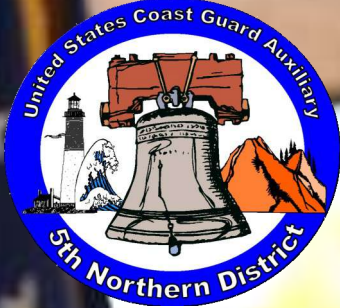


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Front Cover: Chesapeake City, MD: A sign of the times. Newly elected DCAPT James Hans during the swearing-in ceremony at Schaefer's Canal House during the Last EXCOM meeting of 2020. Wearing masks has become commonplace with the pandemic continuing to cause havoc across the nation.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Barbara Sama

From the Desk of the Commodore

Plotting a Course to Thrive in the New Decade.

COMO Joseph Giannattasio

It is an honor to be addressing you as the Auxiliary's District Fifth Northern Commodore. The past twelve months has certainly challenged all of us and given us the opportunity to demonstrate personal flexibility in many ways. When I pinned on my star in November, I never thought it wouldn't be at a DTRAIN, not surrounded by you, all my shipmate friends, and broadcast over social media. Many more of our Auxiliary routines and long-standing customs have changed, but one thing that hasn't changed is the desire to continuously improve our district's activities and make it even more proficient and robust.



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

Speaking of DTRAIN, applying the GAR Model to the decision of whether to cancel our spring conference made it absolutely clear that the safety of our members outweighs the potential gains we would have in continuing forward with an in-person event. HOWEVER we will hold a virtual Board Meeting on Friday, 12 March and a virtual awards ceremony Saturday, 13 March where we will honor all members who have received National and District awards, which will be mailed to every recipient in advance, and they will be able to show them off on the online platform. Special VIP guests will also be joining the ceremony.

We will maintain the "TRAIN" in DTRAIN by providing virtual training events at the district level throughout the year, Risk Management/TCT and Operations Workshops as soon as 2021 versions are approved. Your District Staff Officers (DSO) will be offering training in their respective missions to inform members about the various Auxiliary operations and qualification opportunities. Divisions and Flotillas should take the initiative to augment member training to maintain their unit's readiness.

For those of you who wish to pursue becoming an elected leader, or become more proficient as Flotilla Commander all the way to District Commodore, the Auxiliary Leadership Development Program (ALDP) facilitates leadership development at any unit level. The website helps train and prepare members for elected positions. Just web-search "Auxiliary Leadership Development Program" or go to: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=AUX60>

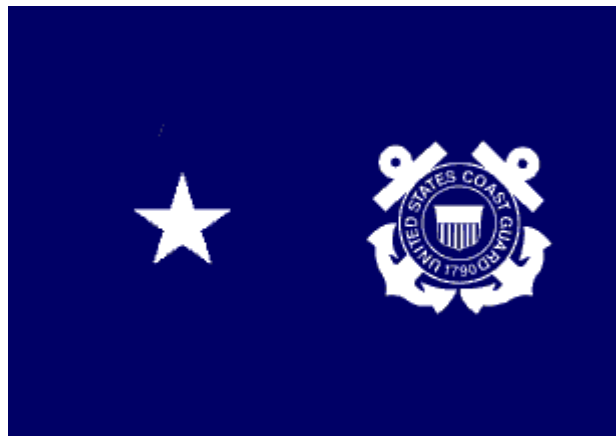
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From the Desk of the Commodore, continued

Membership within the district, throughout the Auxiliary, and for most US volunteer organizations has been steadily declining for the past fifteen years. Attracting and retaining a talented and diverse membership are flotillas' most pressing challenge, and its greatest opportunity. It is doubtful this trend will change, so we should adapt and concentrate on "quality" rather than "quantity". We must all build an inclusive culture that not only attracts the best of our diverse communities but fosters an environment that encourages them to stay."

These have been trying times for all of us conducting Auxiliary business and activities, and there are still many challenges on the horizon. Yet, these are perfect Coast Guard Auxiliary conditions - because when times are at their worst - Auxiliarists are at their best. My commitment to you remains resolute. I am as dedicated as ever to driving change at the top to improve our organization, making it easier to be an Auxiliarist, and ensuring your dedication is understood and appreciated.

This is an exciting time. In my 17 years as a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, I have never been more proud of the members wearing our uniform as I am today. I know where we came from, and I'm excited about where we are headed.



Message from the Chief of Staff

The AUX is MORE relevant and needed today than ever.

I am humbled, excited, and blessed to be the 5NR Chief of Staff for the next two years. We can be more relevant today than ever if we continue to adapt, grow, train, and remain "SEMPER PARATUS"! Our members' talents and service are widely recognized as reasons Team Coast Guard can achieve its full mission capabilities. Since 1941, we have been at the call to help support Public Education (PE), Aviation (AV), Surface Operations (OP), Communications (CM), Communication Services (CS), Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (MS), Navigation Systems (NS), Public Affairs (PA), Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program (PV), Vessel Examination (VE) and many more missions. I am here to help you work through our mission, goals, and Commodore Giannattasio's vision of being ready for the call.



Kurt P. Sarac Sr.
District Chief of Staff
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
5th District-Northern Region

For the 2021 year, ALL MISSIONS are open! That is correct... ALL MISSIONS ARE OPEN, with proper COVID-19 protocols followed. (See notices, directives, and form ANSC7101)

If we continue to adapt to the ever-changing needs, challenges, and mission scope we are given, we will be asked to do more, not less. This demands that we are flexible, well-trained, and show ourselves as a force multiplier inside "Team Coast Guard" through the vertical missions we offer. Remember, NO other military service branch has a "GO TO" group such as the Coast Guard has in us!

So with this said, as Chief of Staff, I ask you to consider the following:

- Wear your uniform proudly and with crispness!
- Enter ALL of your hours, as this is the only way for us to get funding sources, allowing operational leaders and decision-makers to know all the great work you are doing.
- Take time to re-invest in yourself through training and personal growth.
- Set up a personal plan and goals for your year.
- Know your FC, DCDR, DCOS, DCO, and DIRAUX Strategic and Operational Plans.
- BALANCE- Make sure you take care of your personal, family life, and health. If there is not proper balance, then there may only be a sprint in your Aux work, not long-term sustainability. Sprinters will fade in long runs.
- Rekindle your friendships with your shipmates since we see an opening in activities.
- If there is a person or group you have had concerns about, bury the hatchet and focus on a new beginning. NO ONE wins with dysfunction.
- Most importantly, HAVE FUN, SMILE, AND ENJOY YOUR EXPERIENCES. Life is short!

We are excited to help in any way with an open door policy through your COLM. We are so thankful for you, your support, your efforts, and as always, SEMPER PARATUS!

Kurt P Sarac Sr.
District Chief of Staff - DCOS
District Fifth Northern
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

J. Douglas Willwerth, DCAPT-W

Greetings from the Western Area! I am very honored and humbled to be one of your District representatives in the 5th Northern Region. I want to thank Jeff Kuhn for his dedication, service, and outstanding leadership as your Western Area District Captain for the last 2 years. Jeff has been extremely helpful with the change in leadership, and I truly appreciate his help in this transition. Now that the baton has been passed, I look forward in working with all of you as a team during 2021. COVID, COVID, COVID. Are you as tired of hearing those words as I am? I am looking forward to the return of some form of “normal” beyond masks and social distancing. Maybe once the vaccines have had a chance to penetrate the population, it will start to fade away. Much like the flu, it will still have a place and probably never be totally eradicated. As Auxiliarists and despite the challenges, you have adapted well in the face of the pandemic. Do we miss the activities and fellowship afforded to us in the past? Of course we do! Most of our resilient members have found other meaningful ways to continue on with our missions.



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

Folks, as we move into a new year, it will be important to stay ahead of any training concerns. Your Flotilla Commander and Information Services Officer will be able to provide you with an update on your core modules and whether they need to be updated. Also, are there any operational items that need renewed, changed, or updated? R&SS items still need to be checked, and the PLB's continue to be serviced. I say all of this and more in thinking about what the summer season will give us in activities. Now is the time to be Proactive in staying ahead so we can hit the ground running, and not be reactive in realizing all of the things that weren't done when we had the time. Keep your eyes and ears open because there are always new opportunities and changes around the corner!

In February of 2021, I will have been a member for 30 years! There are still a handful of us that remember “carbon” transmittal forms for communication (before email), overhead projectors and slides for PE classes, and paper manuals for every course that was taken by an Auxiliarist. Have I stirred any memories? Okay, maybe there was a moment of nostalgia. However and probably the most important, the why and what we do have not changed, despite the change in technology. Think back to what sparked your interest to become a member in one of the best volunteer organizations in the world. Are you able to remember and recite the four cornerstones?

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John Douglas Willwerth, DCAPT-W, continued

Always remember that each member is important, appreciated, and respected. You are the lifeblood of our organization. The Members in your Flotilla really show who we are and what we do. You are what makes the gears turn and keep the Auxiliary vehicle moving forward. Whether you just enrolled or have been here for 50 years (yes there are a few!), are an appointed or elected officer, or even a significant other or spouse supporting a member, you are important to everything we do. As a team, we need support each other. I hope each of you are onboard with us in 2021!

In a recent virtual meeting with the Division Leadership, I asked them to remind everyone about the importance of following the **Chain of Leadership Management (COLM)**. No exceptions! If there is a question or concern, take that to your Flotilla Commander. If necessary, they will convey it to the Division Commander. Again if necessary, it will escalate to the Division Captain, etc. The same goes for an appointed office. If the Flotilla Staff Officer has a question or concern about their job, take that to the Division Staff Officer or "SO." Then the SO will communicate as needed to the District Staff Officer or DSO, etc. Your cooperation in following the "chain" is extremely important for all of us to follow, and avoid many issues. There are situations when things can be dealt with or questions may be answered at a local level.

"Every day is a new adventure", and this being one of my favorite sayings. Maintain a positive (glass half full) outlook as we ramp up into a new 2021, and put 2020 and all the negative vibes behind us. Way. Behind. Us. Keep on pressing your core values, "Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty" as your daily creed. Again, I look forward in working with all of you in the upcoming year. Be safe, stay well, and I hope to see all of you in-person very soon!

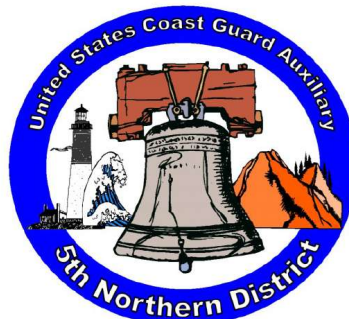
Semper Paratus,

Doug Willwerth, DCAPT-W

District Captain- West

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Cynthia C Chaimowitz , DCAPT-C

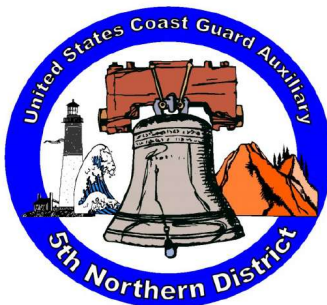
As a top priority, I intend to support the Divisions and Flotillas where needed, improve and retain their membership, encourage the leadership to award its members and any other issues that may arise. Going forward virtually with COVID-19 I would like to find ways to bring back the enthusiasm to our members after this long shutdown. My message would be one of availability, consistency and reliability to assist my shipmates to reach their goals and their needs in the Auxiliary.

I've just spent over 2 weeks out of my first month in my new position on my honeymoon in Florida with my awesome husband Mike. I'm looking forward to working with everyone virtually until we can all meet again in person.

Cindi Chaimowitz
DCAPT Central Area



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



James Edward Hans, DCAPT-E (Elect)

Shipmates,

Despite a year of unprecedented challenges to both Auxiliarists personally as well as our ability to carry out our duties as members, I remain emboldened by the resilience, hard work and determination by our volunteers to forge ahead and continue our mission.

The honor of serving as District Captain East, has provided me with a window to observe our four Divisions, and their respective leadership, and to witness first hand the creative ways members can stay engaged, participate, and feel a sense of productive contribution, despite the limitations caused by Covid-19.

Virtual meetings have become the new "normal". Yet despite the drawbacks of not having traditional fellowship, Flotilla's and Division leadership throughout the District have found creative and bold ideas to spark, rekindle and promote camaraderie with our members. From virtual Bingo Nights to online Scavenger Hunts, to the more important tasks of continued online learning, our leaders throughout the East have banded together, joined forces, and together are keeping members motivated, encouraged and most importantly a feeling that despite the challenges brought about by the pandemic, a genuine sense that everyone is contributing to a cause bigger than themselves.

In anticipation that better days lie ahead, many Flotillas have initiated the steps of preparing for an active Vessel Examination and Program Visitor season. And although our ability to do what we do best, provide Boating Safety Classes to the public remains fluid, our instructors once again are ready to provide instruction to our boating public in a safe and healthy environment.

From Manasquan to Cape May, inshore and offshore, District East continues to be at the ready to carry out the mission of the Coast Auxiliary, assist the active duty wherever and whenever possible and to continue to provide the boating public with the safety and marine skills they seek and so richly deserve.

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

I would like to introduce the new Yeoman on the DIRAUX staff.

Yeoman Caleb "CJ" Brausen reported to the DIRAUX office on 11JAN2021 . Before becoming a Yeoman and working on the DIRAUX staff, CJ was on the Coast Guard Cutter Katmai Bay out of Sault Ste. Marie, MI. While being on the Katmai Bay crew, He conducted ice breaking operations in the Great Lakes. CJ has sailed Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Lake Huron. After over 7 years of being in the Boy Scouts of America and before joining the Coast Guard, he earned his Eagle Scout in his home town of McKinney, TX. He is married to his beautiful wife, and live with their two dogs, Zola and Buddy.



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

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YN3 Brausen with his wife.

A Focus on 5NR Departments



Aviation

Historic Aviation Scavenger Hunt Takes Mind off COVID for Auxiliary Explorers

article by William "Bill" Fithian, DSO-AV District Fifth Northern

During the early days of commercial aviation and air mail service, airplane pilots relied upon light beacons and massive concrete arrows on the ground to guide them across the country; these lighted airways were known as the Transcontinental Airway System. The standard beacon stood on top of a 50-foot tower attached to a large concrete arrow, painted yellow and pointed in the direction of the course. Spaced about 10 to 20 miles apart along designated air routes these navigation aids were built by the Department of Commerce in the 1920s and early 1930s to promote air travel. In 1946, at the high point of the lighted airways, 2,112 beacons operated along 124 airways in the contiguous United States, the District of Columbia, and Alaska. With the development of radio navigation and faster airplanes later in the late 1940s, the beacon network became obsolete. As a result, the beacons were gradually deactivated and the majority of them disassembled or demolished.



**William "Bill" Fithian
District Staff Officer - AV**

"Many of these beacon towers and giant concrete arrows are still out there to be discovered." Commodore-elect Joseph Giannattasio (D5NR) shared. "The idea of actually finding a concrete arrow on the ground spurred me to check U.S. Geological Survey data sheets, analyze topographical maps, and use Google Earth to pinpoint the location of several beacon towers and concrete arrow remains within Auxiliary Districts Fifth Northern and One Southern."

During the 2020 spring and summer months of the pandemic, most states declared a "safer at home" policy in an effort to curtail the spread of the coronavirus; requiring most Coast Guard Auxiliarists to stand-down and abide by states' requirements. In the wake of the COVID-19 restraints, Giannattasio thought that searching for mysterious concrete arrows and peculiar metal towers in the countryside would be a challenging, and fun, quest for other members to do during the stand down and reduction of Auxiliary activities. A seasoned explorer, Giannattasio planned and organized an aviation related, social distancing scavenger hunt within his area and invited several members for the undertaking. A few intrepid Auxiliarists, as civilians, took to the skies, drove long distances, and hiked mountains seeking these early aviation landmarks.

