
Section A. Auxiliary Awards

Introduction	This section provides a description of Auxiliary awards.
A.1. Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal	The Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal (ADSM) recognizes Auxiliarists who distinguish themselves by contributing exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The ADSM is only awarded by the Commandant.
A.1.a. Eligibility Criteria	The performance required to justify this award is exceptional performance of duty, which benefits the Auxiliary as a whole. This performance, therefore, must be clearly much higher than normally expected, and must have a measurable, positive effect on the entire organization. Normally this award will be given to elected and appointed officers for extraordinary achievement. This statement should not be interpreted so as to preclude the award to any Auxiliarist whose service meets the requirement. The key words for this award are distinguished, operational, and exceptional meritorious service. To justify this award, exceptional performance of duty, clearly much higher than normally expected, which has resulted in significant benefit to the entire Auxiliary organization, is required.
A.1.b. Award Elements	This award consists of a Commandant's citation, a certificate, ribbon, miniature medal, and lapel pin. The operational "O" attachment is not authorized for this award. Subsequent awards are signified by ⁵ / ₁₆ -inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.
A.2. Auxiliary Legion of Merit	The Auxiliary Legion of Merit (ALOM) is awarded for service comparable to the ADSM but in a duty of lesser, though considerable, responsibility. The ALOM is only awarded by the Commandant.
A.2.a. Eligibility Criteria	In general, recognized performance must be clearly much higher than normally expected, and must have a measurable, positive effect on the Auxiliary across multiple Districts or at Auxiliary Area or national level. Normally, this award will be given to elected and appointed officers for exceptional achievement. This statement should not be interpreted so as to preclude the award to any Auxiliarist whose service meets the requirement. When the degree of achievement or service rendered, although meritorious, is not sufficient to warrant award of the ALOM, the AMSM should be considered.

A.2.b. Award Elements	This award consists of a Commandant's citation, a certificate, ribbon, miniature medal, and lapel pin. The operational "O" attachment is not authorized for this award. Subsequent awards are signified by $\frac{5}{16}$-inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.
A.3. Auxiliary Plaque of Merit	The Auxiliary Plaque of Merit (APOM) is awarded to Auxiliarists in recognition of extreme skill in performing an assist or rescue that involves risk to the Auxiliarist's life. The APOM may be awarded by any 4-star Flag officer, 3-star Flag officer, or District Commander. Award packages, including the completed Coast Guard Award recommendation forms (CG-1650), shall be forwarded to Commandant (CG-5421) for plaque issuance.
A.3.a. Eligibility Criteria	This award recognizes heroism in the face of grave personal risk and which clearly stands out as above normal expectations. The key aspects of performance for award of the Auxiliary Plaque of Merit are extreme skill, assist or rescue, and risk to the Auxiliarist's life. As can be seen, the Auxiliary Plaque of Merit can only be given for an assist, or rescue. The Auxiliarist must have exercised extreme skill, as opposed to just skill required for the Medal of Operational Merit. Lastly, there must have been risk to the Auxiliarist's life. Neither the assist nor rescue need be successful, only that the action required extreme skill and was performed or attempted at risk to the Auxiliarist's life.
A.3.b. Award Elements	This award consists of a bronze plaque, ribbon, and miniature medal. There is no certificate. The operational "O" attachment is not authorized for this award. Subsequent awards are signified by $\frac{5}{16}$-inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.
A.4. Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal	The Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal (AMSM) is awarded to Auxiliarists who have contributed exceptional meritorious service to the Coast Guard and/or Auxiliary. Auxiliarists who serve in any capacity within the Auxiliary are eligible. The AMSM may be awarded by any Flag officer.
A.4.a. Eligibility Criteria	The meritorious performance of duty must have enhanced Auxiliary goals. This performance must clearly be of a nature much higher than that normally expected, and which has a significant positive effect on the ability of the Coast Guard and/or the Auxiliary to complete its missions and goals. For this award, the key words are outstanding and meritorious service worthy of special recognition, which contributes significantly to fulfillment of Auxiliary goals at the local level.

A.4.b. Award
Elements

This award consists of a ribbon, miniature medal, and certificate. The operational “O” attachment may be authorized for this award. Subsequent awards are signified by $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.

**A.5. Auxiliary
Medal of
Operational
Merit**

The Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit (AMOM) is given to Auxiliarists in recognition of outstanding skill in performing an assist, rescue, or other meritorious operational service. The Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit may be awarded by any Coast Guard Commanding officer (O-6 and above) of an operational unit or serving as a Division Chief or higher at a district office, area or Headquarters office, or serving as a Director.

