



U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

**FIRST DISTRICT
(NORTHERN REGION)**

DISTRICT AWARDS PROGRAM

September 2010

ARTICLE 1 - DISTRICT AWARDS POLICY

1.1 This article will serve as a guide to the First District (NR) Awards Committee for the implementation of the annual district awards program. Statistics, on which the District Awards are based, will be taken from AUXDATA for activity through 31 December of a given year.

1.2 The District Board will approve the name, purpose, nature and criteria for all district awards and presentations, whether sponsored by the Board, or any individual or organization. All district awards shall be recommended by the District Awards Committee.

1.3 Annual awards are categorized as "Activity Awards" for specific activities within the Missions of the Auxiliary or supportive functions, or "Special Awards" for those combining various activities or not meeting the criteria for "Activity Awards."

1.4 Presentations may consist of certificates, letters, ensigns, plaques, trophies or other appropriate gifts. These may be presented from time to time to individuals, Auxiliary Units or non-Auxiliary organizations. These awards are for outstanding achievement in the Auxiliary programs or noteworthy cooperation or assistance to the Auxiliary and its programs.

1.5 The Board will give due consideration to any award offered to the District by an individual, unit or organization. If it is found to be fitting as a District Award, such award will be officially established.

1.6 Any individual, unit or organization desiring to sponsor a perpetual award, must be prepared to accept the responsibility for the initial cost of "keeper" plaques or trophies or other appropriate gifts for the first five (5) award years.

1.7 The cost of awards shall be provided for in this article.

1.7.1 All expenses in connection with the awards and presentations offered by the Board will be borne by the District unless otherwise specifically provided.

1.7.2 The cost of providing a suitable replacement for a perpetual award shall be borne by the District.

1.8 The criteria for awards is defined in ARTICLES 2 and 3. Consistency with AUXDATA shall be maintained.

ARTICLE 2-ACTIVITY AWARDS

2.1 Vessel Safety Check Awards

2.1.1 Individual Auxiliarist Performance

2.1.1.1 Commodore H. P. Hadley Plaque will be presented to the Vessel Examiner who conducted the most VSCs during the award year.

2.1.1.2 Second and Third Place Plaques will be presented to those Auxiliarists who have performed the, second and third greatest number of Vessel Safety Checks.

2.1.2 Unit Performance

- 2.1.2.1 Commodore J. A. Polito Plaque will be presented to the flotilla showing the most improvement in its VSC program based on the highest percent of increase in Vessel Safety Checks over the previous award year.
- 2.1.2.2 Division 4 VSC Plaque will be presented to the flotilla being the most proficient in the Vessel Safety Check program. The winning flotilla shall have the greatest number of Vessel Safety Checks of any flotilla in the District for the award year.
- 2.1.2.3 Seal of Safety Plaque is given to the Flotilla completing the most VSCs during the week starting the Saturday before and ending the Sunday following the 4th of July.

21.1MS MARINE SAFETY AWARDS

- 2.1.MS .1 Marine Safety Performance: Awards recognizing First, Second and Third place in hours spent in performing or supporting Marine Safety activities, including Contingency Planning and Incident Command System support. Hours will be derived from AUXDATA for 7030 missions categories 28, series, 70 series 80 Series, 43 and 7038 mission categories Uninspected Passenger Vessel, Uninspected Towing Vessel, Barge and T-Boat Inspection mission hours.
- 2.1.MS.2 Marine Safety CFVE: Awards recognizing first, second, and third place in hours spent in performing Commercial Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations and other activity promoting Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety. These would include 7030 mission hours in category 80A and CF/V dockside exams reported on 7038 mission forms.

2.2 Recreational Boating Safety Program Visit Awards

2.2.1 Individual Performance

- 2.2.1.1 First, Second and Third Place Plaques will be presented to those individuals who have performed the first, second, and third largest number of Program Visits.

2.2.2 Unit Performance

- 2.2.2.1 First Place Plaque will be presented to the Flotilla that has performed the largest number of Program Visits

2.3 Public Education and Member Training Instructor Awards

2.3.1 Individual Auxiliarist Performance

- 2.3.1.1 First, Second, and Third Place Plaques will be presented to those Auxiliarists who have performed the first, second and third greatest number of Public Education Instructor (Lead) Hours.
- 2.3.1.2 First, Second, and Third Place Plaques will be presented to those Auxiliarists who have performed the first, second and third greatest number of Member Training Instructor (Lead) Hours.
- 2.3.1.3 First place award will be presented to the individual that has done the greatest number of Public Education-Youth Instructor (Lead) hours for the year.

