



# Auxiliary Awards

*What are they and how do we earn them*

# Purpose of Auxiliary Awards

- No wages or other direct compensation
- Essential to the success of the Auxiliary program
- Considered to be nominal payment
- Auxiliarists should receive the appropriate recognition and awards to the maximum extent possible

# Authorized Auxiliary Awards

 COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE	 GUARDIAN	 AUXILIARY LEGION OF MERIT	 AUXILIARY PLAQUE OF MERIT
 COAST GUARD AUXILIARY MERITORIOUS SERVICE	 MEDAL OF OPERATIONAL MERIT	 AUXILIARY COMMENDATION	 AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT
 TRANSPORTATION 9/11	 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"	 COAST GUARD BICENTENNIAL UNIT COMMENDATION	 COAST GUARD AUXILIARY HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD	 TRANSPORTATION 9/11
 COAST GUARD SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICE	 AUXILIARY RECRUITING SERVICE PERFORMANCE AWARD	 COAST GUARD RECRUITING SERVICE	 SPECIALTY TRAINING
 OPERATIONS PROGRAM	 MARINE SAFETY TRAINING	 EXAMINER PROGRAM	 INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM
 PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALTY PROGRAM	 AUXILIARY MEMBER SERVICE	 FLOTILLA MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT	 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	

# Active and Auxiliary Medal Relationship

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)

# Types of Ribbons and Medals

- **Individual Awards**

- Individual Member Achievement
- Ribbon and Medal Awarded

- **Unit Awards**

- Team or Unit Participation
- Ribbons only

- **Service Awards**

- Individual Member Completion of Defined Goals
- Ribbon and Medal Awarded

# Individual Awards



COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE



GUARDIAN



AUXILIARY LEGION OF MERIT



AUXILIARY PLAQUE OF MERIT



COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
MERITORIOUS SERVICE



MEDAL OF OPERATIONAL  
MERIT



AUXILIARY COMMENDATION



AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT



TRANSPORTATION 9/11



AUXILIARY COMMANDANT  
LETTER OF COMMENDATION



COAST GUARD SUSTAINED  
AUXILIARY SERVICE AWARD

Earned by a member in recognition of an individual contribution or effort.

# Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal



The performance required to justify this award is exceptional performance of duty, which benefits the Auxiliary as a whole.

# Auxiliary Legion of Merit



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.



# Auxiliary Plaque of Merit



This award recognizes heroism in the face of grave personal risk which clearly stands out as above normal expectations.

# Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal



The meritorious performance of duty must have enhanced Auxiliary goals and be of a nature much higher than that normally expected.

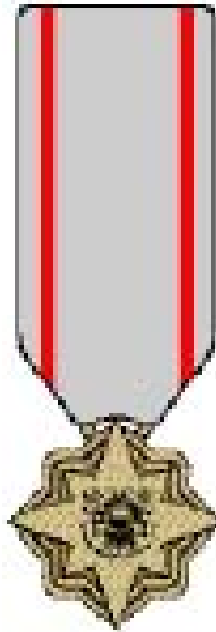
Had a significant positive effect on the ability of the Coast Guard and/or the Auxiliary to complete its missions and goals.

# Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit



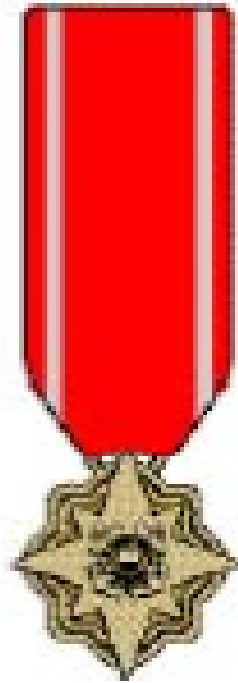
This award recognizes outstanding achievement or service of an operational nature (defined as direct, hands on, underway, surface or airborne aviation mission activity) worthy of special recognition.

# Auxiliary Commendation Medal



This award recognizes outstanding achievement or service worthy of special recognition. The key words for the Auxiliary Commendation Medal are outstanding achievement, which significantly furthers any of the Auxiliary's authorized activities.

# Auxiliary Achievement Medal



This award recognizes outstanding achievement or service of a nature, which is worthy of special recognition.

The key words for the Auxiliary Achievement Medal are sustained professional leadership achievements and period of time.

