

Commander David H. Bartlett and Commodore Lloyd T. Nicholls Auxiliary Aviation Award of Excellence.

The **Coast Guard Aviation Association (CGAA)**, along with the aviation arm of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (AUX), sponsors an annual aviation award as a means of providing recognition to specific Coast Guard Auxiliarists that have made exceptional contributions to Coast Guard aviation. Commander David H. Bartlett and Commodore Lloyd T. Nicholls, were selected as namesake honorees due to their contributions towards the creation of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Aviation program.

Eligibility Requirements: Nominees may be any U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist, who serves in any capacity, that has demonstrated outstanding contributions to Coast Guard Aviation. These actions may not necessarily be operational in nature. This performance must clearly be of a nature much higher than that normally expected, and, that has a significant positive impact on the ability of the Coast Guard and/or Coast Guard Auxiliary to complete its mission or further advance its goals and objectives.

Recommendations: District Directors of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) and Sector and/or Air Station Commanders may submit the names of nominees to USCG AUX National Division Chief-Aviation, to arrive no later than 15 July. Supporting documentation and a detailed summary describing the action must accompany the nomination.

Nominations and supporting documentation will be presented to an Auxiliary Aviation Awards Selection Board consisting of the following:

- 1) National Auxiliary Vice Commodore (VNACO)
- 2) Deputy National Commodore-Operations (DNACO-O)
- 3) Vice-President Auxiliary Affairs CGAA (this is a CGAA appointed position)
- 4) National Division Chief-Aviation (DVC-RA)
- 5) NACO Liaison Representative to CGAA

Once the individual or individuals are selected, the recommendation is forwarded to NACO and CGAA for visibility and final approval.

USCG AUX Division Chief-Aviation will notify the selectees and the selectees' commands/Flotillas in sufficient time to arrange for the recipients' presence at the CGAA annual convention, held approximately in mid-October or November of each year.

Presentation: The award is a large wooden plaque engraved with the name(s) of each selected Auxiliarist.