2.3.2 Unit Performance

- 2.3.2.1 Shepard A. Lesser, Sr. Plaque will be presented to the flotilla conducting the most Public Education hours.
- 2.3.2.2 Earle Clement Plaque will be presented to the flotilla conducting the most Member Training Hours.
- 2.3.2.3 Doris F. Close Plaque will be presented to the flotilla conducting the most Public Education Youth Hours.

2.4 Operations Awards

2.4.1 Individual Auxiliarist Awards

- 2.4.1.1 The Semper Paratus Plaque will be presented to the Auxiliarist who performs the most outstanding rescue or assist involving the saving of life or property. Form CG 4612 may be used to determine the recipient of this plaque. Letters from candidates and Flotilla Commanders of candidates may be submitted or requested and reviewed for verification.
- 2.4.1.2 Robert Dering Plaque will be presented to the Auxiliarist attaining the largest number of hours as Coxswain.
- 2.4. 1.3 Second and Third Place Plaques will be presented to those Auxiliarists attaining the second and third largest number of patrol hours as Coxswain.
- 2.4.1.4 First, Second and Third place Plaques will be presented to the Auxiliarists attaining the first, second, and third largest number of patrol hours as Crew
- 2.4.1.5 The Andrew Crane Award will be presented to the Auxiliarists attaining the largest number of patrol hours as Pilot
- 2.4.1.5—A Second, and Third Place Award will be presented to the Auxiliarists attaining the second, and third largest number of patrol hours as Pilot
- 2.4.1.5.1 First, Second, and Third Place Award will be presented to the Auxiliarists attaining the first, second, and third largest number of patrol hours as Observer

2.4.2 Unit Performance

- 2.4.2.1 First Place Plaque will be presented to the flotilla whose members perform the largest number of patrol hours Surface Operations in a given awards year.
- 2.4.2.2 First Place Plaque will be presented to the flotilla whose members perform the largest number of patrol hours Air Operations in a given awards year.

2.5 Navigation Services Awards

2.5.1 Individual Performance

2.5.1.1 Most Verifications Plaque will be presented to the First, Second and Third place Auxiliaries who accomplished the highest count reported to AUXDATA under Mission Codes 30, 31, and 32 in the NS program in a given awards year.

2.5.1.4 A Lighthouse Plaque will be presented to the Auxiliary who contributes the most hours to lighthouse and Federal Aids-Lighthouse maintenance in a given awards year.

2.6 Operational Support Awards

2.6.1 Individual Performance.

2.6.1.1 First, Second, and Third Place Plaques will be presented to the three Auxiliaries who have the largest number of Coast Guard Operational Support hours in the *Administrative* area in any given awards year.

2.6.1.2 The Meredith M. Goss Award will be presented to the Auxiliary with the most number of Coast Guard Operational Support hours in the *Communications* area in any given year.

2.6.1.2.1 Second and Third Place Plaques will be presented to the Auxiliaries who have the second and third largest number of Coast Guard Operational Support hours in the *Communications* area in any given awards year.

2.6.1.3 First, Second, and Third Place Awards will be presented to the Auxiliary with the most number of Coast Guard Operational Support hours in any given year.

2.7 Public Affairs Award

2.7.1 Individual Performance

2.7.1.1 Stephen J. Sadowski Plaque will be presented to the Auxiliary who performs the largest number of Public Affairs hours as shown in AUXDATA for the given awards year.

Second, and Third Place Awards will be presented to the Auxiliaries who perform the second and third largest number of Public Affairs hours as shown in AUXDATA.

2.7.2 Unit Performance

2.7.2.1 Flotilla Public Affairs Awards will be presented to the flotillas performing the largest number of Public Affairs hours.

2.8 Publications Awards:

2.8.1 Flotilla Newsletter Award: With recommendations from the DSO-PB, a plaque will be presented to the flotilla publishing the newsletter determined by the District Awards Committee to be the best flotilla newsletter. A minimum of *Four Editions* must be published and received by members of the District Awards Committee in one package by 12/31 of the award year in order to be eligible for this award.

