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Ref: (a) Coast Guard Military Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25 (series)
(b) Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series)

1. PURPOSE. This Manual provides a listing of recognition programs currently in use and managed by various Coast Guard Headquarters entities.
2. ACTION. This Manual is for informational purposes only. The responsible program managers for each recognition element maintain current eligibility criteria. Enclosure (1) contains a listing of external recognition programs. Internet release is authorized.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None.
4. DISCLAIMER. This guidance is not a substitute for applicable legal requirements, nor is it itself a rule. It is intended to provide operational guidance for Coast Guard personnel and is not intended to nor does it impose legally-binding requirements on any party outside the Coast Guard.
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6. DISTRIBUTION. No paper distribution will be made of this Manual. An electronic version will be located on the following Commandant (CG-612) websites: <http://uscg.mil/directives/> and <https://cgportal2.uscg.mil/library/directives/SitePages/Home.aspx>.
7. RECORDS MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS. This Manual has been evaluated for potential records management impacts. The development of this Manual has been thoroughly reviewed during the directives clearance process, and it has been determined this action requires further scheduling requirements, in accordance with Federal Records Act, 44 U.S.C. 3101 et seq., National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) requirements, and the Information and Life Cycle Management Manual, COMDTINST M5212.12 (series). This policy has significant or substantial change to existing records management requirements, or inconsistencies with existing determinations relating to documentation requirements.
8. FORMS/REPORTS. Any forms referenced in this Manual are available in USCG Electronic Forms on the Standard Workstation or on the Internet: <http://www.uscg.mil/forms/>; CG Portal <https://cgportal.uscg.mil/delivery/Satellite/CG611/FORMS> and Intranet at <http://cgweb.comdt.uscg.mil/CGForms>.
9. REQUEST FOR CHANGES. Units and individuals may recommend changes to the appropriate program manager listed in this Manual or Enclosure (1).

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CHAPTER 1. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- A. Purpose. The purpose of this Manual is to provide a comprehensive listing of Commandant approved Coast Guard recognition programs. The criteria for the recognition programs listed in this Manual are for informational purposes only. The assigned program manager is responsible for maintaining the current eligibility requirements and is the official point of contact. This Manual was promulgated by Commander, CG Coast Guard Personnel Service Center (CG PSC-PSD-ma) to provide a one point reference site, with basic information, and the point of contact for each recognition program. Enclosure (1) provides a quick overview of the external recognition programs available and the responsible office that are not listed in this Manual. Reference (a) continues to be the guiding policy regarding dual recognition.
- A. Recognition Program Defined. For the purpose of this Manual, a recognition program is a vehicle with which to acknowledge Coast Guard military and civilian personnel achievements and contributions outside of the Military Medals and Awards program. Recognizing the hard work and achievements of the Coast Guard Workforce contributes greatly to the success of our service and creates *esprit de corps*.
- B. Recognition Program Management. Responsibility for the development, administration, and maintenance of a recognition program belongs to the sponsoring Directorate and its assigned program manager.
1. Establishing a New Recognition Program. All Recognition Programs must be reviewed and approved by the Commandant (CCG). Directorates interested in establishing a recognition program should route a decision memorandum through the chain of command to CCG for approval. Once approved, a copy of the signed memorandum and a word document containing the required information for entry into this Manual will be forwarded to Commander, Coast Guard Personnel Service Center (CG PSC-PSD-ma).
 2. Changes to Current Recognition Programs. Program managers will notify CG PSC-PSD-ma of changes and updates to their program. They will also provide CG PSC-PSD-ma with a Microsoft Word document with the updated write up to insert in the manual.
 3. Retirement of a Recognition Program. Program managers should promptly report the disestablishment of a recognition program to CG PSC-PSD-ma, and release the details to the field in an ALCOAST message. CG PSC-PSD-ma will remove the program from this Manual in the next scheduled update.
- C. Recognition Programs from External Organizations. Most recognition programs from external organizations are listed in Enclosure (1) to this Manual; however, there are a few external programs that have been included within the chapters and can be found under the Table of Contents. Solicitation for nominees is the responsibility of the sponsoring directorate. Requests for additional information should be directed to the program manager or, if directed, through the source organization.
- D. Acceptance of Gifts. Prior to accepting any award from a non-federal source, a Coast Guard

member should consult with their servicing legal office to ensure compliance with the Standards of Ethical Conduct, COMDTINST M5370.8 (series), regarding the acceptance of awards or gifts.

CHAPTER 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) HONORARY AWARDS

- A. Eligibility. Coast Guard military personnel are eligible to receive the DHS Honorary Awards listed below; however, any accoutrement received with such awards are not authorized for wear on the Coast Guard uniform. Eligibility criteria are contained in Coast Guard Civilian Awards Manual, COMDTINST M12451.1 (series).
1. Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement (DHS Gold Medal). This award is granted by the Secretary in recognition of exceptionally outstanding leadership or service that is distinguished by achievements of national or international significance, reflecting great credit on the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Government, by markedly improving the security of our homeland. This is the highest award granted by the Secretary.
 2. Secretary's Award for Meritorious Achievement (DHS Silver Medal). This is the second highest award granted by the Secretary. The Silver Medal recognizes exceptionally outstanding leadership or service that is distinguished by achievements of marked significance over time to the Department. This award recognizes a body of work characterized by superior performance related to significant accomplishments, business improvements or notable resourcefulness, diligence, and integrity that significantly improved the efficiency, effectiveness, or image of the Department in one or more program areas.
 3. Secretary's Award for Exemplary Service. Critical to meeting the Agency's goals are the employees in administrative, technical, clerical, and general support positions throughout the agency. This award provides an opportunity to recognize employees whose deeds often go unrecognized. Employees in support services positions below GS-11 and WG-8 can be nominated for this award.
 4. Secretary's Award for Excellence. This award recognizes outstanding achievement or innovation by a distinguished employee(s) engaged in work to further the mission of the Department.
 5. Secretary's Team DHS Excellence. This award recognizes outstanding team achievements by employees working in a group to advance the mission of the Department of Homeland Security. The nominees may be part of an ongoing working group or an ad hoc team. The work of the team may have resulted in superior performance, significant operational improvements, or notable innovation in support of DHS missions. Nominations that include multi-component teams partnering to achieve a notable Department-wide objective are particularly welcome.
 6. Secretary's Award for Volunteer Service. This award recognizes significant contributions by DHS employees who serve as volunteers with non-profit or community service programs or activities. The employees' contributions should be direct, sustained and have meaningful results for individuals or the larger public good.

7. Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Diversity Management. This award recognizes an employee who has excelled in efforts to promote diversity at DHS through exceptional leadership, innovation, and perseverance. It may acknowledge individual efforts exclusively within DHS or with external partners who assist DHS in meeting our commitment to diversity.

8. Secretary's Award for Valor. This award is the highest departmental recognition for extraordinary acts of valor occurring while on or off duty. The award is only to be given in extraordinary circumstances. The employee must have demonstrated extraordinary courage in a highly dangerous, life-threatening situation or emergency under extreme stress and involving a specific act of valor, such as saving another person's life or property.

CHAPTER 3. COAST GUARD FOUNDATION, INC. AWARDS OF THE YEAR

- A. General. The Coast Guard Foundation sponsors annual regional and national events which bring together people from all across the country to pay tribute to the brave men and women who serve in the United States Coast Guard.
- B. Coast Guard Foundation “Salute to the Coast Guard” awards dinner. The purpose of the dinner and awards are to honor heroic deeds and increase public understanding of the missions of the Coast Guard.
1. Eligibility Requirements. All U.S. Coast Guard units, staff elements, and personnel, regular, reserve, auxiliary, and civilian are eligible for nomination. The period to be considered will be 1 May through 30 April. Nominations for specific short-term operations after this period will be considered if submitted before the published suspense date, approximately 15 July. Nominations should be submitted for individual, crew, or unit performance of Coast Guard missions while in a duty status and for individuals who have performed heroic or lifesaving acts while on duty.
 2. Recommendation. Nominations should be submitted via the chain of command to the applicable District, Area, Force Readiness Command (FORCECOM) or Coast Guard Headquarters (CGHQ) directorate having administrative control over the recommended individual or unit. The submission format consists of a concise letter, two pages maximum. If more than one nomination is submitted by a unit, a cover letter should be included with nominees listed in rank order. Each District, Area, or CGHQ directorate and FORCECOM should consolidate recommendations and forward to Commander, Coast Guard Personnel Service Center (CG PSC-PSD-ma) by the published suspense date, approximately 15 July, each year. Prepare short paragraph summaries for each case by mission area and in rank order.
 3. Selection. CG PSC-PSD-ma administers the selection process. A selection committee comprised of senior officers representing each of the Coast Guard’s mission areas and a Foundation representative review the nominations and make recommendations to the Commandant who approves the honoree(s).
 4. Presentation. The Coast Guard Foundation “Salute to the Coast Guard” awards dinner is held each fall. The Commandant of the Coast Guard, or a designated representative, will notify the selected individual, or current Commander, Commanding Officer (CO) or Officer in Charge (OIC) of a selected unit. CG PSC-PSD-ma will officially announce the honoree(s) by message. The Coast Guard Foundation will provide travel funding and lodging for the honoree(s) and one guest to attend the award presentation dinner.

CHAPTER 4. DIVERSITY AWARDS

A. General. This Chapter contains diversity awards sponsored by various Headquarters Directorates.

1. Captain Edward R. Williams Coast Guard Award for Excellence in Diversity. The Captain Edward R. Williams Award was established to be presented annually to the Coast Guard Officer or Chief Warrant Officer (active or reserve) judged to have been most supportive of initiatives to achieve, value, and manage diversity in the Coast Guard. The award is named in honor of Captain Edward R. Williams, USCG, who was instrumental in the reestablishment of the minority Recruiting Branch, implementation of the Diversity Staff, which began operation on October 1991, and creation of the Coast Guard mentoring program. The award focuses on improved leadership accountability, maximized and expanded outreach programs, enhanced career development and optimized training and education. The emphasis of the CAPT Williams award is on performance and contributions to the Coast Guard, demonstrated by commitment to promoting diversity.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. All Coast Guard Officers and Chief Warrant Officers, active and reserve are eligible for nomination. Nominees must have not previously received the award. Candidates will be evaluated on the following areas over the previous three years ending 31 May of the current year:
 - (1) Demonstrated high performance as an officer and role model with a commitment to Coast Guard diversity initiatives.
 - (2) Contributions to the successful careers of others through active and inclusive mentorship.
 - (3) Proven accomplishments in improving diversity in the Coast Guard through recruitment and/or retention efforts.
 - (4) Efforts to increase awareness of diversity in the Coast Guard through recruitment and/or retention efforts.
 - b. Recommendations. Commandant (CG-12B) solicits nominations via ALCOAST message annually. Commands may nominate one active or reserve Officer or Chief Warrant Officer using the following process:
 - (1) Nominations must be submitted to Commandant (CG-12B) no later than 1 June. Nominations will be in standard Coast Guard memo format, a maximum of two pages plus endorsements, addressing the nominee's accomplishments based on the criteria described above. A signature- forwarding endorsement or substantive endorsement through an appropriate level of the chain of command is recommended, but not required.

- (2) Commandant (CG-12B) will convene a panel to select the recipient. The selection will be announced via ALCOAST within 30 days of the application deadline; and
 - (3) The award winner must submit a portrait style photograph suitable for publication within 30 days to Commandant (CG-12B).
 - c. Presentation. The award will be presented at a selected diversity event which will be announced via the solicitation ALCOAST. Commandant (CG-12B) will fund travel orders and registration fees for an active duty award recipient. Commandant (CG-131) will fund ADOS-RC orders for a reserve recipient.
2. Captain Dorothy Stratton Women's Leadership Award. The Captain Dorothy Stratton Women's Leadership Award was established in 2001 to be presented annually to recognize a woman officer who has demonstrated exceptional leadership. The award is named in honor of Captain Dorothy Stratton, USCGR (W) the first director of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve, more commonly referred to as "SPARs" which stands for the Coast Guard motto "Semper Paratus, Always Ready".
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. All Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officers through Lieutenant Commander, women active and reserve, are eligible for nominations. Nominees must not have previously received the award. The nomination must cover the period from January to December of the previous calendar year. Candidates will be evaluated on the following areas:
 - (1) Demonstrated by example, inspirational, innovative and imaginative leadership and mentorship on and off duty;
 - (2) Made significant decisions that resulted in lasting improvements in working conditions and quality of life for their peers, subordinates, and the Coast Guard; and
 - (3) Exemplified the Coast Guard core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.
 - b. Recommendations. Commandant (CG-12B) solicits nominations via ALCOAST message annually. Commands may nominate one active or reserve Officer or Chief Warrant Officer using the following process:
 - (1) Nominations must be submitted to Commandant (CG-12B) no later than 1 April. Nominations will be in standard Coast Guard memo format, a maximum of three pages plus endorsements, addressing the nominee's accomplishments based on the criteria described above. A signature forwarding endorsement or substantive endorsement through an appropriate level of the chain of command is recommended, but not required.

- (2) Commandant (CG-12B) will convene a panel to select the recipient. The selection will be announced via ALCOAST within 30 days of the application deadline; and
 - (3) The award winner must submit a portrait style photograph suitable for publication within 30 days to Commandant (CG-12B).
- c. Presentation. The award will be presented at a selected diversity event which will be announced via the solicitation ALCOAST. Commandant (CG-12B) will fund travel orders and registration fees for an active duty award recipient. Commandant (CG-131) will fund ADOS-RC orders for a reserve recipient.
3. Master Chief Petty Officer Pearl Faurie Women's Leadership Award. The MCPO Pearl Faurie Women's Leadership Award was established in 2001 to be presented annually to recognize an enlisted woman who has demonstrated exceptional leadership. The award is named in honor of MCPO Pearl Faurie, USCGR (W), the first woman Master Chief Petty Officer in the Coast Guard.
- a. Eligibility Requirements. All Coast Guard active duty or reserve enlisted woman in pay grades E4 through E8, active and reserve, are eligible for nominations. Nominees must not have previously received the award. The nomination must cover the period from January to December of the previous calendar year. Candidates will be evaluated on the following areas:
 - (1) Demonstrated by example, inspirational, innovative and imaginative leadership and mentorship on and off duty;
 - (2) Made significant decisions that resulted in lasting improvements in working conditions and quality of life for their peers, subordinates, and the Coast Guard; and
 - (3) Exemplified the Coast Guard core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.
 - b. Recommendations. Commandant (CG-12B) solicits nominations via ALCOAST message annually. Commands may nominate one active or reserve Officer or Chief Warrant Officer using the following process:
 - (1) Nominations must be submitted to Commandant (CG-12B) no later than 1 April. Nominations will be in standard Coast Guard memo format, a maximum of three pages plus endorsements, addressing the nominee's accomplishments based on the criteria described above. A signature forwarding endorsement or substantive endorsement through an appropriate level of the chain of command is recommended, but not required.

- (2) Commandant (CG-12B) will convene a panel to select the recipient. The selection will be announced via ALCOAST within 30 days of the application deadline; and
 - (3) The award winner must submit a portrait style photograph suitable for publication within 30 days to Commandant (CG-12B).
- c. Presentation. The award will be presented at a selected diversity event which will be announced via the solicitation ALCOAST. Commandant (CG-12B) will fund travel orders and registration fees for an active duty award recipient. Commandant (CG-131) will fund ADOS-RC orders for a reserve recipient.

CHAPTER 5. LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARDS

- A. General. This Chapter contains leadership and service awards sponsored by various Headquarters Directorates.
- B. Selection. Commandant (CG-12) will solicit for panel members of diverse backgrounds within the National Capital Region (Base NCR) to convene and determine the best qualified for selection based on the eligibility requirements for each award. The Panel shall consist of an O-6 to chair the panel as the Panel President, an Officer (O-3 to O-5), a senior enlisted leader (E-8 and above), a junior enlisted member (E-7 and below), a Reservist, an Auxiliary member, a Civilian (GS-12 and above), and an alternate. Commandant (CG-12C) will act as the recorder and participate as a non-voting member of the panel. The Panel must consist of an odd number of members in the event of a tie. A Panel Precept will be developed by Commandant (CG-12C) and signed by Commandant (CG-12) and sent to the panel members before the panel convenes. The Chief, Office of Leadership shall swear in the members on the first day of convening.
1. Jarvis and Munro Awards. The Navy League annually presents the Jarvis and Munro awards recognizing an outstanding Coast Guard officer and enlisted member. The awards are separate and distinct from the military decorations and awards program. The Captain David H. Jarvis Award for inspirational leadership is awarded to the Coast Guard officer who has made an outstanding contribution to the high standards of competence and leadership traditional in the Coast Guard. The Douglas A. Munro Award for inspirational leadership is awarded to the Coast Guard enlisted member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and professional competence. E-6 and below Munro Award recipients will receive an automatic merit promotion. Due to the meritorious advancement for the Munro winner, the winner of the Munro award will be required to obligate service for an additional period of 12 months from the date of notification.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. The guidelines are intentionally flexible and extend to all regular and reserve members serving on active duty during the calendar year. Reserve members serving on active duty for over 30 days may be considered alongside regular active duty candidates; it is the command's discretion to determine whether it is reasonable for the reserve member to compete in either category. They must have made significant contributions to advancing the standards of leadership and professional competence to the extent required by their rank or rate.
 - (1) Consistently demonstrate outstanding leadership skills which motivate and inspire personnel to strive for excellence and achieve measurable results that contribute to the success of the Coast Guard.
 - (2) Possess the ability to create and maintain a positive culture where the differences of all personnel are respected, so that all can achieve their full potential and maximize their contributions to Coast Guard Missions.

- (3) Act with strategic intent to ensure optimization of resources, influence the success of major operations or programs, and achieve operational excellence.
 - b. Recommendations. Submit the award recommendation in memo format, through the chain of command, via the applicable District, Area, FORCECOM or CGHQ directorate. DCMS, DCO, Area and CGHQ directorate should endorse and consolidate before forwarding to Commandant (CG-12C), to arrive no later than 15 January of each year. Nominations must be accompanied by a proposed citation along with sufficient background information to enable final selection of the recipients. Citations must be one-page, single or double spaced, landscape format, typed using Times New Roman 12 point font.
 - c. Presentation. Certificates and inscribed watches are presented at the annual National Navy League Convention. Commandant (CG-12) pays for the winners' and one guest per winner's transportation to the Annual Navy League convention, and the Navy League pays for accommodations and meals at the convention location.
 2. Captain John G. Witherspoon Inspirational Leadership Award. This award annually recognizes an Active Duty Coast Guard Officer or Chief Warrant Officer and a Reserve Coast Guard Officer or Chief Warrant Officer, who best exemplify the Coast Guard's core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. Two awards, one for the active component and one for the reserve component, will be awarded each year.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. Extends to any officer or chief warrant officer, active duty and reserve, who:
 - (1) Exemplifies the Coast Guard core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.
 - (2) Fosters a culture of diversity through inclusion and commitment.
 - (3) Mentors both junior and senior personnel toward their highest potential.
 - (4) Leads and motivates by example to ensure mission execution excellence.
 - b. Recommendations. Commandant (CG-12C) solicits nominations via ALCOAST message in November annually. The award period is based on the calendar year (January-December). Nominations must be forwarded to Commandant (CG-12C) via the chain of command. All recommendations must be received by 15 January each year.
 - c. Presentation. The award will be presented at an appropriate ceremony at the district command closest to the winner. Commandant (CG-12C) will supply the District POCs with the award and other pertinent information for the award presentation. The Reserve recipient requiring ADOS-RC orders for pay, allowances, and travel must follow normal procedures for requesting orders through the chain of command.

3. Swivel Shot Award. The Commandant established this award to provide a means of recognizing those individuals who truly distinguish themselves in support of the men and women of the Coast Guard and their dependents. The award provides a formal way to recognize the outstanding leadership and service of the many people who give long hours of dedicated volunteer service to the Coast Guard family, either individually or through organizations such as spouses clubs, Chief Petty Officer Associations, youth activity councils, employee recreation associations, and similar groups.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. While this award normally will be made to members of the Coast Guard family, there are no restrictions on eligibility; however, it will not be used in lieu of existing public service awards. Further, it is not part of the official awards program.
 - b. Recommendations. Award recommendations will be submitted for approval to DCMS, DCO, or Area Commanders for endorsement and transmittal to CCG. It will outline the specific accomplishments or contributions of a proposed recipient, and include documentation of extraordinary voluntary efforts or service in support of the Coast Guard family or community. A concise, straightforward citation should accompany the recommendation.
 - c. Presentation. A certificate signed by the Commandant, along with a final citation and lapel pin, will be forwarded to the requesting authority for presentation at an appropriate ceremony. The Office of the Commandant will retain a permanent record book of recipients.
4. Master Chief Angela M. McShan Inspirational Leadership Award. This award annually recognizes an Active Duty Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer (E-7 only) and a Reserve Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer (E-7 only) who best exemplify the Coast Guard's core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. Two awards, one for the active component and one for the reserve component.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. Extends to any chief petty officer (E-7 at the time of nomination), active duty and reserve, who:
 - (1) Exemplifies the Coast Guard core values of Honor (integrity), Respect (esteem of junior and seniors), and Devotion to Duty (ethical behavior).
 - (2) Fosters a culture of diversity through inclusion and commitment.
 - (3) Mentors both junior and senior personnel toward their highest potential.
 - (4) Leads and motivates by example to ensure mission execution excellence.
 - b. Recommendations. The guidelines are intentionally flexible and extend to all regular and reserve chief petty officers serving on active duty during the calendar year.

