



**Auxiliary Commendation Medal**

**Auxiliarist of the Year Award – 2024**

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:**

**AUXILIARIST NATALIE M. BUNTING** as a member of Seventh District

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**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE AUXILIARY COMMENDATION MEDAL  
TO  
AUXILIARIST NATALIE M. BUNTING  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

**Auxiliarist BUNTING is cited for outstanding achievement while serving as a member of Seventh District, Flotilla 39, from January to December 2023. She insightfully organized numerous outreach events and dynamic public affairs campaigns that successfully targeted diverse and underrepresented societal groups. By integrating achievements that minorities have contributed to the Coast Guard and Auxiliary into her recruiting efforts, she successfully boosted unit diversity along with a 20 percent increase in flotilla membership. Auxiliarist BUNTING ardently built new community relationships and strengthened existing ones with key community stakeholders. She partnered with local schools, yacht clubs, government agencies, and the Naval Sea Cadet Corps to conduct many public education classes advertised by flyers and social media that she created. She also established a solid working relationship with local Bass Pro management that enabled the flotilla to use new facilities for its meetings and boating safety courses. She personified commitment to professional development and service by achieving qualifications as an Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist and Auxiliary Instructor while also performing over 1,600 hours of Auxiliary program support. Auxiliarist BUNTING'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.**