# Auxiliary Letter of Commendation Medal



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.

The award can also be used to recognize an Auxiliarist's service/performance for a special event or project.

# Auxiliary Sustained Service Medal



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.

# U.S. Coast Guard Unit Awards



PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION



SECRETARY'S OUTSTANDING  
UNIT AWARD



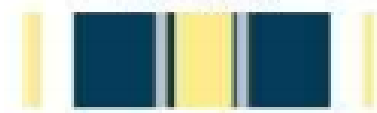
COAST GUARD UNIT  
COMMENDATION



COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS  
UNIT COMMENDATION



COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS  
TEAM COMMENDATION



AUXILIARY OPERATIONAL  
EXCELLENCE "E"



COAST GUARD BICENTENNIAL  
UNIT COMMENDATION



TRANSPORTATION 9/11

Earned by all members participating in a particular event.



# Coast Guard Presidential Unit Citation



For meritorious achievement and outstanding performance in action from 29 August to 13 September 2005, Hurricane Katrina Response.

# Coast Guard Commendation Ribbon



To be eligible, an Auxiliarist must have participated directly in at least 50% of the action in a single operational incident for which the Coast Guard unit involved received a citation for one of these awards.

# Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Ribbon



To be eligible, an Auxiliarist must have participated directly in at least 50% of the action in a single operational incident for which the Coast Guard unit involved received a citation.

# Coast Guard Meritorious Team Ribbon



- Auxiliarist must have made a significant contribution to a team cited for the award.
- Team can consist of Auxiliarists and CG Active members, or all Auxiliarists.

# Auxiliary Excellence “E” Ribbon



The Coast Guard Auxiliary Excellence “E” ribbon will be issued to those team members who earned the Operational Excellence Program E-Decal award

# Service Awards



Earned in the performance of a particular duty or service  
Based on time entered into AUXDATA.

# Coast Guard Special Operations Ribbon



Auxiliarists who participate in a Coast Guard special operation not involving combat, may receive this award.

# Auxiliary Humanitarian Service Award



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.



# Auxiliary Recruiting Service Award



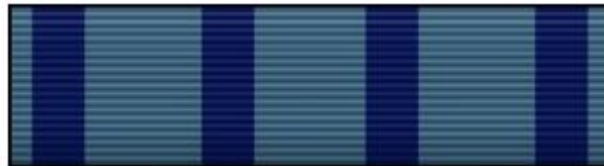
The Auxiliary Recruiting Service award is awarded for recruiting seven or more new members into the Auxiliary.

# Coast Guard Recruiting Ribbon



Auxiliarists must complete the Coast Guard recruiter PQS and have augmented a recruiting office for two years to qualify.

# Auxiliary Specialty Ribbon



Any Auxiliarist who has satisfactorily completed any of the specialty courses.

After earning the AUXOP device member may no longer wear the Specialty Ribbon.

# Auxiliary Operations Program

The Operations Program Ribbon is authorized for members who qualify as any of the following:

Auxiliary crew member

Pilot

Aircrew

Air Observer

AtoN Verifier

Coast Guard Watchstander

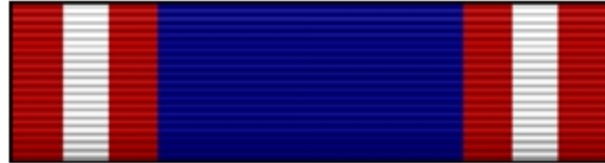
Coast Guard boat crewman

Coast Guard boat engineer

Auxiliary Interpreter



# Marine Safety Training Ribbon



Auxiliarists who successfully complete the following tasks are entitled to wear this ribbon:

1. Intro to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection
2. Good Mate Course.
3. ICS100, ICS 200, IS 700, and IS 800.
4. ICS 210 (Coast Guard taught) or ICS 300
5. One Auxiliary Marine Safety Program PQS.

# Examiner Program Ribbon



Auxiliarists who qualify as a VE, RBSV, or a CFVE may wear the Examiner Program Ribbon.

# Instructor Program Ribbon



This ribbon recognizes qualification in the instructor (IT) program.

# Auxiliary Member Service



This award is presented to any member who completes five cumulative (*need NOT be consecutive*) years of Auxiliary membership



# Flotilla Meritorious Achievement



- This award is given annually to one flotilla in each district or region.
- Must be a member of the flotilla for six months and a day during the award period to be eligible.