A.5.a. Eligibility
Criteria

This award recognizes outstanding achievement or service of an operational nature (defined as direct, hands on, underway, surface or airborne aviation mission activity) worthy of special recognition.

For this award, the key words are outstanding operational performance, skill, assist, rescue or other meritorious operational service. To receive the Medal of Operational Merit, only skill is required, not extreme skill, and therefore does not have to be a risk to the Auxiliarist’s life. Outstanding operational performance and other meritorious operational service have been included in this category. This was added to allow recognition of a cumulative series of operational services, none of which, standing alone, would merit this award, but taken as a group, do merit this level of recognition.

A.5.b. Award
Elements

This award consists of a ribbon, miniature medal, and certificate. The operational “O” attachment is not authorized for this award. Subsequent awards are signified by $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.

**A.6. Auxiliary
Commendation
Medal**

The Auxiliary Commendation Medal (ACM) is given to Auxiliarists in recognition of outstanding assistance that furthers any of the Auxiliary’s authorized activities, except operations (since the Medal of Operational Merit is for operations). The Auxiliary Commendation Medal may be awarded by any Coast Guard Commanding Officer (O-5 or above) of a Coast Guard unit, or serving as Division Chief or higher at a district, area, FORCECOM, or Headquarters office, or serving as a Director.

A.6.a. Eligibility Criteria	This award recognizes outstanding achievement or service worthy of special recognition as described below. The key words for the Auxiliary Commendation Medal are outstanding achievement, which significantly furthers any of the Auxiliary's authorized activities. The Auxiliary Commendation Medal is for outstanding administrative services. This requires services accomplished in a manner, which is much better than could normally be expected from an Auxiliarist of like capability and experience. Neither doing a difficult job well nor doing a routine job in an excellent manner will suffice. The achievement must be truly outstanding.
A.6.b. Award Elements	This award consists of a ribbon, miniature medal, and certificate. The operational "O" attachment is not authorized for this award. Subsequent awards are signified by ⁵/₁₆-inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.
A.7. Auxiliary Achievement Medal	The Auxiliary Achievement Medal (AAM) is given to Auxiliarists in recognition of their sustained and superior professional and/or leadership achievements in administration or operations. The Auxiliary Achievement Medal may be awarded by any Coast Guard Commanding officer (O-4 and above) of a Coast Guard unit or serving as a Division Chief or higher at a district, area, FORCECOM, or Headquarters office, or serving as a Director.
A.7.a. Eligibility Criteria	This award recognizes outstanding achievement or service of a nature, which is worthy of special recognition as described below. The key words for the Auxiliary Achievement Medal are sustained professional, leadership achievements and period of time. The Auxiliary Achievement is for recognition of Auxiliarists who have maintained an outstanding level of performance and/or achievement over a period of time to further authorized activities of the Auxiliary. The achievements could be in administration or operations.
A.7.b. Award Elements	This award consists of a ribbon, miniature medal, and certificate. For achievement in operations (defined as direct hands on, underway, surface or airborne aviation mission activity), Auxiliarists may wear the operational "O" attachment centered on the ribbon or the medal's suspension ribbon. Subsequent awards are signified by ⁵/₁₆-inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.
A.8. Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation Ribbon	The Auxiliary Letter of Commendation Ribbon (ACLOC) is the Auxiliary's equivalent to the Coast Guard's Commandant Letter of Commendation (CLOC) Ribbon. Coast Guard units and Directors can prepare award citations using the same criteria, format, and style as the CLOC.

A.8.a. Eligibility
Criteria

The award is intended for Auxiliarists serving in any capacity with the Coast Guard or Auxiliary for a superior act of service resulting in unusual and/or outstanding achievement, whose performance is lesser than that required for the Auxiliary Achievement Medal. The award can also be used to recognize an Auxiliarist's service/performance for a special event or project. The ACLOC may be awarded by any Coast Guard Commanding Officer (O-4 and above) of a Coast Guard unit, or serving as a Division Chief at a District, area, FORCECOM, or Headquarters office, or serving as a Director. Recommendations are made on the CG-1650 award recommendation form and submitted to the approving official, via the Auxiliarist's chain of leadership and management.

A.8.b. Award
Elements

The ribbon is similar to the Coast Guard Letter of Commendation ribbon with the addition of a vertical white stripe in the middle to identify the ribbon as an Auxiliary award. The Auxiliary award consists of a ribbon and a miniature medal (the Coast Guard award is a ribbon only). The "O" device may be authorized for direct participation in missions of an operational hands-on nature. Auxiliarists indicate multiple awards by adding a $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch gold or silver stars.