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Aviation, continued



Concrete Airway Arrow at Bethany, CT Airport as viewed from above.

Photo by AUX Peter Jensen

Auxiliary Air Program member Peter Jensen from New Canaan, Connecticut took up the challenge to search for a concrete arrow near the former Bethany airport 50-miles from his home on August 17th. Three passions of Jensen are history, photography, and aviation. This hunt gave him the opportunity to exercise all three! He flew his Cessna 150 airplane to the area where he located the arrow and photographed it from the air. When asked what he enjoyed about his expedition, Jensen explained, “The research.... the launch, the aerial search...culminating in the find and its photography. Contributing in a small, but meaningful way to the nationwide endeavor of documenting a forgotten aspect of early American aviation.”

An avid sportsman and former Boy Scout, Auxiliarist Robert “Jeff” Kuhn had a more physically challenging trek to the remnants of a concrete arrow in Michaux State Forrest near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on the morning of August 31st. Located on top of a mountain Jeff had to hike nearly a mile up a considerable incline through roadless secondary growth of mixed oak and white pine trees. Jeff took detailed coordinates with measurements and reported that the arrow was, “...variably broken up especially towards the head of the arrow. The concrete is mostly covered by moss and a layer of decomposing pine needles and oak leaves.”



Jeff Kuhn in the foreground of the remnants of a concrete arrow in Michaux State Forrest near Gettysburg, PA.

Photo by AUX Jeff Kuhn

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Aviation, continued



The restored airway beacon at its original location at the Numida, PA airport.

Photo by COMO Joe Giannattasio

There is a restored airway beacon and caretaker's shack on the small privately owned airport in Numida, Pennsylvania. On September 29th Joe Giannattasio flew a Cessna 172 aircraft from Cape May, New Jersey to Northumberland County Airport and drove the remaining distance to investigate the tower at Numida firsthand. Joe reported, "The tower is in great shape. The concrete arrow no longer exists and the shack, although restored, has been upgraded for present-day use."

When asked about the response his scavenger hunt idea has received, "I was excited to see this develop like a 'Indiana Jones' odyssey as members scoured the countryside, while practicing infection preventive behavior, in search of these historic structures." Said Giannattasio. "I wanted to share this story with Auxiliarists so they too can conduct their own expeditions and enjoy the adventure of the quest, and the thrill of discovery."

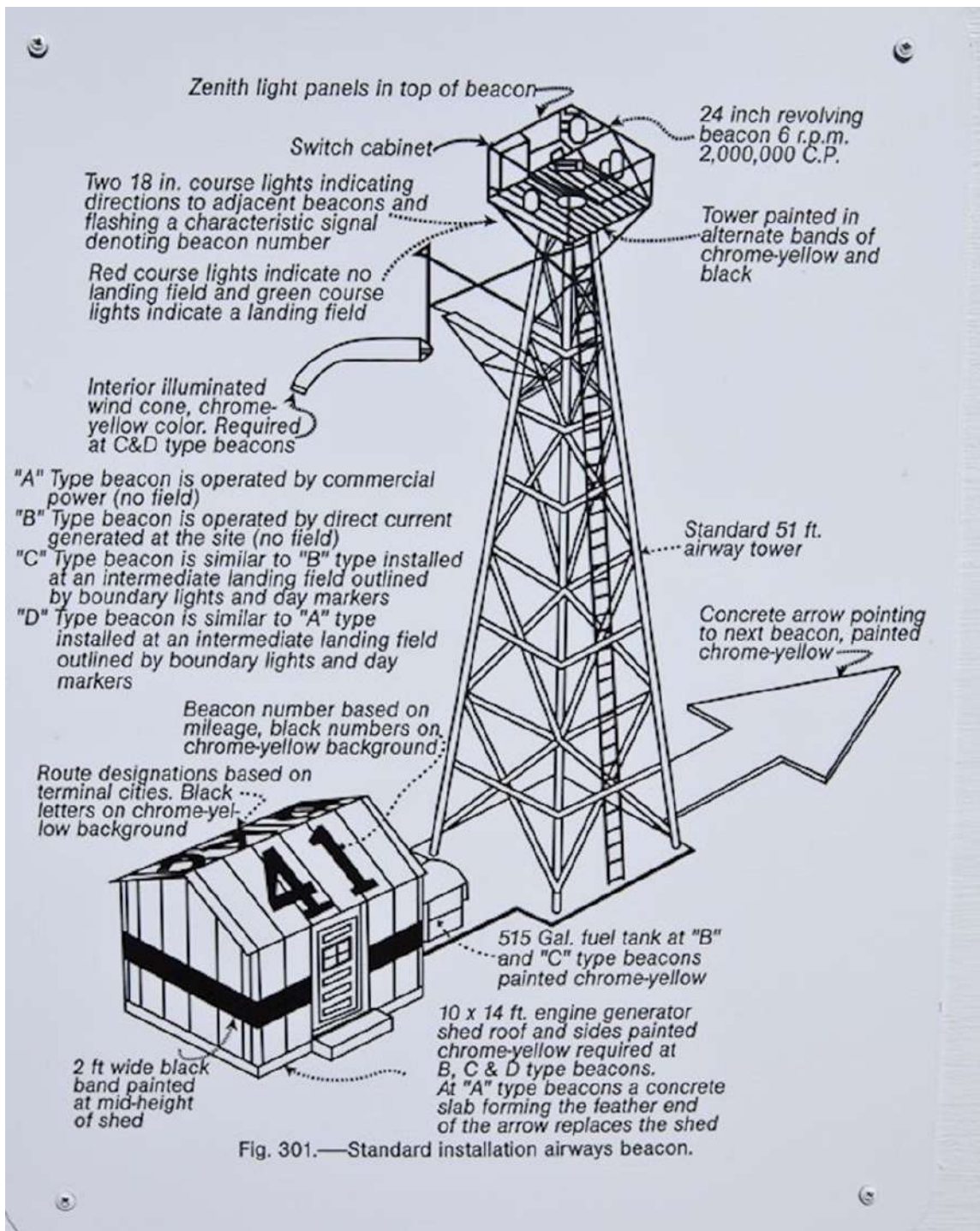
There is a good chance that many members throughout the country may not be able to personally visit the arrows and beacons because the majority of them have been demolished or they don't live close to the few remaining markers. For those, you will have to be content with 'virtually' exploring the locations of remaining beacons and arrows from the safety, and comfort, of your home looking at them through Google Earth or other web alternatives.

The grass runway at the nearly 100-year old Numida airport in Pennsylvania.

Photo by COMO Joe Giannattasio



Aviation, continued



Photograph of a standard Airway Arrow and Tower Beacon setup diagram from the Western New Mexico Aviation Heritage Museum, El Malpais, NM.

Photo by COMO Joe Giannattasio

Marine Safety

“Traveling on a Different Highway”

When we think of highways, we normally have images of asphalt or concrete ribbons crisscrossing our country everywhere, enabling us as well as our goods and a host of other things to move easily about the nation. Even our national security is taken into account with the building of the Eisenhower Interstate Highway System which was planned and built so that at prescribed intervals, stretches of the highway are long and straight enough to accommodate the landing of large military aircraft. That is the system that is well known to many Americans, however, what might not be as well known is the U.S. highway system that actually does not get utilized as much as it could. That “highway system” is what is known as the Marine Highway System so designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation (the Coast Guard’s former peacetime parent agency) and its Maritime Administration or MARAD.



***Gregg Bollinger
DSO
Marine Safety***

U.S. navigable rivers, bays, coasts, channels, the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence Seaway and the open ocean compose this Marine Highway. Considering that 99% of overseas trade enters or leaves the U.S. by ship, we therefore need to use our waterways even more intensively than what we currently do. In so-doing, we would reduce traffic congestion on land, reduce wear and tear on landside highways as well as reduce air pollution. In some instances, the use of our marine highway can increase efficiency and serve as a much-needed, more sustainable alternative in categories such as passenger ferry transport where rapid growth is being experienced in response to land-transport congestion. Along with this, commercial fishing and military/naval use of the Marine Highway System is expected to increase in the future.

In point-of-fact, in some instances, use of waterways can actually be a superior alternative to land shipping and transport. Among the tangible benefits of increased use of the Marine Highway System would be:

- Increased jobs on U.S. vessels and in ports and shipyards
- Improved U.S. economic standing and competitiveness (waterborne cargo and associated activities contribute more than 64.9 billion annually to the U.S. GDP sustaining 13 million jobs. Source: Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Section 1121)
- Improve the environment by reduction of air emissions and use of less energy
- Improve public safety coming from the shifting of transport of hazardous materials (hazmat) outside population centers
- Provide alternative transportation routes during disaster and national emergency

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Marine Safety, continued

The Marine Highway System began with passage of the Energy Independence and Security Act, 2007, Section 1121. In 2012, the Act was expanded with the goal of increasing use and efficiency of domestic freight and passenger transportation on Marine Highway routes between U.S. ports. In 2016, the National Defense Authorization Act provided for inclusion of freight vehicles carried aboard ferry boats and cargo shipped in small units as well as packages handled individually, by pallet or unitized for transport under the definition of “short sea shipping.”

Twenty-five (25) Marine Highway routes serve as extensions of the surface transportation system offering relief to landside corridors from traffic congestion.

Much can be gained by promoting the use of the Marine Highway System and when you consider the extent of the Auxiliary’s “AOR,” our stake in the Marine Highway System is great, necessitating that the Coast Guard Auxiliary contribute to it being safe, secure and clean.

Gregg Bollinger, Th.D.

DSO-MS, D 5 NR



Public Affairs

How the USCG Auxiliary Can Boost Your Resume **By Christopher M. Orlando AUXPA3**

Most members of the USCG Auxiliary have chosen to volunteer for this organization for a variety of reasons. Maybe it's a sense of duty? Love of boating? Wanting to help preserve the marine environment? These are all great reasons but one reason often overlooked is how volunteerism is viewed on a resume.

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, "In July [2020], 31.3 million people reported that they had been unable to work at some point in the last 4 weeks because their employer closed or lost business due to the coronavirus pandemic—that is, they did not work at all or worked fewer hours."

The USCG Auxiliary has a multi-faceted mission therefore, there are plenty of opportunities to not only volunteer and serve your community, but to build your resume. This was my experience when I joined in 2016. I had been on the water all my life but I also saw the possibility to enhance my resume through my public affairs and publications work. This same possibility can be applied to most, if not all our missions depending on your interests and career.

According to Indeed.com, volunteering has 7 job benefits:

1. Volunteering can add experience to your resume
2. You can expand your network
3. Volunteering can help you avoid job gaps on your resume
4. You can learn and apply new skills
5. Volunteering can help you increase your job confidence
6. You can showcase your fit for open positions
7. Volunteering can help prepare you for a career or role change

On the surface, being a member of the USCG Auxiliary pops out on a resume because of our association with our active duty shipmates, but joining the USCG Auxiliary has most likely expanded your network, connecting you to different people, in different fields, with different backgrounds. This shows growth on a resume and you never know who knows who in today's world.

With the amount of missions and training opportunities, we have all learned one new skill or another during our time with the USCG Auxiliary. This could be our ability to draft press releases, understanding the marine environment, or learning how to onboard a new member through our human resources program. All these skills and more can be applied to a job application. In addition to these new skills, the USCG Auxiliary offers the opportunity to practice these new skills and perfect them in a reposed environment.

In the last year, I have been on multiple interviews and when I pull out my work samples, there is a fair amount of USCG Auxiliary work in there and in every interview, I have been asked about this work. This leads to a discussion about our mission and how this organization has allowed me to continue to practice my skills to avoid rust.

Employers want someone who never let their skills deplete. This organization offers that. This is also an idea we should be offering to potential members: the idea of building their resume while serving their community.



Christopher M. Orlando AUXPA3
ADSO-PA Social

Publications

Mission Statement:

The Publication Department exists in order to keep the Coast Guard, our membership, other government agencies, and the boating public informed through various formats and publications. In doing so the Department strives to showcase Auxiliary activities and achievements to other stakeholders and seeks to attract members of the public to potentially become new Auxiliarists.

The publication department in action:



District Leadership



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District Staff Officer - Publications

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Barbara Sama	Photography
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Linda Skvarla	Calendar
Chris Orlando	Media
Ellen Voorhees	Communication
Joe Giannattasio	Advisor

Looking for adventure and a challenge? Join the Publication Department! Divisions and Flotillas are looking for members to step up and become FSO-PBs and SO-PBs. If those positions are already filled, we can still use you to write articles, take pictures, and support your Flotilla, Division, and District newsletters. We look forward to hearing from you!

Help Wanted



Urgent Need for Pharmacists

RADM Dana Thomas (CG-11) has requested URGENT support from CG Auxiliary Health Services for Auxiliarists trained and currently licensed (any state) as a Pharmacist.

Any and all qualified applicants with Auxiliary membership status of Basic Qualified (BQ) or higher will be considered.

Assignments will include local and regional participation in the CG COVID-19 vaccination program as well as opportunities for optional TDY assignments, deployments and continued service in the Auxiliary Health Services program.

Our Skills Bank has provided us with some leads, however we feel that there may be other Auxiliarists that do not have these skills listed there and yet would be both qualified and able to assist.

We could use your help in reaching out to the Divisions and Flotillas looking for and recruiting those members who could help.

This is an urgent request...

Our on-boarding process requires form CG-6032, attached, and a current copy of an Auxiliarist's resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV).

Interested parties may contact our Branch Chiefs:

Dr. Richard Sumrall, BC-HME (D1,5 & 7), rsumrall@email.com

Dr. Dan Iglesias, BC-HMEW (D8 &9), danilo.h.iglesias@att.net

NP Rene Steinhauer (D11, 13, 14 & 17), rene@renesteinhauer.com

V/r

Lee G. Zimmermann

Director

Human Resources Directorate

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

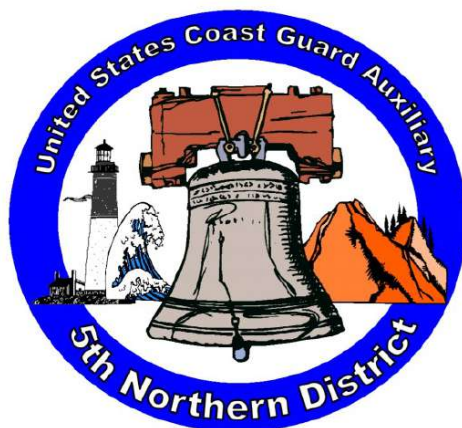
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Urgent Need for Pharmacists

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD CG-6032 (Rev. 05-10)	INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AUXILIARY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
This questionnaire provides information regarding your availability and ability to support CG Health Care activities.	
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9. If a need existed at a CG Health Care activity during an emergency requiring deployment of CG health care providers, would you be able to and willing to provide surge backfill medical support (for 1-2 weeks) at the CG medical/dental clinic that you support? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
10. How much advance notice will you need to provide surge medical support? <input type="checkbox"/> a. Less than one day <input type="checkbox"/> b. 1-3 days <input type="checkbox"/> c. More than 3 days but less than a week <input type="checkbox"/> d. Longer than 1 week <input type="checkbox"/> e. Generally won't be able to provide short notice, extended surge backfill support.	
11. Most CG medical encounters are captured through data input into computer interfaces. Are you willing and able to use a computerized medical record system to document aspects of encounters you participate in and to do the coding for your encounters? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
12. If you are a dentist, how often do you perform restorative dentistry? Patients per week: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/> Patients per month: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/> Most recent date you performed restorative dentistry (month/yr): <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>	
Privacy Act Notice Authority: The authority for collection of information including social security number (SSN) is found in the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. Purpose: This form provides the advice required by the Privacy Act of 1974. The personal information will facilitate and document our verification of your credentials. The SSN and date of birth for the member is required to identify and retrieve credentials verification documents. Routine Uses: The primary use of this information is to provide, plan, and coordinate member's credentials and privileging information. This will aid the privileging authority to review the member's academic qualifications, make a determination of the member's clinical competence, and grant appropriate privileges requested. Disclosure: For all personnel, the requested information is mandatory because of the need to document all credentials and privileging data. Furnishing this information (including your SSN) is voluntary; however, if the requested information is not furnished, establishment of eligibility and granting of privileges will not be possible. This information may be used by and disclosed to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of Defense (DoD) personnel and contractors or other agents who need the information to assist in activities related to credentialing and privileging of healthcare providers.	
U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, USCG, CG-6032, Rev. 05-10	

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Information from Around the District



Auxiliarists and Community Members Make Thanksgiving for Coasties Who Cannot Go Home

Article and Photos by Joseph Giannattasio

For the third year in a row, on November 21st., District 5NR Auxiliarists and members of the community showed their appreciation to the families of USCG Station Cape May and home-ported cutters for their sacrifices while giving them a thoughtful Thanksgiving meal —complete with all the trimmings. John Burns, the Auxiliary Unit Coordinator for the station, Chef Robert Ohlsen, a Culinary Arts Instructor at the Cumberland County Technical Education Center, and Nick DiRenzo, owner of Westside Meats in Rio Grande worked with LT Jason Harczak, the station's Commanding Officer to make a special family style dinner for over 50 people.



