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Front Cover: Reading, PA (2019): A collage of photographs taken at the 2019 D-Train (pre-COVID), showcasing some of the many district members who attended the district training as well as some of the activities that were offered.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by Barbara Sama

From the Desk of the Commodore

7 Signs You Are An Auxiliary Leader And Don't Even Know It

by COMO Joseph Giannattasio

“Leaders are made, not born. Each of us has the potential to be a great leader, though most of us require a little help developing that potential and honing the skills to remain proficient.”

- VADM (Ret.) Sally Brice O'Hara

If you use me as an example, it does not take a rocket scientist to figure out that in each and every one of us, there is a potential leader. The difference between ADM Sally Brice O'Hara and yourself however, is the courage to take a step forward and the drive to reach a goal. Do you ever wonder about the Auxiliary appointed or elected office you should go for but pass because you don't think you would be fit for it? Think again, here are some indications that you are a great Auxiliary leader, and you don't even know it yet.



Commodore Joseph Giannattasio
District Commodore
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
5th District-Northern Region

1. You are Approachable.

If you find yourself giving advice to your fellow members and shipmates more than you are taking it, it means that they value your opinion and are the go-to person for help. Being approachable is an important quality for a leader to have because no one really wants to work with someone without an open door policy. Auxiliarists trust your judgment and confide in you: take pride in that.

2. You Maintain a Smile, even when it is Difficult.

Maintaining your composure professionally is an excellent trait many leaders have and many organizations are looking for. It is important to keep calm and keep the situation under control. If you have found yourself nodding silently and listening to someone who is obviously upset and is screaming at you, then you have more patience than most.

3. You have an Open Mind.

Keeping an open mind is an important trait when it comes to being an Auxiliary leader. If you have found yourself listening to someone tell you on how to do things more efficiently and take it as constructive criticism, I applaud you.

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From the Desk of the Commodore, continued

4. You are responsible, even though you don't want to be.

There are some of days where your personal life is overwhelming and you just don't want to put on that Auxiliary uniform. Whatever your concerns, you push them aside and you force yourself to "think Auxiliary" because you have responsibilities. You have other members counting on you and you have Auxiliary goals you want to achieve and accomplish. There are some that don't make it into their uniforms, and just push those tasks aside for another day, but not you. This is called being responsible. Auxiliary Leaders need be responsible when no one else wants to be.

5. You treat everyone equally despite how you feel.

Whether it is at meetings or at training events, you treat people equally regardless of your feelings. Being a leader in Team Coast Guard means that you must be able to treat everyone with respect, even if you are having a bad day. If you are the kind of person to leave your personal life's luggage at the door of the Auxiliary event, that is impressive. Not many can do that.

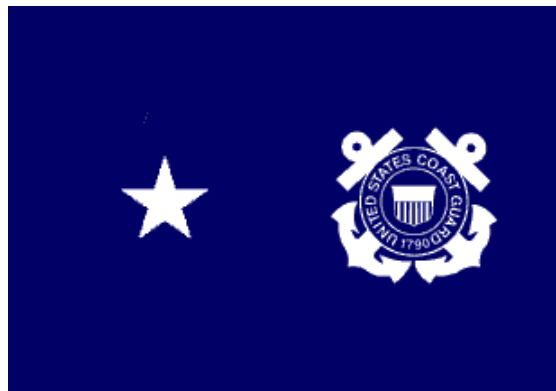
6. You are confident but are never afraid to ask for help or support.

Great leaders are not perfect. They are confident in the choices they make but they are not afraid to ask for help if they need it. If you have found yourself stuck in a rut and ask someone else for support, that's working as a team, that's a good thing. You are human and though you may know a lot, you don't know everything. If you accept this and move on with an open mind, consider yourself leader material.

7. You help others without expecting anything in return.

Have you found yourself conducting tasks because it needs to be done not because you have been asked? Or mentoring a new member just because? Great Coast Guard leaders do things to help others and not expect anything else in return from anyone.

If you found yourself thinking, "I do that" with a few of these points, you may just be a leader. All you need is a little confidence and initiative to make it happen. There is nothing in this world stopping you from being what you want to be in the Auxiliary, except yourself. If you want it, work for it. You already have got the traits of a leader and the Coast Guard Auxiliary could always use another great one.



J. Douglas Willwerth, DCAPT-W

Greetings Shipmates from the Western Area of 5th Northern!

Spring has sprung and our members are preparing for what will hope to be a promising operational season. It seems most of the Flotillas have taken advantage of the time to get any necessary training completed during the winter and early spring months, getting ahead of the preparation curve. In some cases, the training is complete and awaiting the “GO” word. Our members want to get out there and continue to serve the public as they have in years past.

While our members have had our share of challenges and obstacles due to the “C” word, it always amazes me how resilient this organization has been. People keep stepping up to find a way to meet the challenges, even when evaluating and facing the risk versus reward. I have had the privilege of reading many of your meeting minutes on both a Flotilla and Division level. Yes, I really do read them! When I read about your activity, I am very proud and honored to share that with the EXCOM and represent you as the District Captain.

I wish all of you a safe and rewarding remainder of your spring and start of the operational season. Please continue to be diligent and cautious in your training since we have been away from our practice for over a year.

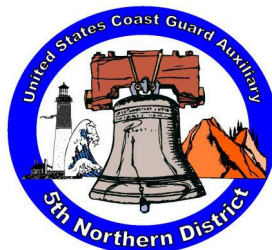
Take Care!

Semper Paratus,

Doug



J. Douglas Willwerth
District Captain—West
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
5th District-Northern Region



Cynthia C Chaimowitz , DCAPT-C

Getting back out there...

In 2006 when I first started attending flotilla meetings, I was so excited with the thought of working with the recreational boating public and being part of something huge. The thought of wearing a CGA uniform 'correctly', training to make sure I was knowledgeable and the concern and safety of people in the water. I thought about this again recently when I heard statistics about people drowning and I remembered my own near drowning experience.

I was 10 years old at an all-girls camp on Long Island when the event took place. We rode our bicycles from camp to the local beach and were told by our counselors to stay in the area where the lifeguards were stationed. I did. The next thing I knew is that I'm being swept away and cannot get back to shore. I waved frantically to the lifeguards as my head bobbed barely above water and to the person I thought was close enough to see me. All to no avail. I don't remember if I prayed for help but suddenly, I began to summersault forward under water. I began counting how many times I rolled before I scraped my legs against the sandy ocean floor. I was finally able to claw and crawl my way out of the ocean coughing and choking until I could catch my breath. I rolled 5 times under water without any air. When I retrieved my towel, I told my camp counselor what happened, and she said "OK, stay out of the water until it's time to go back to the camp. I did.

A strong current? A riptide? I don't know. I was just a kid. What I do know is we are very fortunate to have the training that we have today and can't wait to get back into it. The ocean I have the utmost respect for.

WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS! What are you waiting for, lets go!

PLEASE STAY SAFE,

Cindi Chaimowitz

DCapt Central Area



**Cynthia Chaimowitz
District Captain—Central
Coast Guard Auxiliary
5th District-Northern Region**

James E. Hans, DCAPT-E

Shipmates,

Hope springs eternal. After 15 long months of social distancing, facemasks, lockdowns and separations from our family and loved ones, it appears relief is finally on the horizon.

With this report I'm delighted to announce to all our members throughout District 8, Training Center Cape May, (TRACEN) is once again open to Auxiliarists. I'm confident that very soon base command will reinstitute the family breakfast program and base tours. The Auxiliary will once again resume it's long standing tradition of working side by side with the active duty.

Meanwhile throughout the district, from the Delaware River to Manasquan and Point Pleasant, Flotillas can finally begin gearing up for an active VE and Program Visitor Season. Boating Safety Classes have resumed, and Coxswain and Crew are preparing their facilities for an active season on the water.

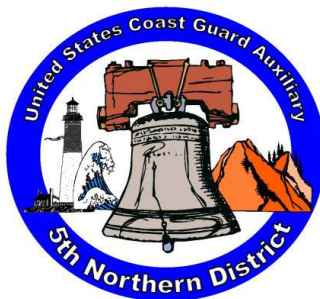
Finally, a personal and sincere thank you to all Flotilla Commanders during these difficult days. For so many of you, you have been the eyes, ear, sounding board, and the link in the chain that has kept our Auxiliary in tact and ready to respond. Through adversity we grow in strength and in our resolve. Your dedication and commitment as volunteers during difficult days is a testament to the core values of being good citizen and proud American. It remains my honor to serve as your D-CAPT.

Thank you all. Stay safe, stay healthy and have a great summer.

James E. Hans
District Captain East
5th District 8th Northern
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



James E. Hans
District Captain—East
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
5th District-Northern Region



Message from the DIRAUX, Commander Taylor-Davies

MEMORANDUM

April 21, 2021

From: V. L. Taylor-Davies, Lieutenant Commander
CGD FIVE (dpa-n)

To: Fifth District Northern Region Coast Guard Auxiliary

Subj: NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – D5NR AUXILIARY UPDATED
GUIDANCE FOR SUPPORT AND MISSIONS – UPDATE 6

Ref: (a) DIRAUX Memo of 06 Nov 2020
(b) CG-BSX Auxiliary Covid-19 Reconstitution Guidance, Enclosure 13, Version 2,
dtd 08 FEB 2021
(c) Auxiliary COVID-19 High-Risk Assessment Form, ANSC-7101
(d) Coast Guard Risk Assessment for Enclosed Space Mass Gatherings

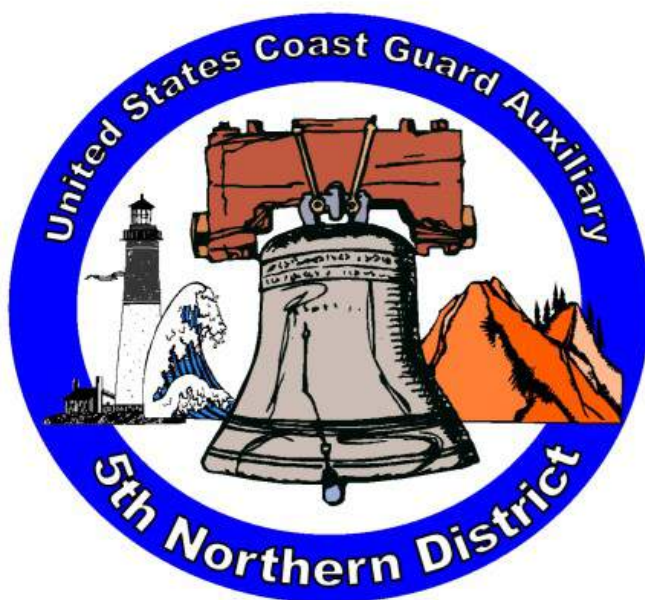


CDR Victoria L. Taylor-Davies
U.S. Coast Guard
Director of Auxiliary
Fifth District - Northern Region

1. The safety of all Coast Guard (CG) members and their families is the highest priority. You have continued to hold fast the missions of the CG Auxiliary and I personally thank you for your dedication, professionalism, understanding and cooperation during this critical time.
2. This guidance updates my memo of 06 Nov 2020, reference (a). It fully incorporates the guidance to Coast Guard Units and Order Issuing Authorities (OIA) set forth in reference (b).
3. All Auxiliarists are expected to view the CDC's COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page at <https://www.uscg.mil/Coronavirus/FAQ/> for CG specific information.
4. Prior to any activity outside the home, Auxiliarists shall assess their personal ability to undertake the activity. This assessment will include the availability of proper personal protective equipment (PPE), their health history, the health of those in their household, the health of others they may be interacting with, and the overall risk versus gain of the activity.
5. Reference (c), the Auxiliary COVID-19 High Risk Form, must be used to certify your status with respect to COVID-19 high-risk criteria. Copies of this form must be provided to the cognizant OIA and emailed to the DIRAUX office at D05-SMB-NRDIRAUX@USCG.MIL. This form only needs to be submitted once per person and covers all missions. You will only have to resubmit this form if there is a change of information in Blocks 1 or 2. If you have already submitted an ANSC 7101 form, reference (c) to your OIA and to the DIRAUX office, no more forms need to be submitted, unless there is a change to Blocks 1 or 2.
6. All mass gatherings are authorized in accordance with reference (b). You must complete reference (d) and submit to the DIRAUX office to keep a copy on file.
7. Everyone must honor and respect an Auxiliarist's request to not perform an assignment to duty due to the Auxiliarist's concerns about COVID-19 exposure.

Click here to see the full information: [Coronavirus Memo Update](#)

A Focus on 5NR Departments



Aviation

Coast Guard Auxiliary Aircraft included in Museum's Collection.

by William "Bill" Fithian, DSO-AV - District 5NR

A local Coast Guard Auxiliarist has been on a mission at Naval Air Station Wildwood (NASW) Aviation Museum in Cape May, NJ, to help restore an old Coast Guard Auxiliary airplane in the museum's Coast Guard Exhibit. The NASW Aviation Museum, known for its World War II and other wartime memorabilia and artifacts has dedicated a portion of the museum to feature the Coast Guard, and Commodore Joe Giannattasio has ensured that the Auxiliary, the volunteer component of the Coast Guard, is well represented.



William "Bill" Fithian
District Staff Officer - AV

The exhibit features a donated Cessna 150 aircraft that was actually the same airplane Giannattasio first learned to fly, and flown for several years. "It was an early goal of mine to bring Auxiliary aviation to the museum for visitors to learn and enjoy," Giannattasio, an Auxiliary qualified co-pilot, said, explaining why the plane was restored with formal Auxiliary markings for the museum. He acquired official Coast Guard Auxiliary decals plus designed and painted the traditional paint scheme with direction and help by Tony Valenti, the museum's preparator and a Veteran Marine.



Museum preparator Tony Valenti trims aircraft graphics.

(Photo by AUX Joe Giannattasio)

Auxiliary Aviation (AUXAIR) is an Auxiliary operational program. General aviation aircraft and civilian pilots assisted the Coast Guard Auxiliary 'informally' during World War II. In September 1945 Congress passed a law that allowed owners of aircraft eligibility for membership in the Auxiliary. All Auxiliary aircraft meet strict Coast Guard and Federal Aviation Administration requirements and annual inspections.

