



## National Staff Awards presented at NACON 2015

Auxiliary Letter of Commendation:

**Mr. Stephan Reckie**

29 August 2015

From: Commandant  
To: Mr. Stephan Reckie, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Subj: AUXILIARY LETTER OF COMMENDATION

1. I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty while serving as Assistant Branch Chief, Youth Partners from November 2014 to June 2015. You worked closely with the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, and Sea Scouts to develop a system for recognizing achievements of the top performers in our Nation's largest youth organizations. Exhibiting exceptional teamwork with other Auxiliary national staff, you succeeded in launching new initiatives that promptly recognized Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Awardees, and Sea Scout Quartermasters. Through your insightful leadership and commitment, more than 3,200 recognition letters from the Auxiliary National Commodore were sent to outstanding youths in these organizations. Your efforts were instrumental to the development of targeted publicity and online Wiki resource materials that helped Auxiliaries effectively promote the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Sea Scouts. Your remarkable enthusiasm for strengthening partnerships between the Auxiliary and the Scouts significantly enhanced the Auxiliary's impact on the promotion of recreational boating safety among America's youth.
2. You are commended for your outstanding performance of duty. By your meritorious service, you have upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

For the Commandant,

F. T. Boross  
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety

Auxiliary Commendation Medal:

**Commodore Charles G. Morris**

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE AUXILIARY COMMENDATION MEDAL  
(GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF A THIRD)

TO

COMMODORE CHARLES G. MORRIS  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Commodore MORRIS is cited for outstanding achievement while serving as Chief, Auxiliary Strategic Research Division from May 2012 to June 2015. Exhibiting exceptional knowledge of quantitative

analysis and strategic organizational needs, Commodore MORRIS created guidance for the development of member surveys, resulting in the execution of five separate surveys providing senior leadership with insight into member patterns and trends across the Auxiliary. He developed, executed, and analyzed the 2013 general member survey, identifying and tabulating themes from among more than 1,000 written comments. These macro insights led to Commodore MORRIS's development and execution of additional local surveys and corresponding detailed reports focused on missions and operational dress uniform wear. Recognizing the Auxiliary's need to better understand key areas of training and retention, Commodore MORRIS provided timely analysis of the Instructor Development Survey while simultaneously developing an exit survey for use when members chose to depart the organization. This culminated in the whitepaper, *"Analysis of Member Attrition in 2014"* and the new Auxiliary member exit survey. Commodore MORRIS led the Auxiliary's efforts to incorporate online voting at the district and division level by reviewing 10 different software applications and voting websites to identify one that best met the organization's needs. His diligent efforts to select and configure the software, create user instructions, and configure 1,095 sites for individual Auxiliary units led to its successful implementation in the fall of 2014. Commodore MORRIS's dedication, judgment and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

### Auxiliary Legion of Merit:

**Commodore Joseph A. Gordon**

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE AUXILIARY LEGION OF MERIT

TO

COMMODORE JOSEPH A. GORDON

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Commodore GORDON is cited for outstanding meritorious service as the National Commodore's Special Counsel to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Regulations Project from January 2000 to January 2015. Serving alongside counterparts in the Coast Guard's Office of Standards Evaluation and Development, Office of Regulation and Administrative Law, Office of General Law, and Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, he filled the pivotal Auxiliary role in updating and amending 33 CFR Part 5, the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations that addressed the Coast Guard Auxiliary. His invaluable organizational insight was crucial to sustained planning, development, and refinement of the Auxiliary's most extensive overhaul of its Federal regulations in 20 years. Subject to extensive review by the Department of Homeland Security and the Office of Management and Budget, Commodore GORDON crafted clear and articulate justifications that consistently garnered their approval. His expertise was essential to revision of critical regulations dealing with Auxiliary organization, membership, assignment to duty, and legal authorities. In the course of providing over 2,000 hours of direct administrative support to this effort, he was always fully prepared for countless phone conferences and meetings held by the Auxiliary Regulations Project team, and he set the standards for detailed analysis, meticulous review, and timely response. Codification of these revisions in January 2015 enabled all Auxiliary units to work much more effectively with financial institutions, commercial entities, and State and local governments. Without his unparalleled dedication and continuity of involvement, the project would undoubtedly have taken significantly longer to promulgate. Commodore GORDON's ability, diligence, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation, RBS Job #1:

**Mr. Melvyn Borofsky**  
**Mr. William Carter**  
**Mr. Bruce Lindsey**  
**Ms. Dorothy Riley**  
**Mr. John Van Osdol**

29 Aug 2015

The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION to:

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
RBS-JOB #1 NEWSLETTER TEAM

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For exceptionally meritorious service from November 2014 to May 2015 in support of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety Outreach Directorate's *RBS-Job #1* Newsletter. The team, consisting of Auxiliary national staff members from the RBS Outreach, Public Education, and Vessel Examination/Partner Visitation directorates, coordinated, developed, and executed a brand new, high quality newsletter that replaced five other publications previously issued by these directorates. The team quickly gelled into a close knit group that effectively collaborated in soliciting and proofreading articles, creating attractive graphics, and developing an optimal layout for this new publication. After completing the inaugural issue and working against an extremely tight deadline, the team quickly compiled, edited, and completed a special issue in time for all Auxiliary flotillas and divisions to promote National Safe Boating Week. As a direct result of the team's creation of this new and valuable tool, public awareness of Coast Guard and Auxiliary recreational boating safety and marine environmental protection efforts was greatly enhanced. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary *RBS-JOB #1* Newsletter Team are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.”

For the Commandant,

F. Thomas Boross  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief Director of Auxiliary

Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation, Auxiliary Paddlecraft Program:

**Commodore Kenneth E. Brown**  
**Commodore Robert T. Shafer**  
**Commodore David E. Elliot**  
**Commodore Daniel L. Maxim**  
**Commodore Angelo A. Perata**  
**Mr. Don Goff**

29 August 2015

The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the  
COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION to:

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
AUXILIARY PADDLE CRAFT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TEAM

For services set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For exceptionally meritorious service while serving as a member of the Auxiliary Paddle Craft Program Development Team. Recognizing the need to address rapidly increasing national trends in paddle craft activities and associated casualties, this Team undertook the monumental task of establishing an entirely new Coast Guard Auxiliary program designed to provide paddle craft enthusiasts with comprehensive boating safety outreach in both shore side and underway environments. Employing a methodology that utilized best practices and addressed shortfalls of similar Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) programs, the Team established specific criteria for interacting with the paddle craft community as fellow paddle craft operators and subject matter experts. Leveraging its vast RBS experience and professional insight, the Team meticulously researched the broad array of paddle craft, systematically analyzed numerous training and emergency scenarios, and extensively consulted with various organizations in the paddle craft community. As a direct result of the Team’s thorough and innovative efforts, the Coast Guard’s new Auxiliary paddle craft program instruction was created and provided a versatile new tool for the targeted promotion and advancement of safety among this unique and burgeoning population of recreational boaters. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary Paddle Craft Program Development Team are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.”

For the Commandant,

F. T. BOROSS  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety