

#### **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



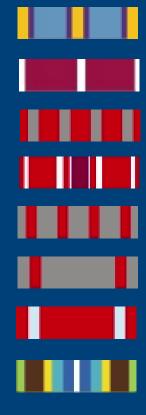
#### Authorized Ribbons of Other Services\*



\* 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

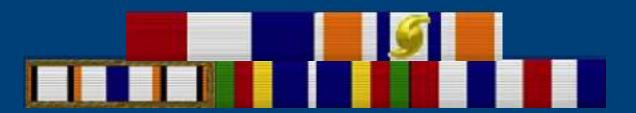
SUSTAINED AUXILIARY SERVICE AWARD (750 Hours)



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)



# Operation Awards

- AUXILIARY OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD
- AUXILIARY HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD
- SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICE RIBBON



3/16" Bronze Star = Additional Award
3/16" Silver Star = 5 Bronze Stars
(No stars for the Auxiliary Operational Excellence Award)

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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	Number of	Top	2nd	3rd	4th
medals	Rows	Row	Row	Row	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: <a href="http://ribbons.cgaux.info/">http://ribbons.cgaux.info/</a>
- AUXMAN (COMDTINST M16790.1G); Chapter 11
- USCG Uniform Regulations (COMDTINST M1020.6G); Chapter 3, Article G
- USCG Auxiliary Awards and Ribbons web site: <a href="http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/awards/ribbons/">http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/awards/ribbons/</a>



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