# Public Affairs Specialty Ribbon



Awarded to Auxiliarist who achieve the certification of Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist

# VE/RBSVP Service Performance Award



This award is for completing a total of 60 or more vessel examinations, program visits, 20 or more examinations of commercial fishing vessels, uninspected passenger vessels, and/or uninspected towing vessels.

# Auxiliary Public Education Service



Complete thirty or more hours of instruction in (PE or MT)

Serve as an instructor's aid for sixty or more hours

# Auxiliary RBS Device



120 points per year for two consecutive years in the following missions:

- PE Missions
- VE Missions
- PV Missions
- Certain PA Missions
- Certain Outreach Missions

# Auxiliary Operations Service



200 hours of Operational Support activity “S” device  
60 or more hours surface mission activity “O” device  
30 or more hours Airborne aviation activity “O” device  
200 points of Marine Safety Missions “M” device

# Making a Recommendation

- *Any Auxiliary member* may make an award recommendation.
- Active military and civilian personnel are encouraged to make award recommendations.
- Use the chain of leadership and management
- All except the ADSM, ALOM, APOM, and the Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Medal.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
U.S. COAST GUARD

**COAST GUARD AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

1. RECOMMENDED AWARD Auxiliary Achievement Medal		2. PERIOD BEING RECOGNIZED (DATES INCLUSIVE) 01 JAN 2019 to 01 JAN 2021			
3A. INDICATE IF SUBSEQUENT AWARD (FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, ETC.) Second		3B. "O" DEVICE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
<b>PERSONAL AWARD INFORMATION</b> (FOR CIVILIAN AWARDS COMPLETE SECTION 14 ALSO)					
4. NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI) Vojodovich, Joseoh E		10. PREVIOUS AWARDS EARNED DURING PERIOD BEING RECOGNIZED (ATTACH COPY)			
5. EMPLID 4004051		11. PRESENT DUTY STATION (AUX: DIVISION/FLOTILLA) 070-14-04			
6. BRANCH OF SERVICE USCG Auxiliary		12. NEW DUTY STATION (HOME ADDRESS IF SEPARATION ANTICIPATED)			
7. STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUXILIARY <input type="checkbox"/> CIVILIAN <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> RESERVE		13. OTHER PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR SAME ACTION AND AWARD RECOMMENDED			
8. GRADE/RANK (FOR CIVILIANS: POSITION TITLE, SERIES, AND GRADE) (AUX: POSITION TITLE) FSO-PV					
9A. PRESENTATION DATE N/A		9B. RETIREMENT <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
<b>14. FOR CIVILIAN RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY</b>					
14A. PREVIOUS AWARDS DURING PAST 3 YEARS Auxiliary Achievement Medal		14B. RECOMMENDED AMOUNT OF AWARD (IF APPLICABLE)			
		14C. RECOMMENDED AMOUNT OF TIME OFF (IF APPLICABLE)			
<b>UNIT/TEAM AWARD INFORMATION</b>					
15. NAME OF UNIT/TEAM		16. LOCATION OF UNIT/TEAM AT TIME OF ACTION			
17. LIST OF UNIT/TEAM PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD (USE ADDITIONAL PAGE OR ATTACH ROSTER IF NECESSARY). PROVIDE NAME, EMPLID, GRADE/RATE, STATUS, AND PRESENT DUTY STATION.					
18. NAME, GRADE, TITLE OF ORIGINATOR		PHONE NO.	SIGNATURE		DATE
19. FORWARDING ENDORSEMENTS BY VIA ADDRESSEE(S). ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY.					
VIA	COMMAND	RECOMMENDED AWARD	"O" DEVICE	SIGNATURE, GRADE, TITLE	DATE
1.			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
2.			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
3.			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
20. DISPOSITION BY AWARDING AUTHORITY AWARD APPROVED		"O" DEVICE	EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM APPROVED	SIGNATURE, GRADE, TITLE	DATE
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21. SUMMARY OF ACTION: ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET, IN NARRATIVE OR BULLET STYLE, TO MORE EFFECTIVELY CONVEY ACTION. AT A MINIMUM, MUST ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: (1) WHAT WAS THE SPECIFIC ACT/SERVICE PERFORMED? (2) WHERE AND WHEN DID THE ACTION/SERVICE HAPPEN? (3) WHAT WAS THE VALUE/EFFECT OF THE MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTION? (SEE COMDTINST M1680.25(SERIES))					

