

**CHAPTER 9**  
**AUXILIARY AWARDS PROGRAM**

- References:
- a. Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1\_ (Series)
  - b. Auxiliary National Program

**A. Northern Region Awards Program.**

- 1. General. To maintain equity in the Northern Region Awards program, thus making it possible for any member to earn an award, only those activities creditable to awards that are done in, or in direct support of, the Northern Region will be considered. Activity in support of National Level Programs will be excluded from consideration. The Annual Northern Region Awards Program recognizes accomplishments in all areas, both for individuals and Flotilla/Division units. To be considered for any of the awards listed in this Chapter, activities must be properly reported to the Division SO-IS in time to be reflected in the "End-of-Year AUXDATA or replacement system Reports" for the award year ending 31 December.
  - a. Judging. Judging will normally be done by the DSO/ADSO responsible for the area in which the award is given (per criteria for each award.) Requests to correct errors or omissions in determining award criteria must be in the hands of the appropriate DSO no later than two months following the date of the Awards Banquet. No corrections will be made after that date.
  - b. Deadlines and Ratios. Deadlines for submission of award criteria may differ between awards. Always check under the individual award for deadlines. All awards except for ATON will be based on the Calendar Year.
  - c. The Awards Banquet. The Northern Region Awards Banquet is held annually at the District Training Conference. It is at this banquet that the awards listed in this Chapter are presented.

**B. Northern Region Awards.**

- 1. District Commander's Trophy. A perpetual trophy with keeper award will be presented to the outstanding Flotilla in the Northern Region. Criteria are as follows:
  - a. Rosters of Unit Officers must be submitted to DIRAUX not later than 20 December of awards year.
  - b. Both the Flotilla Commander and Vice-Commander are fully qualified in accordance with the current Auxiliary Manual, not later than 31 December

prior to the awards year (this means that they are fully qualified WITHOUT WAIVER as of 31 December prior to taking office on 1 January.)

- c. The Flotilla with the highest ratio of Activity Mission Hours/Member as reported in AUXDATA.
  - d. The winner will be determined by the District Commander and DIRAUX.
2. Director's Trophy. A perpetual trophy with keeper award will be presented to the outstanding Division in the Northern Region. Criteria are as follows:
  - a. Rosters of Unit Officers must be submitted to DIRAUX not later than 20 December of the awards year.
  - b. Both the DCP and VCP are fully qualified in accordance with the current Auxiliary Manual, not later than 31 December prior to the awards year (this means that they are fully qualified WITHOUT WAIVER as of 31 December prior to taking office on 1 January.)
  - c. The Division with the highest percentage of active members (total number of members showing some activity during the award year divided by total active members - i.e. non-retired members - for the Division as of 31 December of the awards year) as reported in AUXDATA.
  - d. This award will be determined by DIRAUX.
3. Commodore's Trophy (Outstanding Auxiliarist). The perpetual trophy and a keeper award is awarded annually to the member exemplifying the "Representative Auxiliarist" based on member accomplishments and activities during the award year.
  - a. The award will go to the member with the most Mission Hours provided that there are hours recorded in all major programs [IT (including Aide), OP, VE, CGSPT, PA, etc.] No person shall receive both the Commodore's Trophy and the State of California's Distinguished Service Award in the same year.
  - b. Judging. The winner will be determined by the DCO after receiving the statistics from DSO-IS.
4. Commodore Joe West Award - Most Improved Flotilla (Vice Commodore's Trophy). Sponsored and donated by the late Commodore Joseph J. West. A perpetual trophy and keeper will be presented to the Flotilla making the greatest improvement over the preceding year in the following categories: VE, OP, PE, MT, MV, MS, PS and PA.

- a. Requirements. Calculation by the VCO and DSO-IS.
- b. Method of Determining.
  - (1) Compare the End of Year Unit Summary Data Report to the previous year's End of Year Unit Summary Data Report. If a flotilla shows a gain in all of the stated programs, consider that flotilla for the award.
  - (2) VCO will verify all calculations.
    - (a) Calculate the percent of increase from latest year over previous year.
    - (b) Rank each of the flotillas such as first, second, etc., in each of the categories.
    - (c) Assign a point value to each place and calculate a number of points, thus ranking the flotillas to obtain the most improved flotilla.

5. Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) Awards.

- a. Vessel Safety Checks Individual Awards. A plaque will be awarded for first, second and third place provided that at least 120 checks have been conducted for each place. Additional awards will be given as follows:
  - (1) Plaques. Plaques will be awarded to members conducting 120 or more checks.
  - (2) Certificates. Certificates will be awarded to members conducting 50 to 119 checks.
  - (3) These awards will be determined by the DSO-VE from the End-or-year AUXDATA reports.
- b. Outstanding Flotilla Trophy in Vessel Safety. A perpetual trophy with keeper award will be awarded. Criteria are as follows:
  - (1) Each Vessel Examiner in the Flotilla must perform the minimum annual requirement shown in the Auxiliary Manual for VSCs and attend any mandatory Workshops required for the award year.
  - (2) The Flotilla must have the highest number of VSCs of all Flotillas considered.

- (3) This award will be determined by the DSO-VE from the End-of-year AUXDATA reports.

6. Marine Dealer Visitor (MDV) Awards.

- a. Marine Dealer Visitor Individual Awards. A perpetual trophy with keeper award is awarded for first place. For this trophy to be awarded, a minimum of 75 Marine Dealer visits are required. In addition, second and third place will be awarded if the minimum of 75 visits were made.
  - (1) Plaques. Plaques will be awarded to members conducting 75 or more visits.
  - (2) Certificates. Certificates will be awarded to members conducting 25 to 74 visits.
  - (3) These awards will be determined by the DSO-MV from the End-of-year AUXDATA reports.

7. Operations Awards.

- a. General. Operations awards are based on the total operational hours reported under Categories of Safety Patrols, Regatta Patrols, Chart Patrols, Coast Guard Operational Support, and SAR Callout Missions in AUXDATA as of 31 December of the award year. "In-Command" time and "Crew" time are to be considered separately in the computation of awards and are to be combined only when specifically stated in the awards criteria.
- b. Outstanding Flotilla Trophy In Operations. A perpetual trophy with a keeper award will be awarded. Criteria are as follows:
  - (1) All operational facilities must be currently inspected.
  - (2) The flotilla must have the highest number of operational hours.
  - (3) All Operational personnel in the Flotilla must have maintained the Region minimum performance standards for the awards year and attended any mandatory workshops for the award year.
  - (4) This award will be determined by the DSO-OP from the end-of-year AUXDATA reports.
- c. The Individual Overall Operations Trophy. This award, a perpetual

trophy with keeper award, recognizes the diversified person who performs in various Operational capacities. To be considered for this award, a person must perform a minimum of at least 40 hours each in at least three of the five operational designations. This award will be determined by the DSO-OP from the end-of-year AUXDATA reports. It will be awarded to the person having the most combined hours in the five operational designations:

- (1) Crew,
- (2) Coxswain,
- (3) Air Observer or Air Crew
- (4) Co-Pilot, First Pilot, Aircraft Commander, and
- (5) Communicator.

d. Vessel Operations.

- (1) Vessel Coxswains. A first place plaque will be awarded to the Coxswain having the most vessel Coxswain hours in the Region without any criteria as to a minimum number of required hours. 2nd and 3rd place plaques will also be awarded if the Operator/Coxswain hours exceed 110.
  - (a) Plaques. Plaques will be awarded to each vessel Coxswain having 110 or more hours as vessel Coxswain.
  - (b) Certificates. Certificates will be awarded to each vessel Coxswain having 50 to 109 hours as vessel Coxswain.
- (2) Vessel Crew.
  - (a) Plaque. A 1st place plaque will be awarded to the vessel crew person having the most hours as vessel Crew. Hours for this award are mutually exclusive of hours performed as vessel Coxswain.
  - (b) Certificates. Certificates will be awarded to each vessel crew person having 50 or more hours as vessel Crew.
- (3) These awards will be determined by the DSO-OP and the ADSO-OPS from the end-of-year AUXDATA reports.

e. Air Operations.

