
Section I. Terms for Referencing Awards

Introduction	This section provides a list of terms and their definitions when referencing awards.
I.1. Award	An all-inclusive term covering any decoration, medal, badge, ribbon, or an attachment thereof, bestowed upon an individual.
I.2. Attachment	Any appurtenance such as a star, letter device, clasp or other device worn on the suspension ribbon of a medal or on the ribbon (ribbon bar).
I.3. Badge	An award to an Auxiliarist for some special proficiency, which consists of, a medallion often hung from a bar or bars.
I.4. Decoration	An award bestowed upon an Auxiliarist for a specific individual act of gallantry or meritorious service.
I.5. Lapel Button	A miniature replica of the ribbon or ribbon bar.
I.6. Ribbon or Ribbon Bar	Consists of a portion of the suspension ribbon of a medal, and is worn in lieu of the medal. The dimensions of the ribbon will be 1 ³ / ₈ inches by ³ / ₈ inch. (see Figure 11-2)
I.7. Medal	An award presented to an Auxiliarist for performance of certain duties, acts, or services. Medals consist of a suspension ribbon made in distinctive colors from which hangs a medallion.
I.8. Miniature Medal	A replica of a large medal, made to a ½ scale of the original (see Figure 11-3). The Medal of Honor does not have a miniature medal
I.9. Rosette	Lapel device made by gathering the suspension ribbon of the medal into a circular shape.
I.10. Service Award	An award made to those who have participated in designated wars, campaigns, expeditions, or who have fulfilled in a creditable manner specified service requirements.
I.11. Unit Award	An award made to a Coast Guard operational unit and worn only by members of that Coast Guard operational unit or Auxiliarists volunteering at that operational unit, meeting the award criteria and who participated in the cited action.

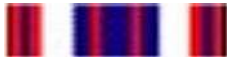
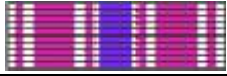
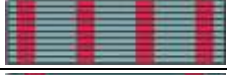
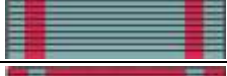
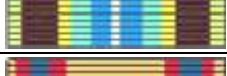
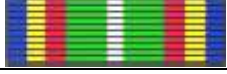
RIBBON	DESCRIPTION OF AWARD	ADDITIONAL AWARDS			
	COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL				
	GUARDIAN MEDAL				
	AUXILIARY LEGION OF MERIT				
	AUXILIARY PLAQUE OF MERIT				
	COAST GUARD AUXILIARY MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL				
	MEDAL OF OPERATIONAL MERIT				
	AUXILIARY COMMENDATION MEDAL				
	AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL				
	TRANSPORTATION 9/11 MEDAL				
	AUXILIARY COMMANDANT LETTER OF COMMENDATION				
	COAST GUARD SUSTAINED AUXILIARY SERVICE AWARD				
	PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION				
	SECRETARY'S OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD				
	COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION				
	COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION				
	COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION				
	AUXILIARY OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE "E" RIBBON				
	COAST GUARD BICENTENNIAL UNIT COMMENDATION				
	COAST GUARD AUXILIARY HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD				

Figure 11-2
Coast Guard Auxiliary Awards (in Order of Precedence)

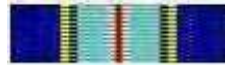
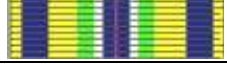
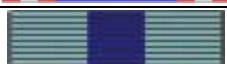
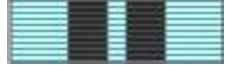
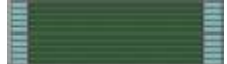
RIBBON	DESCRIPTION OF AWARD	ADDITIONAL AWARDS			
	TRANSPORTATION 9/11 RIBBON				
	COAST GUARD SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICE RIBBON				
	AUXILIARY RECRUITING SERVICE PERFORMANCE AWARD*				
	COAST GUARD RECRUITING SERVICE RIBBON				
	SPECIALTY TRAINING RIBBON				
	OPERATIONS PROGRAM RIBBON				
	MARINE SAFETY TRAINING RIBBON				
	EXAMINER PROGRAM RIBBON				
	INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM RIBBON				
	PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALTY PROGRAM RIBBON				
	AUXILIARY MEMBER SERVICE RIBBON				
	FLOTILLA MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL				
	COAST GUARD AUXILIARY GROUP ACTION AWARD				
	AUXILIARY VESSEL EXAMINATION AND RBS VISITATION PROGRAM SERVICE PERFORMANCE AWARD				
	AUXILIARY PUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICE PERFORMANCE AWARD*				
	AUXILIARY OPERATIONS SERVICE PERFORMANCE AWARD*				