"Restoring the aircraft has been a personally rewarding experience," said Commodore Giannattasio; "but my real goal isn't personal fulfillment. It's about increasing public awareness of the various missions conducted by the Auxiliary and the numerous ways our members support the Coast Guard."

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Aviation, continued

Almost every item in the Coast Guard exhibit is accessible to the public to explore and learn more about. The NASW Aviation Museum is proud to support the Coast Guard Community and offers free admission to the museum to all active Coast Guard Families with proper identification. Almost every year a group of recruits from nearby Coast Guard Training Center Cape May come to the museum in early June to participate in the annual Runway 5K 10K race. Spectators enjoy seeing the recruits run in formation as it is a sight to see such discipline.

Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum is located in Historic Hangar #1 at the Cape May County Airport (KWWD). The airport was once Naval Air Station Wildwood, which served as a World War II dive-bomber training center.



COMO Joe Giannattasio sprays a base coat of paint to the aircraft.

(Photo by Tony Valenti)

The donated aircraft before restoration.

(Photo by AUX Joe Giannattasio)

COMO Joe Giannattasio applies the 'final touch', an Auxiliary Facility decal, on the restored aircraft.

(Photo by Tony Valenti)



The Auxiliary Aircraft on display at the museum.

(Photo by AUX Joe Giannattasio)

Communication Services

The Communication Services (CS) team is an integral part of the USCG Auxiliary teams. The especially important role for the team is the impetus for getting information and assistance for to our members as well as the public. Therefore, the CS Team needs to work very closely with the Public Affairs groups. Many of the Communication Staff officers at the Flotilla and Division levels not only are the website webmasters but also the master of the local social media.

Things that I am responsible for are more than the website, but also preparing the weekly reports for the Admiral and Sector leadership on all our activities. Activities like Operations, Vessel Exam Events, Public Affairs events, and upcoming classes. I use information from the Upcoming Outreach Activities form on the 5nr.org website at <https://www.5nr.org/upcoming-activities-report-form> , and from the National BoatingEd website to report what we will be doing.

Some more recent additions to the 5NR website have been the addition of the District Newsletter Topside archives. You need to read through from some of those interesting newsletters of the past. In addition to Topside there are a couple of Sea Bag newsletters from the 1940's for 4th Naval District (our AOR). It is a must read through our District history via the Topsides from the 1940s to today. Note, this is still a work in progress and be found at <https://www.5nr.org/topside-archives> . Another recent add-on to the site is a listing of the past Commodores. As for the traditional use of the District, Division, Flotilla websites, they should be an informational resource for the members and the public. It should have links and articles to give more insight into the Auxiliary as well as what is on the official Auxiliary social media. It is the local responsibility of all of us to keep our web content up to date and informational.

As for educational opportunities for the Communication Services team, not only is there training for the Websites Without Webmasters (WOW) web software, I am a strong proponent of attending the Public Affairs training. What is done on the website is a Public Affairs tool, and as webmasters we need to know what we should not communicate via the websites and social media. The Aux 20 online school and the Aux 12 C-School are good classes. I learned so much on those classes early in my CS career. If anyone needs training on the WOW websites or assistance with their website, please reach out to our CS team, Doug Hoffman, Dave Firestone, Linda Skvarla, and Bob Babezski. If you have a question about the Air Operations portion, reach out to Bill Fithian.

Have a safe summer season.

Rick



Richard Taylor
DSO-CS
Communication Services

Marine Safety

Achieving 'Nothing'

The title of this article, "Achieving Nothing," might sound like an oxymoron but it is in reference to the goal being set by the maritime and energy industries of achieving "net zero" emissions in the not-too-distant future. BP is aiming to be net zero across its operations on an absolute basis by 2050 or sooner. Shell has also set 2050 as the target date by which they desire to be a net zero emissions energy business.

Various government and NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) agreements and strategies have been formulated to guide the trek toward the net zero goal. One such agreement is the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Scopes. Scopes S1 and S2 relate to emissions directly and indirectly produced by a company. S3 emissions are much broader, relating to all other indirect emissions throughout a company's value chain or whatever total business ventures with which they are involved. S3 goes beyond Scopes S1 and S2 by requiring collaboration across the entire value chain for achieving compliance.

To achieve progress in adapting to climate and environmental challenges, some companies are presently moving out of oil and gas to renewable energy. Some have made a dramatic shift to participation in offshore wind power to name one example.

There are four (4) key ways the shipping industry will change to meet "green" operation. 1) Handling Legal Issues. The maritime industry is affected by the Paris Agreement's "20-20-20" target which calls for a 20% reduction of CO2 emissions which will require significant changes for the shipping industry.

Another legal aspect is what is known as the "Poseidon Principle" which assess and disclose shipping company portfolios held by financial institutions with respect to how the investments in their portfolios impact the climate. 2) Enforcement. The International Maritime Organization or IMO-- an organization well-known to the Coast Guard-- set low sulfur emissions standards that had to be met by 01 JAN 2020. These standards, known as IMO 2020, require moving away from heavy sulfur fuel in ship propulsion unless used with emissions "scrubbers" to get the emissions down to the level of fuels such as Liquid Natural Gas or LNG. Targets of 40% carbon emission reduction by 2030 and a 70% reduction of the same by 2050 have been established. (*Hellenic Shipping News.com*. 16 FEB 2021).

3) Propulsion and Design. Propulsion remains the biggest obstacle for net zero emission goal achievement. Currently, ships are using scrubbers, low-sulfur content fuels and other methods to work towards cleaner operation. Improvement in ship design to minimize fuel consumption as well as improved weather forecasting and navigation which also help reduce consumption are currently being employed.



Gregg Bollinger
DSO
Marine Safety

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Marine Safety, continued

4) The role of hydrogen. Watch for hydrogen and especially green hydrogen to be tapped as a solution to the carbon reduction challenge. Green hydrogen is produced by electrolysis of water using a process generated from solar and wind power (*Hellenic Shipping News.com. 16 FEB 2021*).

Reaching net zero emissions goals will be difficult and require organizational philosophical as well as financial commitment from the shipping industry. Net zero Scope 3 (S3) goals will be especially expensive requiring a collective approach calling upon ship owners, builders, commodity traders, energy companies and other stakeholders to pool resources. Cooperation rather than competition will most likely be what is required for success.

Gregg Bollinger, Th.D.

DSO-MS, D 5 NR



Public Affairs

Why Become a Public Affairs Specialist?

Christopher M. Orlando AUXPA 3

Do you seek adventure? Being in the middle of the action? Sharing the US Coast Guard and US Coast Guard Auxiliary story to the world? You may be looking to be a Public Affairs Specialist in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary!

According to the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist web page, “The PA Specialist Program offers a pathway to skills development by blending formal and on-the-job training. Candidates are certified through AUXPA3 [Entry Level], AUXPA2 [Intermediate Level] and AUXPA1 [Senior Level] levels using the Performance Qualification System (PQS). Each candidate completes a series of tasks for print and broadcast media, photography, public appearances, video, static displays, and exhibits.”



***Christopher M. Orlando AUXPA3
ADSO-PA Social***

Throughout the entire US Coast Guard Auxiliary, which is 24,000 members strong, there are 291 qualified Public Affairs Specialists. Within the US Coast Guard Auxiliary 5th District-- Northern Region, there are 1652 members with only 14 members holding this qualification. In the age of COVID-19 where certain operations were halted, public affairs was one that was asked to step up. Throughout the pandemic, public affairs specialists have remained active in photography, publication, social media, and working on press releases or media advisories.

District Commodore Joe Giannattasio is a Public Affairs Specialist 1, the highest level of the qualification. When asked about his experience as a Public Affairs Specialist he said, “As an AUXPA Specialist I’ve had the opportunity to travel throughout the country on various Public Affairs assignments for both the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard. From writing an article about a flotilla’s VE Day at a local marina to photo documenting the shakedown cruise of a Coast Guard Station’s new 45-ft. Response Boat; I go where the story is.”

He continued, “Once qualified as an AUXPA you have to be proactive in demonstrating your skills yourself, whether it is submitting articles for publication, submitting photographs to various media, composing press releases or interviewing fellow members. Once you’ve developed a proven track record of accomplishment, then you may be offered assignments by the Auxiliary and Coast Guard.”

Barbara Sama, Public Affairs Specialist 2, said her experience in public affairs has been rewarding and highlights her love of photography. “It has given me the opportunity to meet so many people and have great experiences. I look forward to every moment that I can carry a camera and capture the moments,” Sama said.

Sama also explained that being in public affairs offers the opportunity to be on the front line of many US Coast Guard events and interact with the active duty. Sama explained that while people may be intimidated by the amount of training required, she recommends taking the challenge and tackling it head on. “The qualifications it requires are very challenging, which made me want to do it even more... I welcomed the ability to prove I could do it and the rewards of accomplishing them,” said Sama.

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Public Affairs, Continued

Noreen Schfini, Public Affairs Specialist 3, went an alternate route and attended AUX12 C School. Schfini said that being a Public Affairs Specialist has been useful at public affairs events and looks forward to an opportunity to work with the U.S. Coast Guard in the future. While Schfini does admit that it is not an easy qualification to obtain, it definitely allows an Auxiliarist to “meet Public Affairs leadership and put a story together and how pictures can really make a story pop.”



Help Wanted



Quarter Deck Watchstander

AUX SUPPORT REQUEST 2021-01 – Quarter Deck Watchstander

1. **Description of Duties:** Looking for members to fill the role of Quarterdeck watch stander at USCG Sector Delaware Bay. Duties would include answering and transferring telephone calls within sector, meeting and greeting visitors and signing them in, performing ID checks for exchange patrons, performing morning colors, performing security checks thru virtual rounds using CCTV system, and would include a watch standing qualification that could carry on or build on for future opportunities with other units in the area as far as communication watch stander at operational units within the AOR.
2. **Skillset Needed:** Watchstanding duties. Clerical skills necessary (answering phones, greeting visitors, directing visitors, making log entries, making announcements over building speaker system). If you do not have this skill, we are willing and eager to train you.
3. **Timeline Needed:** Workdays between 0700 and 1630. Ideally a watchstander would stand no less than a three hour shift, but that is negotiable.
4. **Point of Contact:** Please contact LCDR Andrew Kennedy at Andrew.A.Kennedy@uscg.mil
5. **Number of Aux needed:** 12 to 15



AUX SUPPORT REQUEST 2021-02 IMAST

AUX SUPPORT REQUEST 2021-02 IMAST Member

Description of Duties:

Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay (SDB) is soliciting Auxiliary volunteers from D5NR to join the SDB Incident Management Auxiliary Support Team (IMAST). Members of this team provide support for active duty, civilian, and reserve personnel during exercise and actual response operations requiring activation of the SDB Incident Command Post (ICP).

Selectees should expect initial team assignment to Check-In/Status Recorder duties working under the supervision of and with other Auxiliarists. After successfully demonstrating their expertise using IMSS, volunteers can pursue further training and qualification in other Incident Command System (ICS) disciplines.

IMAST program managers make every effort to coordinate well in advance for team member participation in scheduled exercises. Although not a requirement for participation, Auxiliarists who wish to participate should consider having a candid conversation their employer to resolve potential work conflicts that might arise in an unscheduled (emergency) activation scenario

Skillset Needed:

Auxiliarists selected for these duties must be current in all core training areas and must have completed the Incident Command System (ICS) 200, and ICS 800 courses. They must also have a current, favorable PSI and agree to complete the Cyber Awareness Challenge within one (1) year if they have not already done so. Volunteers who meet these prerequisites will be scheduled to attend an IMAST Basic Orientation Class where they will learn about team operations and how to use the Incident Management Software System (IMSS) to support ICP operations.

Auxiliarists on this team will receive priority consideration for selection to attend Coast Guard ICS courses with open slots for Auxiliarists. They will also have an opportunity to participate as equal partners in a management team charged with coordinating regional response and recovery from maritime disasters or assuring public safety during National Special Security Events (NSSE) such as the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

Timeline Needed:

Please respond to the Point of Contact by 10 May 2021.

Point of Contact:

Interested Auxiliarists should apply by email to tomroberson@verizon.net and include their name, employee identification number (EMPLID), and membership status (AP, IQ, BQ, AX, etc.).

Number of Aux needed:

Unlimited.

Information from Around the District



Upcoming 5NR Events

Taken from the calendar on the 5NR Website created by Linda Skvarla, ADSO-PB

For more detail go to the 5NR website and view the calendar

<http://wow.uscgauz.info/content.php?unit=053&category=CALENDAR>

District 5NR Calendar							District 5NR Calendar						
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Auxiliarist Robert Lamendola Serving Those Who Serve

by COMO Joseph Giannattasio

Robert "Bob" Lamendola, a familiar Auxiliarist In-Port Watchstander among the crew of Coast Guard cutter SHEARWATER home-ported in Cape May, New Jersey, has become equally well known for amazing culinary skills and serving his famous meatballs recipe.

Spaghetti and meatballs is a quintessential favorite meal that never goes out of style, but nobody does it like Bob. The iconic dish might be the SHEARWATER crew's most popular onboard-cooked meal. It certainly is a touchstone for four generations of Lamendola's who deem it a necessary part of family milestones.

Bob has offered to cook for the SHEARWATER's crew when their Culinary Specialist (CS) has been on leave or TDY, and has gladly stepped in about a dozen times over the years. "I enjoy being on the base for watch-standing as well as cooking for the 87' Coastal Patrol Boats when needed," explained Lamendola. "The galleys are small so it is fun and a challenge. But the crews work so hard, I really enjoy doing the noon meals for them whenever the CS is away."

Bob was encouraged to share his recipe that has been part of his family for over 100 years. "It is pretty basic but makes great meatballs", offered Bob.

(Photos of Robert Lamendola grilling and cooking pre, are post COVID from his personal collection.)