(1) Aircraft Pilots. A first place plaque will be awarded to the Pilot having the most aircraft patrol hours as Pilot-in-Command in the Region without any criteria as to a minimum number of required hours. Second and Third place plaques will also be awarded if the Pilot-in-Command hours exceed 110.

(a) Plaques. Plaques will be awarded to each Pilot having 110 or more hours as Pilot-in-Command.

(b) Certificates. Certificates will be awarded to each Pilot having 50 to 109 hours as Pilot-in-Command.

(2) Air Observer or Air Crew

(a) Plaque. A first place plaque will be awarded to the individual having the most hours as Air Observer/Crew. Hours for this award are mutually exclusive of hours performed as a Pilot.

(b) Certificates. A certificate will be awarded to each Air Observer/Crew having 50 or more hours of Air Observer/Crew time.

(3) Air Operations Trophy. This award, a perpetual trophy with keeper award, will be presented to the individual member who has the greatest amount of actual "In-Air Flight Time" patrol hours. Total patrol/standby hours, numbers of missions and/or assists will not be considered in the criteria. Computations for this award will be based on the total hours for all Air Missions from the end-of-year AUXDATA reports for the award year.

(4) These awards will be determined by the DSO-OP and the ADSO-OPA from end-of-year AUXDATA reports

8. Communications Awards.

a. Land Mobile Operations.

(1) Communicators-in-Command. A plaque will be given to the land mobile Communicator-in-Command having the most land mobile

Communicator-in-Command hours for both scheduled and call-out patrol, without any criteria as to the minimum number of required hours. The hours are mutually exclusive of any Fixed Land or Coast Guard Base Station radio watch hours. Second and third place plaques will be awarded if the Communicator-in-Command hours exceed 110.

- (2) Call-outs. Land Mobile SAR call-outs are a vital link in SAR communications and reporting. Recognition of this award is determined as follows: One plaque, will be awarded to the Land Mobile having the Most Call-Outs. A second plaque will be awarded to the Land Mobile having the Most Call-Out Hours without any criteria as to the minimum number of required hours. If the same person earns both awards that person will be awarded the plaque for Most Call-Out Hours and the Most Call-Outs plaque will go to the second place finisher.
  - b. Fixed Land/Coast Guard Base Station Radio Watch-standers. A first place plaque will be awarded to the Radio Watch-stander having the most radio watch hours at Fixed Land/Coast Guard Base Stations without any criteria for a minimum number of required hours. The hours are mutually exclusive of any Operational Patrol or Land Mobile hours. Second and third place plaques will be awarded if the radio watch hours exceed 110.
  - c. Most Communicator Hours (Land Mobile Scheduled/SAR Call-Out Patrols, Fixed Land and CG Watchstanding). A perpetual trophy and keeper award will be awarded to the Communicator having the most combined hours recorded for Land Mobile Scheduled/SAR Call-Out Patrols, Fixed Land and Coast Guard Base Stations without any criteria as to a minimum number of required hours. Second and third place plaques will be awarded if the communication hours exceed 110.
    - (1) Plaques. Plaques will be awarded to each communicator with more than 110 combined communications hours.
    - (2) Certificates. Certificates will be awarded to each communicator having 50 to 109 combined communications hours.
  - d. These awards will be determined by the DSO-CM and the ADSO-CML from the end-of-year AUXDATA reports.
9. Instructor Awards. A first place plaque will be given to the Instructor with the greatest combined total of PE and MT Instructor hours without any criteria as to minimum number of required hours. Second and third place plaques will be awarded if combined PE and MT Instructor hours exceed 75.

- a. Plaques. Plaques will be awarded to Instructors having more than 75 combined PE and MT Instructor hours.
- b. Certificates. Certificates will be awarded to Instructors having 10 to 74 combined PE and MT Instructor hours or 25 or more hours as an Instructor Aide.
- c. These awards will be determined by the DSO-PE and DSO-MT from end-of-year AUXDATA reports.

