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## Jeandheur honored for 40 years of CGA service

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Coxswain George Jeandheur, seated, and boat crew John Bradley, members of the Lake Murray Coast Guard Auxiliary, assist the University of South Carolina environmental science department with water quality sampling at Lake Wateree on October 18, 2019. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo.

A Lake Murray Coast Guard Auxiliary member was honored for 40 years of service on Saturday, December 7, at the annual Change of Watch ceremony, attended by U. S. Coast Guard from Sector and Station Charleston, and Auxiliary leadership, members and families.

George Jeandheur received a framed certificate of special congressional recognition from Rep. Joe Wilson for his outstanding and invaluable service to the community as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Jeandheur began his service at Lighthouse Point, Florida in 1979. He has held numerous elected and appointed positions, including the highest district position as District Commodore in 1995-1996. Following that two-year term, Jeandheur served eight years at the Auxiliary national level from 1997 to 2004 as National Vice Commodore for Coast Guard Support, later renamed Operations, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

Significant accomplishments during Jeandheur's eight years of national leadership have contributed to the Auxiliary air and surface operations. He worked with Coast Guard leadership to develop and implement the Auxiliary Aviation Reorganization Act of 1997, which reassigned Auxiliary air assets from Coast Guard Sectors to Coast Guard Air Stations. The Act also established District Aviation Boards, District Flight Safety Officers and District Aviation Staff officer positions. Jeandheur also worked with the Civil Air Patrol command to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between the Auxiliary and the CAP, allowing an exchange of air crew and air observer personnel in each other's aircraft.

Jeandheur was instrumental in the development of the Auxiliary's Trident qualification in the Marine Safety and Environmental Protection program. He also initiated the Boat Crew Operational Excellence program to enhance training skills and proficiencies for an international search and rescue competition. Surface boat operations benefited from Jeandheur's development of the Personal Watercraft program and addition of the Auxiliary Boat Forces program.

Personal awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4), and the Award of Operational Merit (3).

As a boat coxswain and resident of Lake Wateree, Jeandheur continues to support marine safety and environmental protection activities, such as assisting with water quality sampling on the lake.

*The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)*

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