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Auxiliarist Serving, Continued

BOB LAMENDOLA'S MEATBALL RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 lb. each ground beef, ground pork, ground veal (alternative: 3/4 lb. each ground beef & pork)
- 1.5 cup fresh bread crumbs* (alternative: store bought bread crumbs)
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper



Wash your hands and combine meat and eggs, then combine bread crumb mix, salt and pepper. Using your hands, make meatballs, (I make them larger than a golf ball, smaller than a tennis ball). Using a greased skillet or grill, brown the meatballs rolling them until all surfaces are browned but not cooked through.

Add the meatballs to your sauce, (I know, it's gravy in South Jersey)! They will finish cooking in the sauce and help to flavor it.

*To Make the bread crumbs:

Don't use stale bread; day old is OK. Use Italian or French bread. Cut in chunks and place in blender; blend until coarse (not fine). To 1.5 cup bread crumbs, add parmesan cheese and parsley. Alternatively, use store unseasoned bread crumbs.



COVID-19



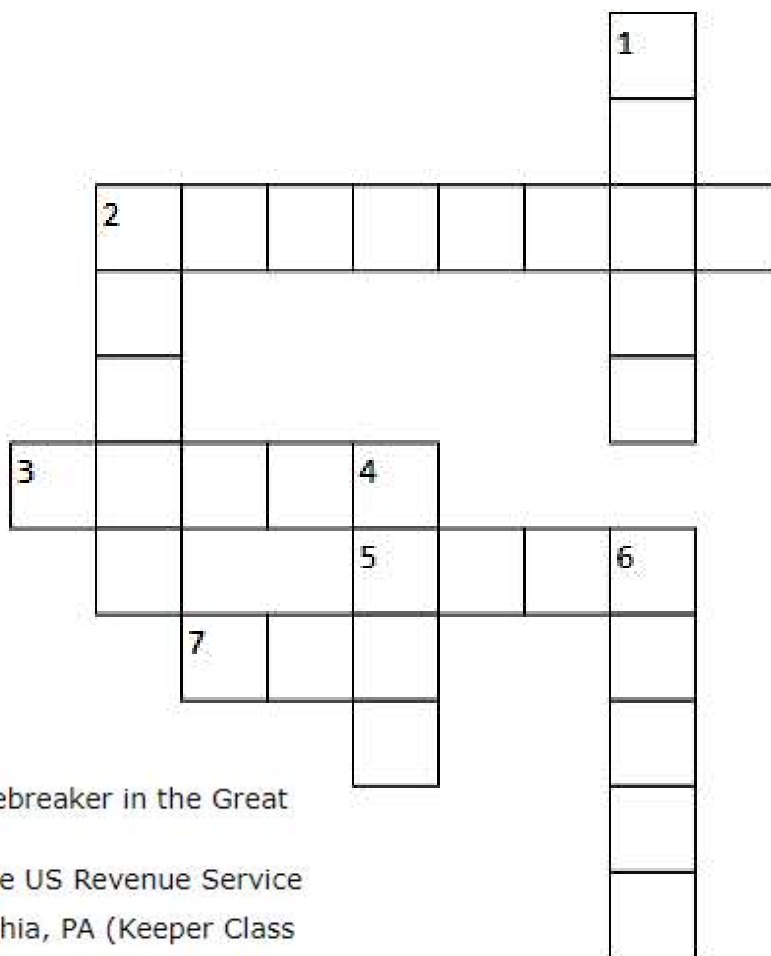
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COVID-19 Guidance

Please see the latest workforce guidance on COVID-19 at www.uscg.mil/CoronaVirus/

Crossword Puzzle

Coast Guard Cutters



Across

- 2. - 240' vessel that serves as an icebreaker in the Great Lakes
- 3. - One of the first ten cutters in the US Revenue Service
- 5. - USCG Cutter ported in Philadelphia, PA (Keeper Class Cutter)
- 7. - One of the two Polar class Icebreakers

Down

- 1. - 420' Icebreaker
- 2. - Legend Class Cutter named after the USCG only Medal of Honor recipient
- 4. - One of the two Polar class Icebreakers
- 6. - Originally called Horst Wessel

Auxiliary Public Events and COVID-19

By Rick Young, IPFC and SO-PA, Flotilla 19-04

The past 12 months has not been especially kind for those auxiliarists accustomed to being with the public to promote recreational boating safety. Still, it isn't impossible provided both advance planning and the proper personal precautions are made.

Seda, vice commander for division 19, was to join Gregg Bollinger, vice commander of flotilla 19-04 in Lancaster, Pa. undertaking a joint vessel safety and marine safety mission at the Southern Lancaster County Farmer-Sportsmen's Association Spring Show on 13MAR. As per policy a request for assignment to duty was submitted through the chain of leadership and subsequently received from DIRAUX. On the appointed day, after collecting the needed literature supplies, informational displays and required personal protection equipment, everything was ready.

Seda uses the following blog-like format to provide an informative narrative of how the day of this recent joint mission unfolded:

The morning broke crisp, cool and clear on March 13th. Not much of an early riser, it was rare to see the sun rise as I took my first cup of coffee on the patio as our pocket pittie went about her morning business. After loading the car, I changed into my tropics, the uniform of the day for the event.

Gregg Bollinger and I arrived in separate cars at about 0730 at the Solanco Fairgrounds in Quarryville to do our table setup for the Southern Lancaster County Farmer Sportsmen's Association Spring Show. A very popular event that was made even more so by the cancellation of the Spring and Fall 2020 shows. The event was held as best I can describe in a cavernous pole barn with very tall ceilings. The doors were opened to allow good ventilation. The line of attendees grew long and reached deep into the parking area awaiting the 0800 opening. Gregg and I both scaled down our display items and printed materials as we needed to share a single eight-foot table.



DSO-MS Gregg Bollinger and VCDR Ed Seda staff the information booth at the Southern Lancaster County Farmer-Sportsmen's Association Spring Show on 13MAR

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(Photo: Courtesy of Ed Seda)

Public Events and COVID-19, continued

All manner of hunting and outdoor wear was the de rigueur with camo being the most popular theme. Gregg and I were pretty busy with the many visits to our table till about 1400 hrs. Many coloring and activity books were passed to the younger ones who were accompanied by their parents. Surprisingly there were several requests for enlistment information for both the Gold Side and the Auxiliary. We took advantage of the opportunity to publicize the April 10 virtual Boating Safety Course being offered by Flotilla 19-04 with nine leads developed in this regard.

Adhering to CDC, State and Auxiliary COVID guidelines we both were certain to don masks for the entire event and used copious amounts of hand sanitizer. We avoided shaking hands and kept a good social distance by standing behind our tables for any discussions. At lunchtime we alternated taking our lunch in our cars.

In summary, not the usual water safety type event for me but we succeeded in reaching a more diverse cross section of folks. Anything that results in better recreational boating safety is time well spent.

On that same day D5NR held a virtual awards program in lieu of a spring D-Train and when Captain Theel, the sector commander, made his remarks he emphasized how impressively resilient he found auxiliarists to be in the face of the challenges posed by COVID-19. Was the mission undertaken by Seda and Bollinger as simple as it would have been just 18 months prior? No, but they adapted to the new requirements and got it done.



The US Coast Guard Aviation Memorial

by COMO Joseph Giannattasio

photographs by Auxiliarist Jim McKeever

Located in the heart of Northeastern North Carolina is a quaint, coastal town with plenty of southern charm that is home to United States Coast Guard Base Elizabeth City. The base provides a wide variety of mission support units, including Air Station Elizabeth City. In the Northwest section of the base there is a charming little chapel called Wings of Faith Aviation Memorial Chapel. It was dedicated along with the memorial wall outside to be a continual tribute to Coast Guard and Auxiliary aviators who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Coast Guard Aviation. The US Coast Guard Aviation Memorial is a cenotaph monument (no one is buried here) with these words:

“Dedicated to the Air Crews that did not return.”

Among the names inscribed are 15 Coast Guard Auxiliary aviators who have ‘logged their last flight’ since 1984. Auxiliary Aviation (AUXAIR) is an Auxiliary operational program. General aviation aircraft and civilian pilots assisted the Coast Guard Auxiliary ‘informally’ during World War II. In September 1945 Congress passed a law that allowed owners of aircraft eligibility for membership in the Auxiliary. When flying for AUXAIR under orders, qualified Auxiliary air crews, while assigned to duty, are considered to be Coast Guard air crew; and Auxiliary aircraft, while assigned to authorized duty, are deemed to be Coast Guard aircraft.

Originally unveiled in 2000, the memorial was unfortunately destroyed by Hurricane Isabel in September 2003. After being repaired, the memorial was re-dedicated on October 26, 2004. CAPT Rod Ansley, Commanding Officer of Air Station E-City unveiled the Memorial during the rededication. The memorial is a fitting tribute the Active Duty, Reserve, and Auxiliary men and women who have given their lives in service to our nation while serving in Coast Guard Aviation.

If you are ever in the area, avail yourself of the opportunity to stop by this distinguished Memorial. Stop and reflect. Take just a moment to bask in the Coast Guard’s pride and testimony for all that you as a member of the Auxiliary do on a daily basis, and for those who have led the way for us. Enjoy, reflect and carry on.



The Coast Guard Aviation Memorial at Coast Guard Base Elizabeth City.

*Coast Guard Auxiliary photos
by Jim McKeever.*



Awards

John Burns (08-02) has been awarded the Cape May County Hometown Heroes Award by the Cape May County Coast Guard Community Foundation. This was featured in the Cape May County Herald.

To read the article, click here:

[John Burns—Cape May County Herald](#)



AUX Burns (right) and his wife Chris

The National PA Contest Awards for 2019 were announced in February. Our own **Barbara Sama (01-04)** won in the Photography - Member Services category.

To view this and other awards, click here:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=A-DEPT&category=pa-contests>



AUX Sama (center) receiving a previous award

Learning Opportunities

These 2 ideas were taken from a recent message from Marty Sanninio (FC 08-02) to the flotilla members.

Auxiliary Acronym Aerobics – Did you ever hear an inconsiderate Auxiliarist speak in a stream of acronyms that totally destroyed the clarity of a conversation? Well it's time to fight back! You too can confuse the heck out of a bashful newbie by boning up on many of the acronyms and their meaning used in the USCG Auxiliary. Just take a stroll over to <https://5nr.org/member-links/uscg-auxiliary-acronyms/> and begin drinking in the knowledge. You'll be throwing around "MOMS" and "PPE"s like an Ole Salt in no time.



Training for Fun and Fulfillment - There's training that meets compliance requirements (meh) and there training for fun and fulfillment (yea!). The middle of winter is a great time to expand your horizons from the comfort of your home computer. The Auxiliary offers several computer-based training courses in a variety of program areas. Perhaps one of them is of interest to you. For example, there are multiple Public Affairs, HR and IT related courses if you're the nerdy type. If you're into boating, there are courses covering Recreational Boating Safety, Navigation, Aux Communications, Aux Weather. There are also several courses in Incident Management which can lead to working with active duty personnel and other professionals in a wide range of specialties in emergency situations. For starters, you can find these courses and more at <http://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/course/index.php>. You'll need to use your member number and password to log on.

The History of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Button

Article and photos by COMO Joseph Giannattasio

There were two primary types of Coast Guard Auxiliary uniform buttons worn since the beginning of the twentieth century. They both incorporate the Auxiliary “shield and crossed anchors” insignia. The difference is that the original buttons were gold colored metal, used from 1941 until the 1950s, early 1960s, when the change was made to the silver version.

The earlier gold Auxiliary uniform buttons were stamped “Superior Quality” and most likely made by the manufacturer The Waterbury Button Company, although they were not the only one known to use the phrase. The later silver Auxiliary buttons are “flat eye” styled and stamped “WATERBURY CO.’S. CONN.” The newer version is the ‘hopper’ styled button stamped “WATERBURY BUT-TON CT USA.” The Waterbury Button Company located in Waterbury, Connecticut has been the chief supplier of military buttons to the U.S. government since the War of 1812.

The Auxiliary’s combination hat, like the Coast Guard, also use metal buttons with a metal threaded screw to attach the chinstrap to the cover’s headband. Like the uniform buttons, their color matched the gold to silver trend.

Military uniform buttons tell a story, a story about the nationality, the arm of service, the period of time and sometimes even the rank of the individual to which it once belonged. There are uniform buttons that also identify the early heritage of the Coast Guard. The US Coast Guard received its present name in 1915 when the Revenue Cutter Service (renamed from the Revenue Marine) merged with the US Life Saving Service. The Coast Guard began to maintain the country's aids to maritime navigation, including operating the nation's lighthouses, when the Lighthouse Service transferred to the Coast Guard in 1939. In 1946 Congress permanently transferred the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to the Coast Guard.



Collection of early (gold) and contemporary (silver) Auxiliary Uniform buttons.

(J. Giannattasio collection.)



Examples of the early (gold) and current (silver) Auxiliary Uniform buttons.

(J. Giannattasio collection.)

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Coast Guard Auxiliary Button, *continued*

Buttons from Auxiliary and Coast Guard uniforms can tell a story of the brave man or woman who once used them to simply fasten clothing. These historical markers of the past are easy to collect and display because of their size and value. Interesting fact: Koumpounophobia, the fear of buttons, is a surprisingly common phobia.

Indeed, buttons are fasten-ating!



View of the back of the early (gold) and current (silver) Auxiliary Uniform buttons.

(J. Giannattasio collection.)



Examples of the early (gold) and current (silver) Auxiliary combination hat buttons.

(J. Giannattasio collection.)



View of the back of the early (gold) and current (silver) Auxiliary combination hat buttons.

(J. Giannattasio collection.)

The Coast Guard Says Goodbye to Shearwater

By Justin Abate, SO-PA, Division 8, Flotilla 08-05

CAPE MAY, NJ - The United States Coast Guard Cutter Shearwater was decommissioned in a ceremony after nineteen years of service on Thursday, April 15th, 2021. The sky was cloudy but the atmosphere was celebratory. It spent the last few years homeported in Cape May, New Jersey. The 87-foot Marine Predator-class patrol boat was one of three of this class assigned to Cape May. In addition to its crew, thirteen Auxiliarists assist with in-port watchstanding duties, relieving the active duty members for periods of time.



