ALCOAST is attached to this message for your convenience.

3. Internet release is authorized.

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1. I am pleased to announce the winners of the first annual Commodore Viggo C. Bertelsen, Jr. and Vice Admiral John P. Currier Awards along with the District Director of Auxiliary of the Year Award. Bravo Zulu to the following:

a. Enhanced Mission Support Award: Coast Guard Academy. The Coast Guard Academy insightfully incorporated Auxiliarists in critical administrative positions including its Personnel Security Clearance Office (PSCO). Auxiliary integration greatly alleviated the PSCO's workload by adeptly leveraging the skills of a team of Auxiliarists to rapidly process background checks and security clearance packages for the corps of cadets and Academy staff.

b. Enhanced Operations Award: Sector Long Island Sound. The Auxiliary was integral to Sector Long Island Sound mission success as Auxiliarists not only performed over 6,100 hours of direct operational mission support but also delivered over 500 hours assisting the assessment of terrorist threat vectors at small boat marinas and ramps in support of Operation Focused Lens.

c. Applied Innovation Award: Research and Development Center (RDC). The RDC fully integrated the Auxiliary in unique and innovative roles. This included utilizing an Auxiliarist with a PhD in Psychology to assist with cognitive enhancement tools, partnering with the Coast Guard Auxiliary Historian to create a history of the RDC, and leveraging a skilled Auxiliarist to complete the installation of a novel hydroponic garden onboard CGC POLAR STAR to grow fresh vegetables for its upcoming deployment.

d. District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) of the Year: CDR Christina Sullivan (D1-Northern Region). CDR Sullivan's skillful leadership facilitated the conduct of more than 140,000 Auxiliary mission hours and coordination of several new regional initiatives including establishment of the D1-NR Auxiliary Paddlecraft Afloat Program. Her incisive guidance and initiative were instrumental to the smooth implementation of this new program and its initial qualification of more than 20 Auxiliary operators who will significantly improve recreational boating safety among the regional paddlecraft community.

2. Honorable mention goes to the following nominees by category:

a. Enhanced Mission Support Award: CGC EAGLE. Experienced Auxiliarists were employed in a variety of mission support areas including a trained galley team of five Auxiliarists which helped prepare nearly 700 daily meals for the crew.

b. Enhanced Operations Award: Sector Boston. Auxiliarists assisted Sector Boston in numerous areas including the development and promotion of a dynamic Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) program which assisted operational missions ranging from search and rescue to ice patrols.

c. Applied Innovation Award: Sector Houston/Galveston. Auxiliarists were successfully incorporated in Sector Houston/Galveston's Leadership and Diversity Advisory Council and made significant contributions to the Sector's Community Day and Bring Your Child to Work Day events.

d. DIRAUX of the Year: CDR Navin Griffin (D7). CDR Griffin's dedicated efforts enabled D7 Auxiliarists to achieve great success in numerous areas including invaluable post-storm assessment missions following Hurricanes Ian, Nicole, and Fiona, and direct augmentation in support of Operation Vigilant Sentry.

3. I applaud the exceptional actions of all awardees and nominees. Your integration of the Auxiliary in novel and effective ways has increased Coast Guard mission efficiency, enhanced its achievement of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and provided inspirational models for all Coast Guard units.

4. Plaques for the Commodore Viggo C. Bertelsen, Jr. and Vice Admiral John P. Currier Awards will be sent to the cognizant DIRAUX for coordination of appropriate presentation. The DIRAUX of the Year award will be presented at the 2023 Auxiliary National Conference in Orlando, Florida in August 2023.

5. The nine-member selection panel thoroughly reviewed and deliberated 17 nomination packages across all four categories.

Panel members were:

- a. CAPT Troy Glendye, COMDT (CG-BSX)
 - b. COMO Mary Kirkwood, Auxiliary Vice National Commodore
 - c. CDR Bradly Winans, COMDT (CG-BSX-1)
 - d. LCDR Kazuaki Sugiyama, CGRC
 - e. LT Chris Booth, COMDT (CG-BSX-11)
 - f. BMCM Travis Park, COMDT (CG-BSX-12)
 - g. YNC Scott Doyle, COMDT (CG-INV)
 - h. Mr. Steve Minutolo, COMDT (CG-BSX-11)
 - i. Mr. Barry Nobles, COMDT (CG-BSX-21)
6. POC: LT Chris Booth, COMDT (CG-BSX-11), at 202-372-1056 or Christopher.W.Booth@uscg.mil.
7. CAPT A. M. Beach, Acting Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG-5P), sends.
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