Reserve chief petty officers serving on active duty over 30 days may be considered alongside regular active duty candidates; it is the command's discretion to determine whether it is reasonable for the reserve member to compete in either category. Commandant (CG-133) solicits nominations via ALCOAST message in November annually. Award period is based on the calendar year (January-December). Nominations can be submitted by any Coast Guard member or civilian employee in the form of a memorandum, not to exceed two pages. The nomination should identify specific examples and supporting information on how the nominee exemplifies the criteria. Nominations must be forwarded to Commandant (CG-133) via the chain of command. If an officer-in-charge is nominated, the next level command must endorse the nomination. All recommendations must be received by 15 January.

- c. Presentation. The award will be presented to an active duty and reserve chief petty officer at an appropriate ceremony in conjunction with other Inspirational Leadership Awards sponsored by Commandant (CG-133). Commandant (CG-133) will fund the travel expenses of the award recipient. The Reserve recipient requiring ADOS-RC orders for pay, allowances and travel will follow normal procedures for requesting orders through the chain of command.
5. Captain John P. Daily Award for Outstanding Leadership and Mentorship within the C4IT community. This award annually recognizes one Active duty and one Civilian employee, who best exemplify outstanding leadership and mentorship within the C4IT community.
- a. Eligibility Requirements. This award extends to all active duty members and all civilian employees GS-14 and below currently serving in C4IT billets.
 - (1) Nominees must have displayed exceptional leadership, honored our core values.
 - (2) Nominees must have displayed noteworthy examples of mentorship of junior personnel in leading our C4IT support constructs to meet Coast Guard mission execution objectives.
 - b. Nomination. Nomination packages will be submitted in memorandum format through their respective commands to Commandant (CG-6); memorandum is limited to two pages.
 - c. Presentation. Winners will be announced via ALCOAST and awards will be presented at a ceremony held at Coast Guard Headquarters where the winners will be formally recognized by the Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Information Technology. Travel expenses of each award recipient and one guest will be funded by Commandant (CG-6).

CHAPTER 6. OPERATIONS AWARDS

A. General. This Chapter contains operational awards sponsored by various Headquarter Directorates.

1. Ancient Albatross Award. The Ancient Albatross Award was originally established in 1966 to honor the aviator who has held that designation for the longest period of time. In 1988, the award was augmented to include the Enlisted Ancient Albatross Award, which was established for the enlisted member with the earliest graduation date from class “A” school with a Coast Guard aviation rating. The award recipient is the embodiment of the dedication and professionalism associated with long service to Coast Guard Aviation. Candidates must be able to hold the distinction for at least one year following receipt of the award. The distinction is retained until retirement, release from active duty, or upon display of unsatisfactory performance of duty or conduct.
 - a. Officer or Enlisted Ancient Albatross Duties and Responsibilities. In their capacity Officer or Enlisted Ancient Albatross, recipients should be invited by area district, sector, and unit commanders to attend and/or take part in any official ceremony that involves out aviation community. These events include, but are not limited to the following: Annual Coast Guard Aviation Association Pterodactyl Roost and presentation ceremonies recognizing superior achievements in aviation such as the Annual Naval Aviation Awards, Naval Helicopter Association awards, Annual Pterodactyl Aviation Rescue Awards, Sikorsky Humanitarian Service Award, Order of Daedalians Exceptional Pilot Award, etc. Other appropriate events include Air Station or Air Facility commissioning and decommissioning, dining-ins, dining-outs, and changes of command. It is highly recommended recipients also participate in public affairs and public events that portray our rich heritage such as events recognizing Elmer Stone, the Centennial of Naval Aviation, and museum openings.
 - b. Eligibility Requirements (Officer and Enlisted)
 - (1) Serving on continuous active duty. Those with broken active service who maintained continuous selected reserve status are considered to have continuous active duty for the purpose of eligibility.
 - (2) The recipient is the aviator or aviation rated enlisted member on active duty whose date of designation or graduation from “A” school precedes that of their peers. If two or more candidates were designated or graduated as aviators or aviation rated enlisted members on the same day, the award is presented to the candidate who is senior in rank on the day the award is presented.
 - (3) The recipient may not have received a derogatory report for any OER reporting period; or, if prior or currently enlisted in a aviation rate, maintained a Good Conduct eligibility, without receiving a mark less than 3 in the performance dimensions of Integrity, Loyalty, and Respecting Others on their aviation rated enlisted evaluations.

- c. Recommendations. Once Commandant (CG-711) is notified by Coast Guard Personnel Service Center (CG PSC) that a new Ancient Albatross needs to be selected due to retirement or release from active duty of the incumbent, they will request and establish a list of candidates who meet the qualifications. Commandant (C-711) will then promulgate an ALCOAST announcing the established date of designation as aviator, or graduation date from class “A” school of the current prospective selectees, and solicit for any member having an earlier date to contact them. Commandant (CG-711) will then convene a review panel and make a recommendation to Commandant (CG ACO) for final approval.
 - d. Presentation. An appropriate ceremony will be hosted at a Coast Guard Air Station of the incumbent’s selection to recognize the transfer of this title. The ceremony should be conducted on or immediately prior to the incumbent’s official date of retirement or release from active duty. Commandant (CG-711) will provide funding for travel and per diem for the principals to participate in appropriate ceremonies and follow on events. Funding for the spouse of the Ancient Albatross (select) will be funded in accordance with Invitational Travel Orders, COMDTINST 12570.3 (series). Commandant (CG ACO) will serve as the Travel Approving Official for purposes of the Ancient Albatross ceremony.
 - e. Award Plaque. The awards are large bronze wall plaques, with a miniature version awarded on an individual basis. The name of the recipient and the date the title is conferred is engraved on both the large and miniature plaques. The plaques will be awarded by, or on behalf of, the Commandant. The large plaque will be returned to Commandant (CG ACO) for display with the name of the new recipient affixed. In addition, suitable assembled items of period flyer’s clothing, including coveralls, jackets, boots, helmets, goggles, gloves, etc., will be passed on from the outgoing Ancient Albatross to the prospective recipient.
 - f. Award Name Tag. As an authorized item for the prescribed uniform of the day, recipients may wear a nonstandard 5/8 inch by 3-3/16 inch nametag with black lettering on a gold background for the officer Ancient Albatross and on a silver background for the enlisted Ancient Albatross. The lettering size must be 1/4 inch for the individual’s last name and 3/16 inch for the legend “USCG ANCIENT ALBATROSS.” Commandant (CG-711) will fund and procure two nonstandard nametags per Ancient Albatross.
2. Ancient Mariner Award. These awards were established in 1978 to honor those who have chosen to accept the responsibilities of a cutterman and follow the path of life at sea. This award not only recognizes seagoing longevity, but also extols the officer and enlisted cutterman whose personal character and performance standards honor the most venerable practitioners of seamanship and reflection of our Core Values. Recipients are charged with keeping a close watch to ensure sea-service traditions are continued and that the time-honored reputation of the Coast Guard is maintained. In their capacity as Officer or Enlisted Ancient Mariner, recipients should be invited by area, district, sector, and unit

commanders to attend and/or take part in any official ceremony that involves our seagoing community. In addition to cutter commissioning, decommissioning, dining-ins, dining-outs, changes of command, and “oldest cutter” ceremonies, recipients should also participate in public affairs and public events that portray our rich heritage. Recipients should notify Commandant (CG-751) by message or letter, at least annually, listing the events attended in their capacity as Ancient Mariner.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Eligibility Requirements for Gold (Officer) and Silver (Enlisted) Ancient Mariner Award. To be eligible for this award, candidates must be:
 - (1) Serving on continuous active duty and eligible to hold the distinction for at least one year. Members with broken active component service, but who maintained continuous selected reserve status are considered to have continuous active duty for the purposes of eligibility; however, active duty Coast Guard service must represent at least 80 percent of cumulative military service. Candidates with periods of nonmilitary status for more than four years during their entire military service period are ineligible;
 - (2) Have completed a minimum of 10 years of cumulative sea duty while on active duty in the Coast Guard (of which five years must have been as a commissioned officer for the Gold Award);
 - (3) Be certified for permanent entitlement to the gold cutterman insignia (for officers) or the silver cutterman insignia (for enlisted members), in accordance with directives and guidelines in effect at the time of certification; and
 - (4) For officers, have not received a derogatory report for any OER reporting period. Those with prior or are currently enlisted must have maintained Good Conduct eligibility, and not have received a mark less than 3 in the performance dimensions of Integrity, Loyalty, and Respecting Others on their enlisted evaluations since achieving permanent eligibility as a cutterman.
- b. Selection. Selection as the Gold or Silver Ancient Mariner will be from among candidates with the earliest date of designation as a cutterman. For the Gold Award, prior enlisted members who satisfy the requirements of paragraph 6.D.6.a.(2) may use their enlisted permanent entitlement date. If two or more candidates have identical dates of designation, the candidate with the most sea duty while a member of the Coast Guard will be the respective Gold or Silver Ancient Mariner. The award may be held only once.
- c. Recommendations:
 - (1) Once Commandant (CG-751) is notified by CG PSC that a new Ancient Mariner (Officer or Enlisted) needs to be selected, Commandant (CG-751)

will then request a list of members who meet the minimal sea duty criteria from PSC. They will then establish a list of candidates who meet the qualifications. Each selectee's date of cutterman eligibility will be calculated.

- (2) Commandant (CG-751) will then promulgate an ALCOAST with the earliest known date that an eligible member became a certified cutterman, and request any member with an earlier date of cutterman designation to contact Commandant (CG-751).
 - (3) Commander, Coast Guard Personnel Service Center (CG PSC), in coordination with Commandant (CG-751), will convene a panel to review the military records of the Ancient Mariner candidates to ensure that their performance of duty reflects the program criteria. The panel will include Commandant (CG-751), the MCPO-CG, and other representatives as CG PSC selects. The panel will forward their results, including a recommended award recipient, to CCG for final approval.
- d. Presentation. Commandant (CG-751) will arrange for formal announcement of the award. The incumbent's command will host an appropriate ceremony to recognize the transfer of this title. It should be conducted on or immediately prior to the incumbent's official date of retirement or release from active duty. Commandant (CG-751) will notify the commands responsible for arranging this ceremony and assist in the planning as necessary.
 - e. Travel. Commandant (CG-751) will provide funding for travel and per diem for the principals to participate in appropriate ceremonies and follow on events. Funding for the spouse of the Ancient Mariner select will be funded in accordance with Invitational Travel Orders, COMDTINST 12570.3 (series). Commandant (CG ACO) will serve as the Travel Approving Official for purposes of the Ancient Mariner ceremony.
 - f. Plaques. The awards are large bronze and wooden display plaques that depict the "Massachusetts," the first of the "ten boats" authorized by an act of Congress and signed by President George Washington on 4 August 1790. Separate display plaques have been established for both the officer and enlisted recipients of the award. The name of each recipient and the date the award is transferred will be engraved on the award. A miniature version of these plaques is presented to the new recipient upon transfer of the award.
 - g. Accouterments. The prospective officer Ancient Mariner will receive a fore and aft Revenue Cutter Service hat and gold epaulets preceding the presentation of the small plaque during the awards ceremony. The prospective enlisted Ancient Mariner will receive a replica of a traditional lighthouse keeper's hat preceding the presentation of the small plaque during the awards ceremony. Recipients are authorized to wear these items during subsequent retirement ceremonies, commissionings,

- b. Recommendations. District and area commanders, and commanding officers of headquarters units, may submit the names of nominees to Commandant (CG-711) to arrive no later than 15 July. Supporting documentation and a detailed summary describing the action must accompany the nomination. Commandant (CG-711) will notify the selectees and the selectees' commands in sufficient time to arrange for the recipients' presence at the AOP annual convention, held approximately mid-October of each year.
 - c. Presentation. The award is a large wooden plaque engraved with the names of each selected aircrew and the date the award is transferred. The plaque will be displayed in two prominent locations: The Aviator Hall of Fame at Aviation Training Center, Mobile, and a comparable location at Aviation Technical Training Center, Elizabeth City. Each crewmember will be presented a miniature plaque upon transfer of the award.
5. Commander Elmer F. Stone Aviation Crew Rescue Award. The Ancient Order of the Pterodactyls (AOP) sponsors an annual aviation rescue award as a means of providing recognition to specific Coast Guard fixed-wing aircrew that has demonstrated exceptional aerial skill while engaged in search and rescue operations. Commander Elmer F. Stone (1887-1936) was selected as the honoree because of his actions as Coast Guard Aviator Number 1.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. Nominees may be any aviation fixed-wing aircrew involved in a particularly noteworthy search and rescue case. To merit this award, the acts or performance must be accomplished in a manner above that normally expected and sufficient to distinguish the entire crew above other aircrews performing similar missions. This aircrew award does not preclude a personal award for a crewmember for the same actions, if warranted.
 - b. Recommendations. District and area commanders, and commanding officers of headquarters units, may submit the names of nominees to Commandant (CG-711) to arrive no later than 15 July. Supporting documentation and a detailed summary describing the action must accompany the nomination. Commandant (CG-711) will notify the selectees and the selectees' commands in sufficient time to arrange for the recipients' presence at the AOP annual convention, held approximately mid-October of each year.
 - c. Presentation. The award is a large wooden plaque engraved with the names of each selected aircrew and the date the award is transferred. The plaque will be displayed in two prominent locations: The Aviator Hall of Fame at Aviation Training Center, Mobile, and a comparable location at Aviation Technical Training Center, Elizabeth City. Each crewmember will be presented a miniature plaque upon transfer of the award.
6. Fleet Support/Special Missions Award. To qualify for this award, the individual or unit must be responsible for an outstanding combat or operational action, or technical

achievement. Heroism should be given strong consideration. The achievement should contribute significantly to the capability or safety of that mission. (Aviation Special Missions such as AUF or RWAI qualify for this award) Period of performance: 1 January to 31 December of the current year.

7. Helicopter Aviation Award. To qualify for this award, the individual or unit must be responsible for an outstanding combat or operational action, or technical achievement. Heroism should be given strong consideration. The achievement should contribute significantly to the capability or safety of that mission. Period of performance: 1 January to 31 December of the current year.
8. Maritime Patrol Award. To qualify for this award, the individual or unit must be responsible for an outstanding combat or operational action, or technical achievement. Heroism should be given strong consideration. The achievement should contribute significantly to the capability or safety of that mission. Period of performance: 1 January to 31 December of the current year.
9. Outstanding Aircrew Member's Award (LT Robert A. Perchard Memorial Trophy. This award was established in 1963 by the parents and friends of the late Lieutenant Perchard, who gave his life in company with his fellow crewmembers while serving as co-pilot aboard an HU-16E on a rescue aircrew member as having demonstrated exemplary performance and superior technical, aviation, professional, and leadership abilities. Commandant (CG-711) has administrative responsibility for the award program.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. Selection of personnel to be honored with the Outstanding Aircrew Member's award is made on a semiannual basis using criteria in keeping with the intent of the award. Each participating unit will establish its own selection procedures.
 - b. Recommendations. Participation in this award program is on a voluntary basis for each aviation unit. Commands desiring to participate should advise Commandant (CG-711). Local procedures for administration of the program should be promulgated that provide for presentation of the award on or about 1 January and 1 July of each year.
 - c. Presentation. The award is a large bronze wall plaque having a victory figure, a brief inscription, and nameplates for the award winners. Individual certificates are presented to the winners. Commands may obtain the plaque and additional nameplates by using unit funds. Certificates are available from Commandant (CG-711).
10. Outstanding Chief Petty Officer Award. To qualify for this award, the individual must have worked predominantly in a naval aviation related field. The period of performance is 1 January to 31 December of the current calendar year. Nominees must have a record of sustained superior performance during the competitive year. Nominees must have a

record of sustained superior performance during the competitive year. Nominees should have distinguished themselves through one or more of the following:

- a. Developing an idea or initiating a procedure which enabled a task, procedure, or requirement in aviation.
- b. Originating a design which improved operations of yellow gear, black box, or other aviation support equipment.
- c. Improving a method or procedure through reorganization of personnel, redesign of working spaces, or innovation that safely increased efficiency.
- d. Contributing directly to measurable improvement in the execution of the naval aviation mission, enhancing safety and readiness in the process.

11. Oldest Commissioned Cutter Award. This recognition was established to distinguish the Coast Guard Cutter that has served the fleet for the longest period of time. The term “Commissioned Cutter” includes both commissioned and in service cutters as defined by Coast Guard Regulations.

a. Eligibility Requirements.

- (1) All “active, in commission” and “active, in service” Coast Guard cutters 65 feet and longer are eligible; this includes those cutters “in commission, special” and “in service, special.” CGC EAGLE is specifically not eligible for recognition due to her special “historical” status.
- (2) The cutter with the earliest date of “active, in commission” or “active, in service” in the Coast Guard will be designated the “Oldest Commissioned Cutter.”
- (3) The unit designated as the “Oldest Commissioned Cutter” will hold that distinction until placed in the status of “inactive, pending placement out of commission” or “inactive, pending placement out of service.” Major shipyard renovation periods, where a cutter is in a “Special” status, will not be subtracted from its accrued service time.

b. Presentation. Commandant (CG-751) will determine which cutter is authorized to display gold hull numbers in accordance with the Coatings and Color Manual, COMDTINST M10360.3 (series). The award is a large bronze and wooden plaque, presented to the new recipient upon transfer of the award. The name of each cutter recipient and the date the award is bestowed will be engraved on the plaque. Since this recognition is a symbol of long service to the Coast Guard and our Nation, it is fitting that an appropriate ceremony be conducted as near the official date of succession as practicable. A representative of the designated recipient must be present at the ceremony, normally the decommissioning of the incumbent. Recognition of the “relief of the watch” should be part of the decommissioning

- ceremony; this can include the presentation of the award plaque. This information should be included in the Operating Facility Change Order (OFCO) of the incumbent, a copy of which will be forwarded to the new recipient.
12. RADM A.C. Read Navigator of the Year Award. To qualify for this award, the individual must have demonstrated outstanding skills and performance in the field of navigation while in flight or for significant contribution to improvements of navigation training and/or navigation procedures. (This award is for qualified enlisted navigators). Period of performance: 1 January to 31 December of the current year.
 13. Search and Rescue (SAR) Controller of the Year Awards. Annually, the Coast Guard's Office of Search and Rescue, Commandant (CG-534), administers an award to recognize an individual or team of planners at the Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) and Sector levels for outstanding planning behind SAR efforts. The awards provide a formal way to recognize SAR planners who distinguish themselves by their tenacity, ingenuity, and zeal in the prosecution of a single SAR case.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. All personnel who perform SAR planner duties at Sector command centers are eligible for the Sector Controller of the Year Award. All personnel who perform SAR planner duties at an RCC or RSC (to include Greater Antilles and Marianas Sectors) are eligible for the RCC Controller of the Year Award. The period of eligibility is from 1 January through 31 December each year.
 - b. Recommendations. Each command with a command center may submit one nomination. In situations where a number of incidents occur simultaneously, one case will be nominated and the others mentioned as exigent circumstances. Nominations are made in a narrative format (2-3 pages), and are to include the name of the command and name(s) of the SAR planner(s), inclusive dates of the case and a case summary. The narrative should highlight investigative and planning efforts, the resources managed, difficulties encountered and surmounted, and provide the results of the search. Sector nominations are sent to the District command center for consolidation. The District sends a consolidated package of nominations to Commandant (CG- 5341) no later than March 1st. Commandant (CG-534) reviews the award nomination packages and recommends award winners to Commandant (CG-53).
 - c. Presentation. Winners will be notified via message and will receive a plaque suitable for display in the command center. The design of the Controller of the Year plaque incorporates parallel rulers, dividers, and a citation that outlines the action taken by the winning individual or team.
 14. Gunnery Award. The Gunnery Award is based upon the original Gunnery Award trophy awarded to Cutters during the early 1900's. The original Gunnery Award trophy resides at the Weapons School in Yorktown, VA, and the winners are represented by a plaque. This plaque is located above the original trophy commemorating the induction of this award back into the Coast Guard.

- a. Eligibility. This award has two classes; cutters equipped with the Mk 92 FCS/Mk 75 76mm GWS or Mk 48 GWS will be considered for the Gunnery Award and cutters equipped with the Mk 38 25mm Machine Gun System (MGS) will be considered for the Minor Caliber Gunnery Award. Cutters eligible for the Gunnery Award are not eligible to compete for the Major or Minor Caliber Gunnery Awards. Gunnery Award Review Boards meets in October to review cutter eligibility and criteria. Additional eligibility and areas evaluated requirements can be found in CIM M8000.2 (series) Ordnance Manual.
 - b. Presentation. Gunnery Awards will be awarded by area commanders as visible recognition for personnel of Coast Guard cutters earning the gunnery award. It will be mounted in an appropriate place aboard the cutter and placed on ship's property.
15. Major and Minor Caliber Gunnery Awards. Originally established in the early 1900's, the major and minor gunnery awards promote ordnance readiness throughout the fleet. The original Gunnery Award trophy resides at the Weapons School in Yorktown, VA, and the new recipient units are represented by a plaque located above the original trophy and the date the title is conferred is engraved on both the large and unit plaques. As a means of providing recognition to Integrated Weapons Systems (IWS) class cutters, Surface Forces Logistic Command Electronics and Ordnance Branch (SFLC-ESD-EOB) sponsors one major and one minor gunnery award annually.
- a. Eligibility Requirements for the **Major** Caliber Gunnery Award
 - (1) Nominees may be any cutter with the following primary weapon system installed: MK92 FCS/MK75 76mm GWS or MK48 GWS.
 - (2) Cutters must have been in commission for 50 percent or more of the period under review. Newly commissioned cutters will not be eligible until they have completed all operational test fires, Combat Systems Ships Qualification Trials (CSSQT), Tailored Ships Training Assessment (TSTA) or Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART) requirements and both an Ordnance Technical Inspection (OTI) and Ordnance Safety Inspection (OSI). Grading criteria can be found on the CG Portal on the SFLC-ESD-EOB library
 - b. Eligibility Requirements for the **Minor** Caliber Gunnery Award
 - (1) Nominees may be any cutter with the following primary weapon system installed: MK38 25mm MGS.
 - (2) Cutters must have been in commission for 50 percent or more of the period under review. Newly commissioned cutters will not be eligible until they have completed all operational test fires, Combat Systems Ships Qualification Trials (CSSQT), Tailored Ships Training Assessment (TSTA)

or Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART) requirements and both an Ordnance Technical Inspection (OTI) and Ordnance Safety Inspection (OSI). Grading criteria can be found on the CG Portal on the SFLC-ESD-EOB library.