Table 11-1
Relationship Between Coast Guard and Auxiliary Medals

Coast Guard Auxiliary Medal	Coast Guard Medal	Basis	Final Approval Authority
Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal	Distinguished Service Medal	Exemplary meritorious achievement	Commandant (see 11.A.1)
Auxiliary Legion of Merit	Legion of Merit	Outstanding meritorious service	Commandant (see 11.A.2)
Auxiliary Plaque of Merit	Coast Guard Medal	Extreme skill and risk during an assist or rescue	Any 4-star or 3-star Flag Officer, or any District Commander (see 11.A.3)
Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal	Meritorious Service Medal	Meritorious service in the performance of duty	Any CG Flag Officer (see 11.A.4)
Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit	Coast Guard Commendation Medal with "O" device	Outstanding operational skill or service	Any CG O-6 and above serving as CO of an operational unit, or Division Chief at District, area, HQ office, or serving as a DIRAUX (see 11.A.5)
Auxiliary Commendation Medal	Coast Guard Commendation Medal without "O" device	Outstanding administrative achievement	Any CG O-5 and above serving as CO, or Division Chief at District, area, FORCECOM, HQ office, or serving as a DIRAUX (see 11.A.6)
Auxiliary Achievement Medal	Coast Guard Achievement Medal "O" on device optional	Individual sustained and superior service	Any CG O-4 and above serving as CO, or Division Chief at District, area, FORCECOM, HQ office, or serving as a DIRAUX (see 11.A.7)
Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation	Commandant Letter of Commendation "O" device optional	Superior act of service	Any CG O-4 and above serving as CO, or Division Chief at District, area, FORCECOM, HQ office, or serving as a DIRAUX (see 11.A.8)

A.9. Auxiliary Humanitarian Service Award

The Auxiliary Humanitarian Service Award (HSA) is presented to Auxiliarists who distinguish themselves as individuals or as members of an operational unit by meritorious, direct, non-routine participation in a significant act or operation of a humanitarian nature. Direct participation is defined as being physically present at the designated location, having directly contributed and influenced the action.

This award is considered the Auxiliary equivalent of the military Humanitarian Service Medal (HSM). Since Auxiliarists are not eligible to receive the HSM, the Auxiliary Humanitarian Service Award is awarded to Auxiliarists who participate in the same operations where Coast Guard active duty personnel are awarded the HSM.

Participation in domestic disturbances involving law enforcement, REDACTED, or the protection of properties are excluded from this award.

A.9.a. Eligibility Criteria

Service rendered in the act or operation being considered must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Must be above and beyond normal duties.
- (2) Must have major significance.
- (3) Must have provided immediate relief, relieved human suffering and should have saved lives.
- (4) Must have affected the outcome of the situation.
- (5) Must have specific dates and must be restricted to the period of immediate relief.

Examples of the types of acts or operations which may qualify for this award include:

- (1) Significant assistance in the event of national or international disasters, natural or man-made, such as, but not limited to earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, typhoons or conflagrations.
- (2) Support or resettlement of refugees or evacuees.
- (3) Significant acts or operations directly related to humanitarian service, which are above and beyond routine service.

A.9.b. Award Elements

This award consists of a ribbon and miniature medal. There is no certificate. For subsequent awards, a $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze star is authorized to be worn on the suspension ribbon and ribbon bar.

A.10. Multiple Awards

Auxiliarists indicate multiple awards of any of the above by adding $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch or $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch gold or silver stars as specified above.

**A.11. Auxiliary
Annual Service
Performance
Awards**

These awards recognize the individual contributions of Auxiliarists in Auxiliary Recruiting, VE, RBSV, PE, and Operations programs.

**A.11.a.
Eligibility
Criteria**

Similar to the discontinued AMOS awards, the annual performance awards are to promote activity in critical areas and recognize individual efforts.

Annual Performance Service Awards may be issued in the following categories using the following criteria (completed annually by calendar year - 1 January through 31 December), no retroactive entitlement authorized. Once an Auxiliarist is determined to be eligible for an award it may be presented when an appropriate presentation opportunity arises. It is not necessary to wait until the end of the year to present the award.