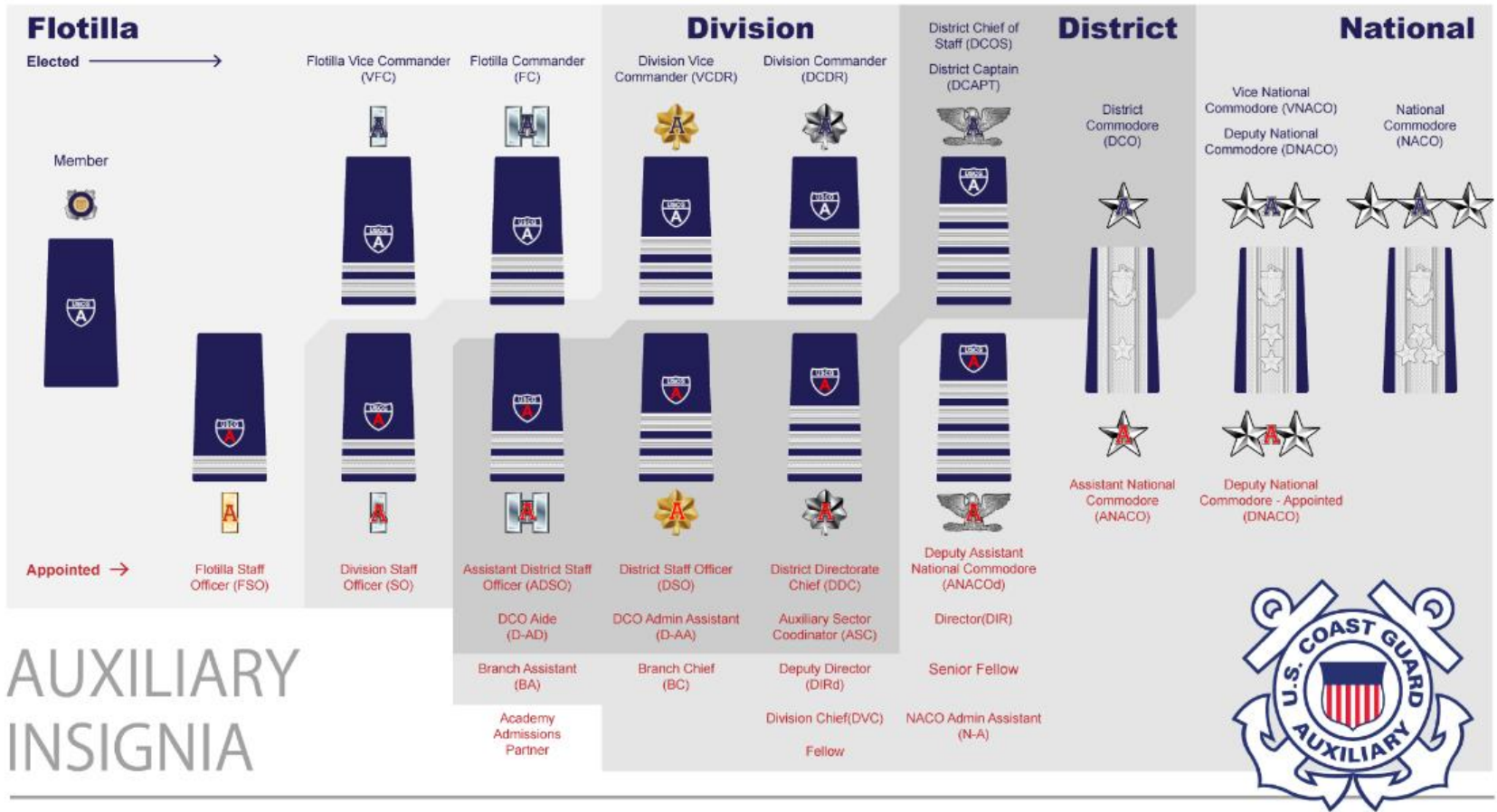


# Citation

- The citation is the account of acts or achievement.
- A summary of action or service.
- Well prepared citations will be cherished as a source of pride.
- The citation can be prepared by a District Awards Committee.
- It is through their experience and leadership that the awards program will be successful for truly deserving Auxiliarists.

# Questions and Comments

# Auxiliary Insignia



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