A bountiful Thanksgiving serving line awaits Coast Guard members and families.

More than 650 active duty, reserve, and civilian members work at USCG Training Center Cape May and the 15 tenant commands. Coast Guard active duty members and families in Cape May face the same hardships as service members stationed anywhere. Some are unable to go home and be with their families during the holiday. And some families are missing an essential element to their holiday celebrations – a deployed loved one.

Because Coast Guard personnel of the Duty Section need to be underway for an emergency in less than six minutes the dinner was held in the station's boathouse. Nick DiRenzo donated the food. Under the supervision of Chef Rob, John Burns and his wife Chris, and COMO (elect) Joe Giannattasio helped with food preparation and serving. LT Harczak's wife Lisa and Chef Rob's son, Robert,

also helped in preparing and serving the dinner. Personnel and families decorated and set up tables and supplied soda, water, and cups. The goal is simply to provide Thanksgiving dinner, complete with turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, desserts, etc., to members and family of the Coast Guard as a simple way of showing appreciation to them, especially those who will not be able to travel home to be with family over the holiday.

After dinner, LT Harczak presented Chef Rob and John Burns with unit plaques as tokens of appreciation for all they have done in coordinating this feast for the past three years.

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Thanksgiving, Continued

The dinner all came together perfectly. There were approximately 65 Active Duty personnel and family members who had the opportunity to sit down in a group setting and enjoy the delicious dinner provided by local Auxiliaries and family, all prepared by a well know chef. In addition, some Officers of the Deck from Coast Guard Cutters were provided meals “to go”. It all came together and was a memorable experience for all. It truly captured the meaning of giving thanks.

LT Harczak (left) and Chef Rob serving Coast Guard members and families.



LT Jason Harczak presents John Burns and Chef Rob Ohlsen plaques of appreciation.



COVID-19



Graphic created by Christopher M. Orlando AUXPA3, ADSO-PB Media

COVID-19 Guidance

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

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Stand-Down Devotion

By Victoria A. Remo, FSO-PB, 053-21-04

For a long time to come, we Americans will be thinking in terms of Pre-Covid19, Covid19 Pandemic, and Post-Covid19. We Auxiliarists in U.S. Coast Guard District 5, Northern Region, Division 21, Flotilla 21-04, routinely show our devotion to duty, even during adversity. During the final months of 2019, we wrapped up Surface Operations.



Post-patrol at Blue Marsh Lake. Pictured from left: Lynda Haring, Pat Morroney (21-02), Walt Alsegg, and Barry Kyper

We also conducted our final Vessel Exams for the season, visited our clients who distribute Boating Safety literature, finished our Public Education for the summer months, and participated in Public Affairs which included parades like the Robeson's **Jack Frost Parade** (Bonnie Duffin and Walt Alsegg - on each side of the Mustang)



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Stand-Down Devotion, continued

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Our flotilla also participated in the **Reading Holiday Parade 2019** (pictured below left: Frank Scudner in front of his boat



Imparting Coast Guard and Auxiliary information to community high school students was James White, VFC, at **Exeter High School and Wilson High School**.



The New Year 2020 began with our Change of Watch scheduled for 18 January 2020, but due to inclement weather, the Change of Watch committee rescheduled the **Change of Watch for 07 March**, Division 21's last public activity before the Novel Corona Virus 19 infiltrated Pennsylvania. We in operations know the value of TCT flexibility, and so the Change of Watch was delayed but successful.

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Michael McElwee, IPDCDR



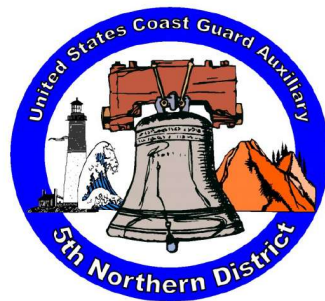
Terry Hilbert, DCDR



Terry Hilbert, DCDR; Joe Deleva, DVCDR



CAPT Theel and LCDR Taylor



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After the installation of elected and appointed officers, Terry Hilbert, Division Commander, bestowed awards on those Auxiliarists who are most devoted to duty.



Mike McElwee at the microphone and
Terry Hilbert, DCDR, presented a Certificate
of Appreciation to Chief Ranger Jeff Piscanio



Terry Hilbert and Larry Miller

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Stand-Down Devotion, continued

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Chief Ranger Piscanio reciprocated by presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Terry Hilbert and Mike McElwee and Division 21 for Outstanding Participation in Boating Safety at Blue Marsh Lake.

Our honored guests continued the program with fine speeches to show their appreciation of the auxiliary work in District 5NR.



Jeff Kuhn, District Captain – West



COMO Thomas Dever



LCDR Victoria Taylor



CAPT Jonathan Theel

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Stand-Down Devotion, continued

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Door prizes and a 50/50 drawing ended a splendid dinner and program.



Thus ended Pre-Covid19, and the Covid-19 Pandemic began. Even though Flotilla 21-04 received orders to stand down during the state and district lock-downs, our devoted auxiliary members continued to show their steadfast enthusiasm for and continued service to the Coast Guard during isolation and social distancing. Walt Conway, with the assistance of Walt Alsegg, learned how to use GoToMeeting software and explained how to use it to the members. Beginning in April, already, Walt called a GoToMeeting for the flotilla, and 20 members attended. Thanks to Walt, our flotilla hit the Covid-ground running. The staff officers continued their reporting and preparation for postponed missions.

The Reading Flotilla Training Base donated the use of their boat as an OpFac to be used on Blue Marsh Lake with the permission of the Army Corps of Engineers who agreed to store the boat until the next season of surface operations.

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Also, during the Covid19 Stand-down, Barron Batchelder conducted online training of two 2 and 1/2 hour courses in Risk Management using GoToMeeting and Zoom. The first session covered the Risk Management Model, TCT, Risk + Factors + Mitigation + Outcome. The second session included Scenario Analysis and Discussion, using Zoom. Even though surface operations were not conducted at Blue Marsh Lake, our coxswains and crew were ready. Semper Paratus. In addition, as past division commander and immediate past flotilla commander, Barron consulted with current elected and appointed officers to discuss policy issues and best practices. In August, Barron received an Award for Superior Performance as an Instructor.

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Stand-Down Devotion, continued

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While Division Commander Terry Hilbert and Flotilla Commander Walt Conway worked to keep the members informed and encouraged their participation, they also conducted division and flotilla meetings online when possible. In addition, Walt Conway called members during the pandemic to be sure that everyone was well. Jim White, our Vice Flotilla Commander and ADSO-AuxScout-W, also called members to check on wellness and helped organize the new AuxScout Program, which resulted from an agreement between the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Boy Scouts of America. This pact made the Boy Scouts Sea Scouts the official youth program of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and gives Sea Scouts an opportunity to benefit from Coast Guard seamanship and training.

Throughout the Covid19 Period, staff officers remained engaged. Walt Conway, FSO-CS, faithfully updated the web page and flotilla Facebook page. Mike McElwee, FSO-DV, posted diversity-related topics on social media, began the application for the 2019 NACO Three-star Award, and discussed diversity options with SO-DV. Carolyn McElwee, FSO-FN, maintained monthly financial activity and reports in her professional and meticulous manner. She mailed dues reminders in October and will follow up with non-responsive members. Mike McElwee, FSO-HR, devotedly submitted paperwork for three new members and recommended "Introduction to Risk Management" for all new members and reminded us that the mandated training requirement "Influenza" must be completed. In addition, Mike reviewed the need for an Elections Screening Committee and volunteered to chair the committee. Walt Conway, FSO-IS, diligently updated member information and, along with Bill Lewullis, ADSO-IS-W, punctually disseminated information concerning AuxData II to flotilla members.

In August, Bill Lewullis received an Award for Superior Performance in Information Services. James Wilhelm, FSO-MA, continued loyally to supply members with necessary materials. Chris Schretzenmaier, FSO-MS, constantly posted most interesting marine information on Facebook. Peter Overcast, FSO-MT, resumed Member Training in May and encouraged all to do online training during the quarantine. Peter covered topics like "Summertime Tips," "Man Overboard," "Available Jobs that Auxiliary Does to Help Coast Guard," and "Conducting Vessel Exams." He offered members help to get started with online menu navigation. Lynda Haring, FSO-NS, during the tabled-operations period, was invited to attend the annual Chaplain Support Training Session, an interdistrict training and fellowship assembly for certified chaplains who support gold-side chaplains. This conference included members from Districts 5 and 7 and was held at Coast Guard Station Portsmouth, Virginia, on August 24th, with masks and social distancing required. Walt Alsegg, FSO-OP, conducted four sessions of online crew classes for Division 21 and attended the National QE online workshop. In August he reported that the call sign for the donated operational facility that he helped equip is "181001" and reported that the Army Corps is allowing us to store the boat at Blue Marsh Lake for the winter to save us storage fees. Mike McElwee, FSO-PA, continued with plans for Reading Air Show and World War II Weekend at the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum, Get Outdoors Day at Blue Marsh Lake, and Armed Forces Day Parade in West Reading, until public events were canceled.

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Stand-Down Devotion, continued

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In August Mike reported that with special approval from DIRAUX, Jim White sounded “Taps” on his bugle at the service for the Butterweck Detachment of the Marine Corps League for its memorial service on July 19th at 0900 at the Pleasant View Cemetery on Fritztown Road. Vickie Remo, FSO-PB, communicated with Sharlene Deleva, SO-PB, to co-ordinate unit objectives and planned an article for Topside. As FSO-SR, she dutifully recorded and dispensed the minutes of each monthly, online meeting. In August Vickie and Frank Scudner received certificates for Fifteen Years of Dedicated Service to the Auxiliary. Barry McElwee, FSO-PE, worked diligently to get one instructor qualified or removed, put on hold a well-planned ABS course until our active status returns, and took phone calls from those interested in taking an ABS course. Jim White, FSO-PV, reported 53 visitations before the implementation of stand-down status. Bonnie Duffin, FSO-Special Projects, in co-ordination with Public Affairs, postponed activities. Terry Hilbert, Division Commander and FSO-VE, reported 16 vessel exams performed before stand-down. Other dedicated members who are not flotilla staff officers but buoy the officers with their active participation at meetings include Jon Geirsson, Bob Walley, Joe Urban, Neil Haring, Al Vega, Dick Miller, Frank Scudner, Bennett and Robin Rosenberg, and Adriana Vega. Some of these devoted members donated money toward the purchase of the GoToMeeting software used for the monthly flotilla meetings during Covid19, and we are so appreciative of their on-going commitment and generosity to our division and flotilla. If it were not for our online meetings, we could not have continued our significant activities and would not be able to hold elections. Mike McElwee, Chair of the Screening Committee, received Letters of Intent from Walter Conway for Flotilla Commander and James White for Vice Flotilla Commander. On 16 November 20, Walt Conway was elected Flotilla Commander, and Jim White was elected Vice Flotilla Commander for 2021. We congratulate our inspiring elected officers and look forward to their leadership in 2021.

Commitment, generosity, devotion to duty, information, instruction, flexibility, honor, enthusiasm, preparation, superior performance, best practices, confidence, optimism, experience, certification, appreciation, co-ordination, diligence, encouragement, and dedication are just a few descriptions of Flotilla 21-04, Division 21, Fifth Northern Coast Guard District, and its members’ industry in the face of adversity. We fervently await the next challenges.



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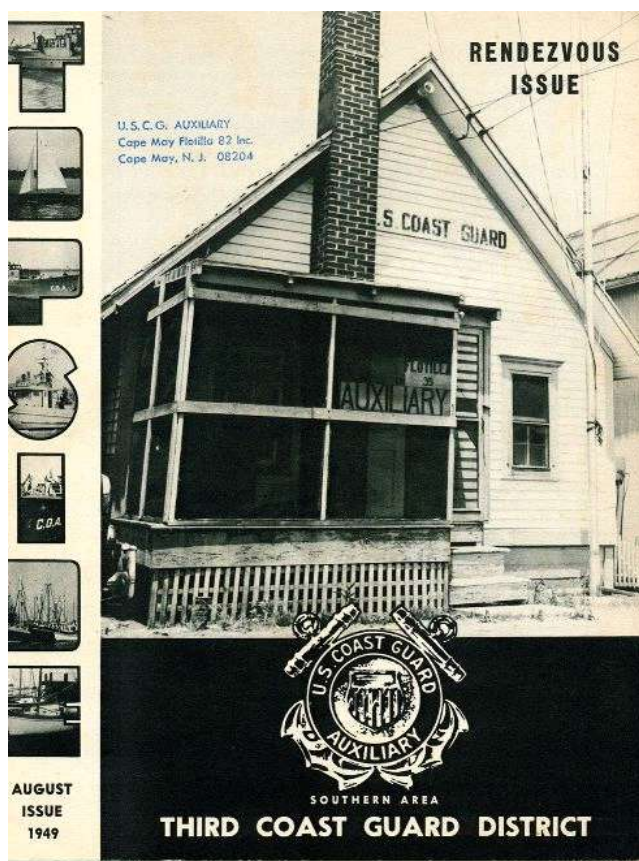
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CAR OR AIR CRAFT**

Coast Guard Auxiliary 130 Year Old Boathouse Gets a Facelift

by COMO Joseph Giannattasio, AUXPA1



The Cape May flotilla's headquarters was the cover photo of the August 1949 issue of the District Fifth Northern newsletter TOPSIDE.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photo from flotilla 053-08-02 archives.

CAPE MAY, NJ – Now over 130 years old, the former Coast Guard Boathouse, commonly known as the Cape May Flotilla's headquarters on Yacht Avenue has had a long distinguished history, from servicing the historic Cape May lighthouse to teaching boater safety courses. Originally built as a boathouse in 1890 by the U.S. Lighthouse Establishment, the boats used for servicing area navigation lights were stored in the building until 1939, when it became a U.S. Coast Guard Lifeboat Station. In 1947, it was assigned to the Coast Guard Auxiliary Cape May Flotilla, which was established in 1943.

