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**Front Cover:**

**CAPE MAY CANAL.** Coast Guard Auxiliary District Fifth Northern operations vary day to day, which includes conducting patrols throughout our area of responsibility to ensure boating safety.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by COMO Joseph Giannattasio.

## *From the Desk of the Commodore*

### **Dedication and Resiliency in Unprecedented Times**

by COMO Joe Giannattasio, District Commodore

The opportunity to make a difference in this world presents itself to us all in a variety of ways. As Team Coast Guard, we find ourselves in dynamic times full of "wicked problems" that challenge us to find solutions, often with few resources and only a vague sense of direction. I have always enjoyed this type of intellectual challenge, and for me it has never been about success or failure, but about being willing to be smarter tomorrow than I am today; to learn, adapt, and keep moving forward.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt said it best:  
"A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor."

That quote stays with me as a reminder that we will all encounter challenges in life, but those bumps are what makes us resilient and dynamic, and what matters most is taking away lessons to help us grow. I think back with pride, particularly over the last three years. In these few, yet incredibly consequential years, Auxiliary and active duty leaders from across the Coast Guard truly dared mighty things. In recent months, you remained adaptable to an ever-changing course. As a team, you rose to the challenge in a very difficult environment and proved once again you are a dedicated and resilient force.

I find myself in awe of all the work we have done together; moreover, I am filled with an enormous sense of optimism for the future!

Over the course of my Auxiliary service, I have had the good fortune of being in the right place at the right time to be able to make a difference in the direction of our District. More importantly, I've been fortunate enough to cultivate a diverse network of elected and appointed leaders across the district that have made all of our remarkable achievements possible in the first place. Being an effective agent for change requires us all to be people-people, a daunting task for an introvert like myself. It takes effort to go outside of your comfort zone to create those new relationships, but the dividends it continues to pay are well worth it.

We only need to look to the COVID-19 pandemic for proof of this. Who could have foreseen all its disruptions to our personal, professional, and Auxiliary lives? We quickly found ways to balance readiness, risk, and resilience, but what got us through those trying times was the close coordination of our Active Duty and Auxiliary leaders. Our communication and adaptability allowed us to quickly identify, address, and refine solutions to local, area, and district problems.



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

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## *From the Desk of the Commodore, continued*

A prime example of this adaptability has been coordinating our Fall DTRAIN. It was as if the process couldn't have been made more difficult with a whole new financial system and the majority of resorts being booked through 2024. But key Shipmates - including Jason Flynn, Bob Fritz, Ted Hall, COMO Murphy, Kurt Sarac, Diego Herrera, SK2 Santiago and Ms. Betty Kain - stepped up to locate a suitable venue, find funding, and assist members work through the challenges of the new vendor and travel systems. And we will be able to showcase the fruits of our labor with our new Director, CDR Chad Morgan and new Operations Training Officer, CWO-4 Mickey Price, who both have recently arrived and will be joining us at our first district conference in three years.

While all of these program successes are satisfying, the most rewarding and enjoyable job I have ever had has been telling your story to the world. The history and narrative of Coast Guard Auxiliary District Fifth-Northern and its immensely dedicated and talented members is truly compelling. The sacrifice, service, selflessness, resilience, and loyalty of our members is second to none. The tales of your successes are reaching the highest levels of leadership - tales of how members placed into adverse challenges don't just adapt, they excel. I could not be prouder to serve beside each and every one of you.

So, as I prepare to step down as District Commodore at the end of this year, I have no regrets. There's no better way to leave than on top of the world, and that's where I am right now, because I know that our course going forward is true, our leaders and our members are the finest to ever serve. The traction the Auxiliary has with the senior leadership of the Coast Guard is unprecedented, and it bodes well for our continued success.



## *Hurricane Season*

During hurricane season it is always very important to be prepared. Click below for a hurricane checklist you can use:

[Hurricane Preparation, Evacuation, and Recovery Checklist](#)

## *A Message from the Chief of Staff*

As we come to the later part of the 2022 RBS season we are thankful to our shipmates for once again making us Semper Paratus. We have answered the call to the expanded role that team Coast Guard has ask with members going to the southern board, help daily on cutters, and provide support at Sector, Stations, and at national needs. At our NACON meetings Team Coast Guard shared the need for the Auxiliary more than ever. You are the tip of the sword, the boots on the ground for the “One Team, One Fight” strategy needed for success. I cannot be more excited about our future. If we can remain agile, focused, and emphasize teamwork we will be the force multipliers the Coast Guard needs. Every day we are challenged to help more and more in the need areas and still work on RBS! Listed below are some statistics of our great work.

- In the 5NR, we have over 200 AUX members embedded in the commands or direct help to the 5th District needs.
- We have fulfilled the needs of commands over 1000 times for direct support
- We have embedded members in almost every area in the Coast Guard
  - ◊ Culinary
  - ◊ Operations
  - ◊ Cutter, Station, and Command Center Watch Standers
  - ◊ Administrative Support
  - ◊ Instructors
  - ◊ Investigations and the Security Center
  - ◊ Station Support



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

“MAKE IT HAPPEN” attitude preparing for 2023

Some thoughts to bring to your deck plate:

- Be safe! Please take RM (Risk Management) seriously! We are all responsible for safety! It is not a check box item but a cultural need to implement.
- HAVE FUN! This is supposed to be enjoyable.
- Take time to encourage everyone. Don’t just think the worst about someone if you disagree, but take time to understand where they are coming from!
- Move forward and think outside the box

I believe we have a great vision, solid leadership, and the best members! I am excited to charge forward as a team.... One team, one fight!

Kurt

## *J. Douglas Willwerth, DCAPT-W*

Greetings Shipmates!

As we sail into the second half of the year, the Western Area has been very busy in all areas of operations! Although the summer seems to be slipping away on our calendar, members are making up for the time lost over the last couple of years. People came back on line this year to complete workshops, finishing tasks needed for REYR and REWK. Goals that were set early in the year are being met or have already been exceeded.

The excitement is in the air! Our first in-person D-Train in 3 years! Personally, I will look forward to seeing many of you at this fall venue. The training opportunities, stories yet-to-be-heard, fellowship, and just time to be spent with our like-minded friends, will create fond memories until next year. Let's also take the time to recognize and share some of the significant accomplishments of our colleagues in the Auxiliary!

Recruitment has increased, reflecting a well-needed growth in membership for the District. Remember, new member mentoring by an experienced member is extremely important. It reduces frustration and improves the likelihood of success for the new member by keeping them advancing forward. Retention also needs to be considered, keeping our seasoned members from stagnating, staying involved in many activities, especially fellowship.

You are an amazing group of volunteers, showing your dedication and perseverance for this organization. Always maintain your situational awareness in everything you do each and every day! Thank you for everything you continue to do for the Coast Guard Auxiliary! I am very proud to work with all of you and be your representative as the District Captain-West.

Semper Paratus,  
J. Douglas Willwerth, DCAPT-W  
District Captain-Western Area  
Fifth Northern District  
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



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

## *Cindi Chaimowitz, DCAPT-C*

Good Tidings from the Central Area!

I reached out to the Central area and asked for members to share what is going on in their area, I am giving credit to Celia Crowley for her article just thought I would put it in the Central area.

### A Day in the Life of a Sector Quarterdeck Watchstander

Helping the Coast Guard at Sector Delaware Bay is rewarding. It can also be boring. Yet, it can also be challenging. One August morning, I reported for duty. The Officer of the Deck (OOD) briefed me on an incident the evening before. An apparent homeless man showed up with a box, rambling nonsense and left the box. There was a note attached indicating it was a bomb. The police checked it out, but it turned out to be nothing. I was given his description and left in the Quarterdeck. I was told to call the police immediately if he showed up.

The morning progressed as usual, checking IDs, opening the door for service members, piping Morning Colors, answering the phone, watching security cameras, etc. Suddenly, an apparent homeless man approached the outside window. I went over my list of the description I'd been given. He didn't fit the description completely, so I tried to help the man. He rambled for 15 minutes and refused to be helped. He did not mention a bomb, he did not threaten anyone. He was just

distraught with the state of our country and shared his military story. Just as I was about to contact the OOD because the man wouldn't leave, the OOD walked in. Once he spotted the man, he recognized him as the man who had left the bomb threat! He immediately called the police.

Suddenly, the police showed up, the top leadership and Command Center personnel appeared. I helped coordinate all of them, guiding the police to the area and detailing what he'd been saying. The OOD kept the man calm at the window. The police took up the leadership and went out to talk to the man. They also did not perceive a current threat and had nothing to indicate he should be taken into custody. He didn't seem like a threat to himself or anyone, so they had to release him.

I was interviewed by the head of security and was asked to write a statement for Intelligence. As things calmed down and got back to normal, the Captain of the Port of Philadelphia, Captain Theel, shook my hand...and, yes, he awarded me with his Challenge coin! What an honor! He was very appreciative to have an Auxiliarist there when needed.



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



## *Message from the DIRAUX, Commander Morgan*

Greetings from the D5NR Director's office. Hoping you all are well and I'm looking forward to meeting many you soon at our Fall District Training event. Working to get my feet under me, I would like to introduce myself and cover some brief thoughts on our current course for 2022 and beyond.

I am a North Carolina native and grew up in the small golfing community of Pinchurst. At early age I was drawn to serve in the military and attended college at The Citadel, a Military College, in Charleston and was rewarded with an Army ROTC scholarship. Upon graduation I received a commission as a U.S. Army aviation officer and attended flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama. As an army aviator I was assigned as a platoon leader and later as an executive officer in the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Squadron 4th Cavalry Regiment in Schweinfurt, Germany. During that time I deployed to Kosovo, Kuwait, and Iraq. My final Army posting was as an airfield commander for the 7th Army Training Command in Grafenwoehr, Germany. Knowing my desire for continued service, I applied and was selected to receive a commission to the USCG through the Direct Commission Aviator program. In 2006 I started my career as a coastie and have since served at five air stations on the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf coasts over the past 17 years.

My brief 23 years of Army and CG service has been guided by one basic principle which is service to a larger purpose and taking care of those to your left and right. With this in mind there is no doubt that each of you choose to volunteer your valuable time and talents in the service of the CG and ultimately the nation for the same or a similar reason. It is my intent to work with and empower each of you and your Chain of Leadership and Management to strengthen the bond and fellowship between Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Together we are stronger! My one request is that you evoke fun while you serve. Absolutely our missions are serious and at times may have deadly consequences but we must endeavor to build and strengthen relationships with those who we serve alongside. This fosters resiliency and allows us to take a punch and come back strong.

My final thought is recruiting. As we continue to recover and work to regain a since of normal life the CG needs your talents more than ever. In the last few years the Auxiliary membership numbers has gotten smaller in our district. The CG Auxiliary is as relevant today as it was during World War II. Your roles of supporting the CG are changing and your vast experience is in high demand. To paraphrase RDML Gilreath, we all have a role in recruiting. I encourage you to take every opportunity to educate others on the Auxiliary's missions, rich history and value to the nation. My plan is to work with your Chain of Leadership and Management to find innovative avenues to increase the membership numbers in our Flotillas. The Auxiliary team is an integral part of the CG's total workforce and it needs each one of you. Thank-you for volunteering your time and energy to make the CG the best maritime service in the world.



**CDR M. Chad Morgan**  
U.S. Coast Guard  
Director of Auxiliary  
Fifth District - Northern Region



## Message from the OTO, CWO4 Price

Greetings from your D5NR Operations Training Officer! Since my arrival in early July, I have received an overwhelmingly warm welcome and I am truly pleased to be here. One of my top priorities is to meet our members and visit their respective operational areas. In doing so, I will be able to share information from the DIRAUX office, assist with any challenges, and celebrate your many successes. Although new to this office, my expectations remain very high and revolve around the concept of professionalism. From our conduct and appearance, the way we train and complete our missions, to the way we speak to one another; we should always be purposefully professional. Thank you all so much for your selfless service, your dedication is humbling and inspiring and I'm looking forward to seeing you very soon. Be professional and stay safe out there.



**CWO4 Mickey Price, OTO**  
**U.S. Coast Guard**  
**Director of Auxiliary**  
**Fifth District - Northern Region**

## Noteworthy Websites

Wave Detail Website: <https://www.weather.gov/marine/wavedetail>



Weather Ready Nation (WRN) Marine Ambassador Website:

<https://www.weather.gov/wrn/wrna-marine>

Become a WRN Marine Ambassador:

<https://www.weather.gov/wrn/amb-tou>



# Information from Around the District



# Meet Your Incoming D5NR EXCOM

*Comprehensive biographies will soon be posted on the District's website.*



## District Commodore (DCO)

**COMO (e) Kurt P. Sarac, Sr., District Commodore**

Commodore-Elect Sarac currently serves with distinction as the D5NR District Chief of Staff.

## District Chief of Staff (DCOS)

**Ms. Noreen Schifini, District Chief of Staff**

Noreen is finishing as one of the Commodore's Aides and as the District Staff Officer-Secretary Recorder. Immediately prior to that she served as DCAPT-E for two years.

Her



## District Captain-Eastern Area (DCAPT-E)

**Mr. Thomas J. Don, District Captain-East**

Tom Don is the current DCAPT-East and has been elected to a second consecutive 1-year term.



## District Captain-Central Area (DCAPT-C)

**Mr. Timothy D. Precht, District Captain-Central**

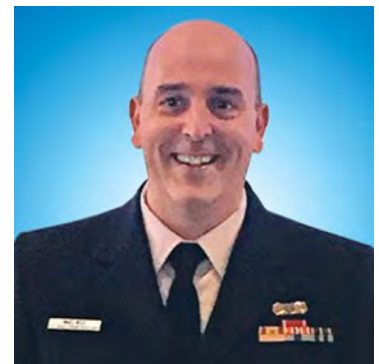
Tim Precht is currently The Division Commander for Division 12 which encompasses the entire state of Delaware.



## District Captain-Western Area (DCAPT-W)

**Mr. Michael B. McElwee, District Captain-West**

Mike McElwee is finishing up his second year as Division Commander for Division 21 which is centered in Reading, Pennsylvania



## *New DIRAUX and OTO Hit District 5NR Running*

*Articles and photographs by COMO Joe Giannattasio*

Newly arrived CDR Chad Morgan, DIRAUX and CWO4 Mickey Price, OTO didn't delay getting out to visiting members and Auxiliary assets throughout the district.

CDR Morgan literally spend his second day as DIRAUX making an inventory check of equipment stored at TRACEN and meeting some local members. On July 21, accompanied by OTO Price, SK2 Hector Santiago, and Diego Herrera the group was invited to visit the Cape May Flotilla headquarters "The Shack" by AUX Marty Sanino and COMO Joe Giannattasio and enjoy the unique 130 year old former Coast Guard boathouse and historic contents. In any Auxiliary activity there is always time for fellowship ... and ice cream! On their drive back to Philadelphia, the cadre stopped by COMO Joe's ice cream stand for some cool tasty treats and good conversation.

On July 30th, OTO Mickey Price spent the day at Auxiliary Station Long Level inspecting the unit and getting underway with members and spending time getting to know the local Auxiliarists and the uniqueness of the various operations in the Susquehanna River area.

In August, CDR Morgan visited the Auxiliary radio facilities at TRACEN Marcus Hook and got underway with local boatcrews. Also, OTO Price went on patrol with Auxiliarists out of STA Manasquan Inlet and Delaware River.

Plans for both the CDR and OTO include visiting the different district areas and attending unit meetings. the majority of District Fifth Northern members will meet CDR Morgan and OTO Price in-person at our Fall DTRAIN!





# *New DIRAUX and OTO Hit District 5NR Running*

*Continued*



## *Auxiliarist Spotlight - Betty Kain*

On July 5th, Ms. Elizabeth “Betty” Kain celebrated her 24th anniversary serving as Auxiliary Affairs Specialist in the Director’s Office (DIRAUX), Auxiliary District Fifth-Northern.

The DIRAUX Office advocates on the Auxiliary’s behalf to Coast Guard District 5 and local

CG units; and it advances the Auxiliary ensuring alignment with CG policy and strategic goals. And, Betty Kain has been an integral part of our district's mission for over two decades.

District Commodore -

“The diligence and extraordinary work ethic of Ms Kain’s service to our members and the DIRAUX office greatly contributes to the accomplishments of D5NR’s mission readiness and execution.”

"THANK YOU, Ms. Kain, you are an extraordinary Shipmate who has worked tirelessly with members and families to keep our district moving forward."





## *Auxiliarist Spotlight - Linda Skvarla*

### **A Special Thank You!**



I wanted to take a moment to recognize a valued member of the 5NR publication team for many years. Linda Skvarla, who recently retired from Auxiliary service has served faithfully as ADSO-PB for many years. In that capacity she focused on the calendar which is posted on the 5NR website. With her dedicated efforts the calendar events were populated and kept up-to-date.

During her time she has received numerous awards, including the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation for her tireless work in digitizing the initial contingent of historic TOPSIDES that now reside on the 5NR website.

Linda was not only involved in the Publication Department, but numerous other departments at all levels of the Auxiliary, including Communication Services where she also served as an ADSO-CS where she was an integral part of that team as well.

I know I speak for everyone in 5NR when I say, “Linda, you will be missed! Enjoy your well deserved retirement. We have the watch.”

Timothy P. Marks

DSO-PB



## Latest COVID Guidance

Please click on the link below to take you to the 5NR website with the latest COVID guidance information:

<https://5nr.org/diraux-covid-19-directives/>





# How to Write Your Flotilla Number

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTRICT 7 RBS PROGRAM VISITORS



**SOURCE: AUXILIARY MANUAL, Chapter 4, Section A-4**

Auxiliary flotillas are designated by Arabic numerals. **The first numeral indicates the division, followed by the flotilla number.** The name of the city or town in which the flotilla is located completes the designation. For example, Flotilla 32, St. Louis, is Division 3, Flotilla 2, located at St. Louis, Missouri.

When either the number of divisions or the number of flotillas exceeds nine, use a hyphen between the flotilla and division number. For example, 11-4 or 6-10.

## EXAMPLES OF HOW TO WRITE YOUR FLOTILLA NUMBER:

for  
SIGNATURES  
BUSINESS CARDS  
LETTERS & DOCUMENTS

for  
AUXILIARY FORMS  
AUXDATA  
AUXINFO

WRITE THIS

ENTER THIS



Flotilla 12-3, Lake Murray, SC

070-12-03

Flotilla 65, South Miami, FL

070-06-05

Flotilla 11, Fajardo, PR

070-01-01

NOTE: Auxiliary forms require (XXX-XX-XX) entries for District, Division & Flotilla numbers. Follow AUXMAN instructions for non-data entry uses.

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## *Members Crossing the Bar in 2022*

**04-09**

COMO Harold T. “Robby” Robinson  
Kathryn B. Spataccino

**07-09**

Mary Jensen

**08-01**

COMO John Locasale

**08-02**

John Gallagher  
John “Jake” Lincoln  
Bruce Long  
Walter Niwinski

**08-04**

Edwin Neil Wannan

**08-05**

Steve Falkenstein

**12-04**

Robert Pettit Jr.

**15-03**

George Isaacs

**16-09**

Gary B Scranton

**16-10**

Anthony Petrovich

**17-02**

Richard Balasa

**17-04**

Chester G. Klabbatz

**18-02**

Daniel H. Tinney

**18-04**

**18-05**

Robert Nicotera  
Jeanne Stretch

**19-04**

Anne Herr

**19-05**

Henry “Hank” Demler

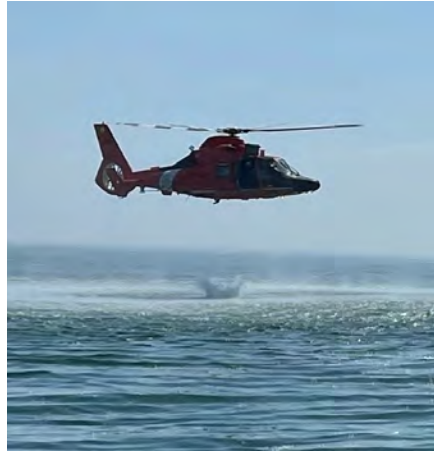
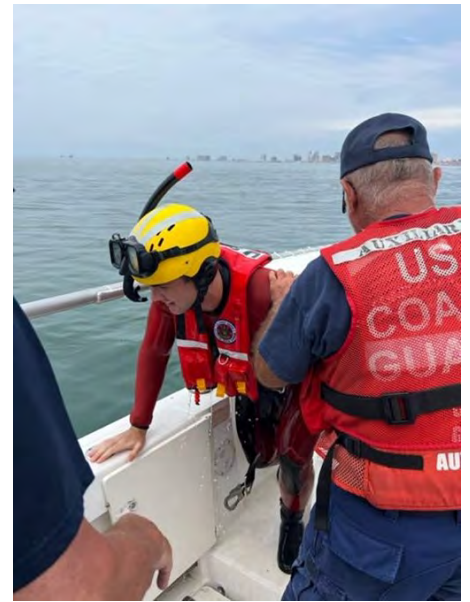
# *Helo Ops Patrol*