



### **Auxiliary Commendation Medal**

### **Auxiliarist of the Year Award – 2020**

The Auxiliarist of the Year award recognizes the most exemplary performance by an eligible Auxiliarist during the calendar year.

Only those Auxiliarists who consistently demonstrated sustained and exceptional standards of proficiency, conduct, uniform appearance, initiative, and performance of duty that achieved results which reflected the highest quality of teamwork and customer service are considered for nomination.

This award parallels the awards for the Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the Year and the Civilian Employee of the Year.

### **This Year's Recipient is:**

**Patrick M. Brown** as a member of Eighth District - Eastern Region.

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**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD**

**OF THE AUXILIARY COMMENDATION**

**MEDAL TO**

**MR. PATRICK M. BROWN**

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
AUXILIARY**

**Mr. BROWN is cited for outstanding achievement while serving as a member of Eighth District - Eastern Region, Flotilla 11- 5, from January to December 2020. At the COVID-19 pandemic's outset, he immediately stepped forward as National Branch Chief for Media/Video to provide safe and secure remote conduct of all Auxiliary national, district, division, and flotilla elections. He insightfully managed the Auxiliary's electronic polling website and immediately resolved concerns as they arose. He was instrumental to development of the "Election of Unit Officers Through the Use of Electronic Means" Standard Operating Procedure, a comprehensive policy document issued by the Chief Director of Auxiliary that established ground- breaking procedures for the Auxiliary's virtual elections. His meticulous effort enabled rapid Auxiliary-wide familiarization with this new technology, facilitated successful conduct of over 1,000 time-sensitive Auxiliary elections, ensured Auxiliary leadership continuity despite the pandemic's restrictive impacts, and resoundingly proved the efficacy of virtual elections. Devoted to professional development and service, he also maintained currency as an instructor and vessel examiner, and logged over 745 hours of activity. Mr. BROWN'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.**