- c. Recommendations. The grading period will cover from 1 October to 30 September. Cutters will forward Gunnery Award submissions through their operational commander to SFLC-ESD-EOB no later than 31 October. Gunner Award submissions will include:
- (1) Most recent CART and TSTA results.
 - (2) Most recent OTI results.
 - (3) Most recent OSI results.
 - (4) All Ammunition Transaction Reports and any NCEA augment requests from the Fiscal Year (FY).
 - (5) All Coast Guard Missing, Lost, or Stolen, report for ordnance accountability for the FY ending the month prior to package submittal.
- d. Gunnery Award Review Board. The Gunnery Award Review Board will meet on or about 1 December each year to review submitted gunnery award packages, and the cutter eligibility criteria for both awards. This board will consist of representatives from the following commands: SFLC-ESD-EOB, FC-AEws, the SFLC Product Lines, Commandant (CG-721), and ATG. The Gunnery Award Review Board will be chaired by the representative from SFLC-ESD-EOB. The chairperson will ensure a full and fair review of each award submission and only cast a tie breaking vote if necessary. The chairperson is also responsible for the annual review of the grading criteria. Any recommended changes to the grading criteria will be forwarded to ESD-EOB Branch Chief for review and approval.
- e. Presentation. The Gunnery Award is a large bronze wall plaques based upon the original Gunnery Award trophy awarded to cutters during the early 1900's. Upon selection, SFLC-ESD-EOB will schedule a presentation ceremony with the winning cutters. SFLC-ESD-EOB will also coordinate the release of an ALCOAST announcing the winners. Cutters shall place the gunnery award plaque on ship's property (\$1500.00 value) and mount it in an appropriate place for the recognition of the crew. Repeat recipients will receive an engraved plate that will attach to the original award plaque.
16. CDR Ray Evans Coxswain Award. The CDR Ray Evans Outstanding Coxswain Trophy Award was established 23 January 2003 to recognize enlisted coxswains having demonstrated exemplary performance and superior technical, professional, leadership, and seamanship abilities while operating a Coast Guard boat. The award's namesake,

provided covering fire for Signalman First Class Douglas Munro September 27, 1942, at Point Cruz on Guadalcanal and evacuated elements of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, who were under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Lewis B. Puller. He remained at his post for the entire operation and with every other member of his crew killed or wounded, he maintained control of the boat with one hand on the wheel and continued to fire his automatic machine gun with the other until the last boat cleared the beach.

a. Eligibility Requirements. To be eligible for this award, candidates must:

- (1) Be active duty or reserve; E-3 (with designator) through E-6.
- (2) Be a certified Coxswain.
- (3) Be assigned to a Boat Force unit during the entire designated calendar year.
- (4) Be in compliance with CG weight standards.
- (5) Have no non-judicial punishment, or civil convictions, have a mark of “Satisfactory” in Conduct and no mark less than “4” on his or her enlisted performance evaluation.

b. Presentation. The office of Boat Forces will announce the recipient via notification message in April and notify the Area boat manager where the recipient’s unit is located and provide the award citation and plaque. Area boat managers should coordinate the presentation date and all other presentation details directly with the recipient’s unit. An award ceremony should be held at an appropriate time and location, as soon after the announcement as practical, and be presented by someone at the highest level possible. Photos should be sent to the Office of Boat Forces for inclusion on the Office of Boat Forces website. Travel expenses for the award recipient, as well as the recipient’s spouse, if applicable, will be funded by Commandant (CG-731).

17. Joshua James Ancient Keeper Award. The purpose of the Joshua James Ancient Keeper Award is to recognize those who have exemplified the finest traits of maritime professionalism and leadership, like Joshua James. It was established to honor longevity and outstanding performance in Coast Guard boat operations. The award’s namesake, Captain Joshua James, is the most celebrated lifesaver in Coast Guard History with 626 lives saved. Only those who have exemplified the finest traits of maritime professionalism and leadership, like Joshua James, were appointed as station keepers. The Joshua James Ancient Keeper Award recipient will hold the distinction until retirement, release from active duty, or upon display of unsatisfactory performance or conduct. One officer or enlisted member will hold the title at any given time.

a. Presentation. Commandant (CG-731) will arrange for formal announcement of the award and official ceremony. The ceremony should be conducted on or immediately prior to the incumbent’s official date of retirement or release from active duty. The

- incumbent's command must assign a project officer and Commandant (CG-731) will also assign a project officer to liaise and assist with the planning as necessary.
- b. Travel. Commandant (CG-731) will provide funding for travel and per diem for the principals, including the selectee's spouse, to participate in appropriate ceremonies. Commandant (CG-731) will serve as the Travel Approving Official for the purposes of the Joshua James Ancient Keeper Award Ceremony.
18. Ancient Trident Award. The Ancient Trident Award was established to honor the officer (Gold) and enlisted (Silver) member with the longest time in the Marine Safety program. This award not only recognizes Marine Safety longevity, but also extols the officer and enlisted member whose personal character and performance standards honor the most venerable practitioners of Marine Safety and reflect our core values.
- a. Ancient Trident Award (Gold) is awarded to an officer who:
- (1) Has served continuously on active duty. Members with broken active component service but who maintained continuous selected reserve status are considered to have continuous active duty for the purposes of eligibility; however, active duty Coast Guard service must represent at least 80 percent of cumulative military service. Candidates with periods of nonmilitary status for more than four years during their entire military service period are ineligible.
 - (2) Has earned the Permanent Marine Safety Insignia.
 - (3) Has not received a derogatory Officer Evaluation Report (OER).
 - (4) Has 10 or more years of accumulated service time in the Marine Safety program while on active duty in the Coast Guard. Officers who are prior enlisted and served in the Marine Safety program may include up to five years of their enlisted service time to qualify for the Gold Award. Qualifying Marine Safety service is listed in Chapter 6 of reference (a). In addition, legacy Marine Safety Office (MSO) experience qualifies.
 - (5) Has a distinguished record of knowledge, performance, and leadership in the Marine Safety program.
 - (6) Is eligible to hold the distinction for at least one calendar year from the official award date.
- b. Ancient Trident Award (Silver) is awarded to the enlisted member who:
- (1) Has continuously served on active duty. Members with broken active component service but who maintained continuous selected reserve status are considered to have continuous active duty for the purposes of eligibility; however, active duty Coast Guard service must represent at least 80 percent of

cumulative military service. Candidates with periods of nonmilitary status for more than four years during their entire military service period are ineligible.

- (2) Has earned the Permanent Marine Safety Insignia.
 - (3) Has maintained Good Conduct eligibility and has not received a mark of “3” or less in the professional dimensions of Integrity, Loyalty, and Respecting Others on their enlisted evaluations.
 - (4) Has 10 or more years of accumulated service time in the Marine Safety program while on active duty in the Coast Guard. Qualifying Marine Safety service is listed in Chapter 6 of reference (a). In addition, legacy Marine Safety Office (MSO) experience qualifies.
 - (5) Has a distinguished record of knowledge, performance, and leadership in the Marine Safety program.
 - (6) Is eligible to hold the distinction for at least one calendar year from the official award date.
- c. Presentation. Two large bronze and wooden display plaques, one representing the Ancient Trident Gold and the other representing the Ancient Trident Silver. Each plaque will be engraved with each recipient’s name, rank and the date the recipient received this honor. A set of these perpetual plaques (Gold and Silver) will be conspicuously displayed at Coast Guard Headquarters in the Office of Shore Forces (CG-741) and in the Marine Safety Branch at Training Center Yorktown. A miniature version of these plaques is presented to each new recipient upon transfer of the award.

CHAPTER 7. COAST GUARD RESERVE FORCES AWARDS

A. General. This Chapter contains Reserve Forces awards sponsored by various Headquarter Directorates.

1. Admiral Russell M. Waesche Award. This award is named after Admiral Russell R. Waesche who, while serving as Commandant, established the Coast Guard Reserve to bolster readiness during World War II. The award is presented annually by the Reserve Officers Association of the United States of America (ROA) in recognition of Coast Guard districts, Director of Operational Logistics (DOL) and Commander, Pacific Area (PACAREA-13) for Port Security Units (PSUs) and Navy Coastal Riverine Force Units (CORIVFOR) that are judged to be most supportive of a totally integrated Coast Guard military force as demonstrated by its effective use and support of the Reserve Component during the previous fiscal year.

a. Award Categories. There are two categories for the Waesche award:

(1) Category-1 is for districts with fewer than 600 reservists assigned; and

(2) Category-2 is for PACAREA-13, DOL and districts with 600 or more reservists assigned.

b. Award Criteria. The Director of Reserve and Military Personnel, Commandant (CG-13) determines the winner based on the extent to which PACAREA-13, districts, and the DOL maximized Reserve integration and readiness. Qualitative and quantitative information analyses should be included in narratives of nomination packages. Determination of winners is focused on the below primary areas:

(1) Operations, as demonstrated by initiatives that integrate assigned Selected Reserve (SELRES) personnel into daily operations at all levels of the organization;

(2) Proficiency, as demonstrated by:

(a) SELRES training qualifications, certifications, and competencies, particularly those that support mobilization requirements at local, regional, or national levels, and are recorded for members in one or both of the following systems: Training Management Tool (TMT) and Direct Access. If none are required by the member's Personnel Allowance List (PAL) position, state competencies that have been completed and recorded in TMT and/or Direct Access;

(b) Alignment of Individual Training Plan (ITP) with Active Duty for Training-Annual Training (ADT-AT); and

- (c) Effective and efficient Reserve Training (RT) allotment fund code (AFC-90) appropriation management, as demonstrated by budget planning and execution that is both timely and does not exceed appropriation limits (e.g., regular de-obligation of funds, quarterly closeouts and reconciliations).
 - (d) Satisfactory member participation, as demonstrated by Inactive Duty Training (IDT) and ADT-AT.
 - (e) Satisfactory currency of the following readiness measures:
 - (f) Medical, i.e., current Periodic Health Assessments (PHAs) to include immunizations, weigh-ins, and annual dental examinations; and
 - (g) Annual Screening Questionnaires (ASQs) and personnel evaluations (Officer Evaluation Report (OER) and Enlisted Evaluation Report (EER)).
- c. Nominations. PACAREA-13, districts, and the DOL are encouraged to submit a nomination package for the Waesche award. There is no restriction on the number of successive times a district/PACAREA-13/DOL can receive this award.
- (1) Forward nomination packages to arrive at the Office of Reserve Affairs, Commandant (CG-131) by the deadline stated in the annual solicitation message. Commandant (CG-131) will convene a Reserve awards panel to review nomination packages and recommend award winners (one from category-1 and one from category-2) to Commandant (CG-13) for final selection and announcement.
 - (2) Each nomination package must have a flag officer endorsement and should summarize accomplishments in each of the primary areas described above.
 - (3) Narratives will be in standard Coast Guard memorandum format, addressed to the Director of Reserve and Military Personnel, Commandant (CG-13) and may not exceed three pages.
- d. Presentation. The award will be presented during the annual ROA National Convention. Commandant (CG-131) may fund travel for up to two command representatives from the winning units to accept the award.
2. Rear Admiral Bennett (“Bud”) Sparks Award. The Sparks award is named after RADM Bennett “Bud” Sparks who championed the integration of reserve and active duty workforces to achieve overall readiness. The award is presented annually by the ROA to recognize a unit that is judged to be most supportive of an operationally ready Coast Guard Reserve force, as demonstrated by its effective use and support of the reserve force during the previous fiscal year.

- a. Award Categories. There are two categories for the Sparks award:
 - (1) Category-1 is for units with fewer than 100 reservists assigned.
 - (2) Category-2 is for units with 100 or more reservists assigned.

- b. Award Criteria. Commandant (CG-13) determines the winner based on the extent to which the unit maximized Reserve integration and readiness. Qualitative and quantitative information analyses should be included in narratives of nomination packages. Determination of winners is focused on the below primary areas.
 - (1) Operations, as demonstrated by initiatives that integrate assigned Selected Reserve (SELRES) personnel into daily operations at all levels of the organization.
 - (2) Proficiency, as demonstrated by:
 - (a) SELRES training qualifications, certifications, and competencies, particularly those that support mobilization requirements at local, regional, or national levels, and are recorded for members in one or both of the following systems: TMT and Direct Access. If none are required by the member's Personnel Allowance List (PAL) position, state competencies that have been completed and recorded in TMT and/or Direct Access;
 - (b) Alignment of ITPs with ADT-AT; and
 - (c) Satisfactory participation, as demonstrated by IDT and ADT-AT.
 - (d) Satisfactory currency of the following readiness measures:
 - (e) Medical, i.e., current PHAs to include immunizations, weigh-ins, annual dental examinations; and
 - (f) ASQs and personnel evaluations (OERs and EERs).

- c. Nominations. Operating Facilities (OPFACs) of the Coast Guard are encouraged to submit a nomination package for the Sparks award, through their chain of command, to LANTAREA, PACAREA, DCMS and DCO. LANTAREA, PACAREA, DCMS and DCO may each submit up to two nominations from units within their area of responsibility (one from category-1 and one from category-2). There is no restriction on the number of successive times a unit can receive this award.
 - (1) Forward nomination packages to arrive at Commandant (CG-131) by the deadline stated in the annual solicitation. Commandant (CG-131) will

convene a Reserve awards panel to review nomination packages and recommend award winners (one from category-1 and one from category-2) to Commandant (CG-13) for final selection and announcement.

- (2) Each nomination package must have a flag officer endorsement, same page endorsement is acceptable.
 - (3) Narratives will be in standard Coast Guard memorandum format, addressed to Commandant (CG-13), and may not exceed three pages. Narratives must summarize accomplishments in each of the primary areas described above.
- c. Presentation. The award will be presented during the annual ROA National Convention. Commandant (CG-13) may fund travel for one representative from each of the winning units to accept the award.
3. Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer (ROJO) Award. The ROA annually presents the ROJO Award to the Coast Guard Reserve junior officer judged to exemplify those characteristics expected of an outstanding junior officer during the past fiscal year.
- a. Award Criteria. Commandant (CG-13) determines the winner based on the member's participation and performance of duty.
- (1) To be eligible for this award an individual must meet the following requirements:
 - (a) Commissioned officer (O-3 or below) or chief warrant officer (W-3 or below) in the Coast Guard Reserve on the Inactive Duty Promotion List (IDPL) and serving in the Ready Reserve (SELRES or Individual Ready Reserve (IRR));
 - (b) Satisfactory member participation;
 - (c) Not a previous recipient of this award; and
 - (d) No voluntary active duty for more than 180 consecutive days during the award period.
 - (2) Determination of the award recipient will focus on the performance of duty that exemplifies the following characteristics:
 - (a) Notable contributions to the Coast Guard;
 - (b) Demonstrated leadership;
 - (c) Exemplary performance of Coast Guard duties;

- (d) Civic accomplishments; and
 - (e) Dedication to life-long learning, training and education.
- b. Nominations. All commands may submit nominations through their chain of command to LANTAREA, PACAREA, DCMS, or DCO. LANTAREA, PACAREA, DCMS and DCO may each submit up to two nominations from commands within their area of responsibility.
- (1) Forward nominations to arrive at Commandant (CG-131) by the deadline stated in the annual solicitation message. Commandant (CG-131) will convene a Reserve awards panel to review nominations and recommend an award winner to Commandant (CG-13) for final selection and announcement.
 - (2) Each nomination must have a flag officer endorsement and should summarize accomplishments in each of the areas described above.
 - (3) Nominations will be in standard Coast Guard memorandum format, addressed to Commandant (CG-13) and may not exceed two pages.
- c. Presentation. The award will be presented to the winning Reserve junior officer during the annual ROA National Convention. Commandant (CG-131) may fund travel for the ROJO winner and invitational travel orders for his or her guest to accept the award.
4. Reserve Family Readiness Award. Established by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs (OASD-RA), this award recognizes the top unit from each of the armed forces Reserve components whose family readiness goals have contributed to a high state of overall mission readiness and success.
- a. Eligibility Requirements. Commandant (CG-13) determines the Coast Guard Reserve RFRA nominee based on the extent to which the unit's family readiness programs enhanced its deployability. All Coast Guard units with Selected Reservists assigned are eligible for this award. The Coast Guard Reserve Awards Panel will focus on effective family readiness programs that embody these categories:
 - (1) Demonstrated linkage between family readiness and mission readiness.
 - (2) Implemented family readiness programs and services that improve quality of life and support recruiting and retention.
 - (3) Family readiness program information such as welcome aboard packages, family readiness information, helpful contact information and educational briefs that increase quality of life for unit family members.

- (4) Percentage of Reserve family members that are currently enrolled in DEERS and possess a valid dependent ID card.
 - (5) The command's involvement in its family readiness programs.
 - (6) How the ombudsman program supports the unit's overall readiness.
 - (7) The unit's family support programs that can support other deployed units and individuals regardless of service.
 - (8) Percentage of non-deployable personnel due to family readiness related issues.
 - (9) Percentage of personnel returning early from deployment due to family readiness related issues.
 - (10) The unit's contributions during overseas contingency operations that were enhanced by the quality of the unit's family readiness programs.
- b. Recommendations. Nomination packages must consist of a one-page cover memo and no more than a two-page summary of action in Times New Roman 13-point type with one-inch margins (this format and font are specified by OASD-RA.). The summary of action may be a narrative or bulleted list.
 - c. Presentation. The award will be presented at an awards ceremony hosted by OASD-RA, typically held in February, in Washington, DC. The commanding officer, or executive officer, of the selected unit and a representative of its family readiness program will be invited to attend the award ceremony. Travel expenses for the commanding officer, or executive officer, and invitational orders for the unit ombudsman will be funded by Commandant (CG-131). Command representatives requiring ADOS-RC orders will follow normal procedures for requesting orders through the chain of command.
5. Reserve Outstanding Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) of the Year. The ROA annually presents the Reserve Outstanding CWO of the Year Award to the Coast Guard Reserve chief warrant officer (W-3 or below) that is the Coast Guard Reserve's nominee for the CWO4 Michael J. Novosel Award (see paragraph 5 below for details on the CWO4 Michael J. Novosel Award).
 - a. Award Criteria. The Coast Guard Reserve's nominee for the Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding CWO of the Year is automatically selected from the CWO4 Michael J. Novosel Award nominee.
 - b. Nominations. This award does not require nominations.

- c. Presentation. The Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding CWO of the Year award will be presented to the winning reserve chief warrant officer during the annual ROA National Convention. Commandant (CG-131) may fund travel for the Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding CWO of the Year/CWO4 Michael J. Novosel Award nominee with invitational travel orders for his/her guest to accept the award.
6. CWO4 Michael J. Novosel Award for the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) Warrant Officer of the Year. The ROA annually presents the CWO4 Michael J. Novosel Award to recognize the achievements and dedicated service of warrant officers who are members of ROA. The award is open to Ready Reserve (SELRES and IRR) chief warrant officers (W-3 or below) of all the U.S. armed services. The chief warrant officer selected as the Coast Guard Reserve's nominee for the CWO4 Michael J. Novosel Award will automatically be designated as the nominee for the Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding CWO of the Year.
- a. Award Criteria. Commandant (CG-13) determines the Coast Guard Reserve's CWO4 Michael J. Novosel Award nominee based on the member's achievements and dedication to service during the past fiscal year. To be eligible for this award, an individual must meet the following requirements:
- (1) Be a chief warrant officer (W-3 or below), on the IDPL, and serving in the Ready Reserve (SELRES or IRR);
 - (2) Not be a previous recipient of this award; and
 - (3) Display performance of duty that exemplifies the following characteristics:
 - (a) Notable contributions to the Coast Guard and/or the ROA;
 - (b) Demonstrated leadership in civic and professional activities; and
 - (c) Dedication to life-long learning, training and education.
 - (d) A member of the ROA in good standing. If the Coast Guard Reserve nominee is selected as the CWO4 Michael J. Novosel Award winner and is not a current member of ROA, the Washington, DC chapter of the ROA will sponsor a one-year complimentary membership for him or her.
- b. Nominations. All commands may submit nominations through their chain of command to LANTAREA, PACAREA, DCMS or DCO. LANTAREA, PACAREA, DCMS and DCO may each submit up to two nominations from commands within their area of responsibility. Nominations must accompany the official ROA nomination forms. Commandant (CG-131) will convene a Reserve awards panel to review nominations and recommend a finalist. The Coast Guard Reserve finalist must attend a personal interview with the final selection committee during the annual

ROA National Convention, wherein the final selection and award presentation will take place.

