



Auxiliary Commendation Medal

COMO Charles S. Greanoff Award – 2021

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:

RALPH G. HENDRICKS as Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 17-06, Seventh District

**** CITATION FOLLOWS ****

**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AUXILIARY COMMENDATION MEDAL
TO
MR. RALPH G. HENDRICKS
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

Mr. HENDRICKS is cited for outstanding achievement while serving as Flotilla Commander, Flotilla 17-06, Seventh District from January 2021 to December 2021. Demonstrating remarkable enthusiasm and astute vision, he immediately implemented a comprehensive training plan focused on addressing the dire need for Qualification Examiners in the region. Through his key direction, Mr. HENDRICKS led over 100 hours of on-water and classroom training across all five flotillas in his division, efforts which were pivotal in improving the skills of 21 examiners. Further, his leadership was pivotal in his efforts to Coast Guard Station Port Canaveral, where he coordinated 67 Auxiliarists from the division who delivered over 200 hours of direct assistance to support seven rocket launch missions, efforts which safeguarded the boating public and the nation's waterways during these dynamic rocket launch evolutions. Mr. HENDRICKS also served as the Auxiliary Liaison Coordinator for Station Port Canaveral, where his innovative manner led to a dramatic increase of Auxiliary coverage in watchstanding, Culinary Assistance and PPE inspection. He also kept safety a top priority, providing virtual meetings and events for fellowship while reducing the potential spread of COVID-19. Mr. HENDRICKS' 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.