- 2.8.2 Commodore H. Edward MacKenzie Publications Award: With recommendations from the DSO-PB, a plaque will be presented to the division publishing the newsletter determined by the District Awards Committee to be the best division newsletter. A minimum of *Three* editions must be published and received by members of the District Awards Committee in one package by 12/31 of the award year in order to be eligible for this award.

ARTICLE 3 - SPECIAL AWARDS

3.1 Individual Performance

- 3.1.1 The Elizabeth and Captain Thomas D. Fisher Award: will be presented annually in recognition of the "All Around Auxiliarist,"
- 3.1.2 Commodores' Plaques are presented by the DCO, COS, DCPTs and IPDCO to an Auxiliarist in that Commodore's area of administrative responsibility (DCPTs will select someone from their respective divisions, COS shall select someone from the staff, IPDCO someone from the Board & Staff, and the DCO will select someone from their support staff), selected by that member of the District Bridge.
- 3.1.3 The Larry and Lenore Closson Family Award will be presented to the Auxiliary Family that shows extended participation in Auxiliary Programs as determined by AUXDATA data.
- 3.1.4 Certificates of Accomplishment, signed by the Director of Auxiliary, may be presented to any Auxiliarist who has made a notable contribution (50 Hours or more) to the Auxiliary activities; this award is to be recommended by the Awards Committee and approved by the Director of Auxiliary.
- 3.1.5 Commodore's Certificates of Appreciation, issued at the discretion of the District Commodore, to any Auxiliarist who has made an outstanding contribution to Auxiliary activities.
- 3.1.6 Team Coast Guard Award - recipient to be an enlisted member of the Coast Guard that is determined by the Awards Committee to most clearly demonstrate the qualities of teamwork with the Auxiliary. Recommendations will be accepted from all members of the Board.

3.2 Unit Performance

- 3.2.1 The District Commander's Plaque, will be presented to one flotilla deemed to be the "most outstanding" flotilla. This decision will be based on a well- rounded program of Auxiliary activities as listed in AUXDATA (Committee will use the BOATUS Award Criteria for comparison)
- 3.2.2 The L T Kenneth Lambertson Plaque will be presented to the second "most outstanding flotilla", in accordance with the criteria set forth for the District Commander's Plaque in 3.2.1.
- 3.2.3 The Joseph E. Ginsburg Plaque will be presented to one flotilla deemed to be the "third most outstanding flotilla" in the respective categories, in accordance with the criteria set forth for the District Commander's Plaque in 3.2.1.
- 3.2.4 The Commodore R. Foster Reynolds Plaque will be presented to the flotilla deemed to be the "most improved flotilla in the District". The basis for this award will be the criteria set forth for the District Commander's Plaque in 3.2.1. (See above for criteria)

- 3.2.8 The Past Commanders' Association Plaque will be presented to one division being deemed the "most outstanding division" in the District. The selection will be based on a well-rounded program of Auxiliary activities as listed in AUXDATA and determined by the President of the Past Commander's Association.

ARTICLE 4 - PRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 Newly Chartered Flotilla Presentation. The District Commodore will present an Auxiliary Ensign and a National Ensign, of appropriate size and of ceremonial design, to each newly chartered flotilla as a part of the chartering ceremony.
- 4.2 Certificates of Achievement, signed by any elected officer of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, may be presented to any Auxiliarist for furthering the purposes and principals of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- 4.3 Certificates of Appreciation, signed by any elected officer of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, may be presented to any non-member who has given noteworthy cooperation or assistance to the Auxiliary and its programs.
- 4.4 Letters of Appreciation, signed by any elected officer of the Coast Guard Auxiliary may be presented to any Auxiliarist or non-member for significant contribution to the Auxiliary and its programs.
- 4.5 District Commodore's Certificates, may be presented at the discretion of the District Commodore to any individual Auxiliarist, non-member, or organization for significant contribution to the Auxiliary and its programs.

ARTICLE 5 –IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 Authority. The guidelines contained above, thereto comprise the First District, Northern Region, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, District Awards and Presentation Guidelines, approved by the District Board on **September 24, 2010.**
- 5.2 Effective Date. In accordance with the vote of the District Board taken on the guidelines thereto, are to take effect on _____ and are to serve as the criteria upon which awards will be based for the calendar year 2010 and thereafter.