



USPS COOPERATIVE CHARTING PROGRAM STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: The Golden Eagle Award

Procedure: 14-01

Date: 17 August 2017

Purpose: To establish criteria for submission requirements for the Golden Eagle Award.

Policy: The Cooperative Charting Committee wishes to recognize the significant contributions being made to the USPS Cooperative Charting Program by District Chairpersons. The purpose of this award is to recognize the chairperson who has best prepared their District for current and future excellence in both the Geodetic and Nautical Cooperative Charting programs. The award may be presented at the USPS Annual meeting for the District activity performed during the previous calendar year.

Procedure: District Chairpersons will be selected for consideration of the award on the basis of district performance in a number of categories. The *first established criteria* is that a qualifying chairperson's district must have Achieved Honor Roll Status (75% of the squadrons in their district participated in either the Geodetic or Nautical Programs). After the District Chairpersons results have met the

“First Criteria” each district performance will be evaluated on the basis of;

- the total number of credits
- individual participation
- squadron participation.

These categories may be changed from time to time at the discretion of the Cooperative Charting Committee. This level of performance will be evaluated based on an increase or decrease from the previous year’s performance. The performance level of the candidate must far outweigh those from anyone else from any other districts. It is not required that the current District Chair for the year under consideration was the same district chair as the previous year. Chairpersons of the top 5 scoring districts will be considered further on the basis of written recommendations from respective District Commanders, or District Executive Officers, Area Representative and a written summary of achievements provided by the candidates themselves. Primary factors to be considered are exceptional achievements, innovative programs, exemplary communications or other unusual training efforts on the part of the candidate. Each submission will be *no more than two pages of text in all cases*.

The Golden Eagle Award can be presented only once to the same individual. Should that individual score high enough to qualify for consideration in future years, the individual with the next highest score shall be considered in their place. In all cases, a maximum of 5 candidates will be considered unless a tie for the fifth place (of eligible candidates), in which case those additional candidates with identical scores for that place will also be considered. It is possible that based on the *“First Level Criteria”* there may be less than five candidates or even no candidates for the current year.

The objective data will be derived from the current Geodetic and Nautical programs. The District Commander and/or District Executive Officer will be asked to submit other supporting materials, comments, etc. through the Cooperative Charting Rear Commander or Area Representative which will be subjectively evaluated. Some of the factors to be considered will be:

Communication: With the District Bridge, the Cooperative Charting Committee Area Representative, the Squadron Bridges and the Squadron Cooperative Charting Chairpersons.

Programs: To include programs offered by the District Chairperson or his/her staff at District conferences, bridge meetings, etc. Also to include instructional programs such as Cooperative Charting training classes.

Performance: Areas to be considered include end of the year performance in both Geodetic and Nautical programs, percent participation of squadrons and individuals. Emphasis on details which demonstrate uniqueness and clearly separates performance from that of his/her predecessors is likely to be particularly important.

The Golden Eagle Award is presented by USPS. It is hoped that the award will achieve two primary goals: (1) to recognize distinctive contributions of a District Chairperson, and (2) to encourage future growth of the Cooperative Charting program through vigorous participation of Squadron Chairs.

There is no appeal provided.

Cooperative Charting Committee

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Date: August 28, 2017