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Congratulations all Division 23 members!

A Salute to the Best of the Best of 2015



In the spirit of "Catching People Doing things Right," at the recent D-Train Awards Luncheon, your division along with your individual flotillas were recognized for being the Best of the Best in the District for 2015 in numerous categories.

Congratulations Division 23:

- 1st Place out of 15 divisions in the district for the Highest Number of Members Having Completed Mandated Training (AUXMT)
- 2nd Place out of 15 divisions in the district for total hours spent on Marine Safety
- 3rd Place out of 15 divisions in the district for total hours spent on Operations
- 4th Place out of 15 divisions in the district for total hours spent providing Member Training
- 4th Place out of 15 divisions in the district for total hours spent on CG Operational Support
- 5th Place out of 15 divisions in the district for total hours spent on CG Admin Support
- 15 District Meritorious Facility Operations Awards: 6 Silver Decal Awards (at least 65 hours of air or surface patrols or at least 65 hours radio communications) and 9 Bronze Decal Awards (at least 30 hours of air or surface patrols or at least 30 hours of radio communications)

Congratulations Flotilla 23-01:

- 2nd Place out of 82 flotillas in the district for the Highest Number of Members Having Completed Mandated Training (AUXMT)
- 4th Place out of 82 flotillas in the district for total hours spent providing Member Training
- 4th Place out of 82 flotillas in the district for total hours spent on Patrols
- 9th Place out of 82 flotillas in the district for dedicated service totaling in excess of 100,000 cumulative hours as of December 31, 2015
- Platinum Level Winner (greater than 8,000 hours)-Total Hours Contributed during 2015
- Gold Level Winner (greater than 100 hours)-Average Hours Contributed Per Member during 2015
- 96.4% BQ attainment as of 01 FEB 2016—Only 2 members away from 100% BQ!

Congratulations Flotilla 23-02:

- 4th Place out of 82 flotillas in the district for total hours spent on Marine Safety
- Silver level Winner (greater than 4,000 hours)-Total Hours Contributed during 2015
- Silver Level Winner (greater than 70 hours)-Average Hours Contributed Per Member during 2015
- 93% BQ attainment as of 01 FEB 2016—Only 3 members away from 100% BQ!

Congratulations Flotilla 23-03:

- 100% BQ attainment as of 01 FEB 2016. (0 IQ status members) That means your entire membership has taken a safe boating course! As advocates of safe boating, thanks for leading by example.
- Silver level Winner (greater than 4,000 hours)-Total Hours Contributed during 2015
- Platinum Level Winner (greater than 200 hours)-Highest Level of Average Hours Contributed Per Member during 2015

Congratulations Flotilla 23-04:

- 3rd Place out of 82 flotillas in the district for hours spent on Government Agency Support
- Bronze level Winner (greater than 1,500 hours)-Total Hours Contributed during 2015
- Silver Level Winner (greater than 70 hours)-Average Hours Contributed Per Member during 2015

Congratulations Flotilla 23-06:

- 4th Place out of 82 flotillas in the district for hours spent on Legislative Outreach
- Silver level Winner (greater than 4,000 hours)-Total Hours Contributed during 2015
- Gold Level Winner (greater than 100 hours)-Average Hours Contributed Per Member during 2015
- 94.3% BQ attainment as of 01 FEB 2016—Only 2 members away from 100% BQ!

Congratulations Flotilla 23-07:

- Honorable Mention - Best Flotilla Website of the Year out of 82 flotillas in the district (Best of the Web is actually a 2016 award)
- Bronze level Winner (greater than 1,500 hours)-Total Hours Contributed during 2015
- Gold Level Winner (greater than 100 hours)-Average Hours Contributed Per Member during 2015
- 89.3% BQ attainment as of 01 FEB 2016—Only 3 members away from 100% BQ!

It is with great pleasure, pride, gratitude, and profound appreciation that I commend you for superior performance and outstanding service during 2015.

Division 23 is truly showing the world that “Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”(—Theodore Roosevelt)

Thanks to your ongoing individual and collaborative efforts, we’ll get closer to the day when every person who enjoys recreation on our local waterways is better informed, equipped, and prepared before they go out on the water!

The Best of the Best Winners exemplify the dedication and talent we are privileged to have serving in the Fifth District – Southern Region. Your honor, respect, and devotion to duty are an excellent example to all members and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Thank you for your many outstanding contributions in 2015! You are truly a team of Champions! Keep up the great work!

Semper Paratus,

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