The building has an eventful past, and with that comes the responsibility of periodically repairing and maintaining the structure and property. Throughout the previous year, maintenance projects included making interior renovations installing a new ramp to the dock on the waterfront side of the property. The exterior work included power washing and applying a fresh coat of paint, installing a paver sidewalk, installing new window boxes and a new entryway into the building.

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Photo taken of Cape May flotilla's headquarters in 1972.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photo from flotilla 053-08-02 archives

Boathouse Gets a Facelift, *continued*

The refurbishment was completed by flotilla members and with generous assistance from neighbors, local business owners, and active duty members from nearby USCG Station Cape May and home-ported cutters. "Both businesses and individuals provided real help as our members worked on various projects at the property on Yacht Ave." explained Bob Lamendola, the flotilla's Vice Flotilla Commander. "Neighbors on both sides of the building pitched in; one who made custom flower boxes and the other with the loan of ladders and other equipment. And of course enlisted members of the Coast Guard volunteered with painting and repair work along side our own Auxiliary members. The manager at the nearby convenience store offered help with putting sandwiches together for our workers. We are truly a Coast Guard Community!"

The boathouse, affectionately referred to as "The Shack," has been used for meetings, patrol vessel dockage, missions staging, training classes, ceremonies, boating safety courses and decades of good fellowship. "Because of its 130 year history of maritime service, the Shack is as much a source of pride to the surrounding Cape May community as it is to our Auxiliary members," said Marty Sannino, the current flotilla commander. "It has withstood the lashing of countless storms over its life, yet still provides service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary and remains a connection to the community's maritime past for local citizens."

Although the job of the new occupants is less demanding than the "Iron Men in Wooden Ships" who first manned the boathouse in the 19th Century, the members of the Cape May flotilla receive great satisfaction showing honor, respect, and devotion to duty by protecting and maintaining an important piece of Coast Guard history.



(L to R) Cape May flotilla members George Catanese, John Burns and Bruce Jacobs renovating their vintage headquarters in 2006.

*Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by
COMO Joseph Giannattasio.*

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Boathouse Gets a Facelift, *continued*



Left: Cape May flotilla members Phil Appenzeller and Pat Dempsey did a lot of hard work (and caulking) before painting the Shack.

Right: 2008 repairs included replacing pilings and a support beam.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by COMO Joseph Giannattasio



Cape May flotilla's members, neighbors, local business owners and active duty members help pitch in to renovate the headquarters' exterior and prepare to install brick pavers.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by COMO Joseph Giannattasio.

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Boathouse Gets a Facelift, *continued*



Top: Cape May flotilla members demonstrate appreciation with generous hospitality and plenty of food for their working helpers.

Bottom: Cape May flotilla's headquarters proudly displaying a fresh coat of paint and newly installed pavers; ready for the next 130 years of service!

Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by COMO Joseph Giannattasio



Travel Reimbursement Guidance

AUX TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Updated 13 JAN 2021

This is not a new procedure (as the DIRAUX office did this in 2019), but would like to remind everyone of the mandatory procedures in order for our Auxiliary to be reimbursed.

Once an Auxiliarist has completed the orders as assigned, in order to be reimbursed for travel, each individual AUX member will need to complete their claim(s) using form CG-7412A to be reimbursed. This form (when completed) and all receipts must be emailed to d05-smb-nrdiraux@uscg.mil.

After the receipt of this form and receipts; the DIRAUX office will process the claim via online in the TPAX system for reimbursement.

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Travel Reimbursement Guidance, continued

CG-7421A (Rev. 07-13) Instructions

- Retain the original form in the unit's files for audit purposes.
- TPAX/WinIats termination should be part of your unit checkout process.

<p>All TPAX/WinIats System permissions: Read and be familiar with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizing Official Online Training Course. Proof of completion required for AO permissions to be granted • Travel Management Center Information - PSC (BOPS), ADTRAV contracts, Online Tools, FAQs and more. • Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) • Coast Guard Supplement to the JTR • Civilian Employees - Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) • Government Travel Charge Card - PSC (BOPS), Job Aides, Training, FAQs, and more. • Passports • USCG Conference Guidance (CGPortal) • Official Table of Distances • Personnel and Pay Procedures Manual (3PM), PPCINST M1000.2 (series) • DHS CFO Travel Pages • DHS General Travel Policy and Approval Authority (PDF) • DHS Local Travel Policy (PDF) • The Coast Guard Freedom of Information (FOIA) and Privacy Acts Manual <p>Authorizing Official Requirements</p> <p>AOs for both manual and electronic claims must have a 7421A form on file with PPC in order to legally sign 1351-2s. Transcripts or screenshot of the course completion must be submitted in same email to PPC. Screenshot must show the multiple sections of the AO course being completed and member's name for it to be accepted. This must be attached to either the email or the CG-7421A form.</p> <p>An AO can be designated by delegation: E-6's/GS-7s/WS8s and above who have passed the USCG AO Course may be designated as an AO. An E-5 may be recommended for designation only if extenuating circumstances create a situation where E-6's/GS-7's/WS-8's and above are not available for designation. Each unit CO/OIC must designate AO's to authorize/approve and sign their TPAX and manual travel claim documents.</p> <p>An AO can be designated by Position: Successful USCG AO Course completion is still required when a specified signature authority (e.g. DAO, HSWL, ITA) is required by reference and/or regulation (e.g. JTR, FTR or COMDTINST) and automatically confers AO status on that position</p>	<p>TPAX Customer Service Representative Statement of Responsibility and Liability:</p> <p>TPAX CSR Statement of Responsibility & Liability: CSR have the authority to review all CG travel accounts in TPAX, to assist members with questions, reset of passwords, and necessary instruction and therefore, shall become knowledgeable in the matters of travel regulations for both military and civilian personnel, privacy act regulations, and the operation of TPAX. TPAX CSR shall not compromise system integrity by revealing their personal passwords or personal information contained within the TPAX system. The TPAX CSR is fully accountable to the Coast Guard and may be held accountable for failure to follow the Privacy Act. TPAX CSR designation is terminated with a permanent transfer, inter-unit transfer, or when deemed necessary by competent authority.</p> <p>All Customer Service permissions will automatically expire one when member changes OPFACs or separates from the CG or changes status (i.e. from active to reserve components).</p> <p>TPAX System Administrator Statement of Responsibility and Liability:</p> <p>TPAX SA Statement of Responsibility & Liability: TPAX SA have the broad authority within TPAX.....The TPAX SA is fully accountable to the Coast Guard and may be found liable for erroneous or improper payments and may be held accountable for failure to follow the Privacy Act. TPAX SA designation is terminated with a permanent transfer, inter-unit transfer, or when deemed necessary by competent authority.</p> <p>WinIats Examiner Statement of Responsibility and Liability:</p> <p>An Examiner is the individual primarily responsible for the overall processing of travel payments.</p> <p>WinIats Auditor Statement of Responsibility and Liability:</p> <p>An Auditor is the individual responsible for reviewing travel claims that have been processed and are flagged for audit. When a claim has been flagged by IATS for audit, an individual with Auditor Function capabilities must access the flagged block and either review the flagged claim on-screen, or review a printed audit report. The Auditor must review every input screen for a claim flagged for audit.</p> <p>WinIats Disbursing Statement of Responsibility and Liability:</p> <p>An individual with Disbursing capabilities is responsible for preparing a block of processed claims for payment. In addition, this individual must release the processed blocks and carries the same accountability as a PAO.</p> <p>WinIats System Administrator (limited/full) Statement of Responsibility and Liability:</p>
<p>Authorizing Official Statement of Responsibility and Liability:</p> <p>AO Statement of Responsibility & Liability: AOs have the authority to review & approve travel payment transactions and therefore, shall become knowledgeable in the matters of document(s) being approved. AO's have broad authority to determine when TDY travel is necessary to accomplish the unit's mission, authorize travel, obligate unit travel funds, approve trip arrangements & authorize travel expenses incurred in connection with the travel. AOs shall ensure documents are carefully reviewed before approval and not signed only as a matter of formality. The AO shall not compromise system integrity by revealing their personal passwords. The AO is fully accountable to the Coast Guard and may be found liable for erroneous or improper payments. AO designation is terminated with a permanent transfer, inter-unit transfer, or when deemed necessary by competent authority.</p> <p>All AO permissions will automatically expire member changes OPFACs, separates from the CG or changes status (i.e. from active to reserve components).</p> <p>TPAX Advance Signature Proxy Statement of Responsibility and Liability (SPO Designation):</p> <p>TPAX AdvSigProxy Statement of Responsibility & Liability: AdvSigProxy have the authority to prepare Travel Advances on the member's behalf in TPAX, electronically sign for the member and forward to the appropriate AO and therefore, shall become knowledgeable in the matters of document(s) being created. TPAX AdvSigProxies have broad authority to processes advances in connection with the travel on behalf of any member within their area of responsibility (typically any unit that fall under the SPO). TPAX AdvSigProxy shall ensure documents are carefully reviewed before forwarding to AO. The TPAX AdvSigProxy shall not compromise system integrity by revealing their personal passwords or personal information contained within the TPAX system. The TPAX AdvSigProxy is fully accountable to the Coast Guard and may be found liable for erroneous or improper payments and may be held accountable for failure to follow the Privacy Act. TPAX AdvSigProxy designation is terminated with a permanent transfer, inter-unit transfer, or when deemed necessary by competent authority. By my signature above I certify I understand and agree to this Statement of Responsibility and Liability.</p> <p>All AdvSigProxy permissions will automatically expire member changes OPFACs or separates from the CG or changes status (i.e. from active to reserve components).</p>	<p>The System Administrator is the individual responsible for the overall operation of IATS and controlling the work flow throughout the system. System Administrators are responsible for the set-up and configuration of IATS for the particular travel office. In addition, System Administrators perform the following additional functions: Performing system maintenance; Establishing user accounts; Assigning/re-assigning blocks and claims; Deleting completed blocks; Deleting un-needed traveler or travel order details; Debt management; Importing and updating system rates files; Processing interfaces between accounting, disbursing, and personnel systems; Generating management reports; Running utility programs.</p> <p>WinIats SuperUser Statement of Responsibility and Liability:</p> <p>When user accounts are created by the System Administrator, a View mode must be established. The functions a user may perform are dependent upon the View mode associated with their user ID. The Super User View allows the user to switch between various View modes without logging out and logging back in with a different user ID. When the Super User logs-in initially, their View mode defaults to System Administrator.</p> <p>CMD Supervisor Statement of Responsibility and Liability:</p> <p>CMD Supervisor must have confidence in the member's ability and ensure all requirements have been met for the permissions being granted. If actions prove the member to be unfit for the role, CMD Supervisor MUST submit a PPC Customer Service ticket requesting member's permissions be revoked and state a reason. If member is found to have derelict in duties, misused/abused permissions or is found incapable of performing duties related to the permission being granted, Supervisor is agreeing to take the necessary and appropriate administrative/disciplinary action against the member.</p> <p>The CMD Supervisor must belong in the direct chain of command AND be higher ranking than the member requesting the TPAX/IATS user roles. TPAX-AO request can only be approved by the CO/OIC and the XO/XPO of any unit or Division/Branch Chiefs (including sub units) at the following units: HQs/DCMS/CGPSC/PPP/FORCECOM. By signing this form, Supervisor is stating that they are one of the above titles and both the supervisor and user on this form have a "By Direction" memo on file at the unit and are authorized to sign on behalf of the CO/OIC.</p>

5NR Members mark Auxiliary's 81st anniversary with Special Radio Operation

Article by COMO Joseph Giannattasio, AUXPA1

Research by Michael Slepian, FSO-CM District 5NR

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary began supporting the U S Coast Guard 81 years ago and to celebrate, an elite group of Auxiliary Telecommunication Operators who are also Amateur Radio Operators (HAMS), took to the airwaves November 6-8 to share their story with Amateur Radio operators around the country and the world. Using familiar voice and sophisticated digital signals, Auxiliarist Mike Slepian of Marlton, NJ spoke with HAMS in more than a dozen states and several overseas countries including Belgium, Finland and Northwest Canada, explaining what it's like to patrol the waters of the Delaware River and the New Jersey shore, standing watch on Coast Guard ships, teaching boating safety and more.

"Most people don't realize that radio communications play an important role for the Coast Guard Auxiliary" said Dave King of Pennsauken, PA, a Coast Guard Auxiliary radio communications officer. King, a member of the Auxiliary's Marlton Flotilla, added, "Specially trained and licensed Auxiliarists provide radio back up for Auxiliary on-water patrols, and even Auxiliary aircraft."

The Event serves many purposes:

1. Commemorate the anniversary of the USCG Auxiliary
2. Inform the public of the good works of the Auxiliary
3. Exercise HF communications within the Auxiliary
4. Promote interest in the USCG AUX. Communications Program
5. Recruit new members into the Auxiliary
6. Enjoy a fun day of fellowship

During the Special Event, HF radio amateur stations operated by USCG Auxiliary members contacted over 2,000 other HF radio stations in all fifty states. Several event stations made over 100 on air contacts during the day. The event also served as an effective way to promote the Auxiliary to HAM operators around the world who learned how the Auxiliary supports the Coast Guard in Search and Rescue, public education, patrols and boating safety and much more.

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Most stations received a "Thank You for your Service" comment during the Event from the stations contacted. Several stations had the honor of communicating with Coast Guard veterans. Many contacted stations expressed gratitude to the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard for the work they have done and continue to do. This was a great combination of a communications and Public affairs event to commemorate the USCG Auxiliary anniversary while following COVID-19 restrictions.

Slepian, who joined the Auxiliary in 2005, was surprised when he spoke with a HAM operator from Connecticut. "This fellow's Amateur Radio Club actually held their meetings in a facility owned by the local Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla!"

"The final tally of our nationwide Auxiliary radio operators will include well over two thousand stations contacted throughout the world," said Dave King. All two-way contacts and shortwave listener reports will receive confirmation with a commemorative, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary "QSL" card. A "QSL" card is a written confirmation of either a two-way radio communication between two amateur radio stations; a one-way reception of a signal from an AM radio, FM radio, television or shortwave broadcasting station; or the reception of a two-way radio communication by a third party listener. The sending of QSL cards dates back to the 1920s when AM radio broadcasts were still a novelty and stations wanted to know how far away they were being received.

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MARLTON, NJ - Coast Guard Auxiliary Radio Operator Mike Slepian operates his Auxiliary Radio station, based in his home in Marlton, New Jersey.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by N. Slepian.



CAMDEN, NJ - Photo of District 5NR Telecommunications Operators from the 2015 Special Event Radio day station operating from the **Battleship USS New Jersey Museum and memorial**. (Left to Right) Vince Tenaglia, James Wintrode, Richard Tighe, Michael Slepian, Donna Ferron, Ken Pierce. .

Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Daniel Amoroso.

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Sample front and back of a QSL Card .

☐ Portable Location:

☐ Mobile Location:

☐ Special Event:

Confirming QSO With:

Guest Operator Call:

Radio:

DATE			UNIVERSAL TIME UTC	FREQUENCY MHZ	2-WAY MODE	REPORT		
DAY	MO	YR				R	S	T

www.qslworks.com

Remarks:

☐ Please QSL

☐ Thanks QSL

TNX QSO _____

Coast Guard Station and Flotilla Develop Joint Recognition Award

Article and Photographs by COMO Joseph Giannattasio, AUXPA1



CAPE MAY, NJ – (Left to Right) Flotilla Commander Marty Sannino looks on as BM2 Catherine Vickers receives the Enlisted Person of the Quarter Award from LT Jason Harczak. Coast Guard



CAPE MAY, NJ –Flotilla Commander Marty Sannino presents BM2 Catherine Vickers a Coast Guard Auxiliary challenge coin in recognition of her awarding as Enlisted Person of the Quarter Award.

