

## PROLOGUE AND PLEDGE FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED LEADERS

You have offered your talents and services in the interest of a better Coast Guard Auxiliary. The pledge you are about to take admits you to an office of greater responsibilities and high honor. Along with this honor, you must be prepared to accept certain obligations as well as the administrative and supervisory responsibilities of your office.

Your task is to develop the Auxiliary programs to the maximum efficiency that conditions permit. You are expected to promote closer liaison between the Auxiliary and local Coast Guard units, constantly reminding Auxiliarists that their actions reflect not only on the Auxiliary, but also on the Coast Guard. As a leader, you are charged with maintaining high standards in all Auxiliary programs and activities, never compromising honesty and integrity.

Everyone, please rise.

With the full realization of the demands of your office in terms of time, travel, and dedication, if you are willing to accept this honor, please raise your right hand and repeat after me:

**I, (state your name), do solemnly and sincerely pledge myself to support the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and its purposes, to promote its authorized activities, to properly discharge the duties of my office, and to abide by the governing policies established by the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard.**

Figure 4-1 Prologue and Pledge for Elected and Appointed Leaders for the Auxiliary Manual