10. Public Education Award.

- a. Outstanding Flotilla Trophy in Public Education. A perpetual trophy with keeper award will be awarded. Criteria are as follows:
  - (1) All Instructors within the Flotilla must have maintained Instructor status during the award year.
  - (2) The Flotilla must have reported at least 52 hours of Public Education Classes during the award year.
  - (3) The Flotilla must have the highest PE HOURS of all Flotillas considered.
- b. This award will be determined by the DSO-PE from the end-of-year AUXDATA reports.

11. Member Training Award.

- a. Outstanding Flotilla Trophy In Member Training. A perpetual trophy with keeper award will be awarded. Criteria are as follows:
  - (1) The Flotilla must have the highest total points computed by dividing the combined points listed below by the number of BQ and AX members in the Flotilla. The computation will be based on AUXDATA Unit Summary Data Reports dated 31 December of the year prior to the award year, or 1 January of the award year; thereby reflecting membership at the beginning of the award year.
  - (2) Points are awarded as follows:
    - (a) Each new qualification (IT, VE, MDV, CFVE, BCQP, AIR OPS) equals 10 points.
    - (b) Each completed Specialty Course equals 10 points.



- (c) Each new APC equals 10 points
- (d) Each new AUXOP equals 10 points
- (e) Each new member equals 10 points.
- (f) Each hour of MT Training equals 1 point.
- (g) This award will be determined by the DSO-MT from end-of-year AUXDATA reports.

12. Personnel Services Award.

- a. Outstanding Flotilla Trophy For Personnel Services. A perpetual trophy with keeper award will be awarded. Criteria are as follows:
  - (1) The Flotilla must show a minimum 10% net increase in membership, not including transfers, during the current awards year. Deaths will not be counted against the total.
  - (2) The Flotilla must have the highest total net gain in membership of all Flotillas considered.
- b. This award will be determined by the DSO-PS from the end-of-year AUXDATA reports.

13. Public Affairs Award.

- a. Outstanding Flotilla Trophy For Public Affairs. A perpetual trophy with keeper award will be awarded. Criteria are as follows:
  - (1) During the awards year, the Flotilla must have reported PA activity in at least four of the seven areas as listed on the Unit Summary Data Report. These areas are:
    - (a) Public Appearances
    - (b) Submitting Articles
    - (c) Radio/TV Programs
    - (d) Web Maintenance
    - (e) Publications

(f) Direct Mailings

(g) All Other PA

(2) The award will be given to the eligible Flotilla that has the highest total missions computed by adding the total number of PA units reported in the above seven areas to the total number of "Category 10" PA Missions reported on Unit Summary Data Report and dividing the sum by the total members in the Flotilla at the start of the awards year.

b. This award will be determined by the DSO-PA from the end-of-year AUXDATA reports.

14. Frank M. Walton Memorial Award.

a. A perpetual trophy with keeper award will be awarded to the Auxiliarist originating or developing a training aid(s), method(s), presentation(s) or new course(s) of instruction determined to be outstanding and of significant value to the Auxiliary's educational program.

b. This award will be determined by DIRAUX and the DCO.

c. This award will be presented ONLY in those years when an outstanding contribution has been made.

d. Appointed officers at any level are eligible for this award.

15. Publication/Photography Awards.

a. Outstanding Flotilla Publication Trophy. A perpetual trophy with keeper award will be given to the Flotilla that has the most outstanding Flotilla publication. Publications will be judged at the District Training by three members of EXCOM as appointed by the DCO. Criteria are as follows:

(1) The publication must be published at least four times annually.

(2) Each publication will be reviewed for content; such as announcements of Flotilla, Division, and District activities, recognition of member achievements and awards; member training items; etc.

(3) Flotilla Commanders desiring to have their publication considered are responsible to see that all issues published during the awards year are on display at the District Training.

