

SECTION VII

AWARDS

1. Certificate of Appreciation

A Certificate of Appreciation may be awarded for any outstanding service rendered. The certificate shall be presented during an official function or assembly, designated by the National or Branch President.

2. Presidents Outstanding Branch Award

INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

PURPOSE: To recognize the Outstanding Coast Guard Enlisted Association Branch of the Year.

TIME FRAME: Items will be gathered each year beginning 01 July one year and ending 30 June of the following year (i.e. 01 July 2011 to 30 June 2012).

PACKAGE & DOCUMENTATION: Package should be in a creative binder/folder for presentation with entry in each field having documentation (i.e. photos, articles to “The Chief”, donation letters, thank you letters, etc.). The package can be mailed to the National Office at the below address and postmarked NLT the third Wednesday in July *or* can be hand carried to Convention by a member of that Branch in attendance.

**U.S. Coast Guard CPOA
5520-G Hempstead Way
Springfield, VA 22151-4409**

SELECTION PROCESS: Each Branch in attendance at the National Convention will review each package submitted and will have one collective Branch vote to select the Outstanding Branch of the Year Award by a secret ballot. In case of a tie, the Coast Guard Enlisted Association National President will make the final decision.

AWARD PRESENTATION: The Coast Guard Enlisted Association Presidents Outstanding Branch Award will be presented at the annual Chief Petty Officer Association / Coast Guard Enlisted Association (CPAO/CGEA) National Convention. A separate award will be presented to the Coast Guard Enlisted Association Branch for the most new members recruited during that year.

Explanation of each item on the award submission form:

1. Articles to The Chief magazine. Send in pictures to the National Office of your Branch members or member participating in events and provide a write up to go with it.
2. Community Service:
 - a. CG activities – CG Day, CG athletic events, Run to remember, etc.
 - b. Community activities - Adopt a highway, Beach Clean-up, Habitat for Humanity, etc.
 - c. Honor Our Veterans Program – Must be in support of our Military Veterans. Volunteering at a VA Hospital (DAV, VFW), Wounded Warrior Project.
3. CGEA donations:
 - a. CCCAF (Captain Caliendo College Assistance Fund).
 - b. National Convention – Local Branch assist with expenses of a member going to Convention.
 - c. Hardship fund – Families in need.
4. Dedicated Fundraisers: Disaster relief, money for excessive medical bills, travel funds for members in emergency situations, coat drives.
5. Actively maintain a CGEA Branch website and / or social media page.
6. Recruitment of new CGEA members – Documentation required from magazine welcome aboard page or verified allotment sheets.
7. Package creativity – points awarded for the creativity of submitted package.

****NOTE****

The above award submissions, events and activities are suggestions,
all submissions and events will be considered.