The USCGC Shearwater, dressed overall, just after the national ensign and jack were removed and presented to members of its crew. Members of the crew can be seen giving a tour to their families.

Photo Credit: AUX Justin Abate

Shearwater most recently gained national recognition in August 2020 during its successful rescue of a leatherback turtle. Sharks had begun to circle the turtle, and Shearwater successfully deployed its small boat to disperse the sharks before proceeding to free the turtle from the fishing line it was ensnared in, according to *The Maritime Executive* article published on August 14th, 2020.

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Coast Guardsmen return to the ceremony after hoisting down the Ensign and Jack off of Shearwater for the final time. They were later presented to two the members of the crew who were in the Coast Guard the longest and served on Shearwater the longest.

Photo Credit: AUX Michael Hamilton



Goodbye to Shearwater, Continued



Captain Jonathan Theel, Commander of Sector Delaware Bay, salutes as he leaves after concluding the ceremony.

Photo Credit: AUX Michael Hamilton

The Cutter's motto is "Takin' Care of Business" and it was Auxiliarist Michael Hamilton who coined its nickname, the "Queen of the Cape." Captain Johnathan Theel, commander of Sector Delaware Bay said that, "Shearwater has lived up to this motto since its first days of service" while he presided over the ceremony. The Officer-in-Charge (OIC), Master Chief Petty Officer Tony Martinez, echoed his love of the ship and its crew in his speech and reflected, "With a strong personal connection to the first Officer-in-Charge of this ship, I felt an immense honor being the final OIC aboard Shearwater. As I pause and reflect, remembering the first time I saw the ship from an 87 on the other end of the pier, the pride I feel commanding this ship is indescribable...We will proudly carry on Shearwater's legacy of hard work and reliability."

Master Chief Martinez gave the Auxiliary a shout out during his remarks, thanking them for their assistance over the years and highlighting the hard work and effort of two Auxiliarists in particular. He first spoke of John Burns, one of eleven Auxiliarists across the whole organization who currently holds an Auxiliary Cutterman pin and coordinates the Auxiliary's efforts on the cutters. Martinez laughed as he thanked Michael Hamilton. While Martinez has only known Hamilton for about three years, the two have shared a journey that weaves back and forth over multiple locations. Hamilton finished his time in the Active Duty Coast Guard as a Boatswain's Mate Second Class and Coxswain at Station Eatons Neck. One of the many commands Martinez would eventually hold included that very same station years later. This time around, both Boatswain's Mates were together to say goodbye to the Shearwater on the overcast day in Cape May.



The entire sunset crew of Shearwater pose for a photo before the ceremony.

Photo Credit: AUX Michael Hamilton

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Goodbye to Shearwater, Continued

Hamilton, along with a dozen other Auxiliarists in Cape May gained an active duty Coast Guard In-Port Officer of the Day (OOD) qualification. Many actually did their training on board Shearwater. The process is rigorous, requiring members to become intimately familiar with the ship and its systems. Over the course of a few months, Auxiliarists learn everything from the bilges to the fire suppression system. Familiarity with electrical systems, including how to turn on the generators in case of an emergency, are tested by the Engineering Petty Officer. Knowledge of the proper procedures of morning and evening colors are also required. When an Auxiliarist is ready, they sit before an Examination Board made up by the crew in which they are asked questions about the cutter's procedures and their extensive drawings of the ship's systems are examined. When the Auxiliarist passes the Examination Board, a memo from the ship's officer-in-charge or commanding officer is forwarded to the Auxiliarist, granting them the ability to temporarily relieve the ship's crew while it is in port.

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An Auxiliarist is standing watch on Shearwater's Pilot House two days before it sails to the Coast Guard Yard.

Photo Credit: AUX Michael Hamilton



Master Chief Martinez stands in the pilothouse as the rest of the crew of Shearwater stand waiting for the ceremony to start.

Photo Credit: AUX Michael Hamilton



Goodbye to Shearwater, Continued



While Shearwater is leaving, there remain five other cutters in Cape May. The cutters Bonito and Hammerhead both also utilize Auxiliary OODs, and the Auxiliarists show no sign of slowing down their assistance to the crews. Over the last two years, five people have gained their OOD qualification and four more are currently in training.

Auxiliarists (from left) John Burns, Bob Lamendola, Bob Lawless, and Michael Hamilton take a selfie on board from Shearwater before the pandemic.

Photo Credit: AUX Michael Hamilton



Auxiliarists (from left) John Burns, Bob Lamendola, Norm Ledwin, Bob Lawless, and Justin Abate pose for a photo before attending Shearwater's decommissioning ceremony.

Photo Credit: AUX Michael Hamilton



Auxiliarist Bob Lawless watches as Shearwater departs Cape May for the last time.

Photo Credit: AUX Bob Lawless

My First 100 Days

My first 100 days! WHEW! That doesn't even include the 90 days prior when we were invited to the EXCOM calls between October and December of 2020.

I came into the elected position during the COVID-19 pandemic just as vaccinations were getting started. We are continuing with the virtual meetings from the previous March, in addition to new trainings, to get ourselves back out in the public eye. We are encouraging our members and potential members to focus on the upcoming boating season wearing gloves and masks, following CDC guidance, and filling out forms to be Semper Paratus. It's been a challenge but then again, it makes you think outside the box. That's a good thing.

To make a smooth transition into our new positions we were provided a check list. Some of the items were to be prompt, prepared, use the COLM, knowledge of policy, protocols and wear the uniform correctly. GoToMeetings, Microsoft Teams, NOGI, Zoom, new DIRAUX email and phone numbers could have made any head spin; nonetheless the EXCOM have all been working together very well like a well-oiled prop. I can't forget DIRAUX, the support we get from Sector Delaware Bay is awesome!

We also experienced our first virtual D-Train and awards ceremony (which was done successfully). I do prefer the in person social setting.

I've experienced working with other agencies from Trenton, NJ and Philadelphia, PA down to Cape Henlopen, DE while gathering information for the ice report earlier this year. That was very cool (no pun intended).

I really appreciate the folks I'm working with in the central area too! They are knowledgeable, openminded, outgoing and just a pleasure to work with every day.

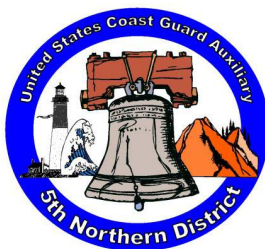
In closing, I must acknowledge my supportive family and I am looking forward to the next 265 days with hope that we do get back to a "somewhat normal" boating season.

Cynthia Chaimowitz

District Captain—Central



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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
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Coast Guard Auxiliary Association

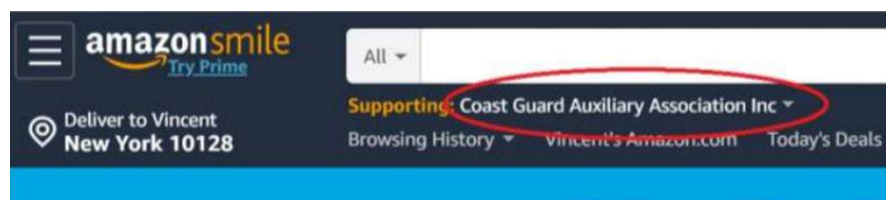


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50 + Years of Service to the Auxiliary

Congratulations to the members listed below. They have attained 50, 55 & 60 years of service in the Auxiliary and are authorized a plaque of recognition.



Andrew N. Assimos **053-12-09**

60 years

Basedate: 17-May-1960



Audrey S. Markle **053-19-04**

55 years

Basedate: 27-Mar-1964



Michael J. McKenzie **053-04-08**

50 years

Basedate: 21-Aug-1970

Henry J. Patchak **053-01-09**

50 years

Basedate: 25-May-1971

Joy and Sorrows

MARCH

Sorrow - 3/3 we learned of the passing of **Charles DeFrancesco (15-03)** who passed in February. His wife is Bernadine.

Sorrow – 3/7 we were informed of the passing of **Aux Howard Davis's (08-07)** mother.

JOY! - 3/11 -Congratulations to **Diane S Currie (17-04)** for completion of an internship at Sector Delaware Bay in Port Security on May 11 and graduation May 16 from Rider University with a Master of Arts in Homeland Security (WITH DISTINCTION!).

Surgery – 3/16 **Aux Ivan Meixell, Jr (15-11)** had elbow surgery.

JOY! – 3/16 we learned about the marriage of **Aux Don Merrill (01-04)** and Ellie!!!
1348

JOY! – Congratulations to **Aux Jason Flynn (19-06)** for his amazing job for DTRAIN! He successfully led and read names and awards for quite a long list of people! It was a very organized virtual event!

APRIL

Sorrow – 4/2 – I am sad to report the passing of **Aux Carol Owens Halligan (retired 04-02)**. Her spouse is John Halligan (retired 04-02). Carol was an Instructor, Coxswain, Asst Harbor Safety Specialist and Watchstander. She has 12 Operations Service Awards, 12 sustained service awards, 7 Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendations, the Special Operations ribbon, Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award, Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation and the Auxiliary Achievement award. She served the Auxiliary with her 1st husband. They established SARDET Wilmington, now SARDET Marcus Hook. Carol continued to serve with her 2nd husband, John. She also volunteered at Sector Delaware Bay for several years as the front desk receptionist.

We would like to thank the DIRAUX staff, COMO Dever (04-09) and Andy Crowley (04-09) for arranging to have a flag raised in her honor over the Base. Also, thanks to Andy Crowley (04-09) who raised the flag in a ceremony over SARDET Marcus Hook.

JOY! – 4/2 Congratulations go to **Kyra Amber Lay (15-10)** on her appointment to the US Coast Guard Academy's Marine and Environmental Science program where she hopes to use her degree and Officer status to become an advocate for the environment. Kyra will be reporting for SWAB summer and to serve on the USS Eagle this June.

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Joy and Sorrows

Sorrow -4/2- Aux Lorraine Matia (19-01) had laser eye surgery for a retina tear.

JOY! – 4/5 Congratulations to **Aux Frank Williams (17-02)** on becoming qualified on ANT Philadelphia's 26' TANB (trailed aids to navigation boat) as the newest crewman. This is an outstanding accomplishment, and a hard task to do. He will be busy working with the ANT as there newest crewman, verifying and doing maintenance on over 100 aids to navigation for them.

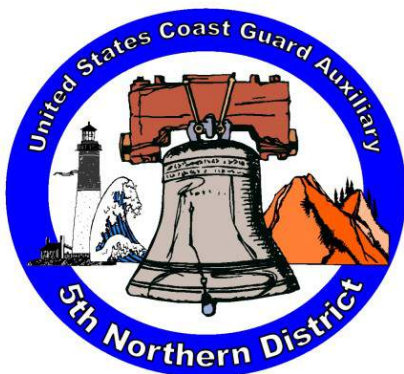
Sorrow – 4/14 I was informed of the **passing of Aux Charles R Young (17-01)** on June 6, 2020. His wife has also passed. He enrolled 17 Oct 1986. In June, there was a graveside service at Sunset Memorial Park, Huntington Valley PA. Donations are appreciated to the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

JOY! – Congratulations to **Aux John Burns (08-02)** on being awarded the Cape May County Hometown Heroes Award by the Cape May County Coast Guard Community Foundation. John is a coxswain, Instructor, Vessel Examiner, Watchstander and TCT Training Facilitator.

Celia Crowley
ADSO-HR-JS 053



History of the District



USCG Auxiliary District 5 NR

USCG Station Histories

Written by 5NR Historian Steve Marthouse, 5NR Historian

USCG Stations Manasquan and Shark River

The northern most active duty Coast Guard Station in the present 5th Northern Region is Shark River. The original USLSS Station at Shark River began construction in 1871 and was commissioned in 1872. William A. Harvey was appointed the first keeper and served until he died on May 3, 1875.

John C. Patterson, born in 1834, joined the USLSS as a surfman in 1870 at Sandy hook. In 1876, he was appointed keeper of that station and held that position until he was transferred to Shark River as Keeper on November 15, 1883. He resigned from the service on January 13, 1886.



Steve Marthouse
5NR Historian
ADSO-PB History



USCG Photo Shark River 1941

As noted in the Life-Saving Service Annual Report for 1887, Patterson and his crew were subjected to an extreme test of their skills and endurance in July 1885. On Monday, July 27, during a heavy onshore gale, they responded to the foundering yacht Foam. While on a pleasure cruise from Jersey City to Barnegat Bay, with three crew on board, the Foam had anchored offshore of Long Branch, New Jersey to ride out the gale that had developed a day earlier. On the morning of the 27th, the yacht's crew discovered their vessel had dragged anchor down-coast to a position about half-a-mile off of Avon, New Jersey. With the yacht taking on water, the crew signaled shore for help.

At that time of the year, the Lifesaving Service station crew had not begun its seasonal operations. Fortunately, Patterson spotted the distressed vessel and notified his men who lived in the nearby towns of Ocean Grove and Asbury Park. Borrowing a team of horses, the crew pulled their beach apparatus cart of rescue gear to a point adjacent to the sinking yacht. After four unsuccessful attempts to fire a shotline to the yacht to rig a breeches buoy, Patterson decided to deploy the station's surfboat.

He and his men returned to the station, hauled the surfboat to the shore and launched it; however, heavy winds and severe currents prevented them from getting to the yacht. Patterson and his crew returned to shore and waited for the sea to subside. While waiting, Patterson received word that his brother was dying and wanted to see John before he expired. But shortly thereafter, the heavy surf and high winds eased and Patterson and his crew had to return to the struggle preventing Patterson from seeing his dying brother.

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Patterson and the men re-launched the surfboat and got close enough to the yacht for the survivors to leap into the water and get pulled into the surfboat. Patterson's surfboat, with the survivors safely on board landed on the beach after an hour of rowing through heavy seas and breaking surf. Although partially flooded, the Foam, was recovered the following day.

