Section G. Precedence for Awards

Introduction

The Auxiliary's Awards, as the parent organization, will precede all other organizational awards, except as noted. DOT awards are listed, but other civilian Governmental departments, international, and foreign awards may be appropriately worn. Information on other award precedence not shown is available from the Chief Director or as found in the Coast Guard Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25 (series), or Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series). When the wearing of ribbons is required, Auxiliarists may wear all ribbons authorized, their three senior ribbons or their choice of nine of their authorized ribbons. The order of precedence for awards that may be worn by Auxiliarists is provided in Tables 11-2 through 11-8 as follows:

Table 11-2
Personal Decorations

Order of Precedence	Award
1	Medal of Honor
2	* Distinguished Service Cross; Air Force Cross
3	Navy Cross 11-18
4	**Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal**
5	Defense Distinguished Service Medal
6	* Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal
7	Distinguished Service Medals: Navy; Air Force
8	Presidential Medal of Freedom
9	National Security Medal
10	NASA Distinguished Service Medal
11	National Science Medal
12	Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal
13	PHS Distinguished Service Medal
14	Silver Star Medal
15	Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement (DOT Individual Bronze Medal)
16	Defense Superior Service Medal
17	DOT Guardian Medal
18	Auxiliary Legion of Merit
19	Legion of Merit
20	Distinguished Flying Cross
21	**Auxiliary Plaque of Merit**
22	Coast Guard Medal
23	* Navy/Marine Corps Medal
24	Soldier's Medal
25	Airman's Medal
26	Gold Lifesaving Medal
27	Distinguished Public Service Award
28	Bronze Star Medal
29	Purple Heart Medal
30	**Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal**

Table 11-2
Personal Decorations - Continued

Order of Precedence	Award
31	Defense Meritorious Service Medal
32	Meritorious Service Medal
33	Merchant Marine Meritorious Service Medal
34	PHS Meritorious Service Medal
35	Air Medal
36	Silver Lifesaving Medal
37	Meritorious Public Service Award
38	Secretary's Award for Meritorious Achievement (DOT Individual Silver Medal)
39	**Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit**
40	**Auxiliary Commendation Medal**
41	* Joint Service Commendation Medal
42	Coast Guard Commendation Medal
43	Commendation Medals: Navy; Army; Air Force
44	Merchant Marine Mariner's Medal
45	PHS Outstanding Service Medal
46	PHS Commendation Medal
47	Secretary's Award for Superior Achievement (DOT Individual Bronze Medal)
48	**DOT 9/11 Medal**
49	**Auxiliary Achievement Medal**
50	Joint Service Achievement Medal
51	* Coast Guard Achievement Medal
52	Achievement Medals: Navy; Army; Air Force
53	PHS Achievement Medal
54	NOAA Corps Director's Ribbon
55	**Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar**
56	**Sustained Auxiliary Service Award**
57	Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar
58	Combat Action Ribbon
Legend:	* - Indicates equivalent awards, worn in the order first earned. # - Indicates discontinued/retired Auxiliary awards. BOLD - Indicates awards an Auxiliarist may be awarded.

Table 11-3
Unit Awards

Order of Precedence	Award
1	**Presidential Unit Citation**
2	Joint Meritorious Unit Award
3	**DOT Outstanding Unit Award**
4	**Coast Guard Unit Commendation**
5	* Navy Unit Commendation; Army Valorous Unit Award; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; Air Force Organizational Excellence Award **NOTE** Note if both Air Force awards are earned, they are worn together, with the Outstanding Unit Award ahead of the Organizational Excellence Award.
6	**Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation**
7	* Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation
8	* Army Meritorious Unit Commendation
9	**Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation**
10	# Auxiliary Group Action Award
11	Coast Guard "E" Ribbon
12	**Coast Guard Auxiliary Operational Excellence "E" Ribbon**
13	Navy "E" Ribbon
14	**Coast Guard Bicentennial Unit Commendation**
Legend:	* - Indicates equivalent awards, worn in the order first earned. # - Indicates discontinued/retired Auxiliary awards. BOLD - Indicates awards an Auxiliarist may be awarded.

Table 11-4
Campaign and Service Awards

Order of Precedence	Award
1	Prisoner of War Medal
2	Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal
3	* Good Conduct Medals: Navy; Marine Corps; Army; Air Force
4	Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal
5	Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal
6	Organized Marine Corps Reserve Medal
7	* Expeditionary Medals: Navy; Marine Corps
8	American Defense Service Medal
9	American Campaign Medal
10	European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
11	Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
12	World War II Victory Medal
13	U.S. Antarctic Expedition Medal
14	Navy Occupation Service Medal
15	Army of Occupation Medal
16	Medal for Humane Action
17	China Service Medal
18	National Defense Service Medal
19	Korean Service Medal
20	Antarctica Service Medal
21	Arctic Service Medal
22	Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
23	Vietnam Service Medal
24	Southwest Asia Service Medal
25	Auxiliary Humanitarian Service Award
26	Humanitarian Service Medal
27	DOT 9/11 Ribbon
28	Special Operations Service Ribbon
29	Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
30	Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon
31	Coast Guard Restricted Duty Ribbon

Table 11-4
Campaign and Service Awards - Continued

Order of Precedence	Award
32	Navy/Marine Corps Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Army Overseas Ribbon; Navy/Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon; Air Force Overseas Ribbon ("Short Tour" replaces "Long Tour" version)
33	Navy Arctic Service Ribbon
34	Naval Reserve Sea Service Ribbon
35	Coast Guard Basic Training Honor Graduate Ribbon
36	Air Force Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon
37	* Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award
38	* Auxiliary Recruiting Service
39	Coast Guard Recruiting Service Ribbon
40	* Armed Forces Reserve Medal
41	Naval Reserve Medal; Marine Corps Reserve Ribbon; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal; Air Reserve Forces
42	Auxiliary Meritorious Service Specialty Ribbon
43	*Operations Program Ribbon
44	*Examiner Program Ribbon
45	*Instructor Program Ribbon
46	Auxiliary Membership Service Award
47	Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Medal
48	* Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award Vessel, Examinations/Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program
49	* Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award Public Education Service
50	* Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award Operations Service
51	# Auxiliary AMOS Member Resource Unit Award
52	# Auxiliary AMOS Vessel Examination Unit Award
53	# Auxiliary AMOS Public Education Unit Award
54	# Auxiliary AMOS Operations Unit Award
55	Merchant Marine Gallant Ship Unit Citation
56	Merchant Marine Defense Bar
57	Merchant Marine Combat Bar
58	Merchant Marine Atlantic War Zone Bar

Table 11-4
Campaign and Service Awards - Continued

Order of Precedence	Award
59	Merchant Marine Pacific War Zone Bar
60	Merchant Marine Mediterranean/Middle East War Zone Bar
61	Merchant Marine World War 11 Victory Medal
62	Merchant Marine Korean Service Bar
63	Merchant Marine Vietnam Service Bar
64	Public Health Service Outstanding Unit Citation
65	Public Health Service Unit Commendation
66	Public Health Service Hazardous Duty Ribbon
67	Public Health Service Foreign Duty Ribbon
68	Public Health Service Special Assignment Ribbon
69	Public Health Service Isolated Hardship Ribbon
Legend:	* - Indicates equivalent awards, worn in the order first earned. # - Indicates discontinued/retired Auxiliary awards. BOLD - Indicates awards an Auxiliarist may be awarded.

Table 11-5
Foreign Personal Decorations and Unit Awards

Order of Precedence	Award
1	Philippine Presidential Unit Citation
2	Korean Presidential Unit Citation
3	Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation
4	Vietnam Air Service Medal
5	Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Gallantry Cross Medal
6	Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation
7	Civil Actions Medal First Class
Legend:	* - Indicates equivalent awards, worn in the order first earned. # - Indicates discontinued/retired Auxiliary awards. BOLD - Indicates awards an Auxiliarist may be awarded.

Table 11-6
Non-U.S. Service Awards

Order of Precedence	Award
1	Philippine Defense Ribbon
2	Philippine Liberation Ribbon
3	Philippine Independence Ribbon
4	United Nations Service Medal United Nations Medal
Legend:	* - Indicates equivalent awards, worn in the order first earned. # - Indicates discontinued/retired Auxiliary awards. BOLD - Indicates awards an Auxiliarist may be awarded.

Table 11-7
Foreign Service Awards

Order of Precedence	Award
1	Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (‘60 medal)
2	Kuwait Liberation Medal
3	Bosnia Service Medal
Legend:	* - Indicates equivalent awards, worn in the order first earned. # - Indicates discontinued/retired Auxiliary awards. BOLD - Indicates awards an Auxiliarist may be awarded.

Table 11-8
Marksmanship Awards

Order of Precedence	Award
1	Coast Guard Expert Rifleman Medal or Sharpshooter/Marksman Ribbon
2	Coast Guard Expert Pistol Shot Medal or Sharpshooter/Marksman Ribbon
3	Other Service Marksmanship Ribbons
NOTE	Marksmanship Medals are included in breast device choices, if suspended from a pocket flap (Army and Marine).
Legend:	* - Indicates equivalent awards, worn in the order first earned. # - Indicates discontinued/retired Auxiliary awards. BOLD - Indicates awards an Auxiliarist may be awarded.