



Coast Guard Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal

Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal Award – 2021

The Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) recognizes Auxiliarists who distinguish themselves by contributing exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award is only awarded by the Commandant.

The performance required to justify this award is exceptional performance of duty, which benefits the Auxiliary as a whole. This performance, therefore, must be clearly much higher than normally expected, and must have a measurable, positive effect on the entire organization. Normally this award will be given to elected and appointed officers for extraordinary achievement. This statement should not be interpreted so as to preclude the award to any Auxiliarist whose service meets the requirement.

The key words for this award are distinguished, operational, and exceptional meritorious service. To justify this award, exceptional performance of duty, clearly much higher than normally expected, which has resulted in significant benefit to the entire Auxiliary organization, is required.

This Year's Recipient is:

COMO ALEXANDER J. MALEWSKI as National Commodore

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**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AUXILIARY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**

TO

COMMODORE ALEXANDER J. MALEWSKI

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Commodore MALEWSKI is cited for exceptionally meritorious service to the Government of the United States in a position of great responsibility as National Commodore from November 2020 to August 2022. His strategic vision, which focused on being *Ready, Resourceful, and Relevant*, inspired the Auxiliary to deliver superb support to the Coast Guard and Nation despite the extraordinary challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic. Working closely with the Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, Commodore MALEWSKI implemented prudent procedures that kept Auxiliarists safe while engaged in their vital missions. He championed remarkable creation and growth of invaluable Auxiliary programs, exemplified by adding more than 30 Auxiliary healthcare professionals including the first Auxiliary flight surgeons and expanding the Auxiliary Chaplain corps to nearly 100 members who provided vital religious ministry support to Coast Guard personnel. Displaying unparalleled commitment to service, Commodore MALEWSKI rapidly coordinated the Auxiliary response to Department of Homeland Security and Customs and Border Protection requests for assistance at the U.S. Southwest border in which dozens of Auxiliarists quickly delivered over 5,000 hours of critical humanitarian support. Despite unprecedented challenges, his inspirational leadership directly resulted in the Auxiliary's delivery of more than 3.1 million hours of operational and administrative support to Coast Guard missions, over 168,000 vessel examinations and marine dealer visits, and over 510 lives and \$35 million in property saved that helped significantly reverse rising trends in recreational boating accidents and deaths. Commodore MALEWSKI's leadership, dedication, 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.