By the time the rescuers returned to shore, a crowd of nearly 4000 spectators had assembled on the beach to observe the heroic rescue. Some of the spectators petitioned the Life-Saving Service to award medals for bravery to Patterson and his crew. After reviewing the case, the Life-Saving Service determined that Patterson, his crew and an additional volunteer were worthy of Congressional Lifesaving Medals.

The USCG will be commissioning a new Sentinel Class Fast Response Cutter John C. Patterson (FRC-53) in his honor in the near future.

USLSS Station Manasquan (Squan Beach) was established in 1856 with David S. Hansinger as Keeper. The original location of the station was approximately 1 mile north of the Manasquan Inlet.



Squan Beach 1941 USCG Photo



USCG Manasquan internet photo by FI 16-07

The present day station is located in Point Pleasant on the south side of the inlet.

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Gold Lifesaving medals were awarded to Captain Robert F. Longstreet, Keeper of Squan Beach Life-Saving Station, Captain John K. Anderson, and Mr. Charles H. Boker and a silver Lifesaving medal to Mr. Harry Anderson, for heroic conduct on June 13, 1904. With a heavy groundswell and very high surf, only a few fishing vessels dared to venture out and among them was one containing Captain Anderson, Harry Anderson and 5 others. After reaching the off shore fish pound, they loaded their boat and at around noon started back to the beach heavily laden. Within a few minutes and just outside the sandbar, a heavy sea capsized her and threw the occupants into the surf. Fortunately all of the men were able to cling to the overturned boat. On shore, Mr. Boker who witnessed the capsize, ran to a skiff and attempted to persuade unsuccessfully another fisherman to help him attempt a launch to rescue.

Captain Robert Longstreet, the Keeper of the Squan Beach Life-Saving Station arrived on scene and having no crew at the station as it was the inactive season, jumped in the skiff with Mr Boker and launched. Due to the heavy seas flooding the skiff, one man was required to continually bail as the other rowed. Due to their skillful efforts, they were able to reach the capsized boat where now 5 of the fishermen had been washed off in the direction of the shore. Captain Anderson was still clinging to the boat with one other man who could not swim. As the skiff made its approach to rescue the two, a great wave washed Anderson and the fisherman from the boat. Captain Anderson then went after and seized the fisherman and held him in the breaking surf until the crew in the skiff was able to reach them and haul them aboard.

In the meantime, 4 of the 5 who had previously been washed from the capsized boat and among whom was Harry Anderson had succeeded in reaching the beach. However the other who was unable to swim disappeared underwater and would have likely drowned had it not been for the actions of Anderson. After nearly losing his own life, he seized the end of a line and heroically plunged back into the surf to search for him. He was able to find the man about 40 yards from the shore lying on the bottom. Anderson grabbed the individual and struggled to get him to the surface. Both men were then hauled ashore by persons on the beach. The rescued man was not breathing and was only finally restored after the Life-Saving Service method of resuscitation had been applied for more than an hour.

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Birth of the Coast Guard Reserve and Auxiliary

The Coast Guard Reserve Act of 23 June 1939 established the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve as a voluntary non-military organization of yacht and motorboat owners. The purpose was to further boating efficiency and safety at sea, and to have a group of boat owners available for assistance in emergency. The Reserve would be administered under the direction of the Commandant of the Coast Guard. Under the act, motorboats assigned to Coast Guard duty were deemed to be a vessel of the United States if it was placed in charge of a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the Coast Guard. The services and facilities of the Coast Guard were permitted to be employed in the administration and operation of the Reserve. With war a probability even in 1939, Coast Guard Headquarters went about recruiting a force of men and boats of potential war value along with the original purposes. The New York Times reported in August 1941 that in nearly every yacht club along the East Coast “a batch of members had banded together in a Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla.”

The basic operating unit, known as a flotilla, was comprised of a minimum of ten boat owners. Unique uniforms regulations were issued along with, insignia, flags, and burgees designed to keep the members from being confused with the active military. Vessels were equipped to the established standards and members were taking advantage of the training and qualifications offered. As the prospects for U.S. involvement in World War II heightened, officials also saw the need for a military, as well as a non-military reserve. The Coast Guard required a force that could be called to active duty and whose personnel would be subject to military discipline and the articles of war. Thus on 19 February 1941, Congress amended the 1939 act to create the Coast Guard Reserve as a military reserve, and renamed the 1939 civilian reserve, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, maintaining its volunteer status and purposes. Under the terms of the February legislation, a Coast Guard petty officer would be assigned to every Auxiliary patrol.

From the beginning, the Coast Guard Reserve utilization was determined by the individual District Coast Guard Officer (DCGO). As a result, there was no consistent or standardized use of this volunteer force from district to district. Missions and utilization was based on the needs of a specific district. The Shark River and Manasquan Lifeboat Stations were under the control of the 3rd Coast Guard District headquartered in New York City. This District exercised control over the shorelines of Connecticut, Long Island and North Jersey south to Manasquan and all activities associated with the port and harbor of New York.

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WWII

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, Local Auxiliarists reached out immediately to assist the active duty as needed. Nation-wide during the first six weeks of the war, the Auxiliary largely took over harbor patrols. The vast majority of Auxiliarists also made the transition to become members of the Temporary Reserves. In this area of New Jersey, Auxiliary boats and crews began harbor patrols as well as offshore patrols. During March of 1942, seventy ships were sunk along the coast by submarine attack. One of the factors that added to the casualty rate was that East Coast cities initially refused to dim their lights which silhouetted ships at night. Time after time, reports showed these Auxiliarists took their tiny boats out, a few armed with rifles, others with boat hooks and flashlights, to haul drowning, burned, merchant seamen from the sea.

The two largest Coastal Patrol Force bases in the New York region were at Greenport, Long Island and Manasquan, New Jersey. To affect their anti-submarine work, CGR vessels manned by TR crews, were armed with four 300-pound depth charges, one (usually .50 caliber) machine gun, and a radio. The key to this work was to man the listening devices and keep contact with and track the submarine. Large sailing CGR vessels were used for patrolling off shore in the shipping lanes due to their lack of noise. These Coastal Pickets also known as the "Corsair Fleet" became the eyes and ears of a combat force strong enough to destroy the enemy provided it was warned in time. Hence there were rigorous inspections and checks of radio equipment before each Picket Boat sailed on a patrol. Aside from the submarine work, the Picket Force's other main duty was search and rescue of survivors of torpedoed vessels and of other distress cases. They also were responsible for recording sightings, unidentified sounds and significant flotsam and jetsam.

Along with the off shore patrols, smaller craft manned by Auxiliarists and TR's patrolled the inlets, harbors and near shore looking for unauthorized craft with no or improper identification; report unidentified vessels; report aids to navigation that were off station; maintain a lookout for accidents and assist with search and rescue; assist at boat fires, drownings, and recover bodies. During these patrols, these crews made checks of fishing vessels entering and exiting the harbor and keeping tabs on the personnel aboard. As the submarine threat diminished after March 1943 and the need for overseas deployment increased, the roles of the Auxiliary and temporary Reservists shifted. From May 1943 on, Auxiliary efforts became directed at training men for active duty in the Reserves. By the end of 1943 most water patrols had ended and units were shifted to perform shore duties.

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Beach Patrol

There has been a long tradition of a beach patrol between the lifeboat stations along the coast. The peacetime mission was to observe everything within the range of vision and protect life and property at sea. Practically all stations had a watchtower that was continuously manned for the same purpose. With the declaration of war in December 1941, steps were taken to double the patrols at most of these posts. In north Jersey, the use of the TR's was quite successful in the coastal lookouts rather than actual patrolling along the beach. This was due to the fact that there were major highways running parallel to the beach and the areas that were of densely populated. Along with the station watchtower, the Coast Guard built additional coastal lookout towers at strategic locations. Watches were monotonous but every activity had to be observed and recorded. If something irregular was seen, headquarters needed to be notified. Shifts were normal 6 hours in length. Both Shark River and Manasquan operated in this manner. By the September 1944, the need for the TR's as coastal lookouts came to an end as the lifeboat stations reverted to their normal peacetime status.

September 1944 Hurricane

A destructive hurricane roared northward over the Atlantic Ocean on 14 September 1944. The probable course of the storm had been plotted by the Weather Bureau so in most locations there was ample time to warn the public. In the 3rd District, low lying coastal areas were evacuated and small craft were checked and secured as much as possible, Regular Coast Guardsmen and TR's assisted crews of vessels tied up at wharves in handling extra lines. The north Jersey shore suffered major damage but out of the disaster came a new respect for the Temporary Reserves. All worked long hours securing moorings, recovering drifting craft, evacuating and rendering first aid to victims, salvaging and guarding property and countless other tasks necessary to restore and maintain order. Reports out of the 3rd District relative to the hurricane stress the fact regular crews of the lifeboat stations were augmented by a substantial number of TR's who worked effectively and efficiently along with the regulars in performance of all tasks brought on by the storm.

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Present Day



Station Shark River
USCG Photo

Following the WWII effort, there was a major reduction in the number of Auxiliarists and the vast majority of those TR's were released from duty. Total numbers within the present 5NR District dropped well below 1000 members before rebuilding our ranks. However the Auxiliary never detached from providing direct assistance to the active duty stations. Today the members of Division 16 have continued to support USCG Station Manasquan and Station Shark River by having members qualify in the following areas:

2 members as Radio Watch Stander.

11 members as Security Watch Standers at Shark River.

1 member as Ombudsman.

1 member as qualified USCG Boat crewmember

4 members as in Food Service

A number of members assist in the general building maintenance as well as provide the normal Auxiliary support in the Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Mission.

Photos from Across the District





CAPE MAY, NJ - In March Auxiliarist Joe Lallier was presented with a challenge coin from RADM Laura Dickey in recognition of his unending support and volunteer efforts at USCG Station Cape May.

For over three years Auxiliarist Joseph Lallier has been a Radio Watchstander in the radio room at Station Cape May. An experienced radio watchstander at other Coast Guard units in the past, Auxiliarist Lallier travels one and a half hours each way during one of his two days off from work to spend several hours assisting the active duty.

LCDR Jason Harczak, Officer in Charge summed up the recognition, "I truly cannot accurately capture just how admired Joe is by the entire crew. He is certainly part of the Station Cape May family!"

Coast Guard photograph

The 2021 Boating season is getting ready to start! Let's get ready to engage in all our 2021 season activities!

Pictured here is AUX Dora Beck, ready to start the 2021 season.

*Coast Guard Auxiliary photo
by Joseph Giannattasio*



Thank you to Flotilla 82's Yacht Ave neighbor Dr. Jay DePativio for the gift of this sign he had made for Flotilla 82. It will look great installed above the street entrance to the Shack.



Wear Your Life Jacket To Work Day - 2021

CAPE MAY, NJ - Local Barista David Wong prepares flavorful coffee while highlighting safety on the water by participating in the National Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day. People across the nation will be adjusting their work attire May 21 in celebration of Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day. Help celebrate National Safe Boating Week by wearing a life jacket to work. Snap a picture, and share it on social media using hashtags #lifejacket2work and #safeboating.

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COMO Joseph Giannattasio.*



Wear Your Life Jacket To Work Day - 2021



Ice Cream Stand proprietor Gina Luctasio serves delicious ice cream and safety on the water by participating in the National Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day. People across the nation will be adjusting their work attire May 21 in celebration of Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day. Help celebrate National Safe Boating Week by wearing a life jacket to work. Snap a picture, and share it on social media using hashtags #lifejacket2work and #safeboating.

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Kids love safety on the water as much as delicious ice cream, and they can do both by participating in the National Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day. People across the nation will be adjusting their work attire May 21 in celebration of Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day. Help celebrate National Safe Boating Week by wearing a life jacket to work. Snap a picture, and share it on social media using hashtags #lifejacket2work and #safeboating.

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Wear Your Life Jacket To Work Day - 2021



VILLAS, NJ - Mini-Golf Pro Anca Fabiszewski provides tips for better putting and safety on the water by participating in the National Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day. People across the nation will be adjusting their work attire May 21 in celebration of Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day. Help celebrate National Safe Boating Week by wearing a life jacket to work. Snap a picture, and share it on social media using hashtags #lifejacket2work and #safeboating.

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LANCASTER, PA - Auxiliarist Doug Willwerth offers healthy tasty cool goodness at his frozen yogurt establishment and safety on the water by participating in the National Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day. People across the nation will be adjusting their work attire May 21 in celebration of Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day. Help celebrate National Safe Boating Week by wearing a life jacket to work. Snap a picture, and share it on social media using hashtags #lifejacket2work and #safeboating.



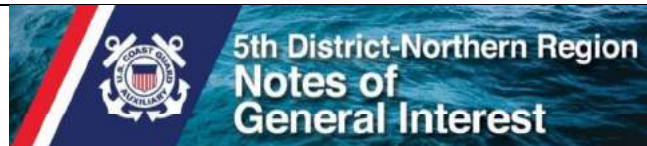
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NEWS FROM 5th DISTRICT-NORTHERN SECTION

NOGI 30APR21-D5NR COVID-19 Policy/Procedures Update
District-wide Distribution to ALL Members



IMPORTANT POLICY/PROCEDURES UPDATE D5NR COVID-19 Latest Info

**2021.04.22 DIRAUX MEMO UPDATE #6
AUX RETURN TO SUPPORT MISSIONS**

****FOR WIDEST DISSEMINATION TO
FLOTILLA COMMANDERS
AND AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP****

Kain, Elizabeth F CIV

Good day all,

[Click here for complete DIRAUX Memo Update #6 dated 2021.04.22 for support mission direction.](#)

Highlights of Update 6:

1) ANSC-7101 FORM – submitted one (1) time to DIRAUX or OIA; subsequent form is to be submitted ONLY if there is a change in the member's self-assessment status

2) CG RISK ASSESSMENT FOR MASS GATHERINGS – submitted to DIRAUX for file (business meetings, workshops, training sessions, public education courses).

3) MISSION REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL – are no longer required to be submitted to DIRAUX.

