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Subj: ASSOCIATION FOR RESCUE AT SEA 2020 GOLD AND SILVER AWARDS
SOLICITATION

1. The Coast Guard recently solicited for nominations for the AFRAS 2020 Gold and Silver Medals awards. Please submit nominations in accordance with the guidance below.

Respectfully,
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A. Recognition Programs Manual, COMDTINST M1650.26 (series)

B. Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series)

1. Per REF (A), this ALCOAST solicits nominees for the Association for the Rescue at Sea (AFRAS) 2020 awards.

2. Background.

a. Formed in 1976, AFRAS is a non-profit foundation that supports services concerned with saving lives at sea. The AFRAS awards program provides the opportunity for Area and District Commanders, Commanding Officers, and Officers-in-Charge to recognize deserving Coast Guard personnel for bravery in the conduct of search and rescue missions.

b. The AFRAS Gold and Silver Medals are the highest search and rescue awards presented to a Coast Guard member by a civilian organization.

- (1) Gold Medal. Established in 1982, the Gold Medal is presented annually to a Coast Guard enlisted person for an act of extraordinary bravery during a rescue at sea.
- (2) Silver Medal. Established in 2000, the Silver Medal (silver reflects the distinctive Auxiliary uniform) is presented annually to a deserving Coast Guard Auxiliarist (a collective nomination may be submitted for members of the same boat or air crew).
3. Awards presentation. Both the Gold and Silver Medals will be presented in a ceremony in Washington, D.C., in the Fall, 2021. Ceremony participants include congressional representatives, AFRAS leadership, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, and other senior Coast Guard leaders. Award recipients will be honored at the ceremony and family members are invited to attend.
4. AFRAS award eligibility. AFRAS selects recipients from among nominations submitted. Award criteria are set forth in REF (A) and reiterated below.
 - a. Gold Medal nominees must be enlisted members on active duty at the time of the rescue being recognized. Silver Medal nominees must be Coast Guard Auxiliarists at the time of the rescue being recognized.
 - b. The response must involve a lifesaving rescue from the perils of the sea where the heroic actions of the nominee are uniquely distinguished. However, consideration will be given to all rescues involving life-threatening situations.
 - c. Nominations must be for Calendar Year 2020 rescues.
5. Administration.
 - a. Units are encouraged to submit nominations to COMDT (CG-SAR) via their chain of command. District awards boards should review all nominations to ensure compliance with the above criteria. Silver Medal nominations must be submitted in accordance with REF (B), Section 11.C.7.
 - b. Nominations must consist of:
 - (1) A cover letter identifying the nominee and pay grade (if applicable), current duty station/Auxiliary Flotilla, and expiration of enlistment (if applicable).
 - (2) Coast Guard Award Recommendation, Form CG-1650.
 - (3) One page award citation.
 - (4) 1-2 page summary of action that fully describes the rescue.
 - (5) Any additional information pertinent to AFRAS evaluation of the nomination.
 - c. Forward command endorsed nominations to: COMDT (CG-SAR), U.S. Coast Guard, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Washington, D.C. 20593-7516. Attn: AFRAS Nomination.
 - d. Award nominations must be received by COMDT (CG-SAR) by 18 June 21.
6. COMDT (CG-SAR) AFRAS awards POC: Mr. Mike Clarke (202) 372-2090. Request an advance copy of the award nomination be emailed to Mr. Clarke at: Michael.E.Clarke@uscg.mil.
7. Ms. Dana S. Tulis, Director, Emergency Management (CG-5RI), sends.
8. Internet released is authorized.

For many reasons including the value of keeping communication lines clear and open as well as facilitating access to training and educational tools, all Auxiliarists are urged to have their own email address and to keep it updated in AUXDATA.

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If you have a question regarding this ALAUX, please seek resolution within your Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM) including up to your servicing District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX). If your question still cannot be resolved after that, then please email CGAUX@uscg.mil.