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BRIEFING TO THE CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Creation of an Order incorporating the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Long Service Medal  
into the Canadian Honours System**

(FOR SIGNATURE)

**OBJECTIVE**

It is requested that the Honourable Joyce Murray, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard grant consideration to the creation of an Order in Council authorising members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) to wear the *Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Long Service Medal* and that the medal be incorporated into the Canadian Honours system in the Other Medals Category to be worn after the Alberta Centennial Medal.

**BACKGROUND**

Created in October 1999, the *Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Long Service Medal* is awarded to members of the CCGA in good standing who have completed twenty (20) years of voluntary service with the CCGA. The medal at present is not recognised as part of the Canadian Honours system and cannot be worn in conjunction with other recognised honours and awards.

**DISCUSSION**

Members of the CCGA dedicate countless hours of voluntary service to Canada in support of search and rescue, on water education and boating safety in Canada. The duties undertaken by the Auxiliary often at great personal risk are similar to those of the Canadian Coast Guard which is staffed by employees of the Federal Government. Members of the Canadian Coast Guard are eligible for the Coast Guard Exemplary Service Medal after twenty (20) years of service. The length of service required to be considered for the *Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Long Service Medal* would therefore mirror the Coast Guard Exemplary Service Medal and would be set at twenty (20) years.

The recognition of non-government agency long service medals by the Canadian Honours system is well established, recognition has been granted for the Service Medal of the Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem, as of 1 January 2020 this recognises ten (10) years of long service. Recognition has also been granted (Order in Council effective 26 February 1998)

to the Commissionaires Long Service Medal for twelve (12) years of exemplary service with that organization. In the United Kingdom, H.M. Coastguard Long Service and Good Conduct Medal is awarded for twenty (20) years full or part-time service with a clasp for each subsequent period of 10 years' service to members of His Majesty's Coastguard, Coastguard Rescue Service, Isle of Man Coastguard and auxiliary coastguards.

As the *Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Long Service Medal* is maintained and administered by the CCGA and its award and presentation is controlled by the National and Regional CCGA Boards of Directors, any financial cost for the award would not be borne by the Government of Canada. The CCGA like the Order of St. John and the Corps of Commissionaires would maintain policy guidelines in order to preserve the integrity of the award.

## CONCLUSION

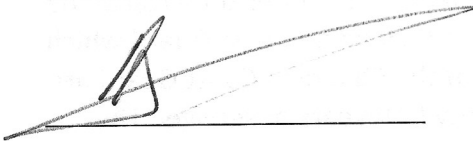
The recognition of and inclusion of the *Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Long Service Medal* into the Canadian Honours system would be a tangible way for the Government of Canada and the Ministry of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard to recognise the dedication and long service of members of the CCGA in Canada.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is therefore recommended that the national leadership of the CCGA seek the assistance and support of the Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard in approaching the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard in obtaining a letter of support in the formal creation of an Order in Council approving the incorporation of the *Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Long Service Medal* into the Canadian Honours system with effect as of the date of creation of the medal.

## MOTION

Be it resolved that the Board of CCGA (National) Inc. approves the recommendation as stated above.



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National President, Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Président nationale, Garde côtière auxiliaire Canadienne

April 28, 2023

Date

Annex "A" - AMENDMENTS TO THE CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY LONG SERVICE MEDAL

## ANNEX "A"

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY LONG SERVICE MEDAL



#### REFERENCES:

- A. Long Service Ribbon and Medal CCGA, CCGA C&A Ad Hoc Awards Committee, 13 March 2006
- B. Regulations Governing the Award of the CCG Exemplary Service Medal, 2006
- C. National Awards Program CCGA, Page 5, October 2007
- D. Uniform Dress Guidelines CCGA, Version 2, Para 6.7, 15 September 1999
- E. CCGA National By-law No 4, Page 2, December 07, 2022

#### OBJECTIVE:

The following modifications have been made to the award of and use of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Long Service Medal (CCGA LSM). These amendments have been made in order to bring the CCGA LSM more in line with existing award policy that is in effect for the issuance of the Canadian Coast Guard Exemplary Service Medal contained in Reference B.

Directions provided in Reference A and D are therefore void and the service length identified in Reference C is to be amended as outlined in this document.

\*Note: This amendment does not impact previous recipients of the 25-year Long Service Medal.

#### CONTEXT:

The CCGA LSM is awarded to members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) who have completed twenty (20) years of service. The medal is awarded to all members who are in "good standing" as defined in the CCGA National By-laws.

#### ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA:

The medal is awarded to members in good standing and employees of the CCGA. Members must complete the full qualifying periods of service for the medal, service need not be continuous.

**DESCRIPTION:**

- A nickel-plated copper (silver in color) circular medal of 31 mm in diameter bearing:
- On the obverse (front) the CCGA badge, around the outer edge are the words CANADIAN COAST GUARD – AUXILIARY on the English medal and
- GARDE CÔTIÈRE AUXILIAIRE – CANADIENNE on the French medal.
- The reverse (back) of the medal is plain, the name of the recipient and date of award may be engraved here.



A single-toe claw attached to the top of the medal and to the centre of a straight, slotted bar.

The ribbon is 32 mm wide with a white central stripe (9 mm) flanked with dark blue stripes (6.5 mm) and edged with silver (5 mm). The white and blue represent the waters of Canada; silver is the official colour of the CCGA used in all of its accoutrement and insignia.

**CLASPS:**

A silver clasp (bar) shall be awarded for every subsequent period of ten (10) years of qualifying service after the initial award of the medal.



**WEARING:**

The medal shall be worn in sequence prescribed in Reference D, and in the following manner:

On the right breast, suspended from the ribbon described above, after the Administrative Excellence Medal. The clasp is worn centered on the ribbon, when more than one clasp has been awarded, they shall be equally spaced on the ribbon. A silver maple leaf is worn on the undress ribbon to represent each clasp awarded.

**POST NOMINALS:**

The use of a post-nominal is not authorized for this medal.

**HISTORICAL NOTES:**

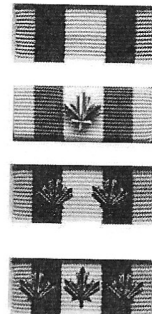
The CCGA LSM was created in 2006 and recognizes members who have completed twenty (20) years of service with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. Long service is characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency, a certificate accompanies the award of the medal.

**UNDRESS RIBBONS:**

The CCGA LSM undress ribbon is to be worn on the right side of the chest centered above the pocket flap on shirts and on the dress jacket. A plain ribbon will denote the initial award of the medal, on the awarding of a first clasp recognizing thirty (30) years of service the member will display a ribbon with a single silver maple leaf centered on the ribbon. Additional maple leaves will be added for each subsequent award of a clasp.

A maximum of three maple leaves may be worn on the ribbon:

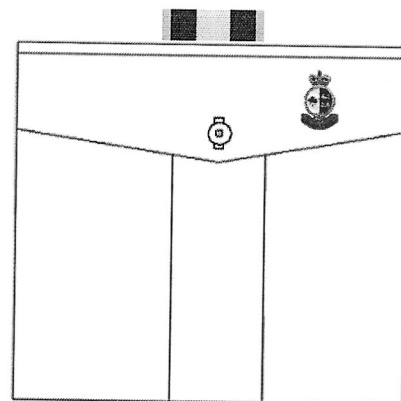
- Initial Award of the medal for twenty (20) years of service
- Award of first clasp for thirty (30) years of service
- Award of second clasp for forty (40) years of service
- Award of the third clasp for fifty (50) years of service



### RECOGNITION OF PRE-AWARD PERIODS OF SERVICE:

In order to recognize the service of members leading up to the award of the medal, service pins as outlined in Reference C are awarded for years of service. The pins recognizing five (5), ten (10) and fifteen (15) years of service will be authorized for wear on the uniform in the following fashion:

- For the shirt, centered on the right pocket flap offset from the buttonhole and the flap edge.
- On the dress Jacket, centered and 6 mm directly below the name tag.
- The display of the service pin will cease on the award of the medal at twenty (20) years.



### MISCOLANIOUS DETAILS:

A miniature version of the medal is approved for use on evening attire. Miniature clasps may be applied to denote periods of service.



Comparison of initial award of the medal twenty (20) and the awarding of the first clasp thirty (30). When several CCGA medals have been awarded the medals may be worn swing or court mounted at the discretion of the recipient.