4) AIR & BCQP/RADIO MISSIONS – members are still required to submit the 7101 form to be approved

by the respective OIA if they have not already submitted a form.

5) FORMS ARE **NOT TO BE GATHERED BY A LEAD/SUPERVISOR FOR AIR/BCQP MISSIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO AN OIA** – the form is to be sent by the individual member.

All requests that have been submitted to DIRAUX prior to today are approved and are not subject to reply. **Note: all members who requested approval for their mission(s) — approval is granted.**

Please direct all inquiries and concerns to the AUX Chain of Leadership and Management.

Your continued support is most appreciated.

Vr/

Elizabeth Kain

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FROM THE DISTRICT COMMODORE

Good day 5NR Auxiliary Leaders,

I am happy to share with you the latest updated District Five Northern Region COVID-19 Guidance for support, missions and gatherings; you'll find that the guidelines offer more flexibility for members.

For example:

The 7101 form only needs to be submitted once per person and covers all missions. You will only have to resubmit this form if there is a change of information in Blocks 1 or 2. If you have already

submitted an ANSC 7101 fOIID, reference (c) to your OIA and to the DIRAUX office, no more fOIIIDS need to be submitted, unless there is a change to Blocks 1 or 2.

All mass gatherings are authorized in accordance with references contained. You must complete the reference form and submit anytime in advance to the DIRAUX office.

Of course, Auxiliarists shall assess their personal ability beforehand to undertake any activity.

The safety of all Coast Guard and Auxiliary members and their families remains the highest priority. Everyone must honor and respect an Auxiliarist's request to not participate in an assignment to duty due to the Auxiliarist's concerns about COVID-19 exposure.

Ensure that every member reads and familiarizes themselves with the aforementioned guidance.

I want to thank the DIRAUX staff for facilitating the guidance update.

Respectfully,

Joseph Giannattasio
District Commodore
Fifth District - Northern Region
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

[CLICK HERE to connect to the District's COVID-19 Directives Information Page \(All COVID-19-Related Forms\)](#)

Urgent District Board Meeting

Thursday, 6 May, 1930h (7:30 pm)

All Voting District Board Members: We need to convene an emergency virtual District Board meeting to discuss a District 5NR expenditure to repair the roof at Auxiliary Search and Rescue Station (AUX SARSTA) Long Level. **Please save the date.**

[To connect to this Microsoft Teams meeting at 1930h \(7:30 pm\) on Thursday, 6 May CLICK HERE](#)

We need your help in reporting to Senior Coast Guard Officers all of the good things that we are doing

To keep the U.S. Coast Guard 5th District Commander RADM Laura M. Dickey and USCG Sector Delaware Bay Commander Captain Jonathon Theel informed of Auxiliary activities, we are producing a report that is a look-ahead of the upcoming week's expected activities. The resulting **D5NR Outreach Activities Detail Report** will be posted on the 5nr.org website after the data is collected.

For the information to be as accurate as possible, we are requesting that each Flotilla report their upcoming activities via an online form that will automatically email the information to the DSO-CS team. The form should be filled out by a designee of the Flotilla which could be the applicable FSO. What is to be reported includes:

- Vessel Exam Blitz or Multi-Unit event (Multiple VEs concentrating on a single or connected sites)
- Public Affairs Events
- Marine Safety event (Clean-up days, School MS Displays, etc.)
- Any other Public Outreach Event

The reporting week runs from the upcoming Monday through the following Sunday with the report feeds coming from each Flotilla or other appropriate level of the organization. Deadline for submission is the Friday before the reporting week. The designated reporter to complete the form on the D5NR site is determined by the Flotilla.

Example: Activities for the week of 26Apr2021 through 2May2021 need to be reported by Friday, 23Apr2021.

The form routes to the District CS team to assemble the report and distribute.

NOTE: Submitters of the form should use their email address that is registered in AuxOfficer. The Outreach Location on the form is the name of the site such as Bob's Marina, followed by the city and state at which the site is located.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping the Gold Side informed of our significant contributions.

<https://5nr.org/upcoming-activities-report-form/>

Rick Taylor

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(DSO-CS)
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AUX SUPPORT REQUEST 2021-02

Seeking Additional Incident Management Auxiliary Support Team (IMAST) Members

Description of Duties:

Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay (SDB) is soliciting Auxiliary volunteers from D5NR to join the SDB Incident Management Auxiliary Support Team (IMAST). Members of this team provide support for active duty, civilian and reserve personnel during exercise and actual response operations requiring activation of the SDB Incident Command Post (ICP).

Selectees should expect initial team assignment to Check-In/Status Recorder duties working under the supervision of and with other Auxiliarists. After successfully demonstrating their expertise using IMSS, volunteers can pursue further training and qualification in other Incident Command System (ICS) disciplines.



IMAST program managers make every effort to coordinate well in advance for team member participation in scheduled exercises. Although not a requirement for participation, Auxiliarists who wish to participate should consider having a candid conversation with their employer to resolve potential conflicts in an (emergency) activation scenario.



Skillset

Auxiliarists selected for these duties must be current in all core training areas and must have completed the Incident Command System (ICS) 200, and ICS 800 courses. They must also

have a current, favorable PSI and agree to complete the Cyber Awareness Challenge within one (1) year if they have not already done so. Volunteers who meet these prerequisites will be scheduled to attend an IMAST Basic Orientation Class where they will learn about team operations and how to use the Incident Management Software System (IMSS) to support ICP operations.

Needed:

selected for these

have a current, favorable PSI and agree to complete the Cyber Awareness Challenge within one (1) year if they have not already done so. Volunteers who meet these prerequisites will be scheduled to attend an IMAST Basic Orientation Class where they will learn about team operations and how to use the Incident Management Software System (IMSS) to support ICP operations.

Auxiliarists on this team will receive priority consideration for selection to attend Coast Guard ICS courses with open slots for Auxiliarists. They will also have an opportunity to participate as equal partners in a management team charged with coordinating regional response and recovery from maritime disasters or assuring safety during National Special Security Events (NSSE) such as the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

Timeline Needed:

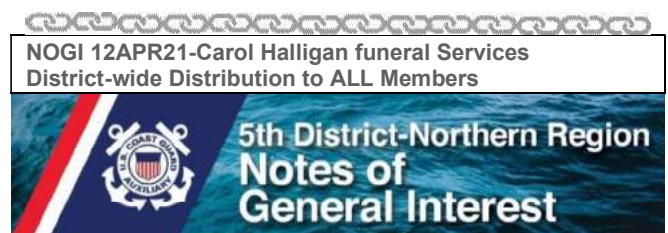
Please respond to the Point of Contact by 10 May 2021

Point of Contact:

Interested Auxiliarists should apply by email to tomroberson@verizon.net and include their name, employee identification number (EMPLID), and membership status (AP, IQ, BQ, AX, etc.).

Number of Aux needed:

Unlimited



Carol Halligan, Long-time Auxiliarist (Retired) Has Crossed Over the Bar

Many of you have heard by now that Carol Owens Halligan (Retired, 04-09) has passed away. Carol was an exceptional Auxiliarist and a true shipmate. Carol volunteered at Sector Delaware Bay for the Coast Guard for several years as a secretary/receptionist in the Command Center.

Over the years, Carol was an Instructor, Boat Crew Coxswain, Assistant Harbor Safety Specialist and Watchstander. She received 12 Operations Service

Awards, 12 Sustained Auxiliary Service Awards, 7 Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendations, the 911 /ribbon the Specials Operations Service Ribbon, the Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award, the Auxiliary Commandant Letter of commendation and the Auxiliary Achievement Award.

Auxiliarist Halligan founded SARDET (Search and Rescue DETachment) Wilmington, Delaware with her 1st husband. Carol was thoroughly involved in the boat Crew Program.

Her flotilla Commander, Andy Crowley, has been in touch with her husband, John Halligan (Retired, 4-9), the family and the funeral director. The family

wishes for the Auxiliary to perform honors for Carol.

We will not be pallbearers, but will stand watch at the casket, do a Crossing the Bar Ceremony and line up as the casket passes by. It is not sure at this time if we will do the graveside honors, but we should plan on it.

The visitation will be at **McCrery Funeral Home, 3710 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington DE 19720, Friday 16 April from 10 -11 am with a cemetery service at Grace lawn Cemetery, 2220 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle DE following at 11:30 am.** Click here Carol's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/delawareonline/obituary.aspx?pid=198308641>

Please send letter of condolences to Carol's Husband:

*John Halligan
3297 Heritage Circle,
Hendersonville NC 28791*

Let's show the family our appreciation for a life lived for the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. The Uniform of the Day is Service Dress Blue with Combination Cap preferred and a black or dark blue mask or appropriate civilian attire. **If you are interested in being in the honor guard, please contact Andy Crowley at 610-547-3697, Crowley.andy@gmail.com**

We will need Auxiliary members to volunteer. While this NOGI has been distributed District-wide we are asking DCAAPTs to please reach out to your Division Commanders and Flotilla Commanders ASAP to assure the best showing of honor for a life well spent in the service of others. Carol was well known and respected throughout the whole District and especially in Divisions 1 & 4.

Respectfully submitted,
Celia Crowley
Assistant District Staff Officer-Human Resources-
Joy and Sorrow
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Fifth District Norther
Region



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AUXILIARY PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE

THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONTEST IS OPEN!

The Public Affairs Contest for 2020-21 is open and we have started accepting submissions.

Check our contest categories!

Click on the link below to read the contest guidelines for submission of photos, videos, publications, and stories of events.

NOTE: Activities, photos, projects and videos submitted must comply with CDC protocols regarding COVID-19.

Click here: [Public Affairs Contest Guidelines](#)

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The March 2021 Issue of *RBS Job One* is now available on-line.

This issue contains useful information for everyone involved in promoting Recreational Boating Safety. Articles include:

- A New Look at Boating Safety Classes
- Engine Cut-Off Switches Save Lives
- State Liaison Officers Have Vital Role
- National Safe Boating Week Ideas

All members are encouraged to read this excellent issue for the timely information presented by our shipmates in the RBS Directorate.

The March 2021 issue of *RBS Job One* is now posted and available. Click here: [RBS JOB One](#)

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FOURTH QUARTER 2020 NAVIGATOR EXPRESS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!

The Fourth Quarter Edition of the Navigator Express is available online now!

Just click on the link below to read stories titled:

- About the Auxiliary
- Navigator Express Masthead
- Auxiliary Association Notice
- Special Message from the Commandant
- Benefits of Auxiliary Association Membership
- Save A Life. "Wear It!"
- Everything AUXAIR
- Safe Sailing Trips with The Kids
- Hypothermia Principles for Paddlers
- Cookin' for the Coast Guard
- Importance of Auxiliary Aviation
- Un-Manned Aviation Systems Team Up
- Social Media Importance in The Auxiliary
- Fellowship Cornerstone
- Why I Joined the Auxiliary
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- SCUTTLEBUTT
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NATIONAL NOTICES



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 U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Subj: AUXDATA II SKILLS AND AVAILABILITY UPDATE

1. When AUXDATA II was brought online, it incorporated the Skills Bank database which had

served as the system-of-record repository for Auxiliarists' various non-Coast Guard skills, expertise, and availability for potential assignments to duty. In the interest of having updates in place by the start of the 2021 hurricane season, all Auxiliarists are asked to log-in and complete any updates by May 15, 2021 to ensure that your skills, expertise, and availability are updated and accurate in AUXDATA II.

2. The following steps will enable you to perform this update:

- a. Log into AUXDATA II.
- b. Click the "Members" menu at the top of the screen.
- c. Enter your Name or Member number into then Search box on the top right of the screen

(use the master search bar not the "Search this list" box) and hit ENTER.

d. Click your name under the word "Members" in the search results on the left side of the screen.

e. There are four "pages". You will open on the Detail page where your name and Unit number will be found.

f. Click the "Skills and Availability." Page to the right of the "Related" page,

g. Under "Availability for Coast Guard Support Operations," confirm what is displayed for the following:

1. Your availability during the week.
2. Your willingness to travel outside your home area.

3. Your ability to perform the duties for which you are qualified.

4. Your willingness to do Coast Guard or Auxiliary administrative support missions.

5. Your Auxiliary photo ID card status.

h. If you want to make changes, then select or deselect appropriate boxes and click the green "Save Availability" button when done.

i. Proceed to the bottom half of the screen where the "My Skills" menu is shown and confirm what is displayed.

j. If you want to make additions, first select "Skill Group."

k. Next select the skill group you want to add.

l. Click "Add Skill." The skill will appear under the "My Skills" section. If the exact term is not found, select the closest equivalent. You can add other skills by repeating steps j-l.

m. You can select your Occupation using the same approach only instead of clicking on "Add Skill", click the "Set Occupation" button. The skill you selected will then appear on your "Detail" page in the "Occupation" field.

n. When you are finished making changes, click the green "Save Skills and Occupation" to complete.

o. If you would like to remove a skill, click the red "Remove" button to the left of the skill you wish to remove.

p. Click "Save Skills and Occupation" when finished with all changes to complete.

3. If you have any questions about how to complete these changes, contact your FSO-IS officer, who can make these changes on your behalf.

4. Internet release is authorized.



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**Subj: 2020 CAPTAIN NIELS P. THOMSEN
INNOVATION AWARDS RECIPIENTS**

The following ALCOAST recently recognized three Auxiliarists for their contributions in fostering a Service culture of continuous innovation and learning. Congratulations to Auxiliarist Alvaro Ferrando of District Seven (D7), Miami, Florida; Commodore William "Bill" Bowen III and Auxiliarist Bruce Buckley of District One, Southern Auxiliary Region (D1-SR) New London, Connecticut. Congratulations and Bravo Zulu!

Respectfully,
Captain Scott L. Johnson
Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-
BSX)

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SUBJ: 2020 CAPTAIN NIELS P.
THOMSEN INNOVATION AWARDS
RECIPIENTS
A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON
DC 210704 DEC 20/ALCOAST 459/21
B. Coast Guard Innovation Program,
COMDTINST 5224.13 (series)
1. I am pleased to announce and
congratulate the recipients of the 2020
Captain Niels P. Thomsen Innovation
Awards, as chosen by the Innovation
Council, and discussed in REFs (A) and
(B).



