



**Auxiliary Commendation Medal**

**COMO Charles S. Greanoff Award – 2020**

This award recognizes the most exemplary performance by an FC during the calendar year. Only those FCs 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 other Coast Guard Inspirational Leadership Awards: the 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).

**This Year's Recipient is:**

**Alexander Rico** as Flotilla Commander of 1SR 5-11

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**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE AUXILIARY COMMENDATION MEDAL  
TO  
MR. ALEXANDER R. RICO  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

**Mr. RICO is cited for outstanding achievement while serving as Flotilla Commander, Flotilla 5-11, First District – Southern Region from January 2020 to December 2020. Demonstrating remarkable enthusiasm and astute vision, he immediately implemented a three-pronged strategy focused on recruitment, community relations, and adherence to unit traditions that rejuvenated flotilla operations across the Upper Manhattan region. Applying impressive collaborative skill, he forged several new relationships with recreational boating safety partners including the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. His infectious optimism permeated Flotilla 5-11 with a can-do attitude that enabled it to overcome the burgeoning challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a direct result of his creative and ardent leadership, the flotilla innovatively leveraged technology to keep membership connected and committed to training and professional development, compiled over 8,000 hours of service, and increased enrollment by 20 percent. A superb shipmate, he also performed over 100 hours in creating the flotilla’s first-ever newsletter, “The Daymark,” an attractive new publication that greatly enhanced public awareness of Auxiliary programs and missions. Mr. RICO’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.**