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CONGRESSIONAL
GOLD MEDAL

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On May 30, 2014, President Barack H. Obama signed legislation awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the CAP. The medal is the country's highest recognition for distinguished achievements and contributions. On December 10, 2014, Congressional leadership presented the medal to National Commander Major General Joseph R. Vazquez and former Congressman Lester L. Wolff, a wartime member of the New York Wing.

This medal commemorates CAP's unusual contributions in World War II. On the obverse, Stinson Voyager 10A aircraft armed with demolition bombs escort an oil tanker. The number "65" represents the number of CAP members killed during the war. To the left, a male coastal patrol observer and female pilot both vigilantly scan the sky.



The reverse features CAP's wartime shoulder patch (top), officer cap emblem (bottom), and active duty emblems representing coastal patrol, courier service, forest patrol, missing aircraft search, and southern liaison patrol.



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