2. Fostering a Service culture of continuous innovation and learning empowers our workforce to play an integral role in supporting CG strategic objectives. This year's award recipient found ingenious solutions that addressed complex maritime challenges, contributed to creating a more inclusive Service, and leveraged data analytics and machine learning to maximize efficiency and effectiveness. Faced with the unprecedented challenges posed by COVID-19, our recipients also leveraged strengthened C5I infrastructure to modernize force readiness management and maintain engagement with the public and external stakeholders.

3. The 2020 award recipients by category are:

a. Science or Technology:

CHAINLENK: Countering IUU Fishing with Data Driven Solutions

(1) LT Emily Johnson, D17
Intelligence Branch

(2) IS1 James Lenkiewicz, D17
Intelligence Branch

b. Operations or Readiness:

Commercial Space Launch Risk
Assessment Tool (SLRAT)

(1) CDR Scott Kirkland, COMDT
(CG-7411)

(2) CDR Joshua Rose, Sector
Jacksonville

(3) CDR Jillian Lamb, Sector
Jacksonville

(4) LCDR Molly Keyser, Sector
Jacksonville

(5) LT Emily Sysko, Sector
Jacksonville

(6) LT LaMarcus Walker, Sector
Jacksonville

(7) LT Anthony Scott, Sector
Jacksonville

(8) LT Joel Hill, Sector Jacksonville

(9) BMC Robert Martin, Station
Port Canaveral

(10) MST1 Dionysios Mitsios,
Sector Jacksonville

(11) Mr. Douglas Campbell, Sector
Jacksonville

c. Administration, Training, or
Support:

Modernized Learning for Shore Forces
Readiness

(1) CDR Joel Carse, TRACEN
Yorktown

(2) LCDR Paul Simpson, TRACEN
Yorktown

(3) LCDR John Laraia, TRACEN
Yorktown

(4) LCDR Michael Oubre,
TRACEN Yorktown

(5) LT Mark Bender, TRACEN
Yorktown

(6) LT Elizabeth Tatum, TRACEN
Yorktown

(7) LT Jeremy Leggett, TRACEN
Yorktown

(8) Mr. Mark Ogle, TRACEN
Yorktown

(9) Ms. Kristy Plourde, TRACEN
Yorktown

d. Culture Change:

Urination Device for Female Boat
Crewmembers

(1) AMT3 Kristin Talbott, AIRSTA
Kodiak

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Achievement:

UPV and Bareboat Charters: Remote
Education & Outreach

(1) AUX Alvaro Ferrando, Sector
Miami Prevention Investigations Division

f. Commander Joel Magnussen

Innovation Award for Management:
Adaptive Risk Model for Inspected Small
Passenger Vessels

(1) CAPT Matt Edwards, COMDT
(CG-CVC)

(2) CDR Baxter Smoak, COMDT
(CG-INV)

(3) LCDR Stefanie Hodgdon,
COMDT (CG-CVC)

(4) LCDR Peter Bizzaro, COMDT
(CG-CVC)

(5) LCDR Jeff Bybee, MSC

(6) LCDR Cameron Cooper, MSC

(7) LCDR Brian Crimmel, COMDT
(CG-DCO-51)

(8) LCDR Timothy McNamara,
COMDT (CG-PAE)

(9) LCDR Matthew Meacham,
COMDT (CG-ENG)

(10) LT Katherine Ahrens, MSC

(11) LT Kimberly Gates, COMDT
(CG-OES)

(12) LT Keith Heine, MSC
 (13) LT Kevin Kinsella, COMDT (CG-PAE)
 (14) Ms. Jennifer Poythress, COMDT (CG-OES)
 (15) Ms. Juliet Hudson, COMDT (CG-CVC)
 (16) Mr. Emanuel Terminella Jr., COMDT (CG-INV)
 (17) Mr. Marc Cruder, COMDT (CG-5P-TI)

4. The Coast Guard Innovation Council reviewed award nominations received through CG_Ideas@Work. The 2020 nominees embody the exceptionally innovative spirit of our workforce and their efforts have made tangible positive impacts in our Service, maximizing readiness today and tomorrow. Additional information about these and other exceptional ideas may be viewed at: <https://cg-ideasatwork.ideascalegov.com/>.

5. Although only a few ideas can be selected for an award, the Innovation Council would also like to recognize this year's honorable mentions for each award category.

a. Science or Technology:
 Augmented Reality Maintenance Assistance (ARMA)
 (1) CDR Bryan Burkhalter, FORCECOM
 Virtual Readiness Center Maritime Information for Safety and Law Enforcement (MISLE) Weather Macro
 (1) LT David Cooper, Sector Jacksonville

b. Operations or Readiness:
 Advanced Domain Awareness Messaging System (ADAMs) as a Mobile Vessel Sighting Report Solution (text/email compatible)
 (1) LCDR Adam Gibbs, Sector San Diego
 Sector Miami Prevention Investigation: Illegal Charter Investigator Qualification – (PAX-OPS)
 (1) LTJG Danny Hicks, Sector Miami Prevention Investigations Division
 (2) Mr. Jesus Porrata, Sector Miami Prevention Investigations Division
 (3) AUX Alvaro Ferrando, Sector Miami Prevention Investigations Division

c. Administration, Training, or Support:
 Aviation Rating Apprentice Program

(1) Aviation Technical Training Center Elizabeth City
 Modernization of EMT Recertification
 (1) LT Douglas Schneider, LANT-39
 (2) LT Eric Sheridan, TRACEN Petaluma
 (3) HSC Heidi Christensen, TRACEN Petaluma
 (4) HSC Patrick Coppo, CGC Stone
 (5) HSC Darcy Hislop, TRACEN Petaluma
 (6) HSC Shelby Carlson, TRACEN Petaluma
 (7) ASTC Micah Franklin, TRACEN Petaluma
 (8) HS1 Taijiro Laren, TRACEN Petaluma
 (9) HS1 Eugene Pryka, TRACEN Petaluma
 (10) HS1 Christine Yoshimura, TRACEN Petaluma
 (11) HS1 Heidi Bennett, TRACEN Petaluma
 (12) Ms. Shyla Volk, TRACEN Petaluma
 Galley Metrics and Command Visibility
 (1) CS1 Zachary Carman, USCG Base Seattle.

d. Culture Change:
 MyCG - A Centralized, Public Information Gateway for All Coast Guard Audiences
 (1) CAPT Matthew Moorlag, COMDT (CG-092)
 (2) CDR Timothy Balunis, COMDT (CG-092)
 (3) CDR Whitney Houck, COMDT (CG-092)
 (4) LT Luke McConnell, COMDT (CG-092)
 (5) LTJG Krystal Wolfe, COMDT (CG-092)
 (6) CWO3 Allyson Conroy, COMDT (CG-092)
 (7) YN1 Scott Turner, COMDT (CG-092)
 (8) PA2 Hunter Medley, COMDT (CG-092)
 (9) Ms. Alana Miller, COMDT (CG-092)
 (10) Ms. Allie DeLegge, COMDT (CG-092)
 (11) Ms. Christie St. Clair, COMDT (CG-092)



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(12) Ms. Kara Noto, COMDT (CG-092)

(13) Mr. Rodrigo Brinski, COMDT (CG-092)

(14) Mr. Jonathon LaDue, COMDT (CG-092)

ATC Mobile Podcast "Flight Suit Friday"

(1) LCDR Nathan Shakespeare, ATC Mobile

(2) LCDR Sam Hafensteiner, ATC Mobile

(3) LT Ryan Vandehei, ATC Mobile

(4) Mr. Charles Seay, ATC Mobile
e. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Achievement:

Research and Development Center

Auxiliary Team Skills Bank

(1) Commodore Bill Bowen, USCG Research and Development Center (RDC)

(2) Dr. Joe DiRenzo III, USCG Research and Development Center (RDC)

(3) AUX Bruce Buckley, USCG Research and Development Center (RDC)

f. CDR Joel Magnussen Innovation Award for Management:

Rapid and Efficient Program Renovation: CG Emergency Management

(1) COMDT (CG-OEM)

Saving Arctic Communities: Maritime Safety Task Force (MSTF) and Bulk Fuel Facility Workgroup

(1) CDR Jereme M. Altendorf, Sector Anchorage

6. The Innovation Awards ceremony will be held on 30 April 2021 during the spring Senior Leadership Conference. Additional information regarding this and other Innovation Council activities can be found at the Innovation Portal

at: <https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/units/cg9/2/6/Innovation/Pages>.

7. POC: Please direct any questions to COMDT (CG-926) Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, and Innovation Program

at: Innovation@uscg.mil.

8. RADM Michael J. Johnston, Assistant Commandant for Acquisition (CG-9), sends.

9. Internet release is authorized.

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Subj: 2020 AUXILIARY DIVERSITY AWARD RECIPIENT

Auxiliarist Randel McCormick of the Eleventh District, Northern Auxiliary Region (D11-NR), Flotilla 53 in North Solano County, California has been recognized as the National Commodore's 2020 Auxiliary Diversity Award winner. The following ALCOAST recently announced Auxiliarist McCormick's selection. Congratulations to Auxiliarist McCormick and all nominees!!

Respectfully,

Captain Scott L. Johnson

Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

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SUBJ: 2020 AUXILIARY DIVERSITY AWARD RECIPIENT

1. The Coast Guard Office of Diversity and Inclusion is pleased to announce and congratulate Mr. Randel McCormick of the Eleventh District, Northern Auxiliary Region (D11-NR), Flotilla 53 in North Solano County, California as the awardee of the National Commodore's 2020 Auxiliary Diversity Award. This award recognizes exemplary performance by an Auxiliarist in the field of diversity. They must demonstrate exceptional standards of conduct, inspirational leadership, commitment to superior service, and consistent support of the Auxiliary's diversity goals and the Coast Guard Diversity Policy Statement. They must also exemplify the Coast Guard's Core Values and infuse the value of diversity and inclusion throughout Auxiliary organization and activities.

2. Mr. McCormick has been an active and ardent Auxiliarist since enrolling in February of 2009. He has served in several



elected and appointed offices at flotilla, division, and district levels including District Captain and Assistant District Staff Officer for Human Resources. He currently serves as the Diversity Officer for his flotilla, division, and all of D11-NR. He worked tirelessly to create, instill, and promote an inclusive Auxiliary membership environment that projected the value of all individuals and fostered their teamwork and collective success. Demonstrating remarkable resourcefulness and initiative, he set up several "diversity potlucks" in which Auxiliarists shared their favorite ethnic dishes, fully leveraged virtual meeting tools to develop and deliver creative and comprehensive online diversity training workshops, authored many articles for regional Auxiliary publications, and provided an engaging Auxiliary uniform workshop to units across the region. As a direct result of his enthusiastic and unflagging leadership, D11-NR Auxiliary units sustained vibrancy throughout their recruiting and retention efforts and more than doubled their National Commodore's 3-Star Diversity Award submissions from 13 the previous year to 29 new nominations.

3. Questions regarding the National Commodore's Auxiliary Diversity Award may be directed to Stephen Minutolo, COMDT (CG-BSX), at (202) 372-1267 or Stephen.J.Minutolo@uscg.mil.

4. This message is valid until 01 June 2021.

5. Ms. Michelle Godfrey, Director of Civilian Human Resources, Diversity and Leadership (CG-12), sends.

6. Internet release is authorized.



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FM: CHDIRAUX
TO: ALAUX
ALAUX 008/21

Subj: 2021 NATIONAL WORKSHOPS

Ref: Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series)

1. **National Operations Workshops**. The Surface and Air Operations Workshops are required for 2021. The Telecommunications Workshop is optional for 2021 but is highly recommended. Similar to 2020, the National Operations Workshops (Surface/Air/Telecommunications) may be completed via webinar. The workshop training material(s) must be delivered by an Auxiliarist qualified in the respective operations program provided they are either a certified instructor or are under the supervision of a certified instructor. Instructors may use any webinar delivery platform that is available in their region. Instructors are encouraged to work with their Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM) to determine the proper delivery platform. Details for the 2021 ***required*** National Operations Workshops are listed below:

a. Surface Operations Workshop. This workshop is required for all boat crew coxswains, boat crew members, personal water craft operators, paddle craft operators, and those currently training for any of these competencies, including members in Required Yearly Not Met (REYR) status who intend to regain their certification.

b. Air Operations Workshop. This workshop is required for all pilots, air crew, air observers, and those currently training for any of these competencies, including members in REYR status who intend to regain their certification.

c. The 2021 National Operations Workshop presentations (Air, Surface, and Telecommunications) are located at the National response Directorate web page at the following link: [R-Directorate What's New Website](#)

d. Instructors of these workshops must submit a Workshop Mission and Attendance Report (ANSC-7039) to their IS officer for entry into AUXDATA II.

2. **National Vessel Examiner and Instructor Workshops**. The Vessel Examiner (VE) and Instructor (IT) Workshops are required for 2021. These workshops are intended to be viewed by members and completion logged via a self-attestation form as described below. These

workshops may also be facilitated by an Instructor via webinar or in person as District COVID Protocols permit.

a. VE Workshop. This workshop is required for all certified Vessel Examiners, and those currently training to become Vessel Examiners, including members in REYR status who intend to regain their certification. The VE workshop presentations are located at the National V-Directorate website (in the Member Zone) at: [2021 National VE Workshop](#)

b. IT Workshop. This workshop is required for all certified Instructors, and those currently training to become Instructors, including members in REYR status who intend to regain their certification. The IT workshop is located at the E-Directorate website "What's New!" page (in the Member Zone) at: [2021 E-Directorate Workshop](#)

c. Members who individually view the VE or IT workshops in their entirety must submit a Workshop Attestation Form to their FSO-IS for entry into AUXDATA II. In order to make data entry easier, IS officers may collect forms for all of their members required to complete these workshops and make one entry into AUXDATA II using the last day of the month of the Activity/Task Completion date. This form is located in the same location as the VE and IT Workshop presentations listed above. Note: When adding the VE workshop task to Activity Logs in AUXDATA II use the task named "Vessel Examinations Workshop" in the Workshops task category list.

d. If the workshop is facilitated by an Instructor in a webinar or group setting, the Instructor must submit a Workshop Mission and Attendance Report (ANSC-7039) to their IS officer for entry into AUXDATA II.