- (4) It is stressed that the publication award will be judged on the basis of content and regularity, NOT on the method of printing, type of paper used, or number of pictures. The winner of this award will be the only, official Northern Region entry in the National competition for best Flotilla publication.
  - b. Outstanding Division Publication Trophy. A perpetual trophy with keeper award will be given to the Division that has the most outstanding Division publication. Publications will be judged at the District Training by three members of EXCOM as appointed by the DCO. Criteria are the same as for Outstanding Flotilla Publication as listed above.
  - c. Outstanding Auxiliary Photograph Award. A plaque will be awarded to the individual submitting the outstanding photograph of an Auxiliary activity used in the "NORTHWIND" during the awards year. Judging will be done by three members of EXCOM as appointed by the DCO.
16. Training Aids Awards. There shall be one training aid award for each of the four categories listed below. Only training aids displayed at the Annual District Training are eligible for awards.
- a. Categories. The entries shall be divided into four categories by type as follows:
    - (1) Type I. This category requires electronic/electrical circuitry, construction details, a materials list and instructions for use.
    - (2) Type II. This category does not require electronic/electrical circuitry but does require construction details, a materials list and instructions for use.
    - (3) Type III. This category does not require circuitry, construction details, or instructions for use. The construction and use must be self-evident.
    - (4) Type IV. This category can be a Type I, Type II, or Type III entry where total cost exceeds \$100.00.
  - b. Scoring. Training aids will be evaluated on a point scale being awarded a minimum of one to a maximum of ten points for each category listed below:
    - (1) Plans (Type I, II, and IV only). The entry must have detailed plans or photographs and a materials list for construction of the aid.
    - (2) Operational Instructions (Types I, II, and IV only). Brief, concise,

typewritten operating instructions must accompany the training aid.

- (3) Special Knowledge. The aid must be usable by the average instructor.
  - (4) Construction (Types I and II only). The aid must be constructed of materials available to the average Flotilla at a cost not to exceed \$100.00. A cost and materials list must accompany contest aids. The aid must be designed for construction by the average home shop craftsman with tools available to the average Flotilla membership.
  - (5) Portable. Aids must be portable, self-protected, or have a protective container for the purpose of transporting.
  - (6) Appearance. Quality of craftsmanship in construction of the aid must be apparent.
  - (7) Purpose. This is the degree to which the aid contributes to a specific area of instruction. The training aid must be used for instruction in some phase of one of the following subjects:
    - (a) Administration.
    - (b) Communications.
    - (c) Courtesy Examinations.
    - (d) Instruction.
    - (e) Navigation.
    - (f) Patrols.
    - (g) Seamanship & Rules of the Road.
    - (h) Search and Rescue.
    - (i) Weather.
  - (8) Originality. The aid must be novel and its concept original.
- c. Restrictions. Aids manufactured commercially may not be submitted for contest purposes.

- d. Judging. Judging will be done by DCO, IPDCO, VCO and the ADSO-PE of the awards year or their designees. Judges may decide that entries of a certain category or categories do not meet their criteria and may elect not to select a winning entry.
  - e. Custody. The transportation and custody of all entries shall be the sole responsibility of the cognizant Flotilla Commander or their designee. All entries shall be sent to the site of the District Training, set up and be ready for judging by the Awards Committee at the time and place designated.
  - f. Awards. If the awards criteria are met, judges will select a winning training aid in each of the four categories. They will then select the best of these and award the Flotilla submitting this training aid the "Best-of-Show" Perpetual Trophy with keeper award. The winning training aids in the other categories shall each receive a plaque, presented to the Flotilla that submitted the winner. In addition, there will be a separate plaque awarded to the Flotilla which displays the largest number of training aids at the District Training.
17. District Historian's Award. A perpetual trophy with keeper award will be awarded to the Flotilla with the most outstanding History Album on display at the District Conference. Judging will be conducted by two members appointed by the DCO.
- a. Definitions. **History Albums** are defined as the Flotilla history kept in an album by the Flotilla Historian. Press releases can also be included.
  - b. Suggested Criteria. The following criteria are to assist Flotillas in the preparation of History Albums:
    - (1) Include a listing of Flotilla Officers and Staff.
    - (2) Include topics covering all four Auxiliary cornerstones.
    - (3) Have originality, neatness, and an overall smart appearance.
    - (4) Include any press releases including those in the "NORTHWIND".
    - (5) Provide who, what, when, where, why and how labels.
    - (6) Include any special Flotilla activities.
18. Academy Introduction Mission (AIM).
- a. Flotilla AIM Award. A perpetual trophy with a keeper award will be awarded to the Flotilla demonstrating the greatest AIM activity. This

