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G-MO approves Conditional Auxiliary Trident Device Award

In response to requests from a number of Marine Safety Offices, G-MO has approved the Conditional Award of the Auxiliary Trident Device Proposal.

This will allow the Unit Commanding Officer to recommend the award of the Auxiliary Trident Device to an Auxiliarist who has met all requirements for permanent award with the exception of the completion of four (4) years of approved service in the M field. This conditional award parallels the active duty conditional award process.

The conditional award would provide for recognition of those individuals who have performed, and are continuing to perform, significant services in support of M programs.

To be eligible for the conditional award, an Auxiliarist must be actively and continuously engaged in the completion of the remaining requirement for permanent entitlement.

Following is the entire text of The Conditional Award proposal that has been approved by G-MO

A PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE THE CONDITIONAL AWARD OF THE AUXILIARY TRIDENT DEVICE

The Auxiliary Trident Award is presented as a permanent award to an Auxiliarist who has completed specific educational, qualifications, and service requirements in support of M activities.

It is proposed that a Conditional Award status be created. The conditional award status would allow a member who meets all requirements for permanent award, with the exception of having completed four (4) approved years of service of 96 hours each year, to be awarded the Trident device on a conditional basis.

Note that a similar proviso exists for active duty personnel to be awarded the M-Pro device on a temporary basis. This recommendation parallels the active duty policy.

Those candidates for whom a conditional award should be considered would be members who have performed, and are continuing to perform, significant services in support of M programs.

The Conditional Award would provide for recognition of these individuals by allowing them to wear the device while completing the remaining permanent award requirements.

In order for a member to be considered for a conditional award, they shall have completed the following requirements.

1. A member shall be actively and continuously engaged in support of Marine safety missions.
2. A member shall have successfully completed all required courses of study.
3. A member shall hold four (4) Letters of Designation for approved Auxiliary or active duty PQSs at the time of application for conditional award.
4. A member shall be actively and continuously engaged in the completion of the remaining requirement for permanent entitlement.
5. Actively and continuously engaged is defined as recording not less than 96 hours per year in the performance of M activities, *using the skills of the designated M qualifications*, each calendar year until the requirements for permanent entitlement are met.
6. Should a member fail to be actively and continuously engaged until all requirements have been met for permanent entitlement, the Commanding Officer for whom the member provides his services shall vacate the conditional award, collect the Trident device and forward same to the DIRAUX, along with a letter of explanation. In the event that a conditional award is vacated, the member must comply with all requirements for the permanent award of the Trident device in effect at the time the conditional award is vacated.

- 7. Application for Conditional Award shall be made by the MEMBER and be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the COTP of the M field unit for which the member provides his services. The application with the letter of recommendation and all required documentation shall be sent to the members' DSO-MS for review and endorsement and if determined to be complete, shall be forwarded to the member's DIRAUX for approval and entry into AUXDATA as a conditional award.**

- 8. Upon approval by the member's DIRAUX of this Conditional Award entitlement, the DIRAUX shall issue the Conditional Award certificate and the Device to the member at an appropriate ceremony.**

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