3. National Food Service Sanitation Workshop.

This workshop is required for all Auxiliary Food Service Specialists and those currently training for this competency, including members in REYR status who intend to regain their certification. Please follow the instructions on the Auxiliary Food Services Website for completing the Annual AUXFS Sanitation Update. After completing the required test, course completion will be logged into AUXDATA II via the National Testing Center course results upload. There is no need to create separate activity logs for completion of this course in AUXDATA II. The workshop is available through

the Auxiliary Human Resources Directorate web page at:

National Auxiliary Food Services Website

4. All workshops (except food service) and the Workshop Self-Attestation form may also be downloaded from AUXDATA II. From the AUXDATA II Navigation Bar select "More," then "Files," and then select "Libraries." The workshops and form are located in the 2021 Workshops Library.

5. Per chapter 8.B.1.g of reference (a), all **required** workshops must be completed no later than **30 June 2021**. If not completed by 30 June 2021, members required to complete those workshops will have their affected competencies place into Required Workshop Not Met (REWK). If a required workshop is not completed by 31 December 2021, the affected competencies will be placed in REYR status.

6. Questions should be directed to the appropriate Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM).

7. Internet Release is Authorized.



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TO: ALAUX

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Subj: COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (CGMA) FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: IT'S MUTUAL

1. The Coast Guard recently announced the kick-off of its 2021 Coast Guard Mutual Assistance fundraising campaign. Please read the content below about this remarkable program that serves all branches of the Coast Guard family.

Respectfully,
Captain Scott L. Johnson

Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

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TO ALCOAST
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SSIC 5760

SUBJ: COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE
(CGMA) FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: IT'S
MUTUAL

1. Summary: The purpose of this message is to provide guidance for the 2021 Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) campaign, give ethics guidance, and educate members and employees about the various CGMA support programs. Since 1924, CGMA has proven to be a valuable Coast Guard community resource. Through donations great or small, we can ensure CGMA remains strong and ready to serve our Coast Guard family for years to come.

2. Campaign. The 2021 CGMA Annual Fundraising Campaign runs from 01 to 30 April 2021. CGMA works because we give; it is called "Mutual Assistance" because it is, at its core, Coast Guardsmen taking care of our own. It is up to each of us to ensure that CGMA stays strong and effective, ready to meet the needs of our fellow shipmates. I encourage the broadest support for the campaign and would emphasize two important objectives:

a. SEG-C Autumn. This is a one-time grant of up to \$500 to help with the cost of various school supplies for the fall school term. This grant is available to members with dependents in Pre-K through 12th grade. Members who received the previous spring semester SEG-C are eligible to receive the fall grant as well.

b. to raise the funds necessary to continue its critical role on behalf of the CG Community. Such funding allows CGMA to remain nimble and to respond quickly to the urgent financial pressures of a shipmate in need. The generosity of our donors fuels the expansion of existing programs, plus the creation of new ones.

3. CGMA offers a helping hand to shipmates and co-workers in need through direct financial aid and a wide range of programs and services. As a donor supported non-profit, CGMA receives no federal

funds, and it must rely on our generosity and our commitment to helping each other.

4. Unit requirements. Each unit should have assigned a campaign coordinator. See www.cgmahq.org/campaign for more information. As the campaign gets underway, unit Campaign Coordinators will be asked to contact each active duty military member and civilian employee. Selected Reserve, retired military, and members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be contacted by mail and are encouraged to respond using the contribution forms provided. To make a gift securely online visit: www.cgmahq.org/give. Post-campaign reports and forms should be provided no later than 15 May; deployed units may arrange to submit their reports during a brief stop for fuel or upon return to homeport by contacting CGMA HQ at campaign@cgmahq.org.

5. Programs. The official financial relief organization for the Coast Guard, CGMA is poised and ready to respond to financial needs within the Coast Guard family. Since its beginnings in 1924, CGMA has rendered more than 214 million dollars in assistance. Please take the time to educate members and employees. This assistance is provided in four essential areas:

a. Disaster and Emergency Response. CGMA is always ready to respond to disasters with immediate loans and grants to help those whose lives are significantly disrupted by floods, fires, and storms. CGMA is always responsive to those faced with unexpected emergencies such as funeral expenses, emergency travel, and urgent repairs to their homes or vehicles.

b. Education. CGMA offers many programs to empower growth and goals. Members are able to receive up to \$6000 in loans for tuition and expenses for themselves or their dependents. CGMA distributes nearly \$700,000 in grants for textbooks and other fees for advanced education each year. CGMA continues to provide free access to www.Tutor.com/military for active duty members, reservists on active duty, civilian employees and dependents. With a partnership with the Coast Guard Work-Life staff, CGMA financial resilience tools and grants are available.

c. Family Support. CGMA is there through so many key life events with programs like adoption loans and grants, housing security deposits and closing costs, OCONUS rental car assistance, non-rate A School uniforms, special needs grants, emergency

vet bills, and more. In 2020 CGMA provided over \$937,404 in family support programs. CGMA is our partner for life.

d. Tragedy. Unfortunately, from time to time, unexpected and unimaginable tragedy will strike individual families. In these circumstances, CGMA is there to assist our shipmates, relieving the financial burden that accompanies such tragedy. CGMA's ability to respond swiftly and decisively has helped to allay some of the most immediate concerns of a member or their spouse in these situations. CGMA hopes this kind of support is never required, but is gratified to be able to provide immediate assistance when needed.

6. In this challenging and uncertain time, I want to assure you that CGMA is here for you. In 2020, CGMA's reaction to the pandemic proved definitively the responsiveness and resilience of our relief society. In 2020, CGMA provided over \$3.5 million in grants to those families impacted by the economic and social challenges of the Coronavirus (COVID 19). Assistance was provided to over 6000 CG personnel. CGMA continues to provide support for those who continue to be deeply affected. www.Tutor.com/military, a permanent CGMA program, is an outstanding resource for those families still in a remote learning environment. This program provides safe and secure, one-to-one tutoring with a live expert online 24/7. Tutors can help with grades K-12 and college subjects. It can help students stay on course while temporarily out of the classroom and can help fill the time with constructive learning experiences. Additionally, at this time, all of CGMA's normal programs and resources remain available. For more information on all of our other programs, please visit our website: www.cgmahq.org.

7. Ethics Guidance. CG members and employees are permitted to solicit funds for CGMA in their official capacity. COs/OINCs/supervisors and individuals may all use their official title, position and authority to speak, write and encourage other members of the Coast Guard to donate to CGMA. Donations are always the members' choice. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.808(b) or your servicing legal office for more information.

8. POCs:

a. General questions and Campaign Coordinator designation: campaign@cgmahq.org.

b. Erica Chapman, CGMA Fundraising Manager at 703-581-5297 or Erica.Chapman@cgmahq.org

c. Alena Howard, CGMA Chief Development Officer at 703-468-7087 or Alena.Howard@cgmahq.org.

9. RADM J. M. Nunan, Assistant Commandant of Human Resources (CG-1), sends.

10. Internet release is authorized.



11 MAR 2021

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TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 006/21

Subj: AUXDATA II UPDATES FOR PATROL ORDERS PROCESS

1. On Monday, March 15th, 2020, the AUXDATA II Patrol Orders page layout and patrol request process will be updated.

a. The patrol order page layout has been updated to provide better visibility of the objects and certain fields on the right side of the page. Page layout changes include:

- Better visibility of the Crew, Activities, Files, and Patrol Order History objects on the right side of the page.
- Removed the Date Applied/Date Decided fields on the Crew record entries.
- Moved Chatter from a tab to the actual page (will be located on the right side of the page, below Patrol Order History).
- Display of Mission End Time in the Activities List View, to help with determining the Mission Start time of subsequent Activities.

b. After 15 March 2021 @ 12:00pm EDT, Facility owners and operators and anyone initiating patrol

requests will now initiate the request from the **Patrol Orders** tab instead of the **Requests** tab. To initiate a patrol request, follow the following steps:

- From the Home Page, select **More**
- Select **Patrol Orders**
- Select **New** (upper right side of the screen)
- Select **Request**. (Note: do not select Patrol Order option here or you will run into errors)
- Fill out the all required fields as you did before. **Save**.
- Click the **Assign Locations** Bar and select your patrol location and sub-unit and enter your patrol area as required your Order Issuing Authority (OIA). **Save**.
- Update the **Status** field to **Requested**. This will send a notification to the OIA indicating that a patrol request is pending.
- If the request is Approved, follow the existing patrol order completion process.

****For OIAs, the patrol order process will not change. OIAs will still receive patrol request notifications as they did before and will still approve/deny requests in the same manner.**

2. Action Items:

a. DIRAUX/OTO/OIA

- For any patrol request that is CURRENTLY in the system in the Requested status, OIAs need to approve or deny those requests ASAP! Once the change happens, those requests will no longer be available. If the patrol date has already passed and no mission took place, OIAs must deny those requests.
- On the Requests Tab, a list view named 'All Pending Patrol Requests.' This list view is available to all users and displays patrol requests in the 'Requested' status with a Patrol Date greater than 01 January 2021. Please have your OIAs approve/deny their requests as appropriate, NLT 14 March 2021.

b. Auxiliary Facility Owners/Operators

- For any New patrol requests where the patrol date is BEFORE March 20th, please create those requests ASAP in order for your OIAs to approve/deny the requests no later than March 14th.

- For any New patrol requests for patrol dates AFTER March 20th, please wait until we deploy the update on March 15th to submit a new patrol request. ****PLEASE do not create any new patrol requests on 15 March 2021 until after noon, EDT.****
- Any patrol request that was initiated from the Requests tab that hasn't been Approved or Denied prior to March 15th will no longer be able to be approved and will need to be resubmitted using the updated process.

3. For anyone who created Custom List Views from the Requests tab for patrol requests, you will need to recreate those custom list views from the patrol orders tab. A Patrol Requests Custom List View Creation Guide will be available in AUXDATA in the USCG Auxiliary Guides library. To view the guide, navigate from the Home page, to the **More** tab, select **Files**, then select **Libraries** on the left side of the page. Select **USCG Auxiliary Guides** from the library list and locate the Patrol Request Custom List View Guide.

4. If there are questions, please use your Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM) or Chain of Command as appropriate.

5. Internet Release is authorized.



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TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 009/21

**Subj: AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION INC. -
RECIPIENT OF THE COAST GUARD
MUTUAL ASSISTANCE "SO OTHERS MAY
LIVE" AWARD**

1. Congratulations to all Auxiliarists and associate members of the Auxiliary Association Inc. (AuxA) for AuxA's recent selection for the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) "So Others May Live" Award!

2. This selection recognizes AuxA's generous support and monetary contributions to CGMA's Operation Extended Hands which provided immediate financial relief to Coast Guard families affected by a devastating housing complex fire near Coast Guard Station Cape Hatteras Inlet, North Carolina in October 2020. Over \$31,000 quickly raised by AuxA members helped these families pay for relocation costs, replacement of household goods and personal effects, funeral expenses, and other unexpected costs. The award will be presented to the Coast Guard Auxiliary at the CGMA annual Board meeting on April 23, 2021.

Auxiliary uniform workshop to units across the region. As a direct result of his enthusiastic and unflagging leadership, D11-NR Auxiliary units sustained vibrancy throughout their recruiting and retention efforts and more than doubled their National Commodore's 3-Star Diversity Award submissions from 13 the previous year to 29 new nominations.

3. Questions regarding the National Commodore's Auxiliary Diversity Award may be directed to Stephen Minutolo, COMDT (CG-BSX), at (202) 372-1267 or Stephen.J.Minutolo@uscg.mil.

4. This message is valid until 01 June 2021.

5. Ms. Michelle Godfrey, Director of Civilian Human Resources, Diversity and Leadership (CG-12), sends.

6. Internet release is authorized



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TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 005/21

**Subj: STATE OF THE COAST GUARD
ADDRESS - MARCH 11, 2021**

1. Admiral Karl Schultz, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, will deliver the annual State of the Coast Guard Address from San Diego, California on March 11, 2021 at 1300 EST. He is eagerly looking forward to celebrating the tremendous work accomplished by the Coast Guard, and laying out exciting details about the Service's future.

2. All Coast Guard personnel are invited to view and find creative ways to engage in this event. Viewers will have two options to livestream the event:

- a. On home computers (Chrome works best) or personal devices: www.uscg.mil/AlwaysReady
- b. On Facebook: [@USCoastGuard](https://www.facebook.com/USCoastGuard)

3. The full video will also be available for download by 1700 EST at www.uscg.mil/AlwaysReady. The attached flyer provides additional information.

4. Internet release is authorized.



A Message from the Editor

Good day 5NR,

As I sit to write this message, I am in awe of the members of 5NR who have achieved 50+ years of service to the Auxiliary. That dedication and commitment is hard to come by these days and their service should inspire us all to a stronger commitment. They should be proud of their many years of service. Bravo Zulu!

I would like to thank all the contributors to this issue. It is because of people willing to submit articles, pictures, stories, messages, and other pieces that make Topside as successful as it is. It is also because of this that has enabled Topside to endure through the years as long as it has. It is one of, if not the longest running, Auxiliary district

newsletters in the nation. An achievement to certainly be proud. Please continue to contribute and if you haven't yet contributed but have something to share, I encourage you to send them my way!

Well, as we approach summer I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable start to the boating season. Maybe things will be more normal this summer.

Semper Paratus,
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Parting Shots



Wrightsville, PA—Sometimes being an Auxiliarist is hard work! Members of Division 19 work to install the docks at Station Long Level for this year's boating season. The work was made extra hard with social distancing and masks.

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