- (1) Forward nominations to arrive at Commandant (CG-131) by the deadline stated in the annual solicitation message. Commandant (CG-131) will convene a Reserve awards panel to review nominations and recommend an award winner to Commandant (CG-13) for final selection and announcement.
 - (2) Each nomination must have a flag officer endorsement and should summarize accomplishments in each of the areas described above.
 - (3) Nominations will be in standard Coast Guard memorandum format, addressed to Commandant (CG-13) and may not exceed two pages.
- c. Presentation. The CW4 Michael J. Novosel Award will be presented to the winning Reserve CWO during the annual ROA National Convention. Commandant (CG-131) may fund travel for the Coast Guard Reserve nominee and invitational travel orders for his or her guest to accept the award.
7. Department of Defense Reserve Family Readiness Award (RFRA). This award is sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (OASD/RA) and is presented annually to a unit in each Reserve Component (RC) that is judged to best demonstrate the essential tie between family and mission readiness.
- a. Award Criteria. Commandant (CG-13) determines the winner based on the demonstrated efficiency of a unit's family readiness program. Each Service establishes its own award criteria based on OASD/RA's general guidelines provided below:
- (1) Command's involvement in family readiness programs.
 - (2) Demonstrated linkage between family readiness and mission readiness.
 - (3) Equitable and accessible benefits and entitlements to unit members.
 - (4) Available family readiness program information such as welcome aboard packages, information for family readiness, helpful contact information, and educational briefs that increase the quality of life for unit family members.
 - (5) Utilization of the unit ombudsman to support overall unit readiness.
 - (6) Available family support programs for deployed units or individuals regardless of service affiliation.
 - (7) Percentage of non-deployable unit personnel or personnel within the unit requiring early return from deployment due to family readiness issues.

- b. Nominations. Coast Guard units that have reservists assigned may submit nominations through their chain of command to LANTAREA, PACAREA, DCMS or DCO. Forward nominations to arrive at Commandant (CG-131) by the deadline stated in the annual solicitation message. Commandant (CG-131) will coordinate a Reserve awards panel to review nominations and recommend an award winner to Commandant (CG-13) for final selection and announcement.
- (1) Forward nominations to arrive at Commandant (CG-131) by the deadline stated in the annual solicitation message. Commandant (CG-131) will convene a Reserve awards panel to review nominations and recommend an award winner to Commandant (CG-13) for final selection and announcement.
 - (2) Each nomination must have a flag officer endorsement and should summarize accomplishments in each of the areas described above.
 - (3) Nominations will be in standard Coast Guard memorandum format, addressed to Commandant (CG-13) and may not exceed two pages.
- c. Presentation. The award will be presented to the winning unit during a ceremony held at the Pentagon. Commandant (CG-131) may fund travel for the commanding officer or command representative, and the unit ombudsman or a representative of the unit's family support program, to attend the award ceremony.

CHAPTER 8. COAST GUARD PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

- A. General. Public Service Awards recognize private citizens; groups or organizations for helping the Coast Guard carry out its missions. Awards can serve to both recognize those who have helped us and to encourage others who are in a position to contribute. Any Coast Guard member may nominate an individual or organization for a public service award through the chain of command. The extent of the contribution, not necessarily the stature of the awardee, should determine the level of award. District Public Affairs Offices can provide advice on the appropriate level of recognition.
- B. Process. Each award signed by the Commandant must be forwarded via the Office of Public Affairs, Commandant (CG-0922) for processing. See Public Affairs Manual, COMDTINST M5728.2 (series) for further details on these awards. The program is administered overall by the Chief, Office of Public Affairs. Local awards boards should administer the program at lower levels. Chapter 7 of Public Affairs Manual, COMDTINST M5728.2 (series), provides nomination and reporting procedures.
1. Coast Guard Distinguished Public Service Award. This is the highest public recognition (other than the Gold and Silver Lifesaving Medals) that the Commandant of the Coast Guard (CCG) may award.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. The nominee must have accomplished one or more of the following:
 - (1) Extraordinary heroism in advancing the Coast Guard's mission;
 - (2) Exceptional coordination and/or cooperation in matters pertaining to the Coast Guard's responsibilities; or
 - (3) Personal and direct contribution to the Coast Guard that had a direct bearing on the accomplishment of the Coast Guard's responsibilities to its citizens.
 - b. Presentation. Award is a signed certificate, citation, and medal set.
 2. Coast Guard Meritorious Public Service Award. This is the second-highest award of this series and should be used for substantial contributions that do not meet the criteria of a Distinguished Public Service Award.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. Nominee must have accomplished one or more of the following:
 - (1) Unusual courage in advancing a Coast Guard mission;
 - (2) Substantial contribution to the Coast Guard that produced tangible results that measurably improved, expedited, or clarified administrative procedures, scientific progress, work methods, manufacturing techniques, personnel

problems, community relations activities or public information. The activity does not have to directly affect an overall Coast Guard mission; or

- (3) Specific individual accomplishments that provide unique benefits to the public.
 - b. Presentation. The award is a signed certificate, citation, and medal set.
3. Coast Guard Public Service Commendation. This award is intended primarily to recognize personal and beneficial contributions to the Coast Guard's responsibilities. The activity does not have to directly affect an overall Coast Guard mission.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. The nominee must have accomplished one or more of the following:
 - (1) Courage or initiative in advancing one or more Coast Guard missions; or
 - (2) Beneficial contribution that may have affected the Coast Guard in only one mission area, or in a limited geographical area.
 - b. Presentation. The award is a signed certificate, optional citation or citation filler, and a lapel pin.
4. Coast Guard Certificate of Merit. This award recognizes significant endeavors by private individuals and groups.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. The nominee must have accomplished one of the following:
 - (1) Displayed initiative in advancing one or more of the Coast Guard's missions; or
 - (2) Made a significant effort that resulted in the completion of a project, program, contract or other effort that is so significantly beneficial to one or more of the Coast Guard's missions and/or statutory responsibilities as to require a tangible expression of appreciation. This effort may be limited geographically.
 - b. Presentation. The award is a signed certificate, optional citation or citation filler, and a lapel pin.
5. Coast Guard Certificate of Appreciation
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. The nominee must have exhibited public-spirited efforts that benefit Coast Guard personnel or missions.

- b. Presentation. The award is a signed certificate, optional citation or citation filler, and a lapel pin.
6. USO Spirit of Hope Award. The Spirit of Hope Medallion is an award presented to an individual from each military service that truly embodies the values of men and women of the military: Duty, Honor, Courage, Loyalty, Commitment, and Integrity. The medallion is a very prestigious award given by the USO.
- a. Eligibility Requirements. The criteria, established by the USO, for the “Spirit of Hope” Award (Medallion) selection is as follows.
- (1) The proposed recipient has contributed selflessly to the improvement of the quality of life of our service members over a long period of time, preferably with one transcendent achievement.
 - (2) The proposed recipient epitomizes the principles and spirit of the USO.
 - (3) The proposed recipient represents the values of the members of the Armed Forces- Duty, Honor, Courage, Loyalty, Commitment, and Integrity.
 - (4) The proposed recipient must have made a significant impact on the USO in the past, currently, or in the future.
 - (5) The proposed recipient must be considered to bring honor to the “Spirit of Hope” Award and to the USO.
- b. Recommendations. Annually, in April, the Coast Guard will announce participation in the “Spirit of Hope” Awards program and solicit nominations. Nominations must be received by the end of June. The nominations submitted to Commandant (CG-0922) will be reviewed by a special board. The board will vote on all nominations, using the established criteria. Recommendation for the award recipient will be forwarded to Commandant for final approval.
- c. Presentation. It is recommended that the annual presentation be held at the Grand Haven, MI Coast Guard Festival that is held each year during late July, or early August, near the 4 August Coast Guard birthday. Coast Guard Public Affairs will assist with the presentation ceremony.

CHAPTER 9. PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARDS

- A. General. This Chapter contains public affairs awards sponsored by various Headquarter Directorates.
1. Chief Journalist Alex Haley Award. The Alex Haley Award is named in honor of the Coast Guard's first Chief Journalist and renowned author. It rewards individual authors and photographers who have had articles or photographs communicating the Coast Guard story published in internal newsletters and/or external publications.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. The Alex Haley Awards program is open to individual active duty, reserve, civilian, auxiliary and family members of Team Coast Guard. Entries will be divided into two categories: public affairs members (officers and specialists); and all others.
 - (1) Public affairs officers are those officers formally trained as, and assigned as, headquarters, area or district public affairs officers during the competition year. Specialists are graduates of the Coast Guard's Public Affairs Specialist "A" School.
 - (2) Since conducting public affairs is not their primary responsibility, unit collateral duty public affairs officers and graduates of the five-day Coast Guard Public Affairs Course (COPAC) will be included in the "all others" category.
 - (3) Each category will be further separated into two sub-categories: Coast Guard author and Coast Guard photographer.
 - b. Recommendations. All works, defined as photographs or articles, must have been published during the calendar year.
 - (1) An article refers to any published material that tells the Coast Guard story in internal newsletters or external publications - newspapers, magazines, etc. Examples of articles include, but are not limited to, a story publicizing a Coast Guard operation (rescue case, drug bust, etc.), an informational piece (Deepwater, Year of the Ocean, etc.) or personality feature (Race Across America, rescue swimmer school, etc.).
 - (2) Photographs refer to any original still image depicting the Coast Guard in action and published in internal newsletters or external publications. Video will not be considered for the JOC Alex Haley Award.
 - (3) Refer to criteria for the Alex Haley and CDR Jim Simpson Awards, COMDTNOTE 5780, for specific submission instructions and judging criteria.

- c. Presentation. A panel will select one “first place” entry and two “honorable mentions” for each of the four award categories. Finalists’ names will be announced in an ALCOAST.
 2. Commander Jim Simpson Award. The CDR Jim Simpson Award is named in honor of the late public affairs officer who is best known for his efforts to raise the Coast Guard’s visibility through the news media. It recognizes a unit’s excellence in its entire public affairs program media relations, internal information and community relations. Units may submit Coast Guard news used by television, radio or print media; internal newsletters and publications; and evidence of community relations programs.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. This competition is open to all Coast Guard units. Units with public affairs specialists on staff will be judged separately from those units without assigned public affairs specialists. Commandant (CG-0922) will further sub-divide submissions by unit size and/or unit type:
 - (1) Unit Size. The number of active-duty military personnel assigned to the unit will determine unit size. Although many units employ Reservists and Auxiliarists to assist in their public affairs efforts, these members are not available full-time and will not be included to determine unit size.
 - (2) Unit Type. Should the number of submissions make it possible, and to provide a more equitable competition, submissions may be sub-divided by unit type. For example, all WMECs and WHECs may fill one category; all air stations another, and patrol boats in yet another competition field.
 - b. Recommendations. Submissions should depict a unit’s overall public affairs program and provide support material in each of three sections – media relations, internal information and community relations. Refer to Criteria for Alex Haley and CDR Jim Simpson Awards, COMDTNOTE 5780, for deadline and specific submission and judging criteria. Chief, Office of Public Affairs, will appoint a judging panel at Coast Guard Headquarters to evaluate a unit’s consistent and aggressive efforts to tell the unit’s story and the Coast Guard story through the news media, to its internal audience and to the community.
 - c. Presentation. The panel will select one “first place” entry and two “honorable mentions” for each category. Finalists will be announced in an ALCOAST.
 3. Thomas Jefferson Award. The American Forces Information Service sponsors the annual Thomas Jefferson Award contest. The Thomas Jefferson Award recognizes military and civilian employee print and broadcast journalists for outstanding achievements in furthering the objectives of the military’s internal information programs.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements

- (1) Entries must contribute to the internal information objectives of the Armed Forces. No single entry may be submitted in more than one category, with the exception of Department of Defense (DoD) Print or Broadcast Journalist of the Year and Command Information Campaign.
 - (2) Military personnel and civilian employees or units of Armed Forces newspapers, magazines, and radio and television stations are eligible to submit entries through their appropriate service.
 - (3) The Commandant (CG-0922) releases the Thomas Jefferson Award Standard Operating Procedure and publishes an in-service deadline prior to the American Forces Information Service deadline.
- b. Recommendations. Services are permitted to submit only one entry per award category. Commandant (CG-0922) will appoint a judging panel at Coast Guard Headquarters to select and forward service entries to the American Forces Information Service.
4. Military Photographer of the Year Award. The American Forces Information Service, through the Defense Information School, sponsors the annual Military Photographer of the Year (MILPHOG) Award program. The MILPHOG Award Program is designed to recognize and reward the best of military photographers and videographers.
- a. Eligibility Requirements
- (1) Only active duty and reserve members holding a military designation as photographer, videographer, photojournalist, journalist or public affairs specialist in the five armed services are eligible.
 - (2) Entries from Reserve and National Guard personnel must not have been created as part of a professional or business enterprise and must conform to the rules of the competition.
 - (3) Personnel assigned to the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Civil Air Patrol are prohibited from competing, unless eligible under another category.
- b. Recommendations. Commandant (CG-0922) will announce deadline and release the MILPHOG Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to all units with assigned public affairs specialists. All interested members must submit their entries directly to the American Forces Information Service as described in the MILPHOG SOP.

CHAPTER 10. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AWARDS

A. General. This Chapter contains financial management awards sponsored by various Headquarter Directorates.

1. Chief Financial Officer Awards for Excellence, Certificates of Recognition. The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Awards for Excellence and the Certificates of Recognition are presented annually to recognize outstanding performance or contribution in the financial resource management field. Significant accomplishment in at least one of the following areas should be considered for nomination of this award.

a. Eligibility Requirements. Any officer, enlisted or civilian employed by the Coast Guard may be nominated for the CFO Award for Excellence.

(1) A nominee must accomplish assigned duties in a manner distinguishable from others who have performed similar duties, such as:

- (a) Demonstrate unusual initiative in the execution of their duties.
- (b) Show innovative thinking and creative research in the development of improved methods or procedures.
- (c) Demonstrate unusual leadership, resourcefulness, or imagination.

(2) More specifically, a nominee may have:

- (a) Conducted a comprehensive financial management study resulting in the establishment of more efficient and effective operations at any level of Coast Guard activity.
- (b) Initiated or developed a high technology solution to meet financial and statistical reporting needs.
- (c) Conducted a complete functional analysis of operations, resulting in an approved activity account structure for use in budget formulation, presentation, and execution.
- (d) Caused a major redirection of objectives resulting in approved changes to financial management policies and practices.
- (e) Accomplished measurable improvements in service or cost reduction (e.g., manpower, time, space, materials, or other items of expense).
- (f) Demonstrated unusual finesse to meet an emergent or unique need.

- b. Recommendations. Any office or person employed by the Coast Guard may nominate an employee who has demonstrated outstanding performance. Proposed citation must be limited to 14 lines of text. Limit the justification to the space provided, and additional documentation is neither necessary nor desired. Completed forms should be sent to Commandant (CG-84) not later than 15 January for the calendar year ending 31 December. There is no limit to the number of nominations a unit or command may submit. Nominations may be submitted via electronic mail or electronic media with the file containing the proposed citation and justification, along with a hard copy. A panel will be convened by the Chief, Office of Financial Management, to evaluate nominations and make recommendations to the Director of Finance and Procurement, the selecting official. At least 30% of this panel shall be financial personnel outside of Commandant (CG-8). Commandant (CG-84) will also screen nominations for the CFO Awards for Excellence for submission for the Secretary's Award or the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) Annual Individual Awards Program. Significant accomplishment in at least one of the following areas should be considered for nomination for the awards: accounting; analysis and evaluation; budgeting; internal control review; retail sales; procurement; contracting; material management; transportation; and, acquisition management.
- c. Presentation. One award will be presented annually by the Director of Finance and Procurement in the following categories. Nominees not selected for the CFO Award for Excellence will receive a Certificate of Recognition from the Director of Finance and Procurement.
- (1) Commissioned Officer O-4 and above;
 - (2) Commissioned Officer O-1 – O-3;
 - (3) Civilian Employee GS-13 and above;
 - (4) Civilian Employee GS-9 to GS-12;
 - (5) Civilian Employee up to GS-8;
 - (6) Warrant Officer;
 - (7) Enlisted Member; and
 - (8) Team Achievement Award recognizing groups consisting of four to 20 personnel.
2. American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) Award. The ASMC presents annual awards to personnel selected for outstanding accomplishments within one of the following functional categories of financial management: comptroller or deputy comptroller; accounting and finance; auditing; computer science; budgeting; analysis and evaluation;

authorship; manpower management; education, training, and career development; resources management; and research.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Any enlisted member, officer, or civilian currently employed by the Department of Defense or the Coast Guard may be nominated. A member or non-member of ASMC may be nominated.
- b. Recommendations. Nominees for CFO Awards for Excellence are automatically screened by Commandant (CG-84) and submitted to the ASMC for consideration in the National Awards program. Therefore, if an individual or team has been nominated for a CFO Award for Excellence, a separate nomination to the ASMC is not necessary. Otherwise, any office or person in the Department of Defense or the Coast Guard may nominate individuals who have demonstrated outstanding performance. ASMC chapters may also submit nominations. Each nomination should be prepared using the ASMC Individual Awards form. Limit the justification to the space provided and cite specific examples. Do not attach supporting documentation or additional justification, as it will not be considered. If an individual is nominated in two or more categories, prepare a separate form for each category. Send completed nominations to the ASMC at the address indicated on the nomination form. Nominations must be received prior to 1 March.
- c. Presentation. Judging is based on outstanding performance as evidenced by documentation of specific accomplishments during the calendar year. A selection panel, chaired by a national officer of the ASMC and comprised of several service members, will review all nominations and make final recommendations to the ASMC Board of National Officers. The Board of National Officers must approve all final award winners. Awards will be presented at the ASMC Professional Development Institute (PDI) in June. Note: Annual announcement of this awards program is published in the January/February issue of the Armed Forces Comptroller.

CHAPTER 11. ACQUISITION AWARDS

A. General. This Chapter contains acquisition awards sponsored by various Headquarter Directorates.

1. Acquisition Incentive Award. The Acquisition Incentive Awards Program is intended to encourage and reward the acquisition workforce for efficient accomplishment of organizational goals and strategies. The critical element of the program is that it will be based on tangible results achieved, not just general excellence. The Acquisition Incentive Award may be granted to groups of employees for tangible and measurable improvements to the acquisition process for an individual acquisition or the acquisition system as a whole. Recognized efforts must have measurable results, e.g., cost savings, reduced cycle time, measurable improved quality; must be accomplished by a team; and should reflect excellence and/or innovation.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. Any acquisition workforce team may be nominated for the award.
 - b. Recommendations. Any office in the Coast Guard may nominate acquisition teams that have accomplished measurable achievements. Prepare each nomination for team award using Coast Guard Award Recommendation, Form CG-1650, following the instructions in section 21. Send completed nominations to Commandant (CG-925), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, US Coast Guard Stop 7828, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, Washington, DC 20593-7828. Nominations will be submitted during the calendar year as situations dictate and will be evaluated by Commandant (CG-925). Completed award packages will be presented to the Director of Acquisition Services, Commandant (CG-92), for approval. The three basic selection criteria are:
 - (1) The effort must have measurable results; e.g., cost savings, reduced cycle time, measurable improved quality;
 - (2) A “team” must accomplish the effort. The team may consist of technical or program office, procurement, legal, financial, logistical, or other acquisition personnel; and
 - (3) The effort should reflect excellence and/or innovation.
 - c. Presentation. A letter of commendation will be presented to those who meet the criteria. A panel consisting of members from the Office of Procurement Policy and Oversight will evaluate nominations and make recommendations to the Director of Acquisition Services, Commandant (CG-92). Commandant (CG-92) is the final approval authority. The final recognition will be presented in an appropriate ceremony.

CHAPTER 12. HEALTH SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION, WELLNESS, AND SAFETY AWARDS

A. General. This Chapter contains health services, administration, wellness, and safety awards sponsored by various Headquarter Directorates.