**A.11.b. Award
Elements**

The awards use the old AMOS ribbons with an additional device to distinguish the new system from the discontinued awards and will include a miniature medal with device and citation. Multiple awards for subsequent years are indicated by adding $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze or silver stars. One award in each category may be issued to an Auxiliarist each calendar year, as the award is earned. The Annual Performance Auxiliary Recruiting Service Award uses the same ribbon as the discontinued AMOS Member Resources Award with an "S" device, the Auxiliary VE/RBSVP Service Award uses the discontinued AMOS VE ribbon with a "V" device, the Auxiliary PE Service Award uses the discontinued AMOS PE ribbon with an "E" device, and the Auxiliary Operations Service Award uses the discontinued AMOS Operations ribbon with either an "O", "M", or "S" device as prescribed below (only one device may be worn, at the discretion of the wearer). Auxiliarists may continue to wear the old AMOS ribbons previously earned. When a new ribbon of that same category is awarded under the new system, only the new Annual Performance Service ribbon (with associated device) is worn. For example, when earned, the Annual Performance Auxiliary Recruiting Service Award with an "S" device replaces the wearing of the discontinued AMOS Member Resources Award.

**A.11.c.
Auxiliary
Recruiting
Service**

The Auxiliary Recruiting Service award is awarded for recruiting seven or more new Auxiliarists into the Auxiliary as determined and credited through the FC. A new Auxiliarist must be fully processed through completion of their favorable PSI determination and be shifted out of AP status before being credited towards this award. The year in which the date of the new Auxiliarist's shift from AP status to IQ or BQ status shall be the year to which the new Auxiliarist shall count toward recruiting award recognition.

A.11.d.
VE/RBSVP
Service

The VE/RBSVP Service award is awarded for completing a total of 60 or more vessel examinations, of any combination, including Auxiliary surface facilities, recreational boats, paddle craft, personal water craft, commercial fishing vessels, uninspected passenger vessels, and uninspected towing vessels (a total of 20 or more examinations, of any combination, of commercial fishing vessels, uninspected passenger vessels, and uninspected towing vessels will also earn the award). It may be awarded for conducting a total of 60 or more RBSVPs. It may also be awarded for conducting a total of 60 or more, of any combination, RBSVPs and vessel examinations identified above.

A.11.e. PE
Service

The PE Service award is awarded for IT and/or ITs aides completing thirty or more hours of instruction (in PE or MT), or serving as an ITs aide for sixty or more hours, or completing a combination of IT hours and ITs aide hours to total at least thirty credits (one IT hour equals one credit and one aide hour equals one-half a credit, for example, twenty hours as an IT equals twenty credits and twenty hours as an aide equals ten credits, totaling thirty credits and qualifying to receive the award).

A.11.f.
Operations
Service

The Operations Service award is awarded for supporting Coast Guard units and missions, including surface operations, air operations, and operational watchstanding (such as communications watchstander, OOD, manning the SAR desk, etc.). Operations support does not include administrative support to operational units, such as answering the office phones, filing case files, and service in the Director's office.

A.11.f.(1) "S"
Device

Displays the support "S" device for support activities not involving the movement of a facility (i.e., watchstanding). Complete 200 or more hours of Operational Support activity as entered in AUXDATA with the activity code of UCG.

A.11.f.(2) "O"
Device

Displays the operational "O" device for underway (excluding underway for training), surface mission activity (60 or more hours), or for airborne aviation mission activity (excluding training) (30 or more hours). Support for on-the-water readiness exercises does qualify as operational service. No combination of surface and air operations is allowable for this award. Support activity includes those entered in AUXDATA with the activity code of U/W or ABN, excluding any with the submission code of TRN.

A.11.f.(3) "M"
Device

Displays the "M" device for activities in support of marine safety, security, and environmental protection programs. An Auxiliarist must earn at least 200 points through any combination of the following weighted activities:

- (a) Commercial fishing vessel exam – 10 points/exam.
 - (b) Uninspected towing vessel exam – 7 points/exam.
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	(c) Uninspected passenger vessel exam – 4 points/exam. (d) Other commercial vessel exam – 4 points/exam. (e) Each hour performed in any mission in the MS or MEP mission categories or in mission code 80A – 1 point/hour.
A.11.f.(4) Required Data for Ribbons	The data to support the above ribbons will be obtained from AUXDATA printouts, with the exception of Auxiliary recruiting information, which may be provided by the DSO-HR. Directors, (LCDR (O-4) and above), have authority to issue the awards once the Auxiliarist has performed the prescribed activity levels. Ribbons can only be earned once per calendar year.
A.11.g. Award Precedence and Order	The Auxiliary Recruiting Service Award precedence is immediately above the Coast Guard Recruiting ribbon in the Auxiliary Award order of precedence. The Auxiliary VE/RBSVP, PE, and Operations Service Awards rank immediately below the Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Medal. With the exception of the Auxiliary Recruiting Service Award, these awards are worn in the order first earned.
A.12. Posthumous Awards	All of the above awards may be made posthumously.
A.13. Auxiliary Specialty Ribbon	This recognition is presented to an Auxiliarist who has successfully completed any AUXOP credit (i.e., minimum one credit earned) until AUXOP designation is earned. Auxiliarists add $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze or silver stars, as appropriate, to show successful completion of additional credits which move them closer to achievement of the AUXOP device. AUXOP designation recognizes the successful completion of all AUXOP requirements, and entitles the Auxiliarist to wear the AUXOP device. Once the device is earned, the Specialty Ribbon shall be removed from wear.
A.14. Auxiliary Program Ribbons	Ribbons are awarded for the following Auxiliary programs: a. Operational Excellence b. Operations c. Marine Safety Trident Specialty d. Examiner e. Instructor f. Public Affairs Specialty