Figure 11-2
Coast Guard Auxiliary Awards (in Order of Precedence) - Continued

*Four Awards comprise the Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Awards.	
 ⁵ / ₁₆ " (Gold Star) Denotes each subsequent award of the same meritorious unit or unit award.	 Silver/– Denotes support activities not involving the Bronze movement of a facility (Auxiliary Operations Service Award) denotes performance in member recruiting support. Worn centered on ribbon
 ⁵ / ₁₆ " (Silver Star) Worn in the same manner as the gold star, in lieu of five gold stars.	 Silver – Denotes marine safety and environmental protection activity (75 or more hours). Worn centered on ribbon.
 ³ / ₁₆ " (Bronze Star) Denotes additional qualifications and multiple awards	 Silver – Denotes performance in public education service area. Worn centered on ribbon. Denotes QE designation
 ³ / ₁₆ " (Silver Star) Worn in the same manner as the bronze star, but each silver star is worn in lieu of five bronze stars.	 Silver – Denotes performance in operations service area, "Direct Hands-On" underway, surface mission activity (60 or more hours); or for "Direct Hands-On" underway, aviation mission activity (30 or more hours). Worn centered on ribbon.
 Silver – Accumulation of 25,000 volunteer service hours.	 Bronze – Accumulation of 7,500 volunteer service hours.
 Gold – Accumulation of 15,000 volunteer service hours.	
DISCONTINUED AWARDS MAY BE WORN IF IN GOOD CONDITION.	

Figure 11-2
Coast Guard Auxiliary Awards (in Order of Precedence) - Continued



Figure 11-3
Auxiliary Miniature Medals (in Order of Precedence)



**Auxiliary Recruiting
Service
Performance Award**

Authorized "S" Device



**Auxiliary Vessel
Examinations/
Recreational
Boating Safety
Visitation Program
Service
Performance Award**



**Auxiliary Public
Education Service
Performance Award**

Authorized "E" device.



**Auxiliary Operations
Service
Performance Award**

Authorized "O", "M",
and "S" devices. Only
one device
authorized, at
discretion of the
wearer.

**Figure 11-3
Auxiliary Miniature Medals (in Order of Precedence) - Continued**

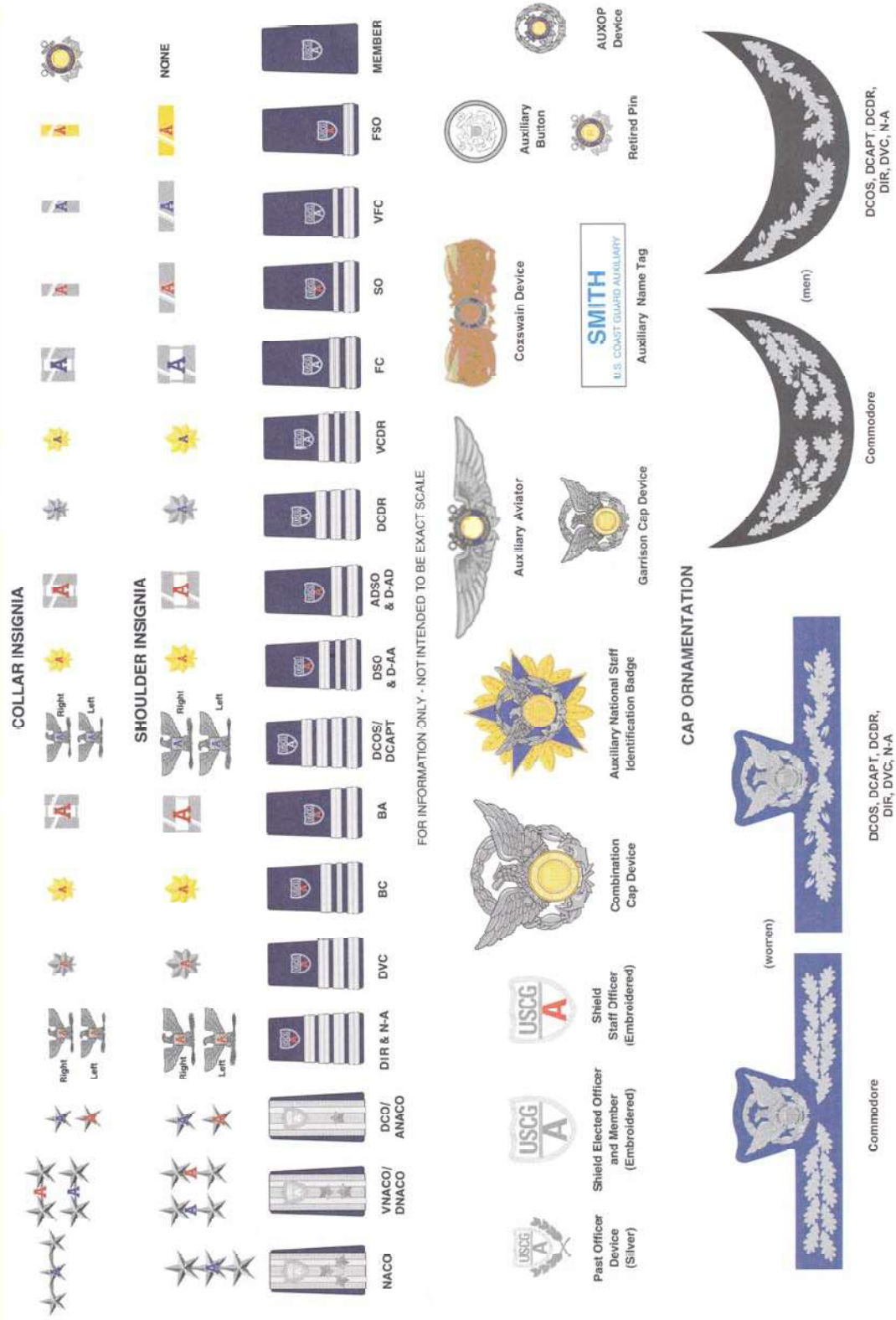


Figure 11-4
Authorized Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniform Insignia