CAPE MAY, NJ - USCG Station Cape May and the Coast Guard Auxiliary Cape May Flotilla launched a new tradition on November 2, 2020; to jointly sponsor the Enlisted Person of the Quarter (EPOQ) award to a deserving enlisted member. The genesis of this idea was from an inquiry made by the station's Commanding Officer, LT Jason Harczak and Auxiliary Unit Coordination (AUC) John Burns earlier in the year. Flotilla Commander Marty Sannino agreed to jointly sponsor the EPOQ award at Station Cape May. The EPOQ award is given to the active duty Coast Guard member who has consistently performed their work with a high degree of excellence during the previous three months.

At a ceremony in the station's training room, BM2 Catherine Vickers became the first recipient of the EPOQ award at Station Cape May. In the presence of about twenty of her shipmates, Lt. Harczak presented the EPOQ award to BM2 Vickers. This was followed by a congratulatory statement by Flotilla Commander Sannino and presentation of the Auxiliary challenge coin on behalf of the Cape May flotilla and the Auxiliary. John Burns, Auxiliary Unit Coordinator and Joe Giannattasio, District 5NR Chief of Staff were also present for this presentation. BM2 Vickers expressed her thanks to Lt Harczak, Mr. Sannino and her shipmates for the award and congratulations.

EPOQ awards are presented at other Coast Guard units throughout the country, including Training Center Cape May (TRACENCM), however the implementation of this award was a first time initiative of Lt Harczak at Station Cape May. Lt. Harczak stated that he would like to see the EPOQ award become a permanent tradition at Station and is pleased that the Auxiliary flotilla will continue to jointly sponsor the award in the future.

Division 18 Commander Finds Fellowship Across the Board

Article and photo by Mike Slepian, SO-PA Division 18

The absence of in-person Auxiliary activities was not going to stop Division 18 Commander Paul Whitman, Sr. from hosting a fun, fellowship event. All it took was a visit with his daughter Kaitlyn, a highly respected teacher for deaf students, age two to fifteen. She recommended an on-line game she uses as a teaching aid. Paul took one look and, BINGO! He was hooked on, you guessed it, Internet BINGO!

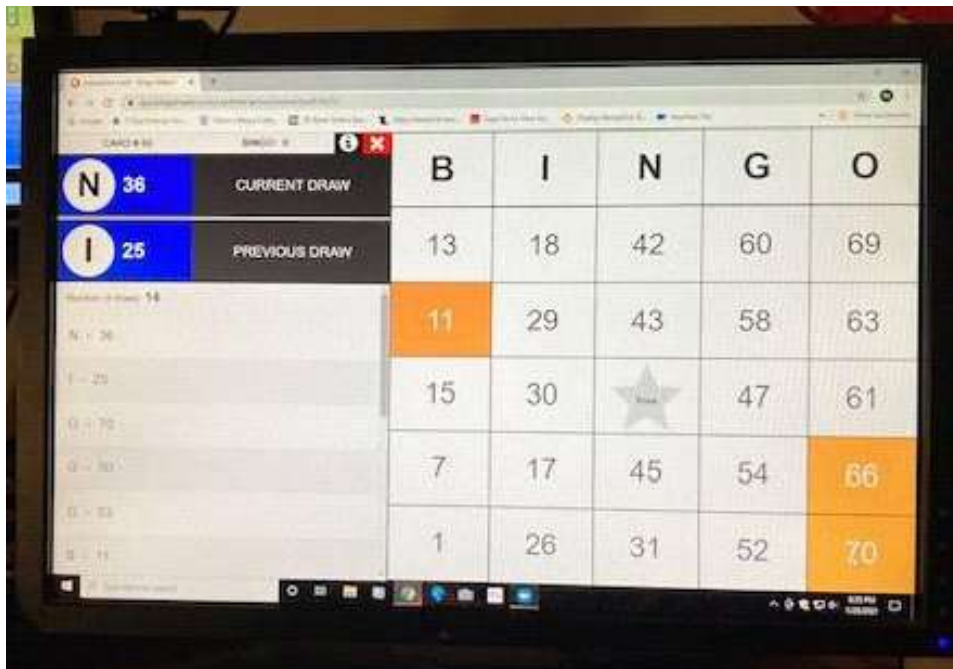
After a few emails to Division members, along with simple instructions to follow links to a Zoom call, and hooking up with BINGOmaker.com on line, more than a dozen members and their families enjoyed the first ever evening of laughs, good natured ribbing and careful attention to individual electronic BINGO “cards.”

For Whitman, the idea was letter perfect. “We played with family members to see how it would work and we had a blast!” The game requires an on-line host to control play and act as caller, and Commander Whitman's daughter was the perfect choice. Although Kaitlyn is not an Auxiliarist, she epitomized what it means to be part of an extended, Coast Guard Auxiliary family.

Games are easily set up by logging onto bingomaker.com, which contains complete instructions for hosting an event and for participants. There is no charge for playing.

Nearly two hours breezed by before the evening wrapped up. As players slowly logged off some wondered how other Divisions may be sharing good fellowship, virtually! Clearly, for Division 18, Auxiliary BINGO spelled success!

-Semper Paratus-



Screen shot of Division 18 on line BINGO game in play.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Association (AuxA)

Did you know that purchases made in AuxA (uniform items, accessories, devices, etc.) results in rebates directly to the District to defray conference costs? Plus the prices are usually better than other sources! Please support the AuxA!

Coast Guard Auxiliary Association

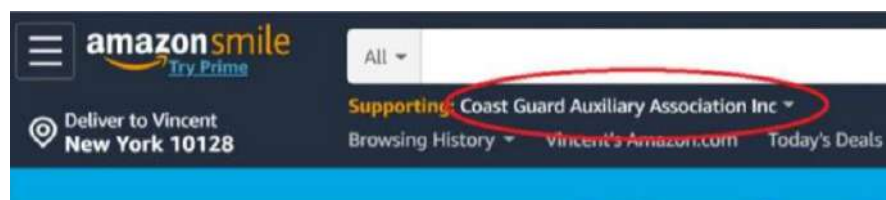


Ya Gotta Be In In To Win It!
AUXA SWEEPSTAKES
is back by request!
WIN a \$100 AuxA Gift Certificate!
It's easy. Just hit the link below.
We've already had one \$100 winner!

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the brief show about AUXA and enter your name to Win. That's it.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Association provides the financial stability that the Coast Guard Auxiliary must have to ensure readiness to meet its mission.

REMEMBER: AMAZON SMILE WILL MAKE A DONATION TO AuxA FOR EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE.



(If it doesn't say "Coast Guard Auxiliary", you're missing an opportunity to support the RBS mission at zero-cost to you.)

Leadership Development

From: U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, TRAINING DIRECTORATE.

To: ALL MEMBERS

Subject: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Auxiliary Leadership Development Program (ALDP)

No matter what level of participation a member of the Auxiliary has, everyone can benefit by participation in the Auxiliary Leadership Development Program (ALDP). This program facilitates leadership development beginning at the Flotilla level.

The ALDP provides methods for current and future leaders to gain and demonstrate competency inside and outside of the walls of a classroom. The program is a series of courses and exams built around developing deeper understanding and competency on Leadership.

The Coast Guard has identified 4 broad categories of Leadership focus. They are:

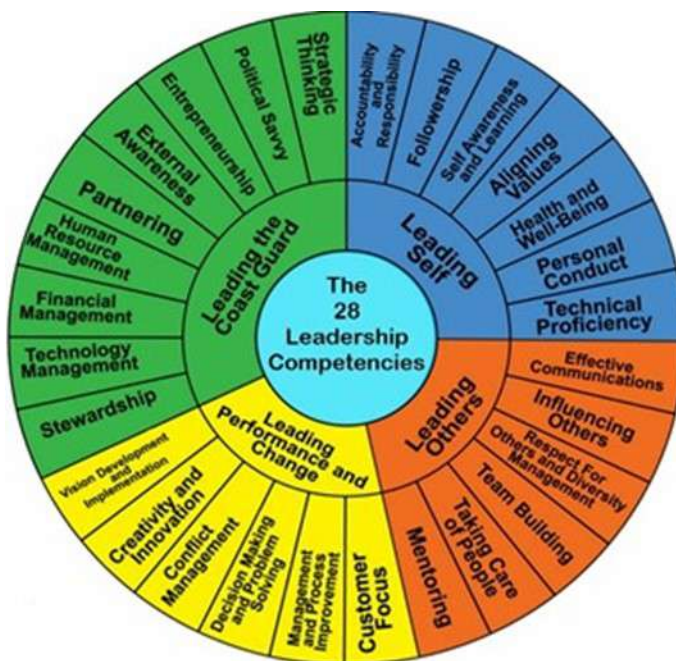
Leading Self

Leading Others

Leading Performance and Change

Leading in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Each of the categories are broken further down and all told there are 28 Leadership Competencies.



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Leadership Development, continued

The Program uses a series of tests on the NTC (National Training Site) for Flotilla Leadership and Administrative Procedures as well as the tests for the various Leadership Competencies. Added to that is a series of FEMA courses focused on leadership that enhance a member's awareness. The traditional Leadership C Schools such as AUX-LAMS, AMLOC, AULOC and ASOC are part of the curriculum.

There are 5 levels within the program. Each level is targeting a select group of our membership.

Level 1 is for all members.

Level 2 focuses on the Flotilla leadership team

Level 3 is for the Division leadership,

Level 4 is for the District and Directorate leadership

Level 5 is for the National Leadership level.

Level 1 is within the grasp of every member today. While spending time at a computer at home the members can easily go through the required material and tests.

Why would a member think it is important for them to take this seriously for themselves? There are 2 reasons. First the value-added basic grounding to aid in development toward the next step in the chain of leadership. Secondly it provides them personal insight into why leadership is important to the success of the Auxiliary and how they fit into that success story.

There is a direct link to the [Leadership Development page](#) off the Training Directorate Website. It has all available requirements and links needed for all five levels.



Past District Commodores

1939-1941 - NEW YORK & PHILADELPHIA

1941-1942 - PHILADELPHIA

1939-40 None

1941-42 Richard W. Nelms

1942-1946 - 4TH NAVAL DISTRICT

1943-44 Victor Lazo

1944-45 Frank B. Hineline

1946-1947 - 4TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT

1946 H. Earl Huston

1947 W. Lyle Holmes Jr.

1948 - 1975 - 3RD COAST GUARD DISTRICT (SA)

1948-49 Southern Area- no Commodore

1950-51 John J. Sader

1952-53 Alexander S. Bauer (National Commodore 1953-1954)

1953 Donald P. Osterhout

1954 William Ross McDonald

1955-56 Alfred B. Wright

1957 Richard S. Scattergood

1958-59 John S. Black Jr.

1960 Robert E. Evans

1961 Royden S. Hager

1962-63 Jack E. Nunemaker

1964-65 William J. Garry (National Vice Commodore 1967-1968)

1966-67 John D. McIntosh

1968-69 John E. Johansen

1970-71 Harold B. Haney (National Rear Commodore 1971-1972)

(National Commodore 1973-1974)

1971-71 Victor F. Baumeister

1973-74 Joseph L. Krager Jr.

1975-76 Lloyd Furber (National Rear Commodore (E) 1978)

1976 - 1987 - 3RD COAST GUARD DISTRICT(SR)

1977-78 William Dischert

1979-80 Robert Carson

1981-82 Lee B. Weaver

1983-84 Robert L. Wecker

1985-86 Richard L. Raudabaugh

1987 - 5TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT (NR)

1987-88 Alexander M. Lewis

1989-90 William E. Pierce

1991-92 Eugene M. Pester Jr.

1993-94 Edward W. Rearick

1995-96 Harry L. David

1997-98 Clyde E. College

1999-00 John A. Locasale

2001-02 Robert J. Perrone Sr.

2003-04 Eugene A. Bentley

2005-06 Leon E. Kehr

2007-08 Robert P. Amort

2009-10 John S. Witemeyer

2011-12 Harold T. Robinson

2013-14 Kenneth E. Brown (Deputy National Commodore (E)
(2015-2016)

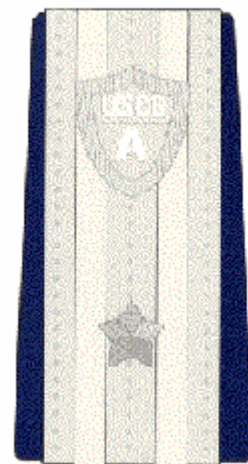
2015-16 Kevin C. Murphy

2017-18 Barry M. Kyper

2019-20 Thomas J. Dever

2021-22 Joseph Giannattasio

District Commodore



AUXILIARY COVID-19 RECONSTITUTION GUIDANCE

10 FEB 2021

FM: CHDIRAUX

TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 002/21

Subj: AUXILIARY COVID-19 RECONSTITUTION GUIDANCE - VERSION 2

1. All Auxiliarists are highly encouraged to review the latest version of the Auxiliary COVID-19 Reconstitution Guide which has been posted in AUXDATA II and to the following link: Auxiliary Reconstitution Guide. (To review the guide in AUXDATA II, login to AUXDATA II; from the AUXDATA Navigation Bar select "More," then "Files," and then select "Libraries." The guide and other relevant COVID-19 information will be located in the folder listed as "CG Auxiliary COVID-19 Guidance.") If you have any questions regarding the content of the guide, please reach out to your Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM).
2. This guidance is intended to provide assistance to the Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX), Coast Guard units, and Order Issuing Authorities (OIA) on how to use Coast Guard Auxiliarists in the safest way possible during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Knowing that the spread of the Pandemic is different in every area, region, state, city, town, etc., DIRAUXs and OIAs may deviate from this guide as they see fit for their cognizant areas of responsibility (AOR).
3. This guidance provides Auxiliarists a safe way to move forward during the Pandemic and also combines and supersedes the following four ALAUXs: ALAUX 003/20 (Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Auxiliary Awareness); ALAUX 027/20 (Temporary Suspension of Online Proctor Requirement for AUXOP Specialty Course Exams); ALAUX 011/20 (Webinar Delivery of the TCT Refresher - COVID-19); and, ALAUX 032/20 (Auxiliary Currency Maintenance Changes for CY 2020).
4. DIRAUX offices, Coast Guard units, and OIAs are continually assessing operational risks posed by COVID-19 and developing mitigation strategies in advance of mission performance. They remain the best sources for guidance regarding Auxiliary assignments to duty within their AORs. All Auxiliarists are expected to help them by exercising caution and strictly adhering to all Coast Guard guidance.
5. Internet release is authorized.



