

Captain Marion "Gus" Shrode Aviation Safety Award

1. General.

- a. The Ancient Order of the Pterodactyls (AOP) sponsors an annual aviation safety award program as a means of providing recognition to units, flight safety departments, or flight safety officers who demonstrate exceptional performance or provide outstanding contributions in the area of aviation safety.
- b. CAPT Shrode was selected as the honoree because of his actions as Chief, Coast Guard Aviation Safety Branch from 1961 to 1964. During his tenure CAPT Shrode was credited with the development of standardization programs for Coast Guard aircraft and published the Coast Guard's first Standardization Manual (1-11116). He was also a leader in the early formation of the current Aviation Training Center. Following his tenure as Aviation Safety Chief, CAPT Shrode completed seven years of continuous command experience without experiencing a single major accident or injury.

2. Eligibility Requirements.

- a. Commandant (G-WKS) 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.
- b. Nominees may be any flight safety officer, flight safety department, or aviation unit, 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; or excellence in aviation safety education.
- c. District and area commanders and Commanding Officers of Headquarters Units may submit the names of nominees to Commandant (G-WKS), to arrive no later than 15 July. Supporting documentation and a detailed summary describing the action must accompany the nomination.

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- d. Commandant (G-WKS) will review nominations received and select a single nominee for Commandant (G-W) approval and submission to AOP.
 - e. The nominees and the nominees' command will be notified of selection by Commandant (G-W) in time to arrange for the recipient's presence at the AOP annual gathering, held approximately in mid October of each year.
 - f. Funding for a single award recipient will be provided by Commandant (G-WKS) to attend the annual AOP gathering and receive subject award. Funding for permanent and individual plaques will be provided by the AOP.
3. Description.
- a. The award is a large wooden plaque which 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.