Current and Past National Commodore (NACO)



**Current and Past Vice National Commodore (VNACO) and
Deputy National Commodore (DNACO, elected)**



Current and Past Deputy National Commodore (DNACO, appointed)



Current and Past District Commodore (DCO)



Current and Past Assistant National Commodore (ANACO)

**Figure 11-5
Auxiliary Flags, Pennants, and Burgees**

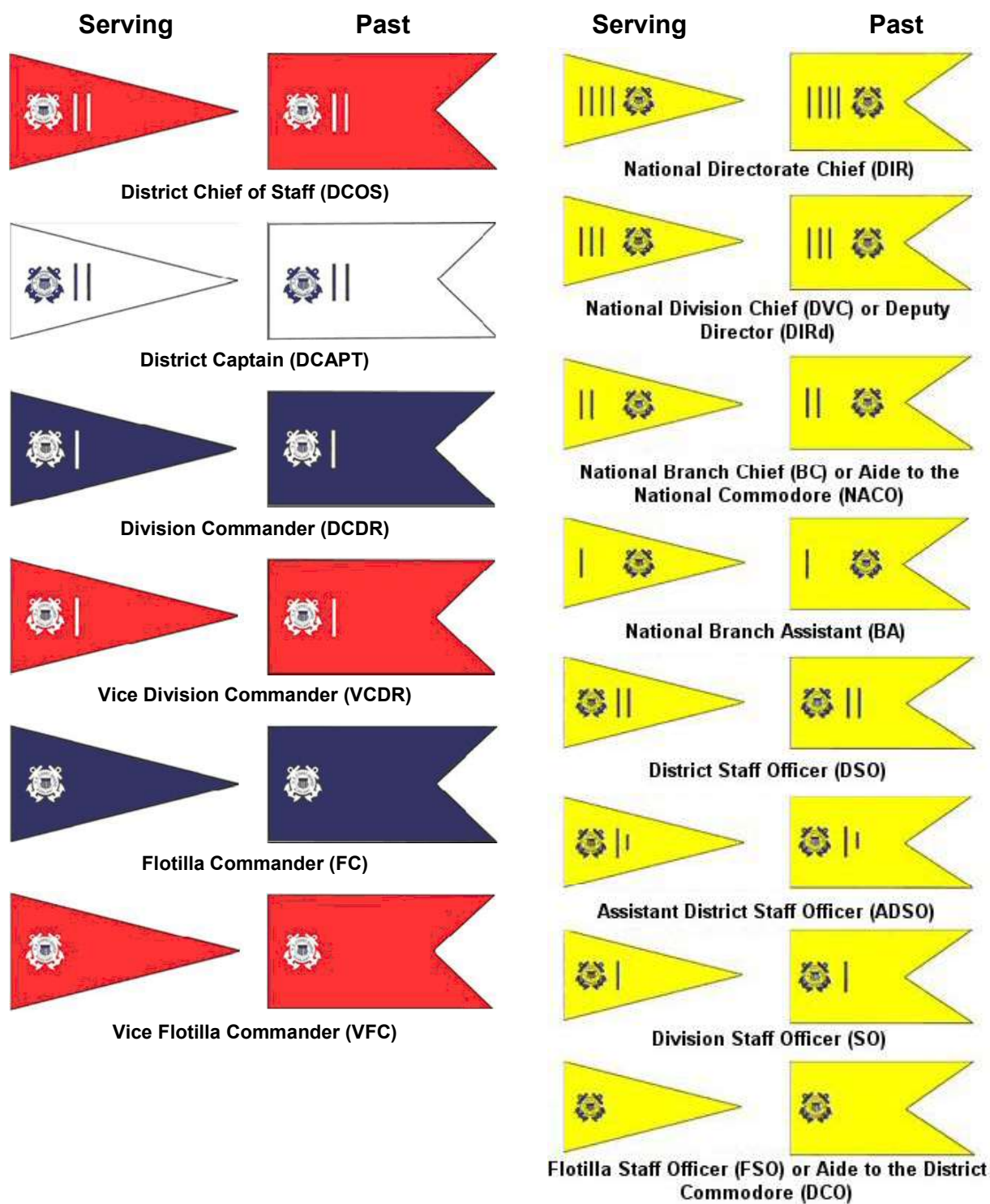


Figure 11-5 - Continued
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