Crossing the Bar

Auxiliarist Crossing the Bar - September 2020-February 2021

Sept 2020

9/25/00 Bruce Beattie (17-04)
9/28/20 Paul V Deferrari (07-09)

Oct 2020

10/20/20 Michael Casey (17-03)

Nov 2020

11/1/20 Mark Sardara (04-03)
11/4/20 Marjorie Ignozza (16-07)
11/12/20 Donald J Gricius (16-05)

Dec 2020

12/01/20 David Moore (04-07)
12/11/20 James Kissell (20-01) (COVID)
12/13/20 Christopher M. Haase (17-04)
12/17/20 John A. Dawson (04-11)
12/21/20 Charles Maltbie Sr (13-06) (retired status)
12/30/20 Karen Angela Dunn-Maxim (17-04)

Jan 2021

1/13/21 Ronald T. Downey (12-04) (retired status)
1/16/21 Theodore J Fink (17-04) (retired status)
1/21/21 Joan Siegfried (12-04) (retired status)

Feb 2021

2/11/21 Paul Rudolph (08-04)



History of the District



USCG Auxiliary District 5 NR

USCG Station Histories

Written by 5NR Historian Steve Marthouse

I have been asked to write a few historical articles for the Topside Magazine. Being my passion is the history of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary as well as the US Life-Saving Service; I thought I would try to merge both. My plan is to provide the readers the background history of the active duty Coast Guard Small Boat Stations that remain within the boundaries of the 5NR. I will try to cover a significant event or individual associated with the station and then look at what services we as Coast Guard Auxiliarists have in the past or currently are providing to those units. To lay the foundation, it's important that I provide some background information prior to digging in to the individual stations. Some of you may be familiar with the US Life-Saving Service but for those that aren't here is a snapshot of its history.

Prior to 1848, any mariner in distress along the coast of New Jersey or Delaware could not expect to receive any help from shore. Basically they were on their own should they run aground or become dismasted usually a result of a Nor'easter. With both New York and Philadelphia being major ports, large numbers of sailing ships also known as "Coasters", were transiting both north and south. They relied on celestial navigation and lighthouses to establish their location on charts. Vessels arriving from Europe also faced the hazard of heading directly towards the shore to determine their position and required direction towards their destination. During storms, cloud cover, and poor visibility establishing a ships position was extremely challenging. Now add to the mix offshore shoals and sandbars where water depth rapidly decreases and waves build up you can understand the potential problems. Keep in mind also a sailing vessel cannot sail into the eye of the wind, so trying to steer away from shore quickly is almost impossible especially with the wind from the north east.

Even with the number of wrecks and loss of life increasing each year, calls on Congress to act fell on deaf ears until New Jersey Representative, William Newell, a native of Manahawkin, NJ, succeeded in obtaining a \$10,000 appropriation for lifesaving stations to be built between Sandy Hook and Little Egg Harbor, NJ. By the way, Representative Newell was born and raised in Manahawkin, NJ.



Photograph of a shipwreck

USCG Auxiliary 5NR Historian File

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USCG Auxiliary District 5 NR USCG Station Histories

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The very first station built in 1848 at Spermaceti Cove on Sandy Hook

USCG Auxiliary 5NR Historian File

There were 8 stations built in the beginning. The very first station was built at Spermaceti Cove on Sandy Hook. Four of those stations were built in our current USCG Auxiliary 5NR area. Station number 5 was located on Squan Beach, number 6 was on Island Beach, number 7 was near Barnegat Lighthouse and number 8 on Long Beach Island near Bonds. An additional \$10,000 for equipment was provided in a Lighthouse bill. Basically these first stations were only a boat house on the beach and equipped with a metal lifeboat, boat cart, oars, a mortar for shooting lines, gunpowder, lights rockets and matches. Unfortunately there was no money available to pay employees who would maintain or assist these stations. Basically the key to the station and written instructions were left with a local responsible individual. At least there was some rescue equipment physically located on the shore but its utilization relied of the local volunteers to put it into use should a wreck occur.

This was a start but as you can imagine all sorts of problems occurred. Buildings were broken into and equipment damaged or removed. Lack of training hindered the locals in utilizing equipment successfully. In April 1854, the Powhattan went aground about 500 yards off shore of Long Beach Island New Jersey with 354 lives lost. This disaster caused a major outcry from the public and Congress responded in 1856 with funds for paid keepers of stations as well as two superintendents, one for New Jersey and one for New York. The appointed keepers were usually local surfmen recommended for the position by the superintendent. Sadly in too many cases, the keeper appointment ended up being politically determined which led to untrained and unqualified individuals. Meanwhile, additional stations were constructed on both the New Jersey and New York coast.

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USCG Auxiliary District 5 NR

USCG Station Histories

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The economic pressures of the Civil War halted any significant improvement or expansion to the coastal stations. Congress continued to appropriate money; however it was rarely spent and normally returned to the Treasury. During this period, the stations and equipment fell into a state of disrepair. In 1869, Congress passed a bill that enabled crews to man every other station in New Jersey during the active season. The active season was normally the beginning of September through May. These manned stations were located in the populated areas which left the desolate stations with only a keeper on hand. Without direct oversight supervision of these crews, there was mediocre performance.

The winter of 1870-1871 was extremely harsh and many maritime disasters occurred with great loss of life. It was obvious the current system of permanent keepers and volunteer crews was not sufficient to prevent or minimize these tragedies. Even if the keeper was skilled and conscientious, volunteer crews were usually untrained and had to be summoned at a moment's notice. Congress then appropriated \$200,000 for paid crews, new stations and equipment repair in 1871.

In 1878, the US Life-Saving Service formally came into existence with Sumner Kimball as the head. An exceptional individual, Kimball immediately went to work on implementing change. He attacked the problem with personnel by requiring entry into the Service be through examination. Crews of six members were selected from able-bodied surfmen who lived in the vicinity of the station. They could not be older than 45 and were ranked in the order of skill and experience, with the most competent designated as "No 1". To maintain a high level of performance, manuals were written and crews performed drills daily on a set schedule. These had to do with launching surfboats, drilling with the "Breeches Buoy" as well as signaling and first aid. Inspectors checked each station periodically to witness drills and verify performance met the standards. Keepers were required to keep accurate records and submit formal reports and log books regularly to the district superintendent.



Breeches Buoy Rescue

USCG Auxiliary 5NR Historian File

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USCG Auxiliary District 5 NR

USCG Station Histories

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Sumner Kimball led the USLSS up through 1915 when it merged with the US Revenue Cutter Service to become the US Coast Guard. Under his leadership, the USLSS became an extremely efficient organization and one only has to review the statistics presented in the Service's Annual Reports to the value of lives and property saved and assisted. Other than just the name and uniform style change, the USCG Small boat stations continued to follow a number of processes and procedures established under Kimball to well into the 1930's.



Sumner I. Kimball,
General Superintendent of the USLSS

USCG Auxiliary 5NR Historian File



Photos from Across the District





ALWAYS RESILIENT - Even prior to COVID-19, volunteer organizations were envisaging the future as a survival struggle. Hard-to-digitize and people-dependent institutions are the least resilient. The COVID crisis is an opportunity for Auxiliary leaders and members to reinvent themselves.

*Coast Guard Auxiliary photo
by Joseph Giannattasio*



Photo taken by AUX Donald Dobson (FL08-02)



CAPE MAY, NJ - Auxiliary Health Services (AUX-HS) qualified member John "Jack" Salvia augments and supports the Coast Guard Health Services Clinic as a Physician Assistant providing medical care to recruit companies and enlisted members at Training Center Cape May (TRACEN).

*Coast Guard Auxiliary photo
by Joseph Giannattasio*



The Coast Guard Auxiliary is composed of many skilled members, some of whom are trained, qualified, licensed, or registered to perform many of the same health care activities that are performed by active duty personnel. Some Auxiliarists are willing to perform these health care activities on a volunteer basis for the Coast Guard.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photo

by Joseph Giannattasio.



Division 19 held a virtual Change of Watch on Saturday February 6. Guests in attendance were 5NR Commodore Joe Giannattasio, Sector Commander Captain Jonathan Theel , CWO Douglas Schubert, and DCAPT-W Douglas Willwerth. All in attendance enjoyed a time of fellowship, celebrated those getting awards, and heard heartfelt and positive comments from the speakers.

Screenshot taken by COMO Joseph Giannattasio



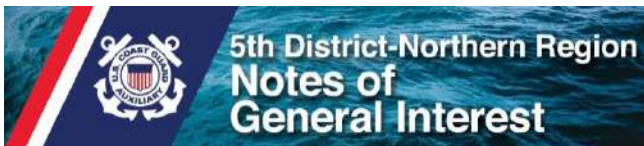
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NEWS FROM 5th DISTRICT-NORTHERN SECTION

NOGI 21SEP20-D5NR UPDATED GUIDANCE—Missions & Support
District-wide Distribution to ALL Members



Bottom Line Upfront...

**Further Opening of Missions—
With Adherence to Current Pre-Approval,
Masks & Social Distancing Requirements
Surface/Boating Operations Are NOT
Authorized.**

*Please read the following memo in its entirety.
Address any questions through your Chain of
Leadership.*

D5NR Auxiliarists are resilient and I personally thank you for your dedication, professionalism, and understanding. Safety of all Coast Guard (CG) members and their families continue to be the highest organizational priority.

1. **This guidance updates my memo of 24 July 2020**, reference (a). It incorporates publication of reference (b), Auxiliary COVID-19 High-Risk Assessment Form, which is Enclosure 13 of the COVID-19 PLANORD (July 2020 v.8) Pandemic and Emerging Infectious Disease Risk Assessment, and also incorporates reference (c), CG Risk Assessment for Enclosed Space Mass Gatherings. All other guidance within reference (a) shall remain in effect. The COVID-19 Risk Assessment Job Aid and the Risk for Death from COVID-19 Exposure that is in reference (a) shall be used.

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17 Sep 2020

MEMORANDUM

Victoria L. Taylor, LCDR
From: V. L. Taylor, 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 4

Ref: (a) DIRAUX Memo of 24 Jul 2020
(b) Aux COVID-19 High-Risk Assessment Form (Enc 13 of COVID-19 PLANORD (July 2020 v.8) Pandemic & Emerging Infectious Disease Risk Assessment
(c) Coast Guard Risk Assessment for Enclosed Space Mass Gatherings
(d) ALCOAST 259/20 COVID-19 OFF-DUTY RISK MANAGEMENT
(e) CGD FIVE (dp), Captain O'Connell's Memo of 23 Jul 2020

2. **Before returning to work, Auxiliarist must read and understand all references of this memo.**
3. **During the September 2020 Executive Committee (EXCOM) meeting, your AUX Leadership voted to open all D5NR missions/operations **except** **for** **surface/boating** **patrols**. For **ALL** Auxiliary missions that you partake in, you must adhere to all the rules that are**

listed in this memo. I want to stress that this is your decision as you are the one putting yourself at risk. Please keep your personal and family safety in mind first. I know how dedicated and determined you are, but please take a step back to evaluate your situation.

1. **Members must adhere to reference (d), where it directs you and encourages your family members to carefully consider risk to themselves and CG missions before engaging in activities that pose an increased risk to contracting COVID-19.**

2. **In accordance to reference (e), your Active Duty (AD) Ordering Issue Authority (OIA) in conjunction with your Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM), must perform an Operational Risk Assessment in determining the risk vs gain of requested CG Auxiliary missions.** The AD OIA will use the COVID-19 PLANORD (July 2020 v.8) Pandemic and Emerging Infectious Disease Risk Assessment prior to mission execution to determine if the gain outweighs the risk.
3. **Auxiliarists shall meet the training requirements and use reference (b) to certify their status in respect to COVID-19 high-risk criteria and submit to their AD OIA.** The approving AD OIA must keep this form in their records and also submit a copy to the DIRAUX email for our records at D5NRDIRAUX@uscg.mil. Members must work with the OIA and COLM ensuring they have proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and the PPE must be used in accordance with policy. Auxiliarist must have a cloth face covering of neutral solid coloring with them during any activity. Before Auxiliarists have gatherings, such as a Flotilla Meeting, reference (c) must be used and sent to your COLM for approval. Many Flotillas are highly successful having their meetings virtually.
4. **If an Auxiliarist is about to perform a mission and does not report or do work for an AD CG member, then the Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) will serve as their OIA.** The Auxiliarist must submit reference (b) to their COLM for first approval, and their COLM will submit the approved form to the DIRAUX email, D5NRDIRAUX@uscg.mil, for final approval. The email subject line will have the member's name and "Approval Needed for Upcoming Mission." Attached will be reference (b). In the body of the email, it will provide the type of mission that is to be performed, the dates the mission is to be performed, and the explanation of why this member and AUX leadership say that the gain to the CG outweighs the risk to the member.
5. **The COVID-19 virus still exists and is spreading.** Additional information from the CDC regarding this disease and how to take precautions against it can be found at: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html)

[ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html)



This notice contains important policy clarification regarding Auxiliarists' use of social media and further guidance on proper behavior at all times by all members representing the U.S. Coast Guard.

The following is official policy as endorsed by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary National Board and by the Executive Board of District 5-Northern Region. Auxiliary-wide compliance is in effect immediately.

Please read all referenced links in their entirety.



United States Coast Guard
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

22 SEP 2020
FM: CHDIRAUX
TO: ALAUX
ALAUX 028/20

Subj: COMMUNICATING UNITY AND RESPECT: REPRESENTING THE U.S. COAST GUARD

1. Last week, the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Charles Ray, sent the following email to leaders throughout the Coast Guard.

From: Ray, Charles W ADM
<ADMCRay@uscg.mil>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 1:21 PM
Subject: Communicating Unity and Respect: Representing the U.S. Coast Guard

To U.S. Coast Guard Leadership,

I need every CO, OIC, Supervisor, and Leader to clearly hear this message and

communicate its content to every member of our workforce. The challenging effects of our high operational tempo during a global pandemic, forecasts for an active hurricane season, widespread protest for social justice, and the backdrop of a National election could potentially serve to divide us without a conscious effort to avoid any such division. When we say that we are "Stronger Together," we do not ignore our differences, but instead note that despite those differences we are ALL united in our sworn Oath to the Constitution, to our shared commitment to our Core Values - Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty, and in service to the American public.

It is also important to recognize that each of us are representatives of the Coast Guard at all times. In every interaction with each other inside our lifelines, and outside our lifelines with our fellow citizens, whether in person or on-line, I encourage you to be guided by two simple questions: Do my actions and words create an environment of unity and respect, or do they create divisions? Do my actions and words inspire my fellow American citizens' confidence and trust in their Coast Guard?

Along these lines, today we released ALCOAST 337/20 - COAST GUARD MEDIA/SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICIAL, UNOFFICIAL, AND PERSONAL USE GUIDANCE, which provides guidance to the workforce and reinforces acceptable conduct within the social media arena.

Across the Country, as we face challenges together, there is no room in our Coast Guard for divisive or exclusionary behavior, nor actions or behaviors that discredit you or our Coast Guard. Our fellow citizens count on us to be vigilant, mission focused guardians of maritime safety, security, and stewardship. Whether at a "call hands," at quarters or muster, or in one-on-one conversations, stay engaged and make sure your crews understand that in a professional military service - We Succeed Together. Semper Paratus!

Admiral Charles W. Ray
Vice Commandant

2. Admiral Ray's message is clear: All of us as members of the Coast Guard team - military personnel, civilian personnel, Auxiliarists – are representatives of our service at all times during our commissions, enlistments, employments, and memberships. Moreover, our words and actions must consistently communicate unity and respect among those with whom we serve as well as the to the public that we all serve.

3. Admiral Ray also cites ALCOAST 337/20 - COAST GUARD MEDIA/SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICIAL, UNOFFICIAL, AND PERSONAL USE GUIDANCE (<https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/General-Messages/ALCOAST/>). Although this message is specifically applicable to Coast Guard active duty, reservists, and civilian employees, its basic tenets closely align with the requirements and expectations of Auxiliary social media policies found in Section 5.R. of the Auxiliary Manual, Commandant Instruction Manual 16790.1 (series) (<http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=H-DEPT&category=auxiliary-manuals>), most notably:

- a. Auxiliarists are expected to ensure their use of social media, even when in a personal capacity while not assigned to duty, neither inadvertently nor deliberately connects or associates with, or projects an image of connection or association with, inappropriate material that is not consistent with the Coast Guard's Core Values and Guardian Ethos.
- b. Auxiliarists are expected to remember the Coast Guard's Core Values and Guardian Ethos, and keep in mind how their official as well as unofficial social media and online posts will reflect upon themselves and the Coast Guard.
- c. Auxiliarists shall avoid behavior while acting in a personal capacity, not assigned to duty, that negatively impacts or conflicts with their ability to perform their function when assigned to duty.