award will be determined by the DSO-CC based on the following criteria and point system:

- (1) Appointed FSO-CC's in attendance at the Annual District AIM workshops. Points will be credited from the sign-in roster (10 points each).
- (2) The number of schools contacted by an introductory AIM letter and follow-up phone calls as indicated in FSO-CC's monthly reports (1 point each).
- (3). Personal visits by FSO-CC's to school Career Centers/Counselors and participation in Career Days/Nights as reported under Category 09 "AIM Support Mission" on the Activity Report - Mission ANSC 7030 (1 point per hour).
- (4) The number of AIM Candidates interviewed by Flotilla Screening Panels as indicated in the FSO-CC's monthly reports (5 points each).
- (5) Flotilla AIM Candidates, 1 Primary and 1 Alternate, selected for Division Screening as indicated in the FSO-CC's monthly reports (10 points each).
- (6) Flotilla members serving on Flotilla and Division AIM Candidate Screening Panels as reported under Category 09 "AIM Support Mission" on the Activity Report - Mission ANSC 7030, (1 point per hour).
- (7) Flotilla AIM Candidates, 1 Primary and 1 Alternate, selected for Final District Screening. Crediting will be according to "Application Packages" submitted by SO-CC's and approved and accepted by DSO-CC (15 points per candidate).
- (8) The number of Flotilla AIM candidates selected by the District Screening Panel for Project AIM (20 points each).
- (9) The number of publicity articles regarding AIM submitted by Flotillas to their local media. Points will be credited according to copies of articles sent by FSO-CC's via SO-CC's to the DSO-CC (10 points each).

b. Certificates of Appreciation. To be presented at the Division/Flotilla Annual Change of Watch or Awards event.

- (1) Requirements to Merit the Certificate. Nominees **must** accomplish

item "a" below and at least two (2) or more of the criteria shown below within the fiscal year beginning 1 September and ending 31 August each year. Certificates shall be kept within the auspices of the USCG Auxiliary and not presented to public individuals or groups.

- (a) FSO-CCs and SO-CCs MUST submit a minimum of six (6) monthly reports and attend at least one AIM workshop/seminar at either Division, District, or National level to qualify.
- (b) Personal visitation to schools, or other organizations.
- (c) Distribute AIM, MITE, and other academy material, and mail AIM packets to schools.
- (d) Participate in College Fairs and High School Career Days.
- (e) Participate in Project 2000, or similar programs.
- (f) Conduct AIM raffles, picnics, or other fund raising activities.
- (g) Submit two (2) or more AIM related articles for publication in Auxiliary or public news media, or one (1) TV appearance.
- (h) Any other activity justified to further the AIM objectives, approved by the DSO-CC.

(2) Certificates.

- (a) Presented to the SO-CC will be Gold in color with "Bark Eagle" displayed in half-tone and signed by DSO-CC and District Commodore.
- (b) Presented to the FSO-CC will be blue in color with "Bark Eagle" displayed in half-tone and signed by the DCO and DSO-CC.
- (c) Presented to Auxiliary members who are NOT Career Candidate Officers will be of a third color with "Bark Eagle" displayed in half-tone and signed by the DCO and DSO-CC.

