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SUBJ: OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON CRITERIA

A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 291931Z APR 10/ALCOAST 215/10

B. MEDALS AND AWARDS MANUAL, COMDTINST M1650.25(SERIES)

1. REF (A) ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COAST GUARD OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY, SPECIFICALLY FOR THE UNITED STATES TERRITORIES:

A. OVERSEAS IS DEFINED AS DUTY OUTSIDE THE FIFTY UNITED STATES AT A SHORE BASED DUTY STATION OR ON-BOARD A CUTTER PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO AN OVERSEAS AREA.

B. U.S. TERRITORIES ARE CONSIDERED OVERSEAS. THEREFORE, MEMBERS THAT HAVE SERVED OR ARE NOW SERVING ON PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION ORDERS TO GUAM, PUERTO RICO, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS, AND AMERICAN SAMOA ARE AUTHORIZED THE OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON.

3. THE RIBBON MAY BE AWARDED RETROACTIVELY TO PERSONNEL WHO ARE CREDITED WITH COMPLETION OF A TOUR OF AT LEAST 12 MONTHS OF OVERSEAS DUTY. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING AWARDS FOR SERVICE PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL DATE OF THE AWARD, 28 OCT 2009, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE INITIAL AWARD ONLY. PERSONNEL REQUESTING VERIFICATION OF THEIR ELIGIBILITY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE DOCUMENTATION TO THEIR UNIT COMMANDER TO SUBSTANTIATE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE AWARD.

4. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO A FUTURE CHANGE TO REF (B).

5. POINT OF CONTACT: MS DENEEN DAY AT EMAIL DENEEN.A.DAY(AT)USCG.MIL OR CWO VICTOR HUGHES AT EMAIL VICTOR.E.HUGHES(AT)USCG.MIL.

6. CURTIS B. ODOM, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, SENDS.

7. INTERNET RELEASE IS AUTHORIZED.

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