



COMDTINST 1650.9

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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 1650.9

Subj: COAST GUARD AUXILIARY CUTTERMAN INSIGNIA

Ref: (a) Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series)  
(b) Cutter Employment Standards, COMDTINST M3100.5 (series)  
(c) Cutter Training and Qualification Manual, COMDTINST M3502.4 (series)

1. DISCUSSION. The Auxiliary Cutterman Insignia is intended to identify and recognize the commitment of Coast Guard Auxiliarists currently working in the cutter fleet who have regularly dedicated their efforts in support of the cutter community. This insignia will distinguish those Auxiliarists who have achieved the requisite level of qualification, knowledge, and experience that includes both practical and proven understanding and appreciation for cutter force command, management, and operations.
2. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, commanding officers of headquarter units, assistant commandants of directorates, Chief Counsel, special staff offices at Headquarters, shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this Instruction.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. Will be incorporated into the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series).
4. DESCRIPTION & DESIGN. This basic insignia design is identical in size and form to the Coast Guard Cutterman Insignia. A bronze-tone color scheme and an Auxiliary emblem superimposed in the center of the stylized waves distinguish it as an Auxiliary insignia.
5. ENTITLEMENT. Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary who complete the criteria listed below are entitled to wear the Auxiliary Cutterman Insignia. Entitlement is considered permanent and there is no criteria or policy regarding temporary entitlement.

a. Requirements:

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- (1) Perform a minimum of 52 days per year (equivalent to 1 day per week per year) aboard a cutter, 65 feet in length or greater, for a minimum of 2 years, underway or inport. Of those 52 days, a minimum period of 24 shall be served as underway days as defined in cutter employment standards as per reference (b).

Note: A total of 104 or more days over two years does not meet this requirement if at least 52 days were not served in each calendar year.

- (2) Complete the Personnel Qualification Standard (PQS) for Damage Control, NAVEDTRA 43119-H (series) – Watch stations 301-308, or for cutters 175 feet in length or less, Special and Emergency Operations and Procedures (SEOPS) Volume I & II – Basic Damage Control as per reference (c).

- (3) Complete qualifications to support the cutter in a minimum of one Watch Quarter Station Bill (WQSB) position. The suitability of this position for the individual shall be a commanding officer or officer in charge determination. Watchstander certification shall be achieved by completing any required Coast Guard or unit PQS/Job Qualification Requirements (JQR) process.

- b. Command Approval: The responsibility of the Commanding Officer or Officer in Charge is absolute concerning the operations, missions and safety of his/her command and crew. Command approval is required for an Auxiliarist to participate in the program and pursue the Auxiliary Cutterman's Insignia. An Auxiliarist deployed aboard a Coast Guard cutter would likely not have the opportunity to remove themselves from strenuous at sea duties which may be encountered should the cutter have an increase in mission intensity (viz., extension of patrols, heavy weather, change of readiness levels, etc). Therefore, the Commanding Officer or Officer in Charge shall exercise careful selection of potential Auxiliary crewmembers, and shall have final approval or termination authority, based on their determination of an Auxiliarist's overall ability to perform adequately and safely under all conditions, including shipboard emergencies, which may be realistically encountered aboard ship.

6. PRIOR QUALIFICATION. Auxiliarist's having met the requirements of paragraph five may submit documentation for command endorsement as per paragraph seven.
7. ADMINISTRATION. Commanding Officers or Officers in Charge will ensure all requirements have been met before certification. The unit commander shall document the achievement with an Administrative Remarks (CG-3307). A copy of the Administrative Remarks shall be presented to the appropriate Flotilla Staff Officer (FSO) via the member for verification and submission to the district Director of Auxiliary. The Director shall provide the initial insignia and certification notification to the member's Flotilla Commander for presentation.
8. ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT and IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS. Environmental considerations were examined in the development of this Instruction and have been determined to be not applicable.
9. INSIGNIA AVAILABILITY. The Auxiliary Cutterman Insignia shall be stocked at the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC).

10. FORMS AVAILABILITY. Administrative Remarks (CG-3307) is available on the standard workstation in Jetform Filler.

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Encl: (1) Auxiliary Cutterman Insignia Illustrations

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