19. Aids to Navigation and Chart Update Program.

- a. General. Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating awards are based on the total credit points awarded by NOAA-National Ocean Service/U.S. Coast Guard and entered into AUXDATA. The credit points are awarded for reports submitted in Aids to Navigation Verification/Discrepancy, Bridge Lighting and Fender Surveys, Nautical and Aeronautical Chart Updating and other recommended additions, deletions and revisions to USCG and NOS publications.
  - b. Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating Individual Awards. A plaque will be awarded for first, second and third place provided that at least 200 credit points have been accumulated. Additional awards will be given as follows:
    - (1) Plaques. Plaques will be awarded to members accumulating 150 credit points or more.
    - (2) Certificates. Certificates will be awarded to members accumulating 50 to 149 points.
  - c. Flotilla Chart Updating Award. A perpetual trophy with keeper award will be awarded to the Flotilla with the highest total credit points in the Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating Programs as determined by a combination of AUXDATA Chart Updating Data and NOAA Reports dated 31 December of the awards year. The formula is: (NOAA Credits) + (ATON Points x 3) = Total Credit Points.
  - d. These awards will be determined by the DSO-AN.
20. Participation Strip Plaques. Strip plaques will be given in recognition of participation in various District activities. Such plaques may be awarded for events in addition to those listed below. Strip plaques will be presented on the day of the event, or as soon thereafter as possible. They will not be held until the end of the Awards year or the Awards Banquet.
- a. Coast Guard Appreciation Day Review. These plaques will be presented by the DSO-OP to the following facilities:
    - (1) Vessels passing the reviewing party.
    - (2) Aircraft flying over the event.
    - (3) Land Mobile units present and open for display.
    - (4) Vessels on ordered patrols.



- (5) Chase vessels.
- b. Annual Fun Run. These plaques will be presented by the On-Site Chairperson to the following:
  - (1) All participants.
  - (2) Committee members.
- d. SAR Strip Plaques. These plaques are given to each Skipper or Pilot maintaining their minimum patrol hours during the year. These awards will be determined by the ADSO-OPS and DSO-AV from the end-of-year AUXDATA reports. SAR strip plaques may also be awarded to Land Mobile Communicators as determined by the DSO-CM.

**C. Available District Awards**

- 1. The cognizant District Staff Officer (DSO) is responsible for calculation in each category.
  - a. First Place Awards.
    - (1) Aids to Navigation and Chart Update Program, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - (2) Air Crew/Observer Hours, 1<sup>st</sup> only
    - (3) Aircraft Pilot Hours, 1<sup>st</sup> only
    - (4) Land Mobile Patrol Hours (Scheduled), 1<sup>st</sup> only
    - (5) Land Mobile Call-Outs/Call-Out Hours, 1<sup>st</sup> only for each
    - (6) Fixed Land Base/Coast Guard Base Radio Watchstander Hours, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - (7) Instructor Hours for Public Education and Member Training, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - (8) Coxswain Hours, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - (9) Outstanding Photograph used in the "NORTHWIND", 1<sup>st</sup> only
    - (10) Patrol Crew Hours. 1<sup>st</sup> only

- (11) Vessel Examiner for VSCs, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3rd
- (12) Training Aids (four categories) Type I, II, III, IV, 1<sup>st</sup> for each category
- (13) Training Aids (Flotilla with Largest Number Submitted at the Conference), 1<sup>st</sup> only

b. Perpetual Trophies. Each perpetual trophy winner will receive a keeper award.

- (1) AIM Award Trophy
- (2) Air Operations Trophy (Actual In-Air Fight Time)
- (3) Chart Updating Trophy
- (4) Courtesy Marine Examination Flotilla Trophy
- (5) Director's Trophy (Outstanding Division)
- (6) District Commander's Trophy (Outstanding Flotilla)
- (7) District Commodore's Trophy (Outstanding Auxiliarist)
- (8) District Historian's Award
- (9) Frank M. Walton Memorial Trophy
- (10) Personnel Services Trophy
- (11) Communicator Trophy
- (12) Marine Dealer Visitor Trophy
- (13) Member Training Flotilla Trophy
- (14) Operations Flotilla Trophy
- (15) Overall Operations Trophy (Individual)
- (16) Public Affairs Flotilla Trophy
- (17) Public Education Flotilla Trophy
- (18) Publications Division Trophy

- (19) Publications Flotilla Trophy
- (20) Training Aid "Best Of Show"
- (21) Vice Commodore's Trophy (Commodore Joe West Award for Most Improved Flotilla)
- (22) Commodore Robert Pfeifer Award for Outstanding Active Duty/Auxiliary Cooperation.

