

28 January 2006

**From: Commandant**

**To: Mr. Joseph R. Engel, USCG Auxiliary**

**Subj: AUXILIARY LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

1. I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty as National Special Project Officer from July 2005 to November 2005. Demonstrating superb technical competence and remarkable team spirit, you spear-headed joint efforts of the Auxiliary's National Executive Committee, the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Personnel Management Directorate, and the Office of Auxiliary to develop and establish a Coast Guard Auxiliarist-of-the-Year Award. Exhibiting exceptional insight, you brokered the collective efforts of all concerned to successfully adapt the Coast Guard's Enlisted and Civilian Person-of-the-Year Awards into a corresponding Auxiliary award program in less than five months. Your remarkable sense of responsibility and project ownership was best reflected by the precise craftsmanship throughout the comprehensive award instruction that you drafted to institutionalize the program in Coast Guard policy. As a direct result of your efforts, a long-overdue yet vital recognition program that appropriately salutes and promotes the involvement of new Auxiliarists in Auxiliary programs each year was established.

2. You are commended for your outstanding performance of duty. By your meritorious service, you have upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

3. You are hereby authorized to wear the Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation ribbon bar.

**For the Commandant,**

**B. P. SMITH  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Office of Auxiliary**