4. The Auxiliary Chain of Leadership and Public Affairs program managers at national and district/regional levels are readily available resources to provide invaluable consultation and review whenever a question or concern exists about potential social media posts.

5. Internet release is authorized.

AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP LINK

From: L2 Auxiliary Leadership Link

The digest of US Coast Guard Auxiliary activity

16 December 2020

My.cgaux Sunset Plan

As announced in the L2 Leadership Link of 10 September, my.cgaux has been discontinued as of today, 16 December 2020.

Many of the my.cgaux links and directory items are available on the Auxiliary National website home page at cgaux.org. A link to ALAUX messages now appears as a left column menu item on the home page. A link to L2 messages will soon be added just below the ALAUX link. Additionally, links to Auxiliary information resources are available under the Aux Members dropdown on the home page.

Please direct any questions about this matter up through your CS Chain of Leadership.

From: L2 Auxiliary Leadership Link

The digest of US Coast Guard Auxiliary activity

13 December 2020

The DEC 2020 Issue of *RBS Job One* is now available on-line. It contains useful information for everyone involved in promoting Recreational Boating Safety. Articles in this issue include:

- Bass Anglers Sportsmen Agreement
- New National Boating Safety Leadership
- Radio Information for Boaters
- VHF Marine Radio Checks
- Daniel Maxim Award Announced

We encourage all members to read this outstanding issue for this excellent and timely information.

The DEC 2020 issue of RBS Job One is posted and available. Click here: [RBS Is Job One](#)

From: L2 Auxiliary Leadership Link

The digest of US Coast Guard Auxiliary activity

1 December 2020

In-Person N Train 2021 is Cancelled

There is nothing more important than the safety of our members and their families. It is, and always must be, paramount.

Taking a page from the risk management training we have all had, and weighing the risk of the grave consequences contracting COVID-19 could have for our members and their families against the benefits that an in-person N Train would provide, there is really no decision to be made other than to cancel the face-to-face portions of N Train 2021. Accordingly, those in-person meetings and training

events now scheduled for late January 2021 in Saint Louis will not be held. However, we will go forward with a virtual National Board Meeting that will be available for all members to observe if they wish. A virtual meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held as required by the Standing Rules of the National Board, and a virtual meeting of the Operational Committee (OPCOM) will take place in late February or early March. The Auxiliary Senior Officer Course (ASOC) will meet virtually starting on January 4, 2020. In addition, the other scheduled training events will take place virtually on dates to be announced by their respective instructors.

We are all frustrated that once again we are left with no alternative but to cancel another important National event; however, I am hopeful that by the time for NACON 2021 nears, this pandemic will be under control and we will be in a position where we can meet in person. I promise you that if I have anything to say about it, and I do, it will be a NACON to remember!

Please stay safe and stay well.

Semper Paratus

Very respectfully,

Alex Malewski
National Commodore

NATIONAL NOTICES



United States Coast Guard
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

28 DEC 2020
FM: CHDIRAUX
TO: ALAUX
ALAUX 035/20

**Subj: COVID-19 VACCINE MESSAGE FROM
THE COMMANDANT**

1. All Auxiliarists are encouraged to read the following message from the Commandant regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

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

To the Women and Men of the United States Coast Guard,

We are at another critical stage of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As the U.S. begins to administer the first vaccines for the SARS-CoV-2 virus across the nation, the Coast Guard has started to administer the vaccine to our workforce as part of the Department of Defense plan for the Joint Force. These vaccines, which are currently voluntary, are a safe, effective measure to protect Coast Guard personnel, and by extension our families, against COVID-19.

In the early stages of vaccine administration, limited quantities will be available. The Coast Guard plan to administer the vaccine is part of the larger Department of Defense plan, both of which follow the national prioritization set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Coast Guard medical personnel will receive vaccination priority, and subsequently perform vaccinations for Active and Reserve personnel and select civilian employees in critical essential support roles as vaccine becomes available.

As quantities increase, the Coast Guard will increase distribution and administration

across our force. The Coast Guard does not plan to administer vaccinations to most civilian employees, Auxiliarists, dependent family members, or retirees; we will instead, provide best available information on when and how you can receive a vaccine as soon as it is available.

While vaccination is voluntary, I encourage each of you to get vaccinated as soon as it is available to you. I also ask that you encourage your shipmates, family members, and friends to get vaccinated as well. I plan to receive the vaccine as soon as it is made available to senior military leaders. Getting the vaccine is about more than protecting ourselves; vaccination will help protect our families, shipmates, friends, and the citizens we are honored to serve.

As a Nation, we will emerge from this pandemic through widespread use of a safe, effective vaccine, combined with continued adherence to our current mitigation measures, including mask-wearing, physical distancing, and hand washing.

If you have questions about the vaccine, please ask your medical provider. The health and resilience of every member of our Coast Guard (Active, Reserve, Civilian, Auxiliary), and our loved ones, are the foundation of Coast Guard readiness.

Thank you for your perseverance, devotion to duty, and vigilance as we continue to navigate this pandemic. We remain Stronger Together.

Admiral Karl L. Schultz
Commandant
U.S. Coast Guard

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Twitter: @COMDTUSCG
www.uscg.mil/AlwaysReady

2. Internet release is authorized.



09 NOV 2020
FM: CHDIRAUX
TO: ALAUX
ALAUX 033/20

Subj: **MERGER OF ANSC AND AUXCEN**

1. The Coast Guard and the Auxiliary Association (AuxA) are continually exploring ways to leverage resources and create new efficiencies for the benefit of those they serve.
2. The Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-BSX) and AuxA have collaborated on several initiatives over the past few years with a view towards increased efficiency of operations, opportunities for savings, and greater value of Auxiliary membership.
3. The Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC) and the AuxA fulfillment center (AUXCEN) have recently collocated in the same warehouse facility in Granite City, IL. Although their business and product lines remain separate, this is the realization of an opportunity for the Coast Guard and AuxA to increase the efficiency of their operations.
4. Contact information for AUXCEN and ANSC follow:

**Coast Guard Auxiliary
Association Inc (AUXCEN)**
1301 W First St Suite E1
Granite City IL 62040-1802
Main Phone: (618) 823-5009
FAX: (618) 823-5029
Hours of Operation: Monday -
Friday; 0800-1530 Central

**Auxiliary National Supply Center
(ANSC)**
1301 First St. suite E, Rivers Edge
Granite City, IL 62040-1803
Main Phone: (618) 876-1708
Hours of Operation: Monday -
Friday; 0630-1500 Central

5. Internet release is authorized.



29 OCT 2020
FM: CHDIRAUX
TO: ALAUX
ALAUX 032/20

Subj: **AUXILIARY CURRENCY
MAINTENANCE CHANGES FOR CY 2020**

1. The Coast Guard recognizes the unprecedented challenges imposed on its Auxiliarists since the outset of the COVID-19 global pandemic, and greatly appreciates the understanding and responsibility demonstrated by all Auxiliarists in preserving their health and well-being as well as that of our Nation's maritime public.

2. In acknowledgement of the significant constraints that have been levied upon Auxiliarists' ability to perform authorized activities in Calendar Year (CY) 2020, the following changes to currency maintenance requirements are effective immediately:

a. General Qualification and Currency Maintenance Requirements.

(1) All annual currency maintenance requirements for CY 2020 (e.g., the two marine dealer visits required to maintain currency as a program visitor) and other-than-annual requirements that were due in CY 2020 (e.g., the 3-year check ride required to maintain currency as a coxswain if due in 2020) are waived *except* tests and workshops that can be completed online through the Auxiliary Learning Management System (AUXLMS) or Auxiliary National Classroom.

(2) Currency maintenance requirements that have been waived must now be completed by 31 December 2021 (e.g., the five vessel safety checks that were required by 31 December 2020 in order to maintain currency as a Vessel Examiner must now be completed by 31 December 2021). Currency maintenance requirements that would normally have applied in CY 2021 are effectively cancelled (e.g., a Vessel Examiner will

only have to perform five vessel safety checks in CY 2021 in order to maintain currency).

(3) CY 2020 completion of the Team Coordination Training (TCT) Refresher and the Crew Resource Management (CRM) Refresher is not waived. These refreshers are available through webinars, and if they are due in CY 2020 then they must be completed in CY 2020 in order to maintain certification.

(4) If an Auxiliarist started CY 2020 certified in a competency, then they will remain certified per the provisions of this ALAUX. If an Auxiliarist started CY 2020 in REYR status in a competency and was unable to fulfill the requirements to regain certification during CY 2020, then the Auxiliarist will remain in REYR status in that competency and will have until 31 December 2021 to complete those requirements in order to regain certification.

(5) All requirements for initial qualification/certification remain in effect and will not be waived.

b. Auxiliary Aviation Specifics: The currency task requirements listed below are waived for CY 2020 and must be completed by the dates specified:

(1) The semi-annual Air Mission Currency task (3 missions totaling at least 6 hours) with a currency expiration date of 30 June 2020 and/or 31 December 2020 must be completed by 30 June 2021.

(2) Annual and greater-than-annual cycle (2-year/5-year) currency tasks with a currency expiration date no later than 31 December 2020 must be completed by 31 December 2021 (e.g., a biennial check ride that was originally required by 15 August 2020 in order to maintain currency as a pilot must now be completed by 31 December 2021).

Task Name	Frequency	Affected Competencies
Air Mission Currency	Semi-annual	First Pilots, Aircraft Commanders, Instructor Pilots / Flight Examiners
Emergency Egress Training	Annual	All AUXAIR

Task Name	Frequency	Affected Competencies
Swim Test	Annual	All AUXAIR Competencies
Annual Aviation Workshop	Annual	All Pilots and Air Crew
Instructional Flights (3)	Annual	Instructor Pilots / Flight Examiners
Auxiliary Flight Check	Biennial	First Pilots, Aircraft Commanders, Instructor Pilots / Flight Examiners
Flight Crew Medical Screening *	Biennial -Sliding	Air Crew and Air Observers
AUX-17 Crew Resource Mgmt.	5-Year	All AUXAIR Competencies
AUX-18 Spatial Disorientation	5-Year	All Pilots
* Must be completed as soon as possible and no later than 31 December 2021. If certified Air Crew/Air Observers have experienced any significant medical change since their last Flight Crew Medical Screening that would affect mission performance and/or would preclude medical clearance by a medical authority, then they must notify the District Director of Auxiliary prior to engaging in flight operations.		

(3) In addition, all Auxiliary aviation pilots will then be required to:

(a) Maintain all FAA license and flight requirements (including biennial check flights) and hold, at minimum, a valid Third-Class FAA Medical status.

(b) Maintain Passenger Currency requirements (for pilots carrying passengers or crew).

(c) Fly and log a minimum of 12 hours Pilot-In-Command (PIC) time each semi-annual period (may

be General Aviation or Auxiliary flight).

(d) Complete the CRM Refresher.

3. Questions should be directed to the servicing District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) and Operations Training Officer (OTO).

4. Internet release is authorized.



21 OCT 2020
FM: CHDIRAUX
TO: ALAUX
ALAUX 031/20

Subj: SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY (SAPRR) UPDATE

1. ALCOAST 369/20 was released on September 29, 2020 and is provided in its entirety below. It makes clear that the Commandant's Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, and Recovery (SAPRR) vision is a Coast Guard where all members of our mission ready total workforce...active duty, Reserve, civilian and Auxiliary...live and work in a climate of trust, respect, and dignity; are leaders who take prompt action to correct any behavior counter to this climate; and do not stand by and allow it to occur. The ALCOAST also highlights recent actions taken by the Coast Guard to enhance its readiness and support for SAPRR management including the addition of new Victim Advocates Program Specialist (VAPS) positions.

2. Auxiliarists are not full-time federal employees, and as such are not subject to many of the provisions of the Coast Guard's SAPRR Program defined in Commandant Instruction Manual 1754.10 (series) which provides the foundation for ALCOAST 369/20. It is most important, though, for Auxiliarists to be aware that they are entitled to initial consultation and referral services from a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), credentialed volunteer Victim Advocate, or a VAPS when sexual assault is reported or alleged while assigned to duty.

Such services include referral to the Department of Labor (DOL) for consultation.

3. Contact information for the SARC nearest you can be found at: <https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Human-Resources-CG-1/Health-Safety-and-Work-Life-CG-11/Office-of-Work-Life-CG-111/Sexual-Assault-Prevention-Response-and-Recovery-Program/Sexual-Assault-Response-Coordinator-Contact-List/>

4. Additionally, Auxiliarists are authorized to use the DoD Safe Helpline mentioned in paragraph 2.c. of the ALCOAST. This helpline can assist an individual whether they have recently experienced sexual assault or if it occurred long ago. DoD Safe Helpline staff will listen to a caller's needs and concerns and discuss their long and short-term safety, resources, and options. They can help identify a caller's nearest SARC and SAPRR Victim Advocate (VA). Perhaps most importantly, trained staff will be there to provide support and let a caller know that they are not alone. DoD Safe Helpline contact information follows: <https://www.safehelpline.org/telephone/> / (877) 955-5247 [or (202) 540-5962 if unable to call toll-free].

(Please note that some of the hyperlinked web sites embedded in the ALCOAST will not be accessible if you do not have access to the dot-mil domain.)

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FM COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON
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TO ALCOAST
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ALCOAST 369/20
COMDTNOTE 1754
SUBJ: SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY (SAPRR) UPDATE NUMBER TWO
A. Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, and Recovery Strategic Plan 2018-2022
B. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 311130 JUL 20/ALCOAST 292/20
C. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 080802 JAN 20/ALCOAST 003/20
D. Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program, COMDTINST M1754.10 (series)
E. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 170908 JUN 20/ALCOAST 238/20

F. Discipline and Conduct, COMDTINST M1600.2 (series)

1. Per REF (A), the Commandant's SAPRR vision is a Coast Guard where all members of our mission ready total workforce - Active Duty, Reserve, Civilian and Auxiliary live and work in a climate of trust, respect, and dignity; where all members are leaders who take prompt action to correct any behavior counter to this climate; and who do not stand by and allow it to occur. Your senior leadership team urges all members to take a stand against behaviors on the "Continuum of Harm" that includes both sexual harassment and sexual assault and declare "Not on our Watch."