A.14.a.
Operational
Excellence
Program

The Operational Excellence Program provides Coast Guard Auxiliary boat crews with a challenging opportunity to highlight their proficiency and skills, foster teamwork, encourage offers for use of surface facilities, and promote fellowship among operational members. The program is neither mandatory nor meant to replace qualifications or certification requirements. All program participants shall follow the policies and procedures established in the Coast Guard Auxiliary Operational Excellence Program, COMDTINST 16794.4 (series), in order to earn this award.

A.14.b.
Operations
Program

This ribbon recognizes qualifications in the various operations program areas. Auxiliarists who qualify as an Auxiliary boat or air crew member, air observer, AtoN verifier, Coast Guard watchstander, Coast Guard boat crewman, Coast Guard boat engineer, or Auxiliary interpreter (Level A) may wear the Operations Program ribbon. Watchstanders and boat engineers are defined as Auxiliarists who have been designated in writing by a Coast Guard unit, or the Director, as qualified in that position. Auxiliarists designated by the Director as Auxiliary watchstanders according to District requirements may also wear the Operations Program ribbon. Additionally, Auxiliarists holding the Auxiliary Telecommunications Operator (TCO) qualification or who have qualified as AUXCOM prior to 1 August 2008, are authorized to wear the Operations Program ribbon. Auxiliarists show multiple qualifications by adding $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze or silver stars. The “E” device is authorized to be worn on the Auxiliary Operations Program ribbon by Auxiliarists who are currently appointed, or have been appointed, as a Qualification Examiner (QE) or Flight Examiner (FE). No miniature “E” device for miniature medals is authorized.

A.14.c. Marine
Safety Training

The Marine Safety Training ribbon was created in recognition of the considerable and long-term, sustained effort that Auxiliarists must put forward in order to earn the Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia. The ribbon recognizes achievement in the marine safety, security, and environmental protection mission area as a precursor to achievement of the Auxiliary Trident insignia. Auxiliarists who successfully complete the following tasks are entitled to wear this ribbon (there is no time limit in which these tasks must be completed):

- (1) Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (IMSEP) course.
 - (2) Good Mate course.
 - (3) Incident Command System (ICS) courses 100 / 200 / 700 / 800.
 - (4) ICS course 210 (Coast Guard taught) or ISC 300 (FEMA taught).
 - (5) At least one Auxiliary marine safety program PQS.
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	Successful completion of subsequent program PQS shall be denoted by adding $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze stars. After earning the Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia, Auxiliarists shall remove this ribbon from wear.
A.14.d. Examiner Program	The ribbon recognizes qualification as an RBS Program Visitor or in any of the vessel examiner program areas. Auxiliarists show multiple qualifications by adding $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze or silver stars.
A.14.e. Instructor Program	This ribbon recognizes qualification in the IT program.
A.14.f. Public Affairs Specialty Program	This ribbon recognizes successful completion of the Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist I competency. Once this competency is achieved, an Auxiliarist may pursue achievement of the Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist II and/or the Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist III competency. A $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze star shall be placed on the ribbon to recognize successful achievement of each of these competencies.
A.15. Auxiliary Service Awards	Auxiliary Service Awards are presented for sustained Auxiliary Service and Auxiliary Member Service.
A.15.a. Sustained Auxiliary Service Award	This award is presented to an Auxiliarist contributing a documented total of 750 volunteer hours of Auxiliary service. Subsequent awards are presented for each additional 750 hours of service. Auxiliarists indicate multiple awards by adding $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze or silver stars, until the tenth award, at which time an hourglass device will be used. This award includes a miniature medal, ribbon, and certificate. Eligibility for this award is documented by the Director, using AUXDATA information data, whose staff shall then forward the initial medal/ribbon set issue and a prepared certificate to be presented per district/regional policy. Subsequent awards receive the star or hourglass device and a certificate showing the number of hours being recognized.
A.15.b. Hourglass Device	Auxiliarists wear a single bronze, silver, or gold hourglass device centered on the Sustained Auxiliary Service Award. A ribbon with a bronze hourglass device will designate accumulation of 7,500 volunteer service hours. Multiple star devices shall be removed. A gold hourglass will be awarded after accumulation of 15,000 total volunteer hours. A silver hourglass device shall be awarded after accumulation of 25,000 total volunteer hours. No further star devices or multiple hourglass devices will be added to the ribbon after the hours for each hourglass device level are awarded. Directors will provide the ribbon with a bronze, silver or gold hourglass as replacement for any previous level award.

