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Subject: 2015 Captain Marion "Gus" Shrode Aviation Safety Award Recipient

1. I am honored to announce LT Daniel Crowley of the Coast Guard Air Station Houston Safety Department as the recipient of the 2015 Captain Marion "Gus" Shrode Aviation Safety Award.
2. This annual award is sponsored by the Coast Guard Aviation Association (CGAA), also known as the Ancient Order of the Pterodactyls, to recognize superior performance and outstanding contributions to aviation safety within the Coast Guard. Captain Shrode was a pioneer in the development of Coast Guard aviation standardization programs, including publication of the Coast Guard's first aircraft standardization manual. Captain Shrode was also instrumental in creating the Coast Guard's Aviation Training Center in 1966, served as the Aviation Safety Chief, and completed seven years of continuous aviation command with distinction.
3. During the period of 1 June 2014 to 31 May 2015 LT Crowley exhibited superior performance as both the Flight and Ground Safety Officer for Air Station Houston. Working closely with the Air Station Houston command cadre, LT Crowley worked tirelessly to forge an open reporting culture that was founded on the Just Culture ethos and the Commandant's core values. As a result, Air Station Houston set the standard for the Coast Guard Aviation Community in mishap response, analysis and reporting all of which culminated in a significant reduction in the Air Station Houston mishap rate. Other accomplishments of note included the establishment of a unit Human Factors Council to address the safety and performance of all aircrew; a complete overhaul of the unit's operational risk management program as well as the monthly Flight and Ground Safety Boards to identify safety concerns, enhance aircrew proficiency, and ensure all air station processes were continually monitored for effectiveness; the implementation of an innovative weather safety alerting system for command personnel; partnering with the NTSB to thoroughly analyze a Class A mishap involving a local Coast Guard Auxiliary aircraft; the planning and execution of two full-scale mishap drills with local, district, and HQ entities; the implementation of a 4-month safety pause for night shift maintenance and the enactment of a duty section maintenance plan following the loss of the unit hangar lighting system; leveraging fallout funding to purchase a drive-on fuel truck spill containment system and procuring enhanced spill response kits; and initiating numerous safety recommendations resulting in enterprise-wide improvements in operational reliability and efficiency. As the Air Station Houston Flight Safety Officer, LT Crowley embodies the Commandant's guiding principles of Duty to People and Commitment to Excellence. His attention to detail and devotion to duty are paramount to the unit's safe execution of Coast Guard missions, and as such are highly deserving of the 2015 Captain Marion "Gus" Shrode Aviation Safety Award.
4. I wish to extend my personal congratulations to LT Crowley. He distinguished himself from a highly competitive field of safety staffs and dedicated safety professionals. The Safety Departments and individual

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nominees listed below are also commended for their noteworthy safety leadership, responsiveness, and initiative during the past year.

- A. Sector Corpus Christi: LT Julie Padgett, LT Terrance Herdliska, LT McClain Isom, LT Bryan Brownlee, and Mrs. Jammie Fisher.
  - B. AIRSTA Elizabeth City: LT David Birky, LT Anthony Martinez, LT Tod Storie, and AET3 Michael Manning.
  - C. HITRON: LT Zach Fuentes, LT Kenny Ingram, LT Ian Groom, and LT Josh Murphy.
  - D. Sector Humboldt Bay: LT Keith Roberts and LT Alexis Scott.
  - E. AIRSTA Kodiak: LCDR Christopher Young, LT John Oscar, LT Scott Woodcock, and LT Matt Keiper.
  - F. Sector North Bend: LT Patrick Reid and LT Justin Church.
5. Internet Release Authorized.
6. Mr. G. L. Gebele, Chief, Office of Safety and Environmental Health, sends.