



## ESO OF THE YEAR AWARD

[ALCOAST 292/10](#) announced the solicitation for the Coast Guard ESO of the Year Award nominations. The Friday deadline (25 June) is fast approaching.

## 2010 ESO SYMPOSIUM

The 2010 ESO Symposium will be 23-26 August at the Embassy Suites in Norman, Oklahoma (just outside of Oklahoma City and home to the University of Oklahoma). For those of you who have not been to a Coast Guard ESO Symposium before, it is an opportunity for ESOs and CDAs to learn more about the education and training policies and processes, to meet with representatives from colleges to learn about their specific programs, and to network with other ESOs and CDAs.

The symposium planning team is still finalizing the agenda. However, the intent is to have concurrent sessions that appeal to both the full time ESO and are helpful to the collateral duty ESO. Monday the 23rd is intended to be primarily for the full time ESOs. Collateral duty ESOs, CDAs, and others are encouraged to attend starting on Tuesday the 24th.

All of the sessions offered in the Institute's ESO Orientation course for new ESOs will be offered during the symposium. I would encourage any ESO or CDA who has not attended one of the orientation courses to take advantage of that tract at the symposium. For other ESOs with more experience, there will be presentations and panels on topics such as for profit schools, the new Maritime Law Enforcement rate, rate related degree plans, rating advancement testing, Troops to Teachers, USMAPs, as well as others that are still in the process of being finalized.

It is the intent to announce the Education Services Officer of the Year on Thursday 26 August.

To register, go to the [2010 ESO Symposium website](#). There is an option to be billed later regarding the conference fee. Being billed later will avoid a scenario where your travel card bill will come due before your travel claim is filed.

## 2ND ANNUAL CG INSTITUTE INVITATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Coast Guard Institute will coordinate the Second Annual Coast Guard Institute Invitational Chess Tournament. Tournament games will be played online through Chess.com (on the



member's own time and computer of course). If you are interested in being a part of this tournament you must email IT2 Casey Speerschneider by 16 July. The tournament is open to any Coast Guard employee. The final match will be played Wednesday 25 August at the ESO Symposium.

## VANDER PUTTEN INSPIRATIONAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Coast Guard Institute is announcing a new award, the Vander Putten Inspirational Student of the Year Award. Mr. Vander Putten accredits his highly successful business career to the four years he spent on active duty in the Coast Guard. Through Mr. Vander Putten's generosity during the past decade, the Coast Guard Foundation has been able to provide nearly \$250,000 in education grants to deserving Coast Guard members. The criteria for this recognition is included below. Award packages should be sent to YNC Doug Williams at the Coast Guard Institute by 30 July 2010. This award will also be presented at the ESO Symposium on Thursday 26 August. Details and criteria are as follows:

The ISOY program is designed to recognize exemplary men and women serving with the Coast Guard as active duty or reserve members who have earned a degree at the associate's, bachelors, master's, or doctoral level. Other specialty degrees such as law degrees would also qualify. Only those students who demonstrate sustained exceptional standards of proficiency and dedication should be nominated for the Vander Putten Inspirational Student of the Year Award. Nominees should reflect the Coast Guard's core values of "Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty." All nominees should be role models whom all Coast Guard personnel strive to emulate. The earning of the degree shall have occurred within 18 months prior to the Coast Guard ESO Symposium or the triennial DoD World Wide Symposium.

### NOMINATION CRITERIA

All nominees for the ISOY Program must meet the following criteria:

1. Earned a degree within 18 months of the symposium event.
2. Used the Vander Putten Educational Grant for expenses incurred while earning the degree. The use of the grant does not have a timeframe stipulation. It only needs to have been used for the degree.

### NOMINATION PROCESS

Coast Guard Institute shall solicit nominations, via email bulletin.

1. In order for the selection board to have an overall view of the nominee, a detailed description is needed. A nomination package describing the nominee's accomplishments during the period for which



recommended will meet this need. A Coast Guard memo no longer than two single-spaced (12 point font) pages shall be the method of submission.

2. When nominating an individual for this prestigious award, the unit submitting a nomination should consider this in the same light as recommending the member for a high personal award.
3. A nomination can originate from anyone believing it is warranted, but must be endorsed by the member's command.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be key factors in consideration of selecting the ISOY nominee:

1. Demonstrated exceptional dedication in the pursuit of the degree (overcoming arduous obstacles to earn the degree) and personal and work ethics.
2. Demonstrated influence and encouragement of others to pursue higher education.
3. Other contributions, achievements, and community service.
4. Up to three memos from peers, professors, or community leaders can be attached to submission packages as enclosures. Memos shall be no longer than one single-spaced (12 point font) page long.

## EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Coast Guard Institute is establishing an Education Advisory Council. There are thousands of schools out there. Each school has hundreds of programs. Each state has different laws affecting tuition rates. There are differences on testing issues, degree plans, and career tracts. The sheer numbers of schools and customers often create interesting policy and practice dilemmas. The EAC will serve as a body that will help influence policy and process decisions to ensure fairness and efficiency of services. If you would like to be considered, please email CWO Devale Collier by 16 July with a brief summary that addresses your experience and the skills you believe you would bring to the team. You should also include a command endorsement on personal ability and time availability.

The intent would be for this group to meet at least once a year in person in conjunction with the ESO symposium or DoD World Wide. Other meetings throughout the year would be conducted electronically.

## CG FOUNDATION GRANT - LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

As of 1 July 2010, The Coast Guard Foundation Education Grant will once again cover language programs. This is a reversal of information passed in the CG Institute Bulletin FY-10 #1 in December 2009.

## EOCT PASS/FAIL LETTERS



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As of 1 July 2010, "official" pass/fail letters for End of Course Tests will no longer be mailed. They will instead be emailed. The member and the ESO will still receive the "unofficial" email. It will be followed by an "official" email once the test answer sheet has been verified.

ESOs should encourage members to retain a copy of the official email until they have had an assessment completed by the Coast Guard Institute and the EOCT credit appears on their transcript.

## VICE ADMIRAL WILLIAM F. REA, III MARINE SAFETY EDUCATION GRANT

The Coast Guard Foundation is announcing a new grant program specifically for Marine Science Technicians. The grant will be known as Vice Admiral William F. Rea, III Marine Safety Education Grant and will provide up to \$500 per calendar year. This grant will be administered in the same manner as the Vander Putten Education Grant. It will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

The Coast Guard Foundation is currently preparing to make the gift offer to the Coast Guard. Therefore, no money is currently available for this grant. However, it should become available before the end of the fiscal year. We will keep you posted.

## ESO LIST

The list of full time ESOs is provided for the collateral duty ESOs. The full time ESOs are very good sources of information and can provide guidance on best practices. Check out the [ESO list at the CG Portal](#) to find the full time ESO nearest you.