1. Independent Duty Health Services Technician of the Year Award. The annual Independent Duty Health Services Technician of the Year Award is intended to recognize sustained outstanding individual performance and contribution in direct patient care for the previous calendar year. One Independent Duty Health Services Technician of the Year Award (afloat or ashore) will be awarded. The following factors will be considered: sick call, medevacs/urgent care, supply, ancillary services, patient education, TRICARE, public relations, quality improvement programs, medical readiness of his or her unit, and collateral duties.

a. Eligibility Requirements. To be eligible for this award, individuals must meet the following minimum criteria:

- (1) Be a member of the Coast Guard (active duty or reserve) as a Health Services Technician in pay grade E-7 or below (or E-8 if assigned to independent duty afloat);
- (2) Be involved in patient care for the majority of the period; and
- (3) Be an exemplary Health Services Technician.

b. Recommendations. Commanding officers recommending individuals for this award may submit a nomination letter to HSWL. HSWL will then forward their top two recommendations to Commandant (CG-1121) to arrive no later than the first Monday in May of each year. The memorandum must include the following:

- (1) A narrative account of the individual's achievements that deserve recognition;
- (2) A copy of the individual's performance evaluation(s) for the year; and
- (3) A statement that the member has no pending Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) action.

c. Presentation. The Director of Health, Safety, and Work Life, Commandant (CG-11), will convene a board to review all recommendations and select the most deserving individual, and coordinate the presentation of the award. The awardee chosen for the Independent Duty Health Services Technician Award will also be automatically nominated for the Lewis Seaman Award for Outstanding Operational Support. This is an annual award for enlisted personnel presented by the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS). All other HSWL selected nominees will

- receive a letter from Commandant (CG-11) congratulating them on their outstanding contribution to the Health Services Program.
2. Clinic Health Services Technician of the Year Award. This annual award is intended to recognize sustained outstanding individual performance and contribution in direct patient care for health services technicians assigned to a multi-staffed clinic for the previous calendar year. The following factors will be considered: sick call, medevacs/urgent care, supply, ancillary services, patient education, TRICARE, public relations, quality improvement programs, and collateral duties.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. To be eligible for this award, individuals must meet the following minimum criteria:
 - (1) Be a member of the Coast Guard (active duty or reserve) as a Health Services Technician in pay grade E-7 or below;
 - (2) Be involved in patient care for the majority of the period; and
 - (3) Be an exemplary Health Services Technician.
 - b. Recommendations. Commanding officers recommending individuals for this award may submit a nomination letter to HSWL. HSWL will then forward their top two recommendations to Commandant (CG-1121) to arrive no later than the first Monday in May of each year. The memorandum must include the following:
 - (1) A narrative account of the individual's achievements that deserve recognition above all other health services technicians;
 - (2) A copy of the individual's performance evaluation(s) for the year; and
 - (3) A statement that the member has no pending Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) action.
 - c. Presentation. The Director of Health, Safety, and Work Life, Commandant (CG-11), will convene a board to review all recommendations and select the most deserving individual, and coordinate the presentation of the award. The awardee will receive a plaque and congratulatory letter and will also be automatically nominated for the Lewis Seaman Award for Outstanding Operational Support. This is an annual award for enlisted personnel presented by the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS). All other HSWL selected nominees will receive a letter from Commandant (CG-11) congratulating them on their outstanding contribution to the Health Services Program.
 3. Michael J. Cristy - Health Care Facility of the Year Award. The Michael J. Cristy - Health Care Facility of the Year Award is presented annually to recognize outstanding

performance and contribution by a Coast Guard health care facility for the previous calendar year.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. The following factors will be considered:
- (1) Patient Care. Providing the maximum amount and type of health care possible based upon the type of facility and the available resources and staffing. This includes, but is not limited to, inpatient care monitoring, pharmacy support and prescriptions filled, physical examinations, sick call, physical therapy, TRICARE advice, immunizations, laboratory, x-ray services, and overall provider patient satisfaction results. Also considered will be the number of days clinic staff spent on temporary duty in support of Coast Guard operations augmenting other units (not training).
 - (2) Urgent Care. Responding to requests for urgent health care, such as providing health services personnel for medevac flights, responding to calls or radio requests for medical advice, and providing ambulance transport services if capabilities exist.
 - (3) Occupational Medical Surveillance and Evaluation (OMSEP). Providing health care support to the OMSEP, such as performing physicals, conducting training in various aspects of occupational disease hazards and their prevention, monitoring the hearing conservation program, and OMSEP compliance data.
 - (4) Patient Education. Providing training and education to beneficiaries enabling them to become more informed health care consumers. This could be either group or individual training and could vary in scope from teaching a child how to cope with his or her diabetes to informing large groups of the hazards of smoking. This education could be accomplished by any appropriate training methodology.
 - (5) Unit or Community Affairs and Public Relations. Providing support to activities which benefit the unit or community such as health fairs, scout physicals, school physicals, providing articles dealing with services available at the facility, or health care related topics for unit or community paper. Consideration will be given for the clinic's role in maintaining the morale and welfare of all beneficiaries and not just the active duty population.
 - (6) Cost Containment. Seeking ways to control health care costs without reducing services. Designing inventory and supply procedures that will ensure that drugs and supplies are procured by the most frugal method and used prior to their expiration date. Being aware of the various sources of health care in the community and using only those that are reasonably priced and of acceptable quality. Ensuring that health care tests and x-rays are performed for appropriate clinical reasons.

- (7) Quality Improvement. Initiates and completes Quality Improvement Studies (QISs) that demonstrate improved outcomes in the areas of population health, patient experience of care, cost of care, or readiness. Additionally, the clinic demonstrates high achievement in their Healthcare Process Assessment Program (HPAP) and external accreditation Survey reports.
 - (8) Readiness Data. Clinic readiness data for their unit and units within the clinic's area of responsibility (AOR). Efforts showing improved reserve readiness will be noted. This data should include number of patients enrolled to the clinic, number of members in the clinic's AOR, and the total medical readiness for both populations.
- b. Recommendations. Commanding officers recommending their health care facility must submit a nomination memorandum, not to exceed four pages, to the Health Safety Work Life (HSWL). HSWL will then forward their top two recommendations to Commandant (CG-1121) to arrive no later than the first Monday in May. The letter must include the following:
 - (1) An account of the health care facility achievements that deserve recognition above all other health care facilities;
 - (2) A copy of the unit's results from their recent HPAP and AAAHC surveys; and
 - (3) Copies of unit or community newspaper articles, or letters from beneficiaries that describe commendatory action(s) by the facility.
 - c. Presentation. The Director of Health, Safety, and Work-Life, Commandant (CG-11), will convene a board and review all recommendations to select the most deserving clinic, and coordinate the presentation of the award. The clinic will receive a plaque and congratulatory letter evidencing the outstanding performance.
4. Health Benefits Advisor (HBA) of the Year Award. The Health Benefits Advisor (HBA) of the Year Award is presented annually to recognize performance and contribution by each Service's most outstanding HBA for the previous calendar year.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. To be eligible for this award, individuals must be either a member of the Coast Guard or a civilian employee of the Coast Guard; must be a full-time HBA or whose HBA functions are 50 percent or more of assigned duties. The following factors are considered:
 - (1) Beneficiary Services. Providing TRICARE advice and claims forms assistance to eligible beneficiaries. Providing advice on other health care programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and supplemental insurance.

- (2) Educational Services. Participating in education seminars, conferences, HBA workshops, and internal command education on TRICARE.
 - (3) Provider Participation. Attempting to increase provider participation in TRICARE.
 - (4) Unique Contributions. Organizing or participating in unique events such as health fairs or other consumer awareness events. Providing written contributions to TRICARE, professional journals, etc. Exceeding standards set forth in job description.
 - (5) Professional Growth. Maintaining membership in local or national health care associations. Taking courses related to the HBA function.
 - (6) Cost Containment. Organizing or initiating specific activities that reduce health care or related costs to the individual, the unit, or the Federal government.
- b. Recommendations. Commanding officers recommending individuals for this award must submit a letter to Commandant (CG-11), via HSWL, to arrive not later than the last day of February. The letter must include a one-page narrative setting forth the specific accomplishments of the individual.
 - c. Presentation. A board will review all recommendations not later than 15 April and select the individual most deserving of the award. The Director of Health and Safety will coordinate the presentation of the award during the month of May for the period of service covering the previous calendar year. The awardee will receive a plaque and congratulatory letter evidencing the individual's outstanding performance. All nominees will receive a letter from Commandant (CG-11) thanking them for their outstanding contribution to the Health Services program.
5. Coast Guard Excellence in Food Service Awards. The Coast Guard Excellence in Food Service Awards are presented annually to recognize outstanding performance at a Coast Guard dining facility (CGDF) for the previous calendar year.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. The following factors are considered:
 - (1) Extraordinary food service experiences or mission throughout the evaluation year;
 - (2) Menu planning and food preparation;
 - (3) Food presentation and serving techniques;
 - (4) Food acceptability;

- (5) Food conservation, sanitation, and safety;
 - (6) Food service management and training;
 - (7) Supervision;
 - (8) Food receipt and storage;
 - (9) Paperwork administration; and
 - (10) Command attention and command relations in food service.
- b. Recommendations. Any unit with a CGDF may submit a nomination. Awards will be presented in six categories; large, medium, small; afloat and ashore.
- (1) Command Self-Evaluation. Commanding officers may submit a request to be considered for this award by completing a self-evaluation form, available from the force manager or Commandant (CG-11). An individual knowledgeable and familiar with food service operations must complete self-evaluations.
 - (2) Submission of Evaluation. Nominations must be submitted to Commandant (CG-11) via HSWL, to arrive not later than 31 March.
 - (3) Evaluation Teams. Evaluation teams will be assembled and will evaluate the food service operation by rating each unit that has submitted a self-evaluation within each competitive category.
 - (4) Dining Facility Evaluation Team (DFET). The DFET will select four finalists in each category and provide recommendations to the Finalist Evaluation Team (FET). The DFET will consist of the Food Service (FS) Rating Force Master Chief and a member from each Subsistence Advisory Team (SAT). The DFET will evaluate the semifinalists on the criteria listed in 6.I.4.a.
 - (5) Finalists Evaluation Team. The FET will select the winner and runner-up. The FET will consist of the FS Force Manager and a representative from the International Food Service Executives Association.
 - (6) Presentation. The award will be presented at the annual Joint Service Excellence in Food Service award banquet.
 - (7) Coast Guard Food Service Specialist (FS) of the Year Award. The Coast Guard Food Service Specialist of the Year Award is presented annually to recognize sustained outstanding individual performance at a Coast Guard staffed dining facility for the previous calendar year. This award identifies

the FS whose personal contributions to excellence in food service were most significant. Factors to be considered are: support of food service wellness initiatives; customer focus, public relations, and education; command and community relations; personal development; and collateral duties.

- c. Eligibility Requirements. To be eligible for this award, candidates must meet the following minimum criteria:
- (1) Be an FS in pay grade E-7 or below recommended by the commanding officer;
 - (2) Be assigned to the current unit for the entire calendar year;
 - (3) Meet the Coast Guard weight standards during the entire evaluation period; and
 - (4) Have no mark of less than “4” in any category of the Enlisted Performance Evaluation(s) during the evaluation year and no disciplinary action that required a service record entry between the selection and award presentation.
- d. Recommendations. Commanding officers may submit a letter of recommendation to Commandant (CG-11) via HSWL to arrive not later than 31 March. The letter must include a narrative account of the individual’s achievements that deserve recognition above all other FSs and a copy of the individual’s performance evaluations for the year.
- e. Presentation. A board will review all recommendations based on the stated criteria and will select the FS of the Year and the runner-up. A plaque and certificate will be presented to the FS of the Year during the month of May. All nominees will receive a letter from Commandant (CG-11) to express appreciation for their contribution to the food service program.
6. Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reports System (DEERS) Certificate of Excellence Award. The DEERS/RAPIDS Program Office (DRPO) created the DEERS Certificate of Excellence Award. Each of the seven uniformed services may nominate one person, annually, to be recognized for exceptional efforts and achievement in support of the DEERS program during the period 1 October through 30 September.
- a. Eligibility Requirements. Each individual nominated should have demonstrated exceptional efforts and achievement during the period. Nominations should include a biography and narrative paragraph(s) that demonstrate the nominee’s ability to meet and exceed each of the following:
- (1) Customer oriented; enthusiastically assists all customers;
 - (2) Stays abreast of current policies and procedures relating to the DEERS program and knows how to get problems solved through proper channels;

- (3) Continually keeps and safeguards access by updating log on ID and password. Prevents unauthorized use;
 - (4) Attends DEERS training during field representative visit;
 - (5) Maintains liaison with DEERS field representative; and
 - (6) Stays abreast of the non-availability, DEERS Manual, DEERS/RAPIDS briefs, and DEERS Key Issues publications.
- b. Recommendations. Commanding officers recommending individuals for this award may submit a letter of nomination to Commandant (CG-10) via Health, Safety and Work-Life (HSWL-SC) to arrive not later than 30 September. The letter must include a narrative account of the individual's achievements that deserve recognition above all other nominees.
 - c. Presentation. Commandant (CG-10) will convene a board to review all recommendations and select the individual it feels is most deserving of the award. The name of the individual will be forwarded to DRPO for issue of award certificate.
7. Captain Marion "Gus" Shrode Aviation Safety Award. The Ancient Order of the Pterodactyls (AOP) sponsors an annual aviation safety award program as a means of providing recognition to flight safety officers, or flight safety departments, who demonstrate exceptional performance or provide outstanding contributions in the area of aviation safety. Captain Shrode was selected as the honoree because of his actions as Chief, Coast Guard Aviation Safety Branch from 1961 to 1964.
- a. Eligibility Requirements. Nominees may be any flight safety officer or flight safety department whose performance has resulted in exceptional improvements in the Coast Guard aviation safety program. Consideration should be given to: reduction of aircraft accident rates; quality of mishap reporting and investigation; and/or excellence in aviation safety education.
 - b. Recommendations. Commandant (CG-113) will solicit nominations annually. To meet the AOP timeline, nominations and documentation must be received at Coast Guard Headquarters no later than 15 July for review and selection. District and area commanders and commanding officers of headquarters units may submit the names of nominees to Commandant (CG-113). Supporting documentation and a detailed summary describing the action must accompany the nomination. Commandant (CG-113) will review nominations received and select a single nominee for Commandant (CG-1) approval and submission to AOP.
 - c. Presentation. The award is a large, wooden plaque that will be placed in the Aviator Hall of Fame at Aviation Training Center, Mobile (Erickson Hall). The name of each recipient and the date the award is transferred will be engraved on the award. A miniature plaque will be presented to the new recipient upon transfer of the award.

The nominees and the nominees' command will be notified of selection by Commandant (CG-1) in time to arrange for the recipient's presence at the AOP annual gathering, held approximately in mid-October of each year. Funding for a single award recipient will be provided by Commandant (CG-113) to attend the annual AOP gathering and receive subject award. Funding for permanent and individual plaques will be provided by the AOP.

CHAPTER 13. ENGINEERING AWARDS

- A. General. Coast Guard engineers are eligible to receive numerous awards for outstanding professional achievements and exemplary work. They include:
1. Coast Guard Engineer of the Year Award. The purpose of this program is to provide recognition for the accomplishments of engineers in the Coast Guard. In view of the high demand for engineering talent in the public and private sectors and the growing competition for available engineers, it is particularly relevant that the contributions of engineers in the Coast Guard be acknowledged.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. Any individual (military or civilian) presently engaged in the practice of Coast Guard engineering as a manager or technical employee and who is an engineer by education or experience.
 - b. Recommendations. Nominations are submitted each year to Commandant (CG-4) prior to mid-September. A Headquarters panel of Coast Guard engineers will convene to select the “Coast Guard Engineer of the Year” from the nominations received. The name of the selectee will then be forwarded to the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) for consideration for the Federal Engineer of the Year Award.
 - c. Presentation. An awards ceremony is held during Engineers Week in Washington, DC. The “Federal Engineer of the Year” will be chosen from among all the candidates submitted from the various Federal agencies. The winner will be awarded a gold medallion. In addition, each agency’s candidate will receive a plaque designating them Engineer of the Year from their particular agency.
 2. Federal Engineer of the Year Award. Sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), the purpose of the program is to provide recognition for the accomplishments of engineers who serve our Federal Government.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. The name of the “Coast Guard Engineer of the Year” is submitted for consideration for this honor.
 - b. Recommendations. Deadline date for submission of entries is in early November to NSPE. The award is judged on the following criteria: educational and collegiate achievements, professional and technical society activities, civic and humanitarian activities, awards or honors received, registration as a professional engineer, continuing competence during the last three years, and engineering achievement. A select panel appointed by NSPE will perform judging.
 - c. Presentation. Same as Coast Guard Engineer of the Year.
 3. Oren Medal. Sponsored by the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), the Oren Medal is presented annually in recognition of the most outstanding contribution of

military engineering through achievement in design, construction, administration, research or development. The achievement should have occurred during the calendar year preceding the nomination; however, the nomination may be based on the completion, during that year, of a multi-year activity. The Oren Medal is named for Rear Admiral John B. Oren, past president of the Society of American Military Engineers and former Chief, Office of Engineering, U.S. Coast Guard. The medal was awarded for the first time in 1968.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Regular or reserve Coast Guard officer (active, inactive, or retired); a Coast Guard civilian employee, or retiree of equivalent grade.
 - b. Recommendations. In order to be considered for the Oren Medal, an individual must be nominated by the maintenance and logistics commander, district commander, or commanding officer. Individual nominations, if any, and supporting data should be forwarded along with the summary of accomplishments to Commandant (CG-43) by 1 February of each year. Nominations should not exceed two, letter-size pages.
4. Sargent Medal. Sponsored by the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), the Sargent Medal is presented annually in recognition of the most outstanding contribution to Coast Guard Civil Engineering or Facilities Engineering. The achievement should have occurred during the calendar year preceding the nomination; however, the nomination may be based on the completion, during that year, of a multi-year activity. The Sargent Medal is named for Vice Admiral Thomas R. Sargent, III, former Chief of Civil Engineering and Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard (1970-1974).
- a. Eligibility Requirements. Active duty warrant officers, chief petty officers, petty officers, and Coast Guard civilian employees of equivalent grade.
 - b. Recommendations. In order to be considered for the Sargent Medal, an individual must be nominated by the maintenance and logistics commander, district commander, or commanding officer. Individual nominations and supporting data should be forwarded along with a summary of accomplishments to Commandant (CG-43) by 1 February. Nominations should not exceed two, letter-size pages.
5. Cowart Plaque (Civil Engineering Organization). Sponsored by the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), the Cowart Plaque is presented as an award of excellence to a Coast Guard civil engineering unit that has made an outstanding contribution to the Coast Guard civil engineering program. The achievement must have occurred during the calendar year preceding the award; however, the selection may be based on the completion, during that year, of a multi-year activity. The Cowart Award is a plaque named for Vice Admiral Kenneth K. Cowart, the former chief of the Office of Engineering, U.S. Coast Guard.
- a. Eligibility Requirements. Coast Guard Civil Engineering Organization.

- b. Recommendations. Eligible units are encouraged to submit directly to Commandant (CG- 43) information supporting their own nomination for the Cowart Plaque award. Deadline for submittal to Commandant (CG-43) is 1 February of the following calendar year. Nominations should not exceed two, letter-size pages.
6. Cowart Plaque (Facilities Engineering Organization). Sponsored by the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), the plaque is presented as an award of excellence to a Coast Guard Facilities Engineering Organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the Coast Guard civil engineering program. The achievement must have occurred during the calendar year preceding the award; however, the selection may be based on the completion, during that year, of a multiyear activity.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. Coast Guard Facilities Engineering Organization.
 - b. Recommendations. Eligible organizations are encouraged to submit directly to Commandant (CG-43) information supporting their own nomination for the Cowart Plaque award. Deadline for submittal to Commandant (CG-43) is 1 February of the following calendar year. Nominations should not exceed two, letter-size pages.
7. W. Goethals Medal. Sponsored by the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), the George W. Goethals Medal was established to perpetuate the memory of the distinguished military engineer builder of the Panama Canal. The medal is offered annually to an engineer in civil or military practice for the most eminent and notable contribution in the fields of engineering (particularly in design), construction, and methods.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. Engineers in civil or military practice (SAME membership not required).
 - b. Recommendations. Submit nominations to: The Executive Director, Society of American Military Engineers, 607 Prince St., P.O. Box 180, Alexandria, VA 22313-3117.
8. American Society of Naval Engineers Gold Medal. The American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE) annually considers candidates for the ASNE Gold Medal, which recognizes significant contributions to naval engineering. Each sponsor may submit only one nominee for the award, and a nominee need not be employed by the same organization as the sponsor. The person so nominated may not receive more than one award in the same year. This award is given annually to that United States citizen who, in the field of naval engineering, has made the most significant engineering contribution through personal effort, or through the direction of others, during or culminating in the five-year period ending in the year of consideration.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. U.S. citizen.

- b. Recommendations. Nominees from all sectors of the naval engineering community, including Government, industry, academic, and private practice are eligible. Nominations for the Gold Medal must be received by the Society not later than 1 February. Submit nominations to: The Executive Director, American Society of Naval Engineers, Inc., 1452 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3403.
 - c. Presentation. The award is formally presented at the ASNE Day Annual Banquet.
 9. Solberg Award. The American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE) annually considers candidates for the ASNE Solberg Award, which recognizes significant contributions to naval engineering. Each sponsor may submit only one nominee for the award, and a nominee need not be employed by the same organization as the sponsor. The person so nominated may not receive more than one award in the same year. The award is given annually to that United States citizen who has made the most significant contribution to naval engineering through personal research carried out during or culminating in the three-year period ending in the year of consideration.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. U.S. Citizen.
 - b. Recommendations. Same as for the ASNE Gold Medal
 10. David W. Taylor Medal. Sponsored by the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, this medal is awarded in honor of Rear Admiral David W. Taylor, USN, was established by the Executive Committee in 1935 and was first awarded in 1936. The award is for “Notable Achievement in Naval Architecture and/or Marine Engineering.”
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. Not limited to membership in the Society.
 - b. Recommendations. A member of the Society in good standing may make the proposal for the award. Although the awards committee may hold such special meetings as it deems necessary, it will hold its regular meeting to select nominees for the various awards and prizes no sooner than the first day of July, and no later than the last day in August. All proposals for this award must be submitted in writing to the awards committee by the first day of July. The proposal should emphasize the achievements of the candidate being considered for the award and include any background information that will assist the committee in its evaluation. Any proposal received too late to be considered will be retained for consideration at the following regular meeting of the awards committee.
 - c. Presentation. Announcement and presentation of the award will be made at the spring meeting or at such time as the President of the Society may arrange. The award consists of a gold-plated bronze medal approximately 2-1/2 inches in diameter.
 11. Annual Federal Environmental Engineer Award. Sponsored by the Conference of Environmental Engineers (CFEE), the award was established to recognize exemplary work and accomplishments by environmental engineers. The award is intended to

recognize leadership and meritorious achievement rather than the candidates' positions within the federal service. Therefore, factors relating to accomplishment and leadership will predominate.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. The candidate will be an environmental engineer employed in a professional capacity in the federal service. The candidate will have accomplished a tangible, substantial, and significant record of achievement of sustained leadership of outstanding caliber. The nominee need not be a member of CFEE.
 - b. Recommendations. Nominations are solicited annually, usually in the summer, throughout federal agencies. A summary of the accomplishments and considerations for the award will be prepared in the form of a specific citation to be presented to the recipient. Achievement data should:
 - (1) Contribute to the task of the federal government in controlling and improving the environment for the protection and promotion of human health and well being; and
 - (2) Furnish inspiration to and enhance the prestige of the recipient's professional colleagues.
 - (3) Some examples of the type of accomplishments considered suitable for the award are:
 - (a) The engineering of a system, process, or item of equipment characterized by initiative and imagination to an unusual degree and resulting in an advance of the art, a new application to environmental engineering, or a significant contribution to the solution of an important and difficult problem;
 - (b) The development of a major improvement in a management procedure that increases efficiency, reduces cost, saves time, or otherwise contributes in large measure to the accomplishment of an important task; and
 - (c) The record of achievement or sustained exemplary leadership in the management of environmental engineering progress.
12. Rear Admiral R. S. Lucas Plaques (afloat and ashore). Sponsored by the American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE), the Lucas Plaque is presented as an award of excellence to a Coast Guard Naval Engineering organization, cutter, team, or subdivision within an organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the Coast Guard Naval Engineering program. The achievement should have occurred during the calendar year preceding the award; however, the selection may be based on the completion, during

that year, or a multi-year activity. The award is named for Rear Admiral R. S. Lucas, former Chief, Office of Engineering, and Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Any Coast Guard Naval Engineering organization (Commandant (CG-45), cutter, HSWL, C4ITs, CG Yard, sectors, groups, stations, cutters, QAT, etc.) or subdivision within a large Naval Engineering organization, such as a department, division, section, branch, or natural working group.
- b. Recommendations. In order to be considered for the Lucas Plaque, a Naval Engineering organization, team, or subdivision within an organization must be nominated by its respective area commander, district commander, commanding officer, or Commandant (CG-45). Nominations and supporting data should be forwarded, along with a summary of significant accomplishments, to Commandant (CG-45) by 1 January of each year. In the event that a Area, C4IT, or the CG Yard does not have a nominee for the Lucas Plaque, a negative report is required. A board convened by the Engineering and Logistics Directorate will select the recipient.
- c. Presentation. The award is formally presented at Headquarters.

13. Perry Award. Sponsored by the American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE), the Perry Award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Coast Guard Naval Engineering program. The achievement should have occurred during the calendar year preceding the nomination; however, the nomination may be based on the completion, during that year, of a multi-year activity or tour of duty. The Perry Award is named for Vice Admiral E. L. Perry, former Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, past president of ASNE, and Saunders Award winner.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Regular or Reserve Coast Guard officer (active, inactive, or retired); a Coast Guard civilian employee or retiree GS-9, WS-12, WG-12, WL-12 or above.
- b. Recommendations. In order to be considered for the Perry Award, an individual must be nominated by the Area commander, District commander, commanding officer, or Commandant (CG-45); however, nominations are not limited to the individual's immediate chain of command. Individual nominations and supporting data should be forwarded, along with a summary of accomplishments to Commandant (CG-45) by 1 January of each year. In the event that an Area, C4IT, or the CG Yard does not have a nominee for the Perry Award, a negative report is required. A board convened by Commandant (CG-4) will select the winner.
- c. Presentation. The award is formally presented at Headquarters.

14. Stabile Award. Sponsored by the American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE.), the Stabile Award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Coast Guard Naval Engineering program. The achievements should have occurred during the calendar year preceding the nomination; however, the nomination may be based on the

completion, during that year, of a multi-year activity or tour of duty. The Stabile Award is named for Vice Admiral B. L. Stabile, former Chief, Office of Engineering, and Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Active duty warrant officer, chief petty officer, petty officer, or Coast Guard civilian employee, GS-8, WS-11, WL-11, WG-11, or below.
- b. Recommendations. In order to be considered for the Stabile Award, an individual must be nominated by the Area commander, district commander, commanding officer, or Commandant (CG-45); however, nominations are not limited to the individual's immediate chain of command. Individual nominations and supporting data should be forwarded, along with a summary of accomplishments, to Commandant (CG-45) by 1 January of each year. In the event that an AREA, SFLC, or the CG Yard does not have a nominee for the Stabile Award, a negative report is required. A board convened by Commandant (CG-4) will select the recipient. The selectee will then be submitted for consideration for the "Coast Guard Engineer of the Year" award.
- c. Presentation. The award is formally presented at Headquarters.

15. Captain Richard D. Poore Award. Sponsored by the Office of Naval Engineering, Commandant (CG-45), to provide recognition of the Naval Engineering Officer who has made a most significant contribution to the Coast Guard Naval Engineering Program within the past three years culminating in the three-year period ending in the current year. The award is named for Captain Richard D. Poore, former Chief, Naval Engineering Division, Maintenance and Logistics Command (MLC) Atlantic, 1999 – 2004.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Nominees may be a regular or reserve Coast Guard officer or a Coast Guard civilian employee GS-9, WS-12, WL-12, WG-12, or above engaged in the practice of Coast Guard Naval Engineering within the past three years culminating in the three-year period ending in the current year.
- b. Recommendations. In order to be considered for the Captain Richard D. Poore Award, an individual must be nominated by the Area commander, District commander, commanding officer, or Commandant (CG-45); however, nominations are not limited to the individual's chain of command. Nominations and supporting data should be forwarded to Commandant (CG-45) by 1 March of each year. Evidence of specific involvement and an assessment of the significance of the nominee's accomplishments must be included. The nominees for this award must have demonstrated at least two or more of the following attributes:
 - (1) Superior vision and insight through direct personal involvement and/or through the interactive supervision and dynamic leadership of others yielding a significant increase in fleet readiness.

- (2) Outstanding support for the professional development of naval engineers at all levels within the organization including mentoring, informal and formal training and advanced education programs.
 - (3) Enhancement of the Coast Guard Naval Engineering Program objectives through personally directed efforts with measurable results.
 - (4) Advancement of the stature of the Coast Guard Naval Engineering program through involvement with industry, other military services or governmental agencies and /or professional societies.
 - (5) Personal charitable and humanitarian involvement in the local community.
- c. Presentation. Announcement of the winner will be made Coast Guard wide via message. The winner will be presented a plaque by a member of the Naval Engineering Program Guidance Team at the winner's unit.
16. Fireman First Class Paul Clark Engineering Award. The Fireman First Class Paul Clark Boat Forces Engineer Award is established to recognize enlisted boat engineers who demonstrate exemplary performance and superior technical, professional, leadership, and seamanship abilities in Coast Guard boat operations and engineering support. The award's namesake, 'Fireman First Class Paul Clark', was honored with the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism while serving as engineer of a landing boat during an assault on and occupation of French Morocco in 1942. When a hostile aircraft strafed his boat with machinegun fire, mortally wounding the bowman and severely injuring the coxswain, Clark quickly assumed control of the craft and immediately withdrew from the beach. He sped to an offshore ship, placed the wounded men aboard and; although his craft was riddled with enemy gunfire, courageously returned to his station at the beach and completed his boat's mission.
- a. Eligibility Requirements. To be eligible for this award, candidates must:
- (1) Be active duty or reserve; E-3 (with designator) through E-6.
 - (2) Be a certified boat engineer.
 - (3) Be assigned to a Boat Force unit during the entire designated calendar year.
 - (4) Be in compliance with CG weight standards.
 - (5) Have no non-judicial punishment, or civil convictions, have a mark of "Satisfactory" in Conduct and no mark less than "4" on his or her enlisted performance evaluation.
- b. Presentation. The office of Boat Forces will announce the Fireman First Class Paul Clark Boat Forces Engineering Award recipient via notification message in April and

notify the Areaboat manager where the recipient's unit is located and provide the award citation and plaque. Area boat managers should coordinate the presentation date and all other presentation details directly with the recipient's unit. An award ceremony should be held at an appropriate time and location, as soon after the announcement as practical, and be presented by someone at the highest level possible. Photos should be sent to the Office of Boat Forces for inclusion on the Office of Boat Forces website. Travel expenses for the award recipient, as well as the recipient's spouse, if applicable, will be funded by Commandant (CG-731).

CHAPTER 14. INTELLIGENCE AWARDS

A. General. This Chapter contains intelligence awards sponsored by various Headquarters Directorates.

1. Director of Central Intelligence Community Awards. The Intelligence Community Awards program was established by the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) for exceptional service on behalf of the United States Intelligence Community.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. Nominees must meet the specific guidelines for the various awards as specified in Director of Central Intelligence Directive 7/1P. In general the following guidelines apply:
 - (1) Intelligence Community Awards are intended to bestow specific recognition for services of particular benefit to the United States in the execution of an Intelligence Community mission and do not replace any awards for which provision is made in Executive Orders, departmental, or agency regulations.
 - (2) Normally, the exceptional duty performance that results in a nomination will not be the basis for an award from the Coast Guard.
 - (3) Accomplishments in, or in direct support of, Intelligence Community activities and the Community concept are critically important. Service devoted to a Coast Guard mission will be more appropriately recognized by an award from the Coast Guard; however, service that has strong Community aspects and includes a substantive contribution to the Community could provide basis for a Community award.
 - (4) An Intelligence Community Award is based on achievement, not merely on length of service or completion of a rotational assignment to another component.
 - (5) Nominations for Intelligence Community Awards will not be considered if the parent organization has acted unfavorably on a recommendation for the same performance.
 - b. Recommendations. Nominations for Intelligence Community Awards may be initiated at any level in the Coast Guard, but must be sent via the chain of command to Commandant (CG-2). The award package must also be submitted in accordance with the instructions found within Director of Central Intelligence Directive 7/1P. This includes approval by the Assistant Commandant for Intelligence (CG-2) and the Commandant (CCG). Approval by the Coast Guard does not equate to automatic approval by the DCI.
 - c. Presentation. The unit's command will be notified of selection by Commandant (CG-2) in time to arrange for an official presentation of the award to the member or unit by

the Assistant Commandant for Intelligence, Commandant (CG-2), or an appropriate representative. The following awards may be given to an individual or to a unit if they meet the above and following guidelines.

2. The National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal. Normally be awarded on a very selective basis for distinguished meritorious service or achievement to the United States in a duty of great responsibility within the Intelligence Community. The outstanding accomplishment of which distinctly benefits the interests of the United States and constitutes a major contribution to the foreign intelligence or counterintelligence mission of the Intelligence Community.
3. The National Intelligence Medal of Achievement. Awarded for especially meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States by a member of the Intelligence Community. This award recognizes performance of an especially difficult duty in a clearly exceptional manner. The service being recognized must relate directly to the Intelligence Community's mission to provide the intelligence required for national security policy determinations.
4. The National Intelligence Certificate of Distinction. Awarded for sustained superior performance of duty of high value by a member of the Intelligence Community, or it may be awarded for a significant single act of special merit.
5. The National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation. Awarded to a unit or group whose collective performance has resulted in accomplishments that are of a clearly superior nature and are of significant benefit to the mission of the Intelligence Community.
6. Admiral Frederick Chamberlayne Billard Intelligence Award. The National Military Intelligence Association (NMIA) sponsors an annual military intelligence award program as a means of providing a testimonial to professional excellence and exceptional dedication to duty. The awards are made in the name of individuals who have provided outstanding contributions and service to their respective intelligence organizations. Admiral Billard was selected as the honoree because of his actions as Commandant during the Prohibition era. During his tenure from 1924 - 1932 Admiral Billard dramatically enhanced and enlarged the fledgling Coast Guard Intelligence Program to support both national and Coast Guard objectives. In the effort to increase Coast Guard Intelligence, Admiral Billard elevated the program at Coast Guard Headquarters, established the Coast Guard's very first intelligence center, commissioned arguably the world's first intelligence vessel, and established intelligence stations to counter smuggling activity.
 - a. Eligibility Requirements. Nominees may be any Coast Guard member, active, reserve, or auxiliary or civilian employee. Candidates will be evaluated on the following areas over the previous calendar year:
 - (1) Exemplifies Coast Guard core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty, displaying a keen sense of ethical conduct, personal integrity, and professional motivation.

- (2) Support to the National Intelligence Community, and significant service to Coast Guard Intelligence.
 - (3) Demonstrated high performance that has resulted in exceptional improvements to the Coast Guard Intelligence Program.
 - (4) Support or management of Coast Guard Intelligence Program initiatives or programs.
- b. Recommendations. Commandant (CG-2) will solicit nominations, annually. To meet the NMIA timeline, nominations and documentation must be received at Coast Guard Headquarters no later than 31 March for review and selection.
- (1) Commanding officers, district and area commanders, and Headquarters directorates may submit the names of nominees to Commandant (CG-2), to arrive no later than 31 March. Supporting documentation and a detailed summary describing the individual's contribution must accompany the nomination. Summaries may be classified up to the SECRET level. If supporting information at a higher classification level is essential to the nomination, separate handling must be arranged through Commandant (CG-2).
 - (2) Commandant (CG-2) will review nominations received and select a single Coast Guard member and forward to NMIA for inclusion in their awards program.
- c. Presentation. The nominee and the nominee's command will be notified of selection by Commandant (CG-2) in time to arrange for the individual's presence at the NMIA awards banquet normally held in mid-June.
7. Lieutenant Charles Stevens Root Intelligence Award. The National Military Intelligence Association (NMIA) sponsors an annual military intelligence award program as a means of providing a testimonial to professional excellence and exceptional dedication to duty. The awards are made in the name of individuals who have provided outstanding contributions and service to their respective intelligence organizations. Lieutenant Root was selected as the honoree for being the Coast Guard's first designated "Intelligence Officer" and for his actions as head of the Coast Guard's intelligence section from 1924 until his untimely death in 1930. Lieutenant Root was instrumental in the greater use and effectiveness of Coast Guard intelligence supporting operational objectives during the Rum War. Lieutenant Root stood up and ran the Coast Guard's very first intelligence center to gather, evaluate, and disseminate information regarding smugglers' practices and plans. He was also key to the commissioning of arguably the world's first intelligence vessel for the collection of intelligence, and is a recipient of the Gold Lifesaving Medal.

- a. Eligibility Requirements. Nominees may be any Coast Guard member (active, reserve, auxiliary, or civilian employee). Candidates will be evaluated on the following areas over the previous calendar year:
 - (1) Exemplified Coast Guard core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty, displaying a keen sense of ethical conduct, personal integrity, and professional motivation.
 - (2) Demonstrated support in a clearly exceptional manner to a specific operation.
 - (3) Sustained high performance in the intelligence field to include support to operational commanders.
 - (4) Professional excellence in intelligence that directly contributed to Coast Guard operational excellence.
 - b. Recommendations. Commandant (CG-2) will solicit nominations, annually. To meet the NMIA timeline, nominations and documentation must be received at Coast Guard Headquarters no later than 31 March for review and selection.
 - (1) Commanding officers, district and area commanders, and Headquarters directorates may submit the names of nominees to Commandant (CG-2), to arrive no later than 31 March. Supporting documentation and a detailed summary describing the individual's contribution must accompany the nomination. Summaries may be classified up to the SECRET level. If supporting information at a higher classification level is essential to the nomination, separate handling must be arranged through Commandant (CG-2).
 - (2) Commandant (CG-2) will review nominations received and select a single Coast Guard member and forward to NMIA for inclusion in their awards program.
 - c. Presentation. The nominee and the nominee's command will be notified of selection by Commandant (CG-2) in time to arrange for the individual's presence at the NMIA Awards Banquet normally held in mid-June.
8. CG-210 Intelligence Unit Award. This award recognizes a single exemplary intelligence unit that best demonstrates intelligence performance, readiness, and initiative in support of the Coast Guard's missions. This annual intelligence award is a means of providing a testimonial to professional excellence and exceptional dedication to duty of a unit and its crew. The award is named after the Coast Guard cutter, CG-210, which was arguably the world's first vessel dedicated to intelligence collection.
- a. Eligibility Requirements. Nominees may be any Coast Guard intelligence unit to include the Intelligence Coordination Center (ICC), Maritime Intelligence Fusion

Centers (MIFC), Area Intelligence staffs, District Intelligence staffs, CGIS offices, the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC), and Field Intelligence Support Teams (FISTs). Units that apply will be evaluated on the following areas over the previous calendar year:

- (1) Sustained high performance in intelligence operations and support to operational commanders.
 - (2) Demonstrated highest level of ethics and security by all unit members.
 - (3) Demonstrated strong programs in professional development through training, qualifications, and educational initiatives.
 - (4) Demonstrated active efforts to improve performance, readiness, and intelligence operations by innovative and positive means.
 - (5) Demonstrated support to fulfilling or supporting the intelligence program's directives and initiatives.
 - (6) Quality support to the crew of the unit, their dependents, and the community through work life initiatives, career and family enrichment, services, and/or programs.
- b. Recommendations. Commandant (CG-2) will solicit nominations annually. Nominations and documentation must be received at Coast Guard Headquarters no later than 31 March for review and selection.
- (1) Commanding officers, district and Area commanders, and Headquarters directorates may submit the unit's nomination to Commandant (CG-2), to arrive no later than 31 March. Supporting documentation and a detailed summary describing the unit's accomplishments must accompany the nomination. Summaries may be classified up to the SECRET level. If supporting information at a higher classification level is essential to the nomination, separate handling must be arranged through Commandant (CG-2).
 - (2) Commandant (CG-2) will review nominations received and select a single Coast Guard unit for the award.
- c. Presentation. The unit's command will be notified of selection by Commandant (CG-2) in time to arrange for an official presentation of the award to the unit by the Assistant Commandant for Intelligence (CG-2) held in the spring of each year.

CHAPTER 15. SUSTAINABILITY, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL READINESS (SEER) AWARDS

A. General. The SEER awards program expands the previously existing Coast Guard environmental awards program to address increasing emphasis on energy and reflect elements of Executive Order (E.O.) 13693, *Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade*, issued in March 2015. Many individuals and units, ashore and afloat, are identifying and implementing innovative environmental and energy initiatives through their own endeavors, education, experience and motivation. As reflected in the Commandant's Sustainability, Environmental, and Energy Policy Statement and the Coast Guard's Operational Sustainability Performance Plan (OSPP), this awards program recognizes units and individuals that demonstrate superior performance in their dedication to sustainability, environmental, and energy programs. One award recipient will be selected from each of the four classifications (individual, small unit, large unit, and team) representing the environmental and energy tracks for a total of eight (8) awards. An overall discretionary sustainability award recipient will be selected from these eight (8) categories by the selection panel for a final aggregate of nine (9) awards.

1. Environmental Track Award. This award recognizes an individual, small unit, large unit (afloat/ashore), and team (afloat/ashore) who have made outstanding contributions in one or more of the following: compliance; green procurement; pollution prevention; environmental planning/NEPA; recycling; natural resources protection and management; historic, archeological, and cultural resources management; prevention/remediation of environmental damage; environmental management systems; best practices in environmental sustainability. Eligibility is as follows:
 - a. Individual - Afloat/Ashore. Individual must be active-duty, reservist, or civilian employee. Contract employees are not eligible for the individual award.
 - b. Small Unit - Afloat/Ashore. Small units are defined as locations or vessels that operate under the following Command structure:
 - (1) Ashore - CO or OIC billet is O-5 and below.
 - (2) Afloat - CO or OIC billet is O-4 and below.
 - (3) Small unit nominations may consist of active-duty, reservist, or civilian employees.
 - c. Large Unit - Afloat/Ashore. Large units are defined as locations or vessels that operate under the following Command structure:
 - (1) Ashore - CO billet is O-6.
 - (2) Afloat - CO billet is O-5 or O-6.

- (3) Large unit nominations may consist of active-duty, reservist, or civilian employees.
 - d. Team – Afloat/Ashore. Teams may transect locations, units, or AOR. Team nominations may consist of active-duty, reservist, or civilian employees
 2. Energy Track. This award recognizes and individual, small unit, large unit (afloat/ashore), and team (afloat/ashore) who have made outstanding contributions in one or more of the following: energy efficiency; water conservation; fuel conservation; green procurement; renewable energy, energy outreach; sustainable design; greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction; best practices in energy sustainability. Eligibility is as follows:
 - a. Individual – Afloat/Ashore. Individual must be active-duty, reservist, or civilian employee. Contract employees are not eligible for the individual award.
 - b. Small Unit – Afloat/Ashore. Small units are defined as locations or vessels that operate under the following Command structure:
 - (1) Ashore - CO or OIC billet is O-5 and below.
 - (2) Afloat - CO or OIC billet is O-4 and below.
 - (3) Small unit nominations may consist of active-duty, reservist, or civilian employees.
 - c. Large Unit – Afloat/Ashore. Large units are defined as locations or vessels that operate under the following Command structure:
 - (1) Ashore - CO billet is O-6.
 - (2) Afloat - CO billet is O-5 or O-6.
 - (3) Large unit nominations may consist of active-duty, reservist, or civilian employees.
 - d. Team – Afloat/Ashore. Teams may transect locations, units, or AOR. Team nominations may consist of active-duty, reservist, or civilian employees.
 3. Overall Sustainability Award. This designation recognizes one overall award recipient between the environmental and energy tracks that represents outstanding achievements above and beyond all winning nominations. This award is discretionary, and will be decided by the award selection panel and is not open for direct nomination.
 - a. Recommendations

- (1) Nomination Package. The nomination package will consist of the following components; cover memo from the commanding officer or officer-in-charge; contact information; and narrative description and to the extent they are necessary, supplementary or explanatory graphics or photos.
 - (2) Submittal. Unit commanders, commanding officers, officers-in-charge; deputy/assistant commandants, and chiefs of headquarters staff elements must submit all nomination packages to Commandant (CG-46) and/or Commandant (CG-47). SEER awards will honor contributions achieved during the previous fiscal year. These nominations may also be eligible for the Department of Homeland Security Sustainable Practices Awards solicited each April. The areas of excellence provided do not represent an exclusive list and are merely provided to encourage nominees to consider their entire range of environmental and energy management endeavors. Nominations that go beyond these brief descriptions will also be considered during the judging process.
 - (3) Review Panel. A review panel of subject and program matter experts formed by the Coast Guard SEER Council will evaluate award nominations. Units, individuals, and teams chosen for the awards will be announced by ALCOAST.
- b. Presentation. SEER awards are honorary and consist of informal recognition, as authorized by Chapter 5.K.1.b of the Coast Guard Financial Resource Management Manual, COMDTINST M7100.3 (series). The Assistant Commandant for Engineering and Logistics, Commandant (CG-4), the Operating Administration Environmental Executive, and Operating Energy Executive will recognize the award winners with a plaque and flag letter. Winners will be announced each year via ALCOAST.

CHAPTER 16. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY MEMBER RECOGNITION

A. General. Members of the Auxiliary, being volunteers, receive no direct compensation for the many hours of time and effort they donate to the Coast Guard. The recognition of an Auxiliarist's service, through the presentation of timely and appropriate awards, is essential to the success of the Auxiliary program. In many respects, the recognition they receive through these awards can be considered to be their "paycheck." The service and actions of the Auxiliarists should receive the appropriate recognition and awards to the maximum extent possible. Medals and awards will be worn as prescribed in Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series).

1. Eligibility for Coast Guard Military Awards. Auxiliarists may receive and wear the following:
 - a. Coast Guard Presidential Unit Citation
 - b. Department of Transportation (DOT) Outstanding Unit Award
 - c. DOT Guardian Medal
 - d. DOT 9-11 Medal
 - e. DOT 9-11 Ribbon
 - f. Coast Guard Unit and Meritorious Unit Commendations
 - g. Coast Guard Bicentennial Unit Commendation
 - h. Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation
 - i. Special Operations Service Ribbon
 - j. Awards for recruiting
2. Eligibility for Non-Military Awards. Auxiliarists are eligible for the following non-military awards:
 - a. Lifesaving Medals
 - b. Public Service Awards
 - c. Coast Guard Foundation Awards of the Year
 - d. Association for Rescue at Sea (AFRAS) Silver Medal Award

- B. Eligibility for Auxiliary-specific awards. Auxiliarists are eligible for Auxiliary awards as further described in the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series).

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AWARD	DEPARTMENT SPONSOR	APPROXIMATE DATE OF SOLICITATION FOR NOMINEES	APPROXIMATE DUE DATE FOR NOMINATIONS	AWARD INFORMATION	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
ANNUAL FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER AWARD	AS DIRECTED BY CONFERENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS	SUMMER TIMEFRAME	AS DIRECTED	SPONSORED BY THE CONFERENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS (CFEE), THE AWARD WAS ESTABLISHED TO RECOGNIZE EXEMPLARY WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS. THE AWARD IS INTENDED TO RECOGNIZE LEADERSHIP AND MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT RATHER THAN THE CANDIDATES' POSITIONS WITHIN THE FEDERAL SERVICE.	THE CANDIDATE SHALL BE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER EMPLOYED IN A PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY IN THE FEDERAL SERVICE. THE CANDIDATE SHALL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED A TANGIBLE, SUBSTANTIAL, AND SIGNIFICANT RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT OF SUSTAINED LEADERSHIP OF OUTSTANDING CALIBER. THE NOMINEE NEED NOT BE A MEMBER OF CFEE.
NAACP ROY WILKINS RENOWN SERVICE	CG-001	FEBRUARY	APRIL	THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP) IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE POLITICAL, EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS AND OTHER MINORITIES. EACH YEAR NAACP HONORS THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE NAACP ARMED SERVICES AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AWARDS DINNER CEREMONY. THE ROY WILKINS RENOWN SERVICE AWARD WAS INSTITUTED IN 1980 IN RECOGNITION OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF ROY WILKINS, THE FIFTH NAACP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHO ESTABLISHED THE NAACP ARMED SERVICES AND VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT IN 1969. ROY WILKINS RECOGNIZED THAT THE STRIDES BEING MADE FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE CIVILIAN POPULACE MUST ALSO ENCOMPASS THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY. THIS AWARD SALUTES THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO PURSUE THAT VISION OF EQUALITY IN THE ARMED SERVICES. ONE MILITARY OR CIVILIAN MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE ARMED SERVICES WILL BE SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE ROY WILKINS RENOWN SERVICE AWARD.	NOMINATIONS ARE NOT LIMITED TO CIVIL RIGHTS/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM EMPLOYEES. THE NOMINEE MAY WORK IN ANY OFFICE OR FIELD POSITION AND BE ANY GRADE, RANK, OR SERVICE LEVEL. PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS HAVE INCLUDED DISTINGUISHED CIVILIANS, FORMER COMMANDANTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE ENLISTED RANKS. EACH NOMINEE MUST DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP IN CIVIL RIGHTS/HUMAN RELATIONS.
NATIONAL IMAGE, INC MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD	CG-001	FEBRUARY	APRIL	NATIONAL IMAGE INC. (IMAGE), IS A NETWORK OF PROFESSIONALS WHOSE OBJECTIVE IS FINDING POSITIVE AND CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE CHALLENGES FACING THE HISPANIC AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES. IMAGE IS COMMITTED TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR HISPANIC AMERICANS IN THE AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, AND CIVIL RIGHTS. THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD RECOGNIZES MILITARY MEMBERS WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIL RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HISPANICS WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.	ALL MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD (ACTIVE AND RESERVE) ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD.
BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT (BIG) CIVILIAN MERITORIOUS AWARD	CG-00H	JUNE	JULY	THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BIG ORGANIZATION WILL AWARD THE BIG CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD TO OUTSTANDING MILITARY SERVICE CIVILIANS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF AFRICAN AMERICANS.	THE COAST GUARD CAN SUBMIT ONE NOMINATION IN THE GS7-GS11 CATEGORY AND ONE NOMINATION IN THE GS12-15 CATEGORY.
COAST GUARD CIVIL RIGHTS SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD	CG-00H	APRIL	MAY	CIVIL RIGHTS SERVICE PROVIDERS (EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ADVISORS (EOAS), EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) COUNSELORS, AND CIVIL RIGHTS OFFICERS (CROS)) SERVE AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS, AND MANAGEMENT. THEY ARE VITAL MEMBERS IN IMPLEMENTING THE COAST GUARD'S FIVE FIELD CIVIL RIGHTS MISSIONS: DEMONSTRATE COMMAND LEADERSHIP, DEVELOP AN ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE THAT VALUES DIVERSITY, CORRECT IMBALANCES IN THE CIVILIAN WORKFORCE, RESOLVE COMPLAINTS AT THE LOWEST LEVEL, AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY AFFIRMATIVE OUTREACH. IN PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES, THEY OFTEN INVEST A GREAT AMOUNT OF TIME TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM, THEY ARE TRULY THE BACKBONE OF THE COAST GUARD'S CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM. THE CRSP OF THE YEAR AWARD RECOGNIZES THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THESE MEMBERS. THIS AWARD HAS TAKEN THE PLACE OF THE PREVIOUS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR AWARD. BOTH A FULL-TIME AND COLLATERAL DUTY CRSP WILL BE SELECTED.	ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN FULL-TIME AND COLLATERAL DUTY CRSPS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD.
DOD AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH RECOGNITION AWARD	CG-00H	DECEMBER	JANUARY	DOD AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH RECOGNITION WILL HONOR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED ABROAD IN SUPPORT OF THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM (GWOT).	ALL MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD (ACTIVE AND RESERVE) WHO HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST ONE YEAR IN THE U. S. ARMED SERVICES AND SERVED ABROAD IN SUPPORT OF THE GWOT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD.

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FAPAC MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AWARDS	CG-00H	APRIL	JUNE	THE FEDERAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN COUNCIL (FAPAC) IS AN INTERAGENCY ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOR ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS WITHIN THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE. EVERY YEAR, FAPAC SPONSORS PROGRAM ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTING THE CONTRIBUTIONS, ACHIEVEMENTS, AND ASPIRATIONS OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS DURING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.	FAPAC MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD – MILITARY – ELIGIBILITY: ALL MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD (ACTIVE AND RESERVE) WHO HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST ONE YEAR IN THE U. S. ARMED SERVICES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD. FAPAC OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – CIVILIAN – ELIGIBILITY: COAST GUARD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF FEDERAL (OR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT) SERVICE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD.
FEW MILITARY MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS	CG-00H	MAY	JUNE	FEW IS A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOUNDED IN 1969 WHICH WORKS TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF WOMEN EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THIS INCLUDES CONTACT WITH CONGRESS AND MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS OF AGENCIES TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL WOMENS PROGRAM (FWP), ENCOURAGE OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM AND TO OBTAIN INSIGHT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FWP. TWO MILITARY AWARD WINNERS (ONE ACTIVE DUTY AND ONE RESERVIST), WILL BE SELECTED FROM EACH OF THE FIVE ARMED FORCES.	ALL MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD (ACTIVE AND RESERVE) ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD.
LULAC EXCELLENCE IN MILITARY SERVICE AWARDS	CG-00H	APRIL	MAY	LULAC IS THE LARGEST AND OLDEST HISPANIC ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES. LULAC ADVANCES THE ECONOMIC CONDITION, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, POLITICAL INFLUENCE, HEALTH AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF HISPANIC AMERICANS THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS OPERATING AT MORE THAN 600 LULAC COUNCILS NATIONWIDE. TWO MILITARY AWARD WINNERS (ONE ACTIVE DUTY AND ONE RESERVIST), WILL BE SELECTED FROM EACH OF THE FIVE ARMED FORCES.	ALL MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD (ACTIVE AND RESERVE) ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD.
USO SPIRIT OF HOPE AWARD	CG-092	MARCH	APRIL	THE SPIRIT OF HOPE MEDALLION IS AN AWARD PRESENTED TO AN INDIVIDUAL FROM EACH MILITARY SERVICE THAT TRULY EMBODIES THE VALUES OF MEN AND WOMEN OF THE MILITARY: DUTY, HONOR, COURAGE, LOYALTY, COMMITMENT, AND INTEGRITY. THE MEDALLION IS A VERY PRESTIGIOUS AWARD GIVEN BY THE USO.	THE CRITERIA, ESTABLISHED BY THE USO, FOR THE “SPIRIT OF HOPE” AWARD (MEDALLION) SELECTION IS AS FOLLOWS. (1) THE PROPOSED RECIPIENT HAS CONTRIBUTED SELFLESSLY TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR SERVICE MEMBERS OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, PREFERABLY WITH ONE TRANSCENDENT ACHIEVEMENT. (2) THE PROPOSED RECIPIENT EPITOMIZES THE PRINCIPLES AND SPIRIT OF THE USO. (3) THE PROPOSED RECIPIENT REPRESENTS THE VALUES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES- DUTY, HONOR, COURAGE, LOYALTY, COMMITMENT, AND INTEGRITY. (4) THE PROPOSED RECIPIENT MUST HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE USO IN THE PAST CURRENTLY, OR IN THE FUTURE. (5) THE PROPOSED RECIPIENT MUST BE CONSIDERED TO BRING HONOR TO THE “SPIRIT OF HOPE” AWARD AND TO THE USO.
MILITARY PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR	CG-0922		PER DIRECTION OF DEFENSE INFORMATION SCHOOL	THE AMERICAN FORCES INFORMATION SERVICE, THROUGH THE DEFENSE INFORMATION SCHOOL, SPONSORS THE ANNUAL MILITARY PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR (MILPHOG) AWARD PROGRAM. THE MILPHOG AWARD PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO RECOGNIZE AND REWARD THE BEST OF MILITARY PHOTOGRAPHERS AND VIDEOGRAPHERS.	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS - (1) ONLY ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE MEMBERS HOLDING A MILITARY DESIGNATION AS PHOTOGRAPHER, VIDEOGRAPHER, PHOTOJOURNALIST, JOURNALIST OR PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST IN THE FIVE ARMED SERVICES ARE ELIGIBLE. (2) ENTRIES FROM RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL MUST NOT HAVE BEEN CREATED AS PART OF A PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND MUST CONFORM TO THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION.
ARMED FORCES RECREATION SOCIETY AWARDS	CG-103	JANUARY	APRIL	THE ARMED FORCES RECREATION SOCIETY (AFRS), A BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION (NRPA), IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMERS THAT HAVE MADE A POSITIVE IMPACT TO THE RECREATION PROGRAMS ON A FULL TIME OR COLLATERAL DUTY BASIS.	MILITARY AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE AWARDS. A. FRONT LINE AWARD; B. JOHN (PAT) HARDEN PRACTITIONER AWARD; C. SUPPORT SERVICES- BEHIND THE SCENES AWARD; D. COMMANDERS AWARD; E. SPECIAL CITATION AWARD; F. FELLOW AWARD; G. EXECUTIVE FELLOW AWARD; H. DISTINGUISHED FELLOW AWARD; AND I. LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD.

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MWR AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS	CG-103	FEBRUARY	APRIL	THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY COMMUNITY EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION (IMCEA) AWARDS ARE DESIGNED TO RECOGNIZE ACHIEVEMENT AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOMINEES THAT PERFORM MWR DUTIES.	NOMINEES MAY PERFORM DUTIES AS A COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT AND MAY BE APPROPRIATED OR NONAPPROPRIATED FUNDED INDIVIDUALS.
DEFENSE ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY REPORTS SYSTEM (DEERS) CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD	CG-11	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	THE DEERS/RAPIDS PROGRAM OFFICE (DPRO) CREATED THE DEERS CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD. EACH OF THE SEVEN UNIFORMED SERVICES MAY NOMINATE ONE PERSON, ANNUALLY, TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS AND ACHIEVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE DEERS PROGRAM.	EACH INDIVIDUAL NOMINATED SHOULD HAVE DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS AND ACHIEVEMENT DURING THE PERIOD IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (1) CUSTOMER ORIENTED; ENTHUSIASTICALLY ASSISTS ALL CUSTOMERS; (2) STAYS ABREAST OF CURRENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE DEERS PROGRAM AND KNOWS HOW TO GET PROBLEMS SOLVED THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS; (3) CONTINUALLY KEEPS AND SAFEGUARDS ACCESS BY UPDATING LOG ON ID AND PASSWORD. PREVENTS UNAUTHORIZED USE; (4) ATTENDS DEERS TRAINING DURING FIELD REPRESENTATIVE VISIT; (5) MAINTAINS LIAISON WITH DEERS FIELD REPRESENTATIVE; (6) STAYS ABREAST OF THE NON-AVAILABILITY, DEERS MANUAL, DEERS/RAPIDS BRIEFS, AND DEERS KEY ISSUES PUBLICATIONS.
GEICO MILITARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	CG-11	AUGUST	NOVEMBER	THE AWARD RECOGNIZES ACHIEVEMENTS OR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (A) DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION, (B) FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE SAFETY, AND (C) TRAFFIC SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION.	ELIGIBILITY IS OPEN TO ACTIVE DUTY OR RESERVE MEMBERS. ACTIVE DUTY NOMINEES SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST ONE MORE YEAR OF OBLIGATED SERVICE.
JEWISH INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS (JINSA) "GRATEFUL NATION" AWARD	CG-12	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION OF ENLISTED MEN AND WOMEN IN THE FIVE ARMED SERVICES. ELIGIBLE NOMINEES ARE THOSE MEMBERS E1 THROUGH E9 WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES WITH EXCEPTIONAL, SUPERIOR SERVICE SINCE THE DECLARATION OF THE WAR ON TERRORISM.	ELIGIBILITY FOR THE JINSA "GRATEFUL NATION" AWARD EXTENDS TO ANY COAST GUARD ENLISTED MEMBER, E9 AND BELOW, ACTIVE DUTY OR RESERVE WHO: A. DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES WITH EXCEPTIONALLY SUPERIOR SERVICE SINCE THE DECLARATION OF THE WAR ON TERRORISM; B. EXEMPLIFIES THE COAST GUARD CORE VALUES OF HONOR, RESPECT, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY; C. DISPLAYS A KEEN SENSE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT AND EXHIBITS A HIGH DEGREE OF PERSONAL INTEGRITY; D. IS HELD IN THE HIGHEST ESTEEM BY SENIORS, PEERS, AND JUNIORS.

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PROFESSIONAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (PHMA) SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD	CG-12	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	PHMA IS AN ORGANIZATION OF FEDERAL AND PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES DEDICATED TO PROMOTING PROFESSIONALISM IN ALL PHASES OF HOUSING AND LODGING MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE MILITARY. THE SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES AS FOLLOWS: A. OUTSTANDING SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER. THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES STAFF FROM HEADQUARTERS, MAINTENANCE AND LOGISTICS COMMANDS, OR AREA HOUSING OFFICERS; B. OUTSTANDING MIDDLELEVEL HOUSING MANAGER. THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES ALL LOCAL HOUSING OFFICERS; C. OUTSTANDING HOUSING/BILLETING EMPLOYEE. THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES HOUSING REPRESENTATIVES AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL.	CRITERIA FOR THE PHMA SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS SHALL INCLUDE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER AND ABOVE NORMAL DUTIES FOR THE PAST YEAR, EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL CUSTOMER SERVICE, INVOLVEMENT IN COMMAND ACTIVITIES, FUNCTIONS, COLLATERAL DUTIES, INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, SPECIAL ACTIONS OR EFFORT THAT WARRANT RECOGNITION.
THE AMERICAN LEGION SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD	CG-12	APRIL	JULY	THE AMERICAN LEGION ANNUALLY PRESENTS AN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE TO AN ENLISTED MEMBER OF THE COAST GUARD, NAVY, ARMY, AIR FORCE, AND MARINE CORPS.	COMMANDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO RECOMMEND MEMBERS WHO MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: A. MILITARY MEMBER IS E-5 OR BELOW; B. INDIVIDUAL IS AN OUTSTANDING MILITARY PROFESSIONAL; C. MAIN CRITERIA IS THE LEVEL OF VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE PERFORMED OFF-DUTY IN A LOCAL COMMUNITY. ADDITIONALLY, COMMANDS SHOULD REVIEW ALL MILITARY OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL RECIPIENTS, WHO MEET THE ABOVE CRITERIA, FOR POSSIBLE NOMINATIONS.
MILITARY SURFACE DEPLOYMENT AND DISTRIBUTION COMMAND (SDDC) AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT	CG-1222	MAY	JUNE	SDDC WILL HONOR AN EXCEPTIONAL TRAFFIC MANAGER FROM EACH MILITARY SERVICE, THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, AND THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE	AREA AND DISTRICT COMMANDERS, COMMANDERS OF MAINTENANCE AND LOGISTICS COMMANDS, COMMANDERS OF SECTOR COMMANDS, UNIT COMMANDING OFFICERS VIA THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND, AND CHIEFS OF DIRECTORATES AND SPECIAL STAFF DIVISIONS AT HEADQUARTERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING FREIGHT/HOUSEHOLD GOODS TRAFFIC MANAGER, EITHER CIVILIAN (GS-12 OR BELOW) OR ENLISTED SERVICE MEMBER, TO RECEIVE THE AWARD AT THE NDTA FORUM.
COAST GUARD CIVILIAN INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD	CG-13	JULY	SEPTEMBER	IN THE SPIRIT OF PROMOTING THE COAST GUARD FAMILY AND CHAMPIONING DIVERSITY WITHIN OUR ORGANIZATION, THE COMMANDANT STATED IN HIS 2004 STATE OF THE COAST GUARD ADDRESS THAT A CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD WOULD BE ESTABLISHED.	INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY AND HAS EXEMPLIFIED THE COAST GUARD CORE VALUES OF HONOR, RESPECT AND DEVOTION TO DUTY.
RESERVE AFFAIRS FAMILY READINESS AWARD	CG-13	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, RESERVE AFFAIRS (OASD-RA), THE AWARD RECOGNIZES THE TOP UNIT IN THE ARMY, NAVY, MARINE CORPS, AIR FORCE AND COAST GUARD RESERVE COMPONENTS THAT HAS DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM DEMONSTRATING THE INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN THE MISSION AND THE FAMILY.	THE CRITERIA FOR THIS AWARD ARE A MIX OF MEASURABLE OUTCOMES AND NARRATIVE EXAMPLES THAT DEMONSTRATE AN OUTSTANDING FAMILY SUPPORT/READINESS PROGRAM AND THE RESULTING EFFECT ON MISSION READINESS.
CG FOUNDATION/USAA ENLISTED RESERVE SCHOLARSHIPS	CG-131		AUGUST	THE USAA ANNUALLY SPONSORS SIX \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO HELP OFFSET THE COSTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ENLISTED CG RESERVISTS OR THEIR DEPENDENTS. COMMANDANT (CG-131) MANAGES THE SCHOLARSHIP SOLICITATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS. THE COAST GUARD FOUNDATION SELECTS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AND MANAGES THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS. APPLICATIONS SUBMIT AN ESSAY AND TRANSCRIPTS.	APPLICANTS MUST BE AN ENLISTED COAST GUARD RESERVIST OR A DEPENDENT OF AN ENLISTED COAST GUARD RESERVIST; AND ENROLLED OR ACCEPTED IN A DEGREE PROGRAM IN AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION.
DIRECTOR OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE (DMI) AWARD	CG-2	JANUARY	MARCH	THE DIRECTOR OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE (DMI) AWARDS PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (DIA), IN HIS CAPACITY AS DMI, TO RECOGNIZE SIGNIFICANT SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENT IN DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE.	ALL PERSONNEL OF JOINT COMMANDS J2S, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, COAST GUARD PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO INTELLIGENCE DUTIES, AND UNITS OR ACTIVITIES OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THESE AWARDS.

