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Subj: 2023 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR

1. Please read ALCOAST 255/24, 2023 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR. Congratulations to Auxiliarist Natalie M. Bunting of the Seventh District, Flotilla 39 in Dania Beach, FL for her selection as the 2023 Auxiliarist of the Year and to D9 Eastern Region Auxiliarist Paul Markovic and D14 Auxiliarist Lyle Amine for Honorable Mentions! Auxiliarist Bunting will be recognized at the 2024 Auxiliary National Conference in Orlando, FL in August. Bravo Zulu Congratulations to Auxiliarist Natalie M. Bunting of the Seventh District, Flotilla 39 in Dania Beach, FL for her selection as the 2023 Auxiliarist of the Year and to D9 Eastern Region Auxiliarist Paul Markovic and D14 Auxiliarist Lyle Amine for Honorable Mentions! Auxiliarist Bunting will be recognized at the 2024 Auxiliary National Conference in Orlando, FL in August. Bravo Zulu!
 2. The ALCOAST is attached to this message for your convenience.
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1. I am pleased to announce the selection of Auxiliarist Natalie M. Bunting of Seventh District, Flotilla 39 in Dania Beach, Florida as the 2023 Auxiliarist of the Year.
2. Auxiliarist Bunting has served with pride in the Coast Guard Auxiliary since December 2013. Throughout 2023, Auxiliarist Bunting led several projects that effectively increased diversity, inclusion, and membership in her flotilla. Auxiliarist Bunting skillfully coordinated public affairs events at large-scale events that promoted achievements contributed by underrepresented groups to the Coast Guard and Auxiliary. These engaging presentations directly led to a 20 percent increase in flotilla membership and laudably promoted the successes that minorities have provided to our service.
3. A consummate shipmate, Auxiliarist Bunting worked closely with key community stakeholders to build new relationships and strengthen existing ones. She partnered with local schools, yacht clubs, government agencies, and the Naval Sea Cadet Corps to conduct many public education classes advertised by flyers and social media that she created. She also established a solid working relationship with local sporting goods company management that enabled the flotilla to use new facilities for its meetings and boating safety courses. She also led beach cleanup events that removed over 170 pounds of trash accumulated along the shoreline.
4. Devoted to professional development and service, Auxiliarist Bunting achieved qualifications as an Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist Level 3 and Auxiliary Instructor, performed over 1,600 hours of Auxiliary program support, and is nearing completion of a watchstander qualification that will enable her to augment Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. Her spirit of community volunteerism extended well beyond Auxiliary service as exemplified by her coordination and oversight of a valuable food drive that benefited a local pantry dedicated to providing resources to those in need.
5. I congratulate Auxiliarist Bunting's commitment to the Coast Guard Auxiliary during her many years of membership, and for her selection to receive this esteemed recognition. She will be formally recognized as the 2023 Auxiliarist of the Year at the Auxiliary National Conference in Orlando, FL on August 17, 2024.
6. I also commend Auxiliarists Paul Markovic of Ninth District (Eastern Region), Flotilla 7-16 in North Cleveland, Ohio and Lyle Amine of Fourteenth District, Flotilla 1-18 in Barbers Point, Hawaii for selection as honorable mentions for this recognition.
7. POC: LT Christopher Booth, COMDT (CG-BSX-1), at Christopher.W.Booth@uscg.mil.
8. RDML W. R. Arguin, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy

(CG-5P), sends.

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