**D. Coast Guard and Auxiliary Awards.**

1. General. There are several Coast Guard awards established solely for the Auxiliary. There are also several Coast Guard unit and team awards Auxiliary members are eligible to receive. See reference (a) for a description of these awards.
  - a. Making a Recommendation. For consideration of all listed awards (except the Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award and the Flotilla Meritorious Achievement), any Auxiliary member may make an Auxiliary award recommendation via the chain of leadership and management to the designated awarding authority. Military and CG civilian personnel may make Auxiliary award recommendations directly to DIRAUX.
  - b. Philosophy. Avoid inflation. Only the truly deserving should receive recognition. To do otherwise dilutes the significance of the award for the deserving recipient and minimizes the value of these awards to the entire organization. Good performance and service should always be recognized, but the presentation of formal awards should be reserved for individuals who have truly distinguished themselves in their service.
2. Procedures.
  - a. Any Auxiliary, Active Duty, or Reserve member having knowledge of an Auxiliarist who deserves award recognition may submit that person for an award. The award shall be prepared in accordance with reference (a) and submitted to the DCO or DIRAUX via the Auxiliary chain. Military and CG Civilian personnel may make Auxiliary award recommendations directly to DIRAUX.
  - b. Award Citations. Each award recommendation must be accompanied by a proposed citation. Examples of current award format and writeups are available from each Division Captain or from DIRAUX. Proposed citations should be submitted electronically to facilitate editing, but hard

copy is also authorized. Citations are most effective when they include the following:

- (1) Specific accomplishments
- (2) Positive, quantified results (% growth, rescued persons, towed vessels, increased capability, classes taught, etc)
- (3) Qualitative results (improved morale, job satisfaction, outstanding team atmosphere, etc)
- (4) Monetary or time savings
- (5) Weather conditions (winds, seas, waves, temperature, amount of available light) if applicable
- (6) Other pertinent information

- c. Award Summaries. For individual awards at the Meritorious Service Award level and higher, a one page summary of action will also be required along with the citation. The summary of action should be more detailed and expand upon the specific accomplishments identified in the proposed citation. These awards are approved at the District Commander or Coast Guard Headquarters level and must be very well justified.
- d. Documentation. Award recommendations that are documented by unit SITREPS or logs, news articles, video clips, eyewitness accounts or letters are easier to support. Submit documentation whenever possible.
- e. Award Recommendation Form (CG-1650). For individual award recommendations of Meritorious Service Award or higher or Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendations, submit an Award Recommendation Form (CG-1650) along with the proposed citation. This form will accompany the award in the active duty review process.
- f. Coast Guard Unit Commendation and Special Operations Service Awards. These awards are normally initiated at the Coast Guard unit level. They may include Auxiliary members who are augmenting the command or provide services in support of a unit event or mission. The active duty unit will normally collaborate with DIRAUX to ensure complete rosters and personnel information is provided.
- g. Award Approval. Auxiliary awards will be forwarded to either the DCO or DIRAUX, who will forward to EXCOM for review and comment. DIRAUX will approve Auxiliary Commendation Awards, Operational Merit Awards and below. Meritorious Service Awards will be approved

by the District Commander. Higher precedence awards will be forwarded to the Chief Director (G-OCX) for submission to the Headquarters Auxiliary Board of Awards.

- h. Lesser Award. Should, at any procedural step, the recommendation not be concurred for approval, a lesser, more appropriate award may be made. This award could include any special district certificate or Letter of Appreciation from the District Commander or the Auxiliary DCO.