

Charles S. Greanoff Inspirational Leadership (Flotilla Commander) Award

The Charles S. Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award recognizes the most exemplary performance by a Flotilla Commander during the previous calendar year. Only those Flotilla Commanders who demonstrated sustained, exceptional standards of proficiency and conduct, and whose appearance and bearing were consistently impeccable, shall be considered for nomination. This award parallels the other Coast Guard Inspirational Leadership Awards: Captain John G. Whitherspoon Inspirational Leadership Award for Active Duty and Reserve Officers, the George R. Putnam Inspirational Leadership Award for Civilians, and the MCPO Angela M. McShan Inspirational Leadership Award for Active Duty or Reserve Chief Petty Officers (E-7). The recipient's tenure shall extend from 1 January to 31 December of the year selected.

Eligibility Criteria

Nominees for this Auxiliary Leadership Award must meet the following criteria:

- Serve as incumbent **Flotilla Commander** at the time of the solicitation for the award (October).
- Be a member in good standing of the Auxiliary at the time of selection (February).
- Regularly demonstrate unwavering leadership prowess, including the ability to gain genuine commitment from all levels of the organization.
- Exemplify the Coast Guard core values of "Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty."
- Demonstrate sincere interest and concern for others and their success in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- Display a keen sense of ethical conduct and exhibit a high degree of personal integrity.
- Earn the high esteem and admiration of others.
- Foster the spirit and intent of diversity.
- Motivate others to excel in mission performance.
- Be a positive role model and mentor.
- Project professional uniform appearance and bearing.

- Other related contributions, achievements, and awards should be included for consideration.

Submission Requirements

The Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award nomination packages shall be processed as follows:

- The National Commodore shall solicit nominations during the month of **October** each year via an ALAUX.
- Nomination packages must originate at the Flotilla level and can be submitted by any member directly to the Division Captain. The package should be forwarded electronically. Packages should adhere to the minimum requirements prescribed by the sample format in the Appendix. The Division Captain must submit the Division's selection to the District Commodore by **1 November**.
- The district/regional EXCOM must validate all nomination packages and determine which nomination to forward. The DCO shall endorse and forward only one Leadership Award nomination from the district/region to the respective ARCO by **1 December**.
- Upon review of all packages, each ARCO shall endorse and forward only one nomination for the area to NACO and NAVCO for review by **1 January**.
- NACO shall submit the three nomination packages to G-PCX by **10 January**.
- G-PCX shall review and forward the three nomination packages to CG-133 by **15 January**.
- G-133 shall convene a selection committee consisting of one O6 (Captain), one E9 (Master Chief), one Civilian and one Auxiliary Commodore. The final nominee will be selected in **February**.

Recognition

The recipient of the Inspirational Leadership Award shall receive the following recognition:

- Announcement of award by ALCOAST and ALAUX message.
- Award presentation will take place at a ceremony in Washington, DC during the Commandant's State of the Coast Guard address (**March**), in conjunction with the Whitherspoon, McShan and Putnam Inspirational Leadership Awards. A trophy will be presented.

- Travel, lodging and per diem expenses for the recipient and guest will be covered by orders which shall be issued by G-133.
- Recommendation for the Auxiliary Commendation Medal to be submitted by NAVCO.
- An article and photo will be published in the Coast Guard's *Leadership News* and *The Navigator*.
- The Geanoff Inspirational Leadership Award recipient may be requested, with NACO concurrence, to represent the Auxiliary at other official functions and ceremonies during their tenure.