A.15.c.
Auxiliary
Member Service
Award

This award is presented to any Auxiliarist who completes five cumulative years (need not be consecutive) of Auxiliary membership. Auxiliarists indicate multiple five-year award increments by adding appropriate bronze or silver $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch stars. This award, at the first five-year increment, includes a miniature medal, ribbon, and certificate. Subsequent awards receive the star device and a certificate showing the numbered years of service. The Director shall sign the certificates that recognize Auxiliarists when their membership reaches 5, 10, 15, and 20-year durations. The appropriate District Commander shall sign such certificates for 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45-year durations.

A plaque, in lieu of a certificate, shall be presented to Auxiliarists when they reach 50 years of membership, and thence for every fifth year thereafter. The Director shall request and obtain such plaques from the Chief Director.

**A.16.
Additional
Auxiliary
Awards**

The following are additional Auxiliary awards presented to deserving Auxiliarists.

A.16.a. Life
Membership

This award is given to DCOs and all appointed Commodores in recognition of service at the conclusion of their office term. Award of Life Membership does not change membership status or carry any special rights, except exemption from paying National dues. The award consists of a certificate to be presented by the Chief Director and NACO at an appropriate ceremony at a national level meeting. There is no ribbon, medal or plaque connected with Life Membership.

A.16.b.
Certificate of
Appreciation

At the Chief Director's discretion, a Chief Director's Certificate of Appreciation may be presented to any Auxiliarist in appreciation for outstanding service in furthering Coast Guard Auxiliary aims or programs. Recommendations for this special certificate should be forwarded through the Director to the Chief Director for consideration and/or processing.

A.16.c. National
Board Auxiliary
Awards

The Auxiliary National Board may establish national awards for outstanding performance by Auxiliarists and units in Auxiliary activities and programs. These awards may consist of trophies, plaques, or certificates. The Board's Standing Rules will specify the name, purpose, nature, and applicable conditions of all awards offered.

A.16.d. District
Board Auxiliary
Awards

A District Board may establish district awards for outstanding performance by Auxiliarists and units in Auxiliary activities and programs. These awards may consist of trophies, plaques, or certificates. The District Board's Standing Rules will specify the name, purpose, nature and applicable conditions of all awards offered.

A.16.e.
Auxiliarist of the
Year Award

The Auxiliarist of the Year (AUXOY) award recognizes the most exemplary performance by an eligible Auxiliarist during the previous calendar year. Only those Auxiliarists who demonstrated sustained, exceptional standards of proficiency and conduct, and whose appearance and bearing were consistently impeccable, shall be considered for nomination. This award parallels the awards for the Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) and the Civilian Employee of the Year (CEOY) awards. AUXOY tenure shall extend from the date of their announcement as AUXOY until the date of announcement of their successor.

A.16.e.(1)
Eligibility
Criteria

AUXOY nominees must meet the following criteria:

- (a) Be a member in good standing of the Auxiliary for no less than one year from initial enrollment to the date of nomination.
- (b) Be a member in good standing of the Auxiliary for no less than one year and no more than three years from initial enrollment.
- (c) Demonstrated exemplary conduct.
- (d) Embraced Coast Guard core values of “Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.”
- (e) Projected exceptional uniform appearance and bearing.
- (f) Delivered consistently outstanding performance in terms of leadership, Auxiliary program skills, personal and work ethics, and Auxiliary knowledge.
- (g) Displayed superb initiative and motivation that helped significantly advance themselves and Auxiliary program(s).
- (h) Performed duties in outstanding fashion and achieved results of high quality, customer service, and teamwork that resulted in improved efficiency and effectiveness of Auxiliary and/or Coast Guard unit(s).

Other related contributions, achievements, and awards should be included for consideration.