2. To demonstrate the ongoing commitment to achieving the Commandant's vision, the USCG SAPRR program and the USCG-wide SAPRR Committee provide the following update on policy, program, and resource changes made since we published update one in January 2020:

a. We have added twelve Victim Advocates Program Specialist (VAPS) positions to our workforce. The VAPS will work with the regional Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs) to provide direct support to field units and victims of sexual assault. The positions will be filled in early FY21.

b. At the end of July we released REF (B), "Confiding in Another Person." This significant policy change allows sexual assault victims to confide in a friend or family member without voiding their choice of filing a Restricted Report. The SAPRR program, FORCECOM, CG Investigative Service, Public Affairs staffs, and others are working to update training curricula, investigation data capture forms, surveys, webpages, and other documents, to ensure a comprehensive policy-change roll-out. "Frequently Asked Questions" about the "Confiding in Another Person" policy is posted on the COMDT (CG-11) SAPRR and DCMS SAPRR Portal pages, noted in paragraphs 2.d. and 4 below. You may also contact your servicing SARC or VA regarding policy questions. By adopting "Confiding in Another Person," we can support persons victimized by sexual assault and eliminate barriers to reporting.

c. As stated in REF (C), the prosecution of sexual assault – a felony offense– takes

priority over any discipline for minor collateral misconduct. The USCG SAPRR Committee measured the collateral misconduct prosecution rate and affirmed that only two percent of all collateral misconduct charges are acted upon. The bottom line is that members should not let collateral misconduct prevent the timely and proper reporting of a sexual assault. Please review REF (B) and perhaps confide in a friend, or speak with a Chaplain if you are unsure of reporting a sexual assault. The feedback and advice they provide may help alleviate worry in the decision to file a Restricted or Unrestricted Report. If you have ever been victimized and desire sexual assault assistance of any kind, you are encouraged to reach out to your unit VA, your SARC, or

CGSUPRT at: https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/units/hswlsc/work-life_division/Shared%20Documents/CGSUPRT%20Resources/Promotional%20Materials/CG%20SUPRT%20Overview%20General.pdf. Our SARCs, VAs, and Health, Safety and Work-Life personnel are ready to support you, virtually, or in person, even during these challenging COVID-19 times. Additionally, the DOD Safe Helpline at <https://www.safehelpline.org/nearme> or the Safe Help Line App for IOS and Android is available for 24/7 anonymous, confidential support.

d. The USCG's commitment to victim recovery is as resolute as the USCG's commitment to preventing Sexual Assault and eliminating it from our Service. The USCG SAPRR program is updating REF (D) to include Recovery-focused policies and a Recovery Care Plan. The program recently contracted for Certified Clinical Trauma Professional training for all SARCs to develop a comprehensive victim recovery system and certify SARCs to train VAs and unit leaders, further expanding the circle of recovery-oriented personnel. These are crucial steps toward our strategic goal of ensuring each victim the best probability of becoming a survivor and achieving favorable long-term physical, mental and spiritual health outcomes. More information about this training initiative will be posted on the SAPRR program website

at: <https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Human-Resources-CG-1/Health-Safety-and-Work-Life-CG-11/Office-of-Work-Life-CG-111/Sexual-Assault-Prevention-and-Response-Program/>.

e. We continue to cultivate our relationship with the DOD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO). SAPRO recently launched “Innovations in Sexual Assault Prevention Pilot Program” (ISAPPP) to measure the impact of sexual assault prevention activities and selected two CG projects for ISAPPP inclusion. These two projects, “The Area Commander’s Toolkit,” which launched with the joint Area Commander’s Culture of Respect Video, (<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/735480/respect-yourself-and-respect-each-other>) and also TRACEN Petaluma’s Recognize, Evaluate, Assess responsibility, Confirm appropriate action, and Take action (R.E.A.C.T) interactive training program will receive SAPRO’s contract support to develop a prevention evaluation plan including strategy, metrics and measurement tactics. We look forward to the kick-off of these ISAPPP projects in FY21.

3. The Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) initiative has made an immediate impact for USCG victims. As reported in REF (C), the CATCH program offers sexual assault victims who make a Restricted Report an opportunity to anonymously disclose suspect information. In the past six months, seven USCG sexual assault victims made CATCH entries and five matches were identified within the Department of Defense (DOD) sexual assault database. As a result, victims who originally made Restricted Reports voluntarily converted to Unrestricted Reports. CGIS now has multiple victim reports to use to conduct criminal investigations. The USCG has the most CATCH matches of the five-armed services. Our courageous USCG members who used this tool, and felt empowered to convert their reports to Unrestricted are contributing in holding offenders accountable. USCG participants in the CATCH program are loudly proclaiming, “Not on our Watch.” For more information on CATCH, go to: <https://www.sapr.mil/catch>, or <https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/units/dcms/saprr/SitePages/Home.aspx>

tePages/Home.aspx then click “CATCH” under the heading, “Useful Links.”

4. The SAPRR Committee had developed an Action Plan to focus efforts through FY22. This Action Plan is available to view on the newly created DCMS SAPRR Portal Page at: <https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/units/dcms/saprr/SitePages/Home.aspx>. The three Committee focus areas – Data Sources and Findings (DSF), Leadership and Positive Culture (L&PC), and Accountability and Transparency (AT) - include distinct goals but will yield results that are cross-cutting and have the same objective, ending sexual assault in the CG.

5. Together we must ensure that every member of our Service takes personal ownership of our Core Value of Respect. Respect does not tolerate sexual assault. Respect does not tolerate sexual harassment. Respect does not tolerate the behaviors that lead to sexual harassment and assault. Together, we will end sexual assault in our CG, “On OUR Watch.”

6. Point of Contact: For questions pertaining to this update or the Coast Guard's SAPRR Program contact CAPT Stephanie Morrison at (202) 372-1599 or at Stephanie.A.Morrison@uscg.mil

7. VADM M. McAllister, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, sends.

8. Internet release is authorized.



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FM: CHDIRAUX
TO: ALAUX
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**Subj: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF
ONLINE PROCTOR REQUIREMENT FOR
AUXOP SPECIALTY COURSE EXAMS**

1. Sections 8.C.2.(b) and (d) of the Auxiliary Manual (Commandant Instruction Manual M16790.1G (series)) require all Operational Auxiliarist (AUXOP) specialty course exams to be proctored and have a minimum passing score of 75%. Current COVID-19 safety protocols often prevent Auxiliarists from engaging in in-person Auxiliary activities, including meeting with proctors to take AUXOP specialty course exams.

2. Given the constraint posed by COVID-19 on in-person AUXOP exam proctoring, the proctor requirement is temporarily suspended for the following AUXOP specialty course exams when taken online: Auxiliary Navigation (AUXNAV-A / also listed as AUXACN), Auxiliary Weather (AUXWEA), Auxiliary Patrols (AUXPAT), Auxiliary Seamanship (AUXSEA), and Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOM).

3. If taken online, these AUXOP specialty course exams are authorized to be taken open-book and must still to be taken through the Auxiliary National Testing Center (NTC: <http://ntc.cgaux.org/>). Taken this way, they now require a passing score of 90% and must be completed within a 120-minute time limit. Once the online exam is started, it can only stop upon exam completion or once 120 minutes have passed. It cannot be temporarily stopped nor logged out. For these reasons, students should therefore ensure they are fully prepared and ready to take these online exams prior to starting them.

4. This change does not apply to the Auxiliary Search Coordination and Execution (AUX SC&E) specialty course or the NavRules 90 exams.

5. This temporary suspension will end when COVID-19 safety protocols allow restoration of

normal AUXOP specialty course exam proctor and passing score policies as determined by the Chief Director of Auxiliary. Provisions of this temporary suspension will remain in place for 30 days after its announced end to allow Auxiliarists to complete their exams for AUXOP specialty courses already in progress.

6. Internet release is authorized.



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**Subj: COMMUNICATING UNITY AND
RESPECT: REPRESENTING THE U.S.
COAST GUARD**

1. Last week, the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Charles Ray, sent the following email to leaders throughout the Coast Guard.

From: Ray, Charles W ADM
<ADMCRay@uscg.mil>

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 1:21 PM
Subject: Communicating Unity and Respect:
Representing the U.S. Coast Guard

To U.S. Coast Guard Leadership,

I need every CO, OIC, Supervisor, and Leader to clearly hear this message and communicate its content to every member of our workforce. The challenging effects of our high operational tempo during a global pandemic, forecasts for an active hurricane season, widespread protest for social justice, and the backdrop of a National election could potentially serve to divide us without a conscious effort to avoid any such division. When we say that we are "Stronger Together," we do not ignore our

differences, but instead note that despite those differences we are ALL united in our sworn Oath to the Constitution, to our shared commitment to our Core Values - Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty, and in service to the American public.

It is also important to recognize that each of us are representatives of the Coast Guard at all times. In every interaction with each other inside our lifelines, and outside our lifelines with our fellow citizens, whether in person or on-line, I encourage you to be guided by two simple questions: Do my actions and words create an environment of unity and respect, or do they create divisions? Do my actions and words inspire my fellow American citizens' confidence and trust in their Coast Guard?

Along these lines, today we released ALCOAST 337/20 - COAST GUARD MEDIA/SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICIAL, UNOFFICIAL, AND PERSONAL USE GUIDANCE, which provides guidance to the workforce and reinforces acceptable conduct within the social media arena.

Across the Country, as we face challenges together, there is no room in our Coast Guard for divisive or exclusionary behavior, nor actions or behaviors that discredit you or our Coast Guard. Our fellow citizens count on us to be vigilant, mission focused guardians of maritime safety, security, and stewardship. Whether at a "call hands," at quarters or muster, or in one-on-one conversations, stay engaged and make sure your crews understand that in a professional military service - We Succeed Together.

Semper Paratus!

Admiral Charles W. Ray
Vice Commandant

2. Admiral Ray's message is clear: All of us as members of the Coast Guard team - military personnel, civilian personnel, Auxiliarists - are representatives of our service at all times during our commissions, enlistments, employments, and memberships. Moreover, our words and actions must consistently communicate unity and respect among those with whom we serve as well as the to the public that we all serve.

3. Admiral Ray also cites ALCOAST 337/20 - COAST GUARD MEDIA/SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICIAL, UNOFFICIAL, AND PERSONAL USE GUIDANCE (<https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/General-Messages/ALCOAST/>). Although this message is specifically applicable to Coast Guard active duty, reservists, and civilian employees, its basic tenets closely align with the requirements and expectations of Auxiliary social media policies found in Section 5.R. of the Auxiliary Manual, Commandant Instruction Manual 16790.1 (series) (<http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=H-DEPT&category=auxiliary-manuals>), most notably:

- a. Auxiliarists are expected to ensure their use of social media, even when in a personal capacity while not assigned to duty, neither inadvertently nor deliberately connects or associates with, or projects an image of connection or association with, inappropriate material that is not consistent with the Coast Guard's Core Values and Guardian Ethos.
- b. Auxiliarists are expected to remember the Coast Guard's Core Values and Guardian Ethos, and keep in mind how their official as well as unofficial social media and online posts will reflect upon themselves and the Coast Guard.
- c. Auxiliarists shall avoid behavior while acting in a personal capacity, not assigned to duty, that negatively impacts or conflicts with their ability to perform their function when assigned to duty.

4. The Auxiliary Chain of Leadership and Public Affairs program managers at national and district/regional levels are readily available resources to provide invaluable consultation and review whenever a question or concern exists about potential social media posts.

5. Internet release is authorized.

Message from the Editor and Parting Shot



A Message from the Editor

Good day 5NR,

This is the 1st Edition of Topside for 2021. If my calculations are correct, this is the 79th year of Topside! Next year is going to be a big anniversary.

You will notice several items in this edition. First is the addition of a new section called COMMS Center. In this section, all the various emails we received over the last 4-5 months are gathered into one place. I would like to thank Ellen Voorhees, ADSO-PB for her work in this area.

If you look at page 19, you will see a one page snapshot of what the Publication Department is all about and what it does. My hope is that in upcoming issues this

year, we will be able to feature all of the different departments in the district with similar snapshots.

The final new addition is the History section. I would like to thank Steve Marthouse, our historian, for his work in this area. I love history and this will be an exciting section each issue.

I would like to also thank the rest of my wonderful team.. Without them Topside would never succeed. With their help we created the largest Topside to date...and all in a nationwide pandemic that is severely limiting our interactions and mission!

Semper Paratus,
Tim Marks
DSO-PB



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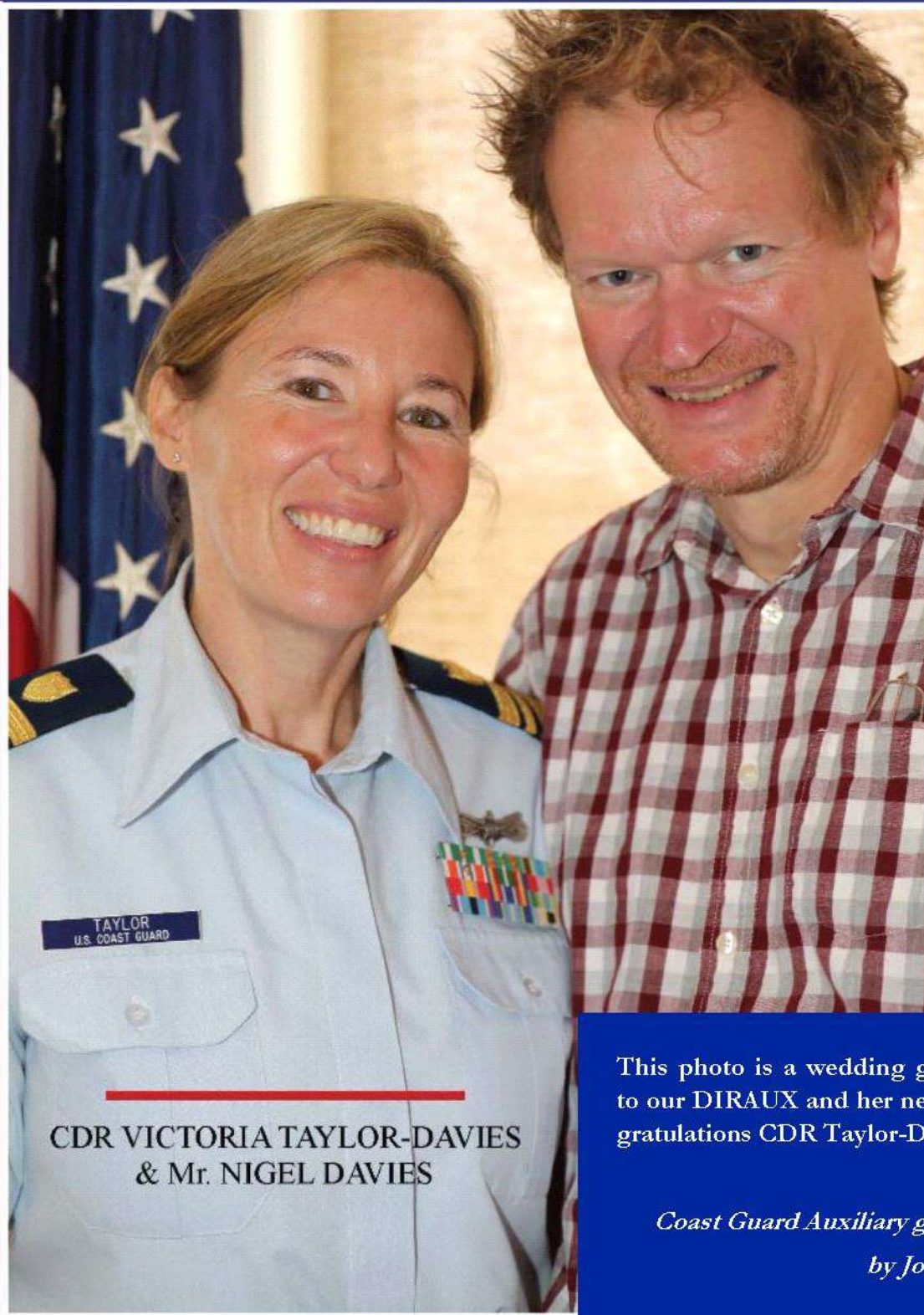
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COUPLE OF THE YEAR



**CDR VICTORIA TAYLOR-DAVIES
& Mr. NIGEL DAVIES**

This photo is a wedding gift from EXCOM to our DIRAUX and her new husband. Congratulations CDR Taylor-Davies!

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