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1. Please read ALCOAST 212/24, 2023 AUXILIARY INTEGRATION AWARDS PROGRAM RESULTS, for the announcement of the award recipients. Congratulations to the following award winners!

a. Commodore Viggo C. Bertelsen, Jr. and Vice Admiral John P. Currier Awards:

- (1) Enhanced Mission Support Award: U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Cape May.
- (2) Enhanced Operations Award: U.S. Coast Guard Sector Eastern Great Lakes.
- (3) Applied Innovation Award: U.S. Coast Guard Sector Key West.

2. The ALCOAST is attached to this message for your convenience.

3. Internet release is authorized.

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1. I am pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023 Commodore Viggo C. Bertelsen, Jr. and Vice Admiral John P. Currier Auxiliary Integration Awards. Bravo Zulu to the following:

a. Enhanced Mission Support Award - Coast Guard Training Center Cape May: Training Center Cape May seamlessly integrated Auxiliarists in food preparation positions. Auxiliary Culinary Assistants delivered more than 750 hours of direct support, helping prepare over 10,700 meals for 2,900 graduating recruits and their families. Auxiliarists also provided more than 350 hours of valuable seamanship and line handling instruction to recruits, greatly augmenting Coast Guard instructors and ensuring all recruits received this important training before entering the fleet.

b. Enhanced Operations Award - Sector Eastern Great Lakes: The Auxiliary played a major role in Sector Eastern Great Lakes' mission success by contributing nearly 700 hours of underway operational support and providing more than 1,090 hours of communications watchstanding. Auxiliarists also helped ensure Private Aids to Navigation (PATON) were operational throughout the Sector's area of responsibility. They completed over 450 PATON verifications which led to 70 being taken offline and significantly enhanced safety for the region's recreational boating public.

c. Applied Innovation Award - Sector Key West: Sector Key West creatively and effectively merged the Auxiliary and advanced technology. It leveraged certified Auxiliarists to deploy Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) that significantly helped support its migrant interdiction, search and rescue, pollution response, recreational boating safety, and public affairs missions throughout its area of responsibility.

d. District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) of the Year: This recognition was not awarded for 2023.

2. Honorable mention goes to the following nominees by category:

a. Enhanced Mission Support Award - Sector San Francisco: The Auxiliary was integrated in several impressive ways including augmentation of the Electronic Support Detachment Alameda and Civil Engineering Unit Oakland where they provided valuable assessments of electronic measures and communication and emergency power systems.

b. Enhanced Operations Award - Sector Los Angeles/Long Beach: Auxiliarists extensively assisted Sector Los Angeles/Long Beach in the planning, execution, and safety of large-scale events including Los Angeles Fleet Week, Torrance Armed Forces Day, and Point Mugu and Pacific Air Shows that were viewed by over one million spectators. They also provided invaluable support to the Sector's Command Center, life raft inspection program, and regional cutters.

c. Applied Innovation Award - Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City: Air Station Elizabeth City creatively incorporated

Auxiliarists and their facilities to improve its watchstanding, training, and community outreach efforts. This included development of an assistant operations duty officer training program that freed up Coast Guard pilots for additional flight duty and training as well as establishment of the Auxiliary University Program at Elizabeth City State University.

3. I applaud the exceptional actions of all awardees and nominees. Your integration of the Auxiliary in diverse and productive ways has considerably increased Coast Guard mission efficiency through resourceful augmentation.

4. Plaques for the Commodore Viggo C. Bertelsen, Jr. and Vice Admiral John P. Currier Auxiliary Integration Awards will be sent to the cognizant DIRAUX for coordination of appropriate presentations.

5. The nine-member selection panel thoroughly reviewed and deliberated all nomination packages. Panel members were:

- a. CAPT Troy Glendye, CG-BSX
- b. COMO Mary Kirkwood, Auxiliary Vice National Commodore
- c. CDR Kelli Dougherty, CG-INV-1
- d. LCDR Callan Fless, CG-BSX-2
- e. LCDR Kurt Walker, CG-81
- f. BMCM Travis Park, CG-BSX-12
- g. YNC Sandra Pearson, CG-DCMS-DPR-6
- h. Mr. Steve Minutolo, CG-BSX-11
- i. Ms. Juliet Hudson, CG-PSA

6. POC: LT Chris Booth, COMDT (CG-BSX-11), at 202-372-1056 or Christopher.W.Booth@uscg.mil.

7. RDML W. R. Arguin, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG-5P), sends.

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