Background on Commodore Charles S. Geanoff:

Mr. Geanoff first became affiliated with the Coast Guard in 1943. He was released from the Army that year under the Sullivan Act, and immediately signed up with the U.S. Coast Guard Temporary Reserve and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (both entities were one in the same at that time) on August 23rd, 1943. He became part of District 9 Flotilla 7-03, a port security unit responsible for protecting the Port of Cleveland, the Cuyahoga River and the city's bridges. After the war Mr. Geanoff continued his active participation in the new Coast Guard Auxiliary and soon became Flotilla Commander in 1950. He quickly rose through the ranks of the Auxiliary; first holding the position of Division Captain in 1953, Ninth District Commodore in 1956-57 and achieving the Auxiliary's highest position of National Commodore in 1958-59. As National Commodore, Mr. Geanoff traveled the country to support the new missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and even testified before Congress on the importance of boating safety regulation. He was instrumental in shaping the Auxiliary into the effective organization it is today. During the next three decades COMO Geanoff continued to accrue thousands of hours of support each year for all the Coast Guard's missions as an active member of the Auxiliary. Commodore Geanoff's affiliation with his most recent duties first began in 1991 with his appointment as assistant to the Ninth CG District Family Programs Administrator. He was a key player in the establishment of the fledgling Work Life program development in D9. In March of 1993 COMO Geanoff was appointed the Ninth District Ombudsman Coordinator, the first Ombudsman Coordinator position created in the Coast Guard, and he continued in that role until 2005. During the last ten years of service as the Ninth District Ombudsman Coordinator Mr. Geanoff trained over 150 district ombudsmen at more than fifty units around the Great Lakes providing guidance, training and support to these important volunteers. COMO Geanoff's spirit of leadership epitomizes the criteria established for the Auxiliary Inspirational Leadership Award, through his 63 years of sustained service, based on the core values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty, and dedicated to the members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Coast Guard and the nation. Past National Commodore Geanoff currently resides in Lakewood, Ohio.

Appendix

Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award Nomination Package Format

Date

From: District Commodore

To: NAVCO, Chairman, COMO Charles S. Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award
Selection Committee

Thru: Area Commodore

Subj: COMMODORE CHARLES S. GREANOFF INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP
AWARD NOMINATION

Ref: (a) The Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 series, ch.11

- Nominations shall not exceed three typed pages.
- They must be in MS Word format.
- Include two digital color photos (.jpg); one photo to be full length wearing Tropical Blue Long uniform with combination cap or Auxiliary Blue Blazer outfit with no hat, and one photo to be head and shoulder without combination cap (similar to Auxiliary ID photo).
- Nomination packages shall be submitted via email with this document and both .jpg photos as attachments. An on-line form will be available on the Forms page of the Auxiliary website.

1. The following background information is provided per reference (a):

- a. Name: James R. Jones, EMPLID 1234567
- b. Unit: XXX-XX-XX
- c. Date of enrollment: YY MMM DD
- d. Name of spouse and/or children (if applicable)
- e. Offices attained: Example –
 - FSO-MT YY MMM DD to YY MMM DD
 - FC YY MMM DD to YY MMM DD
 - National Staff – BA-XXX YY-MM-DD to present

2. Special projects (describe):

Example: Coordinated a Flotilla Safe Boating Day at the Community Festival
Organized members to host a holiday party for the local CG Station

3. Previous recognition during Auxiliary membership (describe):

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Example: Flotilla Auxiliarist of the Year - 2005
Runner up – Division Auxiliarist of the Year - 2005
Letter of Appreciation

4. List and describe any personal Auxiliary awards:

Example: Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation (2)
Auxiliary Golden Web Award

5. Brief synopsis of significant professional and personal achievements that support nominee's selection:

Example: Leadership and Management School
Coxswain qualified
Professional Development (career or community related)

6. Narrative of the nominee's outstanding achievements based on specific facts and examples, which clearly show that they were exceptional in accordance with nomination criteria.

Example: Specific examples and supporting information on how the nominee exemplifies the criteria for this leadership award. Nominations should focus on proactive leadership acts that benefit the greater good of the members, flotilla, division, and community, and less on the day-to-day routine activities and management of flotilla activities and resources. Units should consider the prestigious nature of this award and the prospect of the nominee's participation in high visibility initiatives.

7. Community Service:

Community service may address what the Auxiliarist has done for everyone they came into contact with through the Auxiliary, local Coast Guard units, and other organizations.

8. Required Photos.