A.16.e.(2)
Submission
Requirements

AUXOY nomination packages shall be processed as follows:

- (a) The NACO shall solicit nominations during the month of January each year.
 - (b) Nomination packages must originate at the Flotilla level and be able to be electronically forwarded and processed. Packages shall adhere to the minimum requirements prescribed by the sample format in Appendix F. Any package must be submitted to the regional EXCOM via the nominee’s chain of leadership.
 - (c) The regional EXCOM must validate all nomination packages and determine which nomination to forward. The DCO shall endorse and forward only one AUXOY nomination from the region to the respective DNACO by 28 February.
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- (d) Upon review of all packages, the DNACO shall endorse and forward only one nomination to the VNACO by 15 March.
 - (e) The VNACO shall chair a selection committee composed of the DNACOs to make the AUXOY selection. Upon selection, the VNACO shall forward the package to the NACO.
 - (f) The NACO shall submit the package to the Chief Director by 15 April.
 - (g) The Chief Director shall review and forward the package to CCG by 30 April.
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A.16.e.(3)
Recognition

The AUXOY shall receive the following recognition:

- (a) Announcement of award by ALCOAST message.
- (b) Award presentation at the National Conference (NACON). Travel, lodging, and per diem expenses for the AUXOY and spouse will be covered with orders issued by the Chief Director.
- (c) Recommendation for the Auxiliary Commendation Medal to be submitted by the VNACO.
- (d) AUXOY names shall be inscribed on a perpetual plaque on permanent display at CGHQ.
- (e) Issuance of a personalized keeper plaque.

An AUXOY may be requested, with NACO concurrence, to represent the Auxiliary at other official functions and ceremonies during their tenure.

A.16.f.
Commodore
Charles S.
Greanoff
Inspirational
Leadership
Award

This award recognizes the most exemplary performance by an FC during the calendar year. Only those FCs who demonstrated sustained, exceptional standards of proficiency and conduct, and whose appearance and bearing were consistently impeccable, shall be considered for nomination. This award parallels other Coast Guard Inspirational Leadership Awards: the Captain John G. Whitherspoon Inspirational Leadership Award for active duty and Reserve officers, the George R. Putnam Inspirational Leadership Award for civilians, and the MCPO Angela M. McShan Inspirational Leadership Award for active duty or Reserve Chief Petty Officers (E-7). The period of award must start with assumption of office on January 1 of the calendar year.

A.16.f.(1)
Eligibility
Criteria

Nominees for this award must meet the following criteria:

- (a) Been an Auxiliarist in good standing at the time of selection (February).
 - (b) Served as incumbent FC at the time of the solicitation for the award (October).
 - (c) Regularly demonstrated unwavering leadership prowess, including the ability to gain genuine commitment from all levels of the organization.
 - (d) Exemplified Coast Guard core values of “Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.”
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- (e) Demonstrated sincere interest and concern for others and their success in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
 - (f) Displayed a keen sense of ethical conduct and exhibited a high degree of personal integrity.
 - (g) Earned the high esteem and admiration of others.
 - (i) Motivated others to excel in mission performance.
 - (j) Was a positive role model and mentor.
 - (k) Projected professional uniform appearance and bearing.
 - (l) Other related contributions, achievements, and awards during the period should be included for consideration.
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A.16.f.(2)
Submission
Requirements

Commodore Charles S. Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award nomination packages shall be processed as follows:

- (a) The NACO shall solicit nominations during the month of September each year.
 - (b) Nomination packages must originate at the Flotilla level and may be submitted by any member directly to the DCDR. Packages must be able to be electronically forwarded and processed. Packages should adhere to the minimum requirements prescribed by the sample format in Appendix F. The DCDR must submit the Division's selection to the DCO by 15 October.
 - (c) The district/regional EXCOM must validate all nomination packages and determine which nomination to forward. The DCO shall endorse and forward only one award nomination from the district/region to the respective DNACO by 1 November.
 - (d) Upon review of all packages, the DNACO shall endorse and forward all nominations for the area to the Chief Director, with copies to the VNACO and the NACO, for review by 5 November.
 - (e) Given concurrence of the VNACO and the NACO, the Chief Director shall forward all nomination packages to the Chief, Office of Leadership and Development (CG-133) by 10 November.
 - (f) CG-133 shall convene a selection committee consisting of one O-6 (Captain), one E-9 (Master Chief Petty Officer), one civilian, and one Auxiliary Commodore. The final nominee will be selected by January.
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A.16.f(3)
Recognition

The recipient of the Commodore Charles S. Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award shall receive the following recognition:

- (a) Announcement of award by ALCOAST and ALAUX message.
 - (b) Award presentation will take place at a ceremony in Washington, DC during the Commandant's State of the Coast Guard address (March), in conjunction with the Whitherspoon, McShan, and Putnam Inspirational Leadership Awards. A trophy will be presented. Travel, lodging, and per diem expenses for the recipient and spouse will be covered by orders that will be issued by CG-133.
 - (c) Recommendation for the Auxiliary Commendation Medal to be submitted by the VNACO.
 - (d) An article and photo will be published in the Coast Guard's Leadership News and Navigator E-Magazine.
 - (e) The Commodore Charles S. Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award recipient may be requested, with the NACO concurrence, to represent the Auxiliary at other official functions and ceremonies during their tenure.
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A.16.h. Awards
for
Non-Auxiliarists

There are occasions when individuals, who are not Auxiliarists, contribute significantly to promoting Auxiliary goals and missions. Such contributions and efforts are important to recognize in the following manner:

A.16.h.(1)
Certificate of
Appreciation

An Auxiliary award, known as the Certificate of Appreciation, is authorized for presentation to non-Auxiliarists. Those persons who, in the NACO's or DCO's opinion, have given noteworthy cooperation or assistance to the Auxiliary and its activities are eligible to receive this certificate with the NACO's or DCO's signature and with an embossed Auxiliary seal. Award recommendations are submitted via Auxiliary channels to NACO or DCO.

A.16.h.(2)
Honorary
Membership

Individuals, who are not Auxiliarists, may be awarded Honorary Membership. Such distinction is intended to honor individuals who provide notable service to the Auxiliary and its programs. In certain limited and selected cases, non-Auxiliarists may be awarded the title of Honorary Commodore. See paragraph D.5 of Chapter 3 for specific information.

**A.17. Flotilla
Meritorious
Achievement
Medal**

This award is given annually to one flotilla in each district or region. The winning flotilla is subjectively judged by the DCO and Director to have made the most significant contributions to the Auxiliary program that year. Auxiliarists, who have been flotilla members for at least six months and a day during the award period, are eligible to wear the award's ribbon and receive the award's certificate. Auxiliarists indicate multiple awards by adding $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch gold or silver stars.

**A.18.
Anniversary
Streamers**

In recognition of reaching the 50th anniversary of its charter date, an Auxiliary region, division, or flotilla may display a 50th anniversary streamer. The 50th anniversary streamer shall be blue with white letters that display, "50 YEARS". Subsequent unit charter anniversaries may be similarly recognized by the following streamers: the 60th anniversary streamer shall be red with white letters that display, "60 YEARS", the 70th anniversary streamer shall be platinum with blue letters that display, "70 YEARS", and the 75th anniversary streamer shall be white with blue letters that display, "75 YEARS".

A streamer shall be displayed only as an attachment to the regional flag or the unit's Auxiliary ensign. A streamer may be displayed at meetings and for ceremonial purposes. Similar to a commissioning pennant, an Auxiliary organizational unit may only retain and display one streamer of any anniversary, and its custody shall be kept by the unit elected leader. Streamers shall normally be available through the Auxiliary Center (AUXCEN).

**A.19.
Discontinued
Awards**

The following listed awards are no longer issued:

- a. Air Observer/Pilot Ribbon
 - b. Auxiliary Service Award
 - c. Flotilla Achievement Medals (the six GAP ribbons)
 - d. $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze star denoting qualification as Master IT
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**A.20. Auxiliary
Program
Certificates**

Auxiliary program certificates formally and tangibly recognize significant Auxiliary achievement. Accordingly, Auxiliary program certificates shall convey decorum and dignity consistent with Coast Guard core values.

Only the Director or appropriate Coast Guard command authority may sign Auxiliary program certificates that recognize:

- a. Award of a ribbon, medal, attachment, badge (except Auxiliary National Staff badge), device, pin, insignia (except that for appointed office), decal, or streamer/pennant.
- b. Program qualification (e.g., instructor, vessel examiner, Coastie operator).
- c. Change in Auxiliary status (e.g., enrollment, retirement).
- d. Auxiliary service recognition programs (e.g., Member Service).
- e. Auxiliary Specialty Course completion.
- f. Auxiliary unit charters.

These Auxiliary program certificates shall be approved by the Chief Director and employ standardized formats for their respective subjects of recognition. Such standardized formats shall be used regardless of the source or method of issuance (e.g., certificates issued either directly from a Director's office or through the Auxiliary National Testing Center). These Auxiliary program certificates and select other standard national certificates (e.g., certificate of appreciation, certificate of training/workshop completion) shall be available online through the Chief Director and Auxiliary web sites (www.uscg.mil/auxiliary and www.cgaux.org, respectively).

This does not preclude the creation and use of certificates at regional or local levels for specific recognition purposes. Such certificates shall similarly convey decorum and dignity consistent with Coast Guard core values, and shall not duplicate the certificates listed in (a)-(f) above in terms of function or purpose.