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COAST GUARD AND FEDERAL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD	CG-4	AUGUST	OCTOBER	THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE RECOGNITION FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ENGINEERS IN THE COAST GUARD. IN VIEW OF THE HIGH DEMAND FOR ENGINEERING TALENT IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS AND THE GROWING COMPETITION FOR AVAILABLE ENGINEERS, IT IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT THAT THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ENGINEERS IN THE COAST GUARD BE ACKNOWLEDGED. THE FEDERAL AWARD IS SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS (NSPE), THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE RECOGNITION FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ENGINEERS WHO SERVE OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS - ANY INDIVIDUAL (MILITARY OR CIVILIAN) PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF COAST GUARD ENGINEERING AS A MANAGER OR TECHNICAL EMPLOYEE AND WHO IS AN ENGINEER BY EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE. THE NAME OF THE "COAST GUARD ENGINEER OF THE YEAR" IS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THIS HONOR.
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NAVAL ENGINEERS (ASNE) AWARDS	CG-43	NOVEMBER	JANUARY	THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NAVAL ENGINEERS SPONSORS THREE AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS WITHIN THE COAST GUARD NAVAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM. NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL COAST GUARD PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR, AS WELL AS MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS OR TOURS OF DUTY COMPLETED IN THE AWARDING YEAR.	VICE ADMIRAL E.L. PERRY AWARD - REGULAR OR RESERVE COAST GUARD OFFICER, COAST GUARD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE GS-9, WS-12, WL-12, WG-12 OR ABOVE WHO HAS MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE COAST GUARD NAVAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM. VICE ADMIRAL B.L. STABLE AWARD - ACTIVE DUTY WARRANT OFFICER, CHIEF PETTY OFFICER, PETTY OFFICER, OR COAST GUARD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE GS-8, WS-11, WL-11, WG-11 OR BELOW WHO HAS MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE COAST GUARD NAVAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM. REAR ADMIRAL R.S. LUCAS PLAQUE - ANY COAST GUARD NAVAL ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION (G-SEN, ELC, MLC, NESU, CG YARD, GROUP, STATION, CUTTER, ETC...), OR ANY DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, SECTION, BRANCH, OR NATURAL WORKING GROUP WITHIN A NAVAL ENGINEERING COMMAND THAT HAS MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE COAST GUARD NAVAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM.
COWART PLAQUE (CIVIL ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION)	CG-43	DECEMBER	FEBRUARY	SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS (SAME), THE COWART PLAQUE IS PRESENTED AS AN AWARD OF EXCELLENCE TO A COAST GUARD CIVIL ENGINEERING UNIT THAT HAS MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE COAST GUARD CIVIL ENGINEERING PROGRAM. THE COWART AWARD IS A PLAQUE NAMED FOR VICE ADMIRAL KENNETH K. COWART, THE FORMER CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF ENGINEERING, U. S. COAST GUARD.	COAST GUARD CIVIL ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION.
COWART PLAQUE (FACILITIES ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION)	CG-43	DECEMBER	FEBRUARY	SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS (SAME), THE COWART PLAQUE IS PRESENTED AS AN AWARD OF EXCELLENCE TO A COAST GUARD FACILITIES ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION THAT HAS MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE COAST GUARD CIVIL ENGINEERING PROGRAM. THE COWART AWARD IS A PLAQUE NAMED FOR VICE ADMIRAL KENNETH K. COWART, THE FORMER CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF ENGINEERING, U. S. COAST GUARD.	COAST GUARD FACILITIES ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION.
OREN MEDAL (ENGINEERING AWARD)	CG-43	DECEMBER	FEBRUARY	SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS (SAME), THE OREN MEDAL IS PRESENTED ANNUALLY IN RECOGNITION OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION OF MILITARY ENGINEERING THROUGH ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ADMINISTRATION, RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT. THE MEDAL IS NAMED FOR REAR ADMIRAL JOHN B. OREN, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS AND FORMER CHIEF, OFFICE OF ENGINEERING, U. S. COAST GUARD. THE AWARD WAS MADE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1968.	REGULAR OR RESERVE COAST GUARD OFFICER (ACTIVE, INACTIVE, OR RETIRED); A COAST GUARD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE, OR RETIREE OF EQUIVALENT GRADE. IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE OREN MEDAL, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE NOMINATED BY THE MAINTENANCE AND LOGISTICS COMMANDER, DISTRICT COMMANDER OR COMMANDING OFFICER.
SARGENT MEDAL (ENGINEERING AWARD)	CG-43	DECEMBER	FEBRUARY	SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS (SAME), THE SARGENT MEDAL IS PRESENTED ANNUALLY IN RECOGNITION OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO COAST GUARD CIVIL ENGINEERING OR FACILITIES ENGINEERING. THE SARGENT MEDAL IS NAMED FOR VICE ADMIRAL THOMAS R. SARGENT, III, FORMER CHIEF OF CIVIL ENGINEERING AND VICE COMMANDANT OF THE COAST GUARD (1970-1974).	ACTIVE DUTY WARRANT OFFICERS, CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, PETTY OFFICERS, AND COAST GUARD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF EQUIVALENT GRADE. IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SARGENT MEDAL, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE NOMINATED BY THE MAINTENANCE AND LOGISTICS COMMANDER, DISTRICT COMMANDER, OR COMMANDING OFFICER.

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NATIONAL DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION UNIT AWARD	CG-44	FEBRUARY	MARCH	THE NDTA SPONSORS ANNUAL AWARDS TO MILITARY TRANSPORTATION OR LOGISTICS UNITS, WHICH HAVE ACCOMPLISHED OUTSTANDING AND OR UNUSUAL SERVICE IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS.	UNITS BEING CONSIDERED MUST BE NO SMALLER THAN THOSE LISTED WITH OPFAC NUMBERS IN THE OPERATING FACILITIES OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD, COMDTINST M5440.2N. AREAS AND DISTRICTS AS A WHOLE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THIS AWARD. NOMINATIONS ARE CONFINED TO OPERATIONAL UNITS AT COMPANY, SHIP, SQUADRON, OR COMPARABLE LEVEL, NOT STAFF ELEMENTS. NOMINATION PACKAGES SHOULD INCLUDE INFORMATION ON PARTICIPATION IN EXERCISES, OPERATIONS, COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIONS, AND AWARDS. UNITS MUST HAVE CLEARLY EXCEEDED NORMAL STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE.
AIRCREW INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR (FRS/WEAPONS SCHOOL)	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION. AWARDED TO THE ENLISTED AIRCREW INSTRUCTOR WHO HAS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED SUPERIOR AERONAUTICAL ABILITY AND PERFORMANCE IN HIS/HER ASSIGNED FLYING BILLET.	UNIT OR ATC MOBILE ENLISTED IP/FEs QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
AIRCREW OF THE YEAR AWARD (DEPLOYED)	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION. AWARDED TO THE FLIGHT CREW WHICH ACCOMPLISHED THE MOST NOTABLE DEPLOYED HELICOPTER MISSION DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR AND DEMONSTRATED THE MOST PROFESSIONAL AIRMANSHIP AND OVERALL PERFORMANCE AS A CREW DURING HELICOPTER OPERATIONS.	PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
AIRCREW OF THE YEAR AWARD (NON-DEPLOYED)	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION. AWARDED TO THE FLIGHT CREW WHICH ACCOMPLISHED THE MOST NOTABLE NON-DEPLOYED HELICOPTER MISSION DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR AND DEMONSTRATED THE MOST PROFESSIONAL AIRMANSHIP AND OVERALL PERFORMANCE AS A CREW DURING HELICOPTER OPERATIONS.	PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
AIRCREWMAN OF THE YEAR	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	AWARDED TO THE ENLISTED AIRCREWMAN WHOSE PERFORMANCE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR HAS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED SUPERIOR AERONAUTICAL ABILITY AND PERFORMANCE IN HIS/HER ASSIGNED BILLET.	PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
AMERICAN LEGION AVIATION VALOR AWARD	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL AVIATION. PRESENTED TO A PILOT OR NFO FOR A CONSPICUOUS ACT OF VALOR IN FLIGHT.	NOMINATION PACKAGES MUST INCLUDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ACT OF VALOR, A PROPOSED CITATION, BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION, AND A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE NOMINEE. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF CURRENT YEAR.
ENLISTED AVIATION MAINTENANCE AWARD	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL AVIATION. TO QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST HAVE WORKED PREDOMINANTLY IN A NAVAL AVIATION RELATED FIELD. NOMINEES MUST HAVE A RECORD OF SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE DURING THE COMPETITIVE YEAR.	NOMINEES SHOULD HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES THROUGH ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) DEVELOPING AN IDEA OR INITIATING A PROCEDURE WHICH ENABLED A TASK, PROCEDURE OR REQUIREMENT IN AVIATION. (2) ORIGINATING A DESIGN WHICH IMPROVED OPERATIONS OF YELLOW GEAR, BLACK BOX, OR OTHER AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. (3) IMPROVING A METHOD OR PROCEDURE THOROUGH REORGANIZATION OF PERSONNEL, REDESIGN OF WORKING SPACES, OR INNOVATION THAT SAFELY INCREASED EFFICIENCY. (4) CONTRIBUTING DIRECTLY TO MEASURABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE EXECUTION OF THE NAVAL AVIATION MISSION, ENHANCING SAFETY AND READINESS IN THE PROCESS. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR.
EXCEPTIONAL PILOT AWARD	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE ORDER OF THE DAEDALIANS. AWARDED TO A PILOT O-4 OR BELOW WHO DEMONSTRATED ACTS OF VALOR AS AN AVIATOR, OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT, OR AN EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP DISPLAY IN SUPPORT OR AIR OPERATIONS.	PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
FLEET INSTRUCTOR PILOT OF THE YEAR (FRS/WEAPONS SCHOOL)	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION. AWARDED TO A FRS OR WEAPONS SCHOOL PILOT WHO HAS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED SUPERIOR AERONAUTICAL ABILITY AND PERFORMANCE IN HIS/HER ASSIGNED FLYING BILLET.	CG UNIT FE/IP QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
FLEET SUPPORT/SPECIAL MISSIONS AWARD	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL AVIATION. TO QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD, THE INDIVIDUAL OR UNIT MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN OUTSTANDING COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL ACTION, OR TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT.	HEROISM SHOULD BE GIVEN STRONG CONSIDERATION. THE ACHIEVEMENT SHOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE CAPABILITY OF SAFETY OF THAT MISSION. AVIATION SPECIAL MISSIONS SUCH AS AUF OR RWAI QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF CURRENT YEAR.

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HELICOPTER AVIATION AWARD	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL AVIATION. TO QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD, THE INDIVIDUAL OR UNIT MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN OUTSTANDING COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL ACTION, OR TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT.	HEROISM SHOULD BE GIVEN STRONG CONSIDERATION. THE ACHIEVEMENT SHOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE CAPABILITY OF SAFETY OF THAT MISSION. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF CURRENT YEAR.
MAINTENANCE CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OR PETTY OFFICER OF THE YEAR (E6 TO E9)	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	AWARDED TO A CHIEF PETTY OFFICER/PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS ASSIGNED TO A UNIT'S MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WHOSE DEDICATION AND EFFORT HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED THEIR COMMAND'S ABILITY TO PERFORM ITS MISSION.	PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
MAINTENANCE ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR (E5 OR BELOW)	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	AWARDED TO AN ENLISTED PERSON (E-5 OR BELOW) ASSIGNED TO A UNIT'S MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WHOSE DEDICATION AND EFFORT HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED HIS/HER COMMAND'S ABILITY TO PERFORM ITS MISSION.	PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
MAINTENANCE OFFICER (MO) OF THE YEAR	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	AWARDED TO THE UNIT MAINTENANCE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THE UNIT'S MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WHOSE DEDICATION AND EFFORT HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED HIS/HER COMMAND'S ABILITY TO PERFORM ITS MISSION.	EO/AEO/MO QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
MARITIME PATROL AWARD	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL AVIATION. TO QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD, THE INDIVIDUAL OR UNIT MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN OUTSTANDING COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL ACTION, OR TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT.	HEROISM SHOULD BE GIVEN STRONG CONSIDERATION. THE ACHIEVEMENT SHOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE CAPABILITY OF SAFETY OF THAT MISSION. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF CURRENT YEAR.
OUTSTANDING CHIEF PETTY OFFICER AWARD	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL AVIATION. TO QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST HAVE WORKED PREDOMINANTLY IN A NAVAL AVIATION RELATED FIELD. NOMINEES MUST HAVE A RECORD OF SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE DURING THE COMPETITIVE YEAR.	NOMINEES SHOULD HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES THROUGH ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) DEVELOPING AN IDEA OR INITIATING A PROCEDURE WHICH ENABLED A TASK, PROCEDURE OR REQUIREMENT IN AVIATION. (2) ORIGINATING A DESIGN WHICH IMPROVED OPERATIONS OF YELLOW GEAR, BLACK BOX, OR OTHER AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. (3) IMPROVING A METHOD OR PROCEDURE THROUGH REORGANIZATION OF PERSONNEL, REDESIGN OF WORKING SPACES, OR INNOVATION THAT SAFELY INCREASED EFFICIENCY. (4) CONTRIBUTING DIRECTLY TO MEASURABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE EXECUTION OF THE NAVAL AVIATION MISSION, ENHANCING SAFETY AND READINESS IN THE PROCESS. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR.
PILOT OF THE YEAR	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION. AWARDED TO THE PILOT WHO THROUGHOUT THE YEAR HAS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED SUPERIOR AERONAUTICAL ABILITY AND PERFORMANCE IN HIS/HER ASSIGNED BILLET.	PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
RADM A.C. READ NAVIGATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL AVIATION. TO QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING SKILLS AND PERFORMANCE IN THE FIELD OF NAVIGATION WHILE IN FLIGHT OR FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVEMENTS OF NAVIGATION TRAINING AND/OR NAVIGATION PROCEDURES.	THIS AWARD IS FOR QUALIFIED ENLISTED NAVIGATORS. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF CURRENT YEAR.
REAR ADMIRAL TOMASZESKI SQUADRON COMMANDING OFFICER LEADERSHIP AWARD	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	AWARDED TO O5 UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER WHO'S OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP, ABILITY TO MOTIVATE SUBORDINATES AND ENFORCE STANDARDS HAS LED DIRECTLY TO THE OVERALL EXCELLENCE OF THE UNIT.	PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
RESCUE SWIMMER OF THE YEAR	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION. AWARDED TO AN ENLISTED RESCUE SWIMMER WHO ACCOMPLISHED THE MOST NOTABLE RESCUE MISSION DURING THE YEAR.	PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
TRAINING COMMAND PILOT OF THE YEAR	CG-711	FEBRUARY	MARCH	SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION. AWARDED TO A TRAINING COMMAND INSTRUCTOR PILOT WHO HAS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED SUPERIOR AERONAUTICAL ABILITY AND PERFORMANCE IN HIS/HER ASSIGNED FLYING BILLET.	ATC MOBILE IP/FE QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS (ASMC) AWARD	CG-84	JANUARY	MARCH	THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS PRESENTS ANNUAL AWARDS TO PERSONNEL SELECTED FOR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITHIN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONAL CATEGORIES OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: COMPTROLLER/ DEPUTY COMPTROLLER; ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE; AUDITING; COMPUTER SCIENCE; BUDGETING; ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION; AUTHORSHIP; MANPOWER MANAGEMENT; EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT; RESOURCES MANAGEMENT; AND RESEARCH.	ANY ENLISTED MEMBER, OFFICER, OR CIVILIAN CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OR THE COAST GUARD MAY BE NOMINATED. A MEMBER OR NON-MEMBER OF ASMC MAY BE NOMINATED.

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ACQUISITION INCENTIVE AWARD	CG-85		CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR	THE ACQUISITION INCENTIVE AWARDS PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE AND REWARD THE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE FOR EFFICIENT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS AND STRATEGIES. THE CRITICAL ELEMENT OF THE PROGRAM IS THAT IT WILL BE BASED ON TANGIBLE RESULTS ACHIEVED, NOT JUST GENERAL EXCELLENCE. THE ACQUISITION INCENTIVE AWARD MAY BE GRANTED TO GROUPS OF EMPLOYEES FOR TANGIBLE/ MEASURABLE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ACQUISITION PROCESS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL ACQUISITION OR THE ACQUISITION SYSTEM AS A WHOLE. RECOGNIZED EFFORTS MUST HAVE MEASURABLE RESULTS, E.G., COST SAVINGS, REDUCED CYCLE TIME, MEASURABLE IMPROVED QUALITY; MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY A TEAM; AND SHOULD REFLECT EXCELLENCE AND/OR INNOVATION.	ANY ACQUISITION WORKFORCE TEAM MAY BE NOMINATED FOR THE AWARD.
FOUNDATION FOR COAST GUARD HISTORY (FCGH) COAST GUARD UNIT AWARD	MAIL ENTRIES TO: COAST GUARD UNIT AWARD COMMITTEE, FOUNDATION FOR COAST GUARD HISTORY, C/O COAST GUARD MUSEUM NW, 1519 ALASKAN WAY, SEATTLE, WA 98134	DECEMBER	MARCH	THE FOUNDATION FOR COAST GUARD HISTORY (FCGH) WAS FORMED ON 4 AUGUST 1999, AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. ITS OBJECTIVES ARE: (A) TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE COAST GUARD HISTORIANS OFFICE (B) TO ENCOURAGE STUDIES RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF OUR SERVICE, AND (C) ACCORD RECOGNITION TO INDIVIDUALS, UNITS, AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS FOR BOTH SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENT AND FOR RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE CHALLENGES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND CHARACTER OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROUD HERITAGE OF THE COAST GUARD.	FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES BOTH A LARGE (MAJOR CUTTER, AIR STATION) AND SMALL (PATROL BOAT, SAR STATION) COAST GUARD UNIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF THE SERVICE. THE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE UNIT AWARD ARE: (A) UNITS CAN BE ACTIVE DUTY OR RESERVE, AUXILIARY SQUADRON, OR SPOUSES CLUB. (B) UNITS MUST BE ENGAGED IN A SPECIFIC UNDERTAKING AIMED AT FURTHERING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES OR THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF THE COAST GUARD. UNITS THAT RECEIVE THE AWARD MAY NOT RESUBMIT FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS. WINNING UNITS RECEIVE \$200 FOR THEIR MORALE FUND.
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NAVAL ENGINEERS (ASNE) GOLD MEDAL	SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NAVAL ENGINEERS, INC, 1452 DUKE STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314.	SEPTEMBER	RECEIVED NLT 1 FEBRUARY	THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NAVAL ENGINEERS (ASNE) ANNUALLY CONSIDERS CANDIDATES FOR THE ASNE GOLD MEDAL, WHICH RECOGNIZES SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO NAVAL ENGINEERING. EACH SPONSOR MAY SUBMIT ONLY ONE NOMINEE FOR THE AWARD, AND A NOMINEE NEED NOT BE EMPLOYED BY THE SAME ORGANIZATION AS THE SPONSOR. THE PERSON SO NOMINATED MAY NOT RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE AWARD IN THE SAME YEAR. THIS AWARD IS GIVEN ANNUALLY TO THAT UNITED STATES CITIZEN WHO, IN THE FIELD OF NAVAL ENGINEERING, HAS MADE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ENGINEERING CONTRIBUTION THROUGH PERSONAL EFFORT, OR THROUGH THE DIRECTION OF OTHERS, DURING OR CULMINATING IN THE 5-YEAR PERIOD ENDING IN THE YEAR OF CONSIDERATION.	U. S. CITIZEN.
DAVID W TAYLOR MEDAL (ASNE AWARD)	SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NAVAL ENGINEERS, INC, 1452 DUKE STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314.	SEPTEMBER	RECEIVED NLT 1 JULY	SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY OF NAVAL ARCHITECTS AND MARINE ENGINEERS, THIS MEDAL IS AWARDED IN HONOR OF REAR ADMIRAL DAVID W. TAYLOR, USN, WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN 1935 AND WAS FIRST AWARDED IN 1936. THE AWARD IS FOR "NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT IN NAVAL ARCHITECTURE AND/OR MARINE ENGINEERING."	NOT LIMITED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY.
SOLBERG AWARD (ASNE AWARD)	SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NAVAL ENGINEERS, INC, 1452 DUKE STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314.	SEPTEMBER	RECEIVED NLT 1 FEBRUARY	THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NAVAL ENGINEERS (ASNE) ANNUALLY CONSIDERS CANDIDATES FOR THE ASNE SOLBERG AWARD, WHICH RECOGNIZES SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO NAVAL ENGINEERING. EACH SPONSOR MAY SUBMIT ONLY ONE NOMINEE FOR THE AWARD, AND A NOMINEE NEED NOT BE EMPLOYED BY THE SAME ORGANIZATION AS THE SPONSOR. THE PERSON SO NOMINATED MAY NOT RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE AWARD IN THE SAME YEAR. THIS AWARD IS GIVEN ANNUALLY TO THAT UNITED STATES CITIZEN WHO MADE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO NAVAL ENGINEERING THROUGH PERSONAL RESEARCH CARRIED OUT DURING OR CULMINATING IN THE 3- YEAR PERIOD ENDING IN THE YEAR OF CONSIDERATION.	U. S. CITIZEN.
GEORGE W GOETHALS MEDAL	SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO: THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS, 607 PRINCE STREET, P.O. BOX 180, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313.	SEPTEMBER	RECEIVED NLT 1 FEBRUARY	SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS (SAME), THE GEORGE W. GOETHALS MEDAL WAS ESTABLISHED TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF THE DISTINGUISHED MILITARY ENGINEER BUILDER OF THE PANAMA CANAL. THE MEDAL IS OFFERED ANNUALLY TO AN ENGINEER IN CIVIL OR MILITARY PRACTICE FOR THE MOST EMINENT AND NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION IN THE FIELDS OF ENGINEERING, PARTICULARLY IN DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND METHODS.	ENGINEERS IN CIVIL OR MILITARY PRACTICE (SAME MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED).