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SUBJ: 2013 ANNUAL COAST GUARD PHARMACY AWARDS PROGRAM 1. The Annual Coast Guard Pharmacy Awards Program, established 31 July 2006, is an annual program recognizing excellence in the practice of Coast Guard Pharmacy.

2. The awards program is supported by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) sustaining membership.

3. Annually, one Coast Guard pharmacist and one pharmacy "C" school trained pharmacy technician will be selected from a list of nominees to receive an award in the amount of a 500 dollar stipend and a plaque. The awards will be presented during the annual Department of Defense (DoD) Joint Forces Pharmacy Training Seminar to be held this year 20-23 October 2013 in Orlando, Florida. Note: Due to budget constraints, AFC 56 Funding for this training has been cancelled for this years event. If the award recipient(s) is unable to attend in person the award will be forwarded directly to him/her at their duty station.

4. Nominations for both awards are now being accepted. In order for the selection process to be completed by the deadline, nominations shall be submitted for receipt at Coast Guard Headquarters no later than 15 August 2012. Nomination packets received after this date will not be accepted.

5. Nomination packets are to be electronically submitted to Coast Guard Headquarters, Pharmacy Program Coordinator, CAPT Deborah Thompson. A nomination form for each award category must be submitted separately with supporting documentation limited to one page in length and photograph or a digital image of the nominee.

6. An awards selection committee reviews and evaluates each nominee based on the merits of their individual contributions and demonstrated commitment to pharmacy excellence.

7. Criteria for each award are as follows:

a. Coast Guard Pharmacy Officer Award: An active duty or civilian licensed/registered pharmacist, exemplifying sustained excellence in leadership and innovation or a specific act within the last 12 months that has had a significant impact, improving the standards of practice, patient care and outcomes, operational efficiency, cost-effectiveness, or other such worthy improvements in practice in support of Coast Guard pharmacy operations.

b. Coast Guard Pharmacy Technician Award: An active duty "C" School trained technician currently working at least 50 percent of the time in a Coast Guard pharmacy setting, exemplifying sustained excellence, or for a specific act within the last 12 months that has positively improved patient care or the practice of Coast Guard pharmacy operations.

8. Supporting justification must be submitted, in narrative form, not to exceed one page in length (12 Font, Times New Roman, half inch margins). Concise documentation related to specific projects may also be attached, if applicable to the award. Attachments should be limited to include only the information needed to describe the project.

9. The Pharmacy Program Coordinator and recipients of the respective awards within the last three years are not eligible for nomination.

10. Any questions about the Annual Coast Guard Pharmacy Awards Program shall be directed to CAPT Deborah Thompson at (202) 475-5181 or Email: Deborah.J.Thompson(AT)uscg.mil. Detailed information about the awards program and the application process and requirements can be found under the "PHARMACY AWARDS PROGRAM" on the COMDT (CG-1122) website: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/cg112/cg1122/pharmacy.asp>.

11. CAPT Deborah Noyes Chief, Office of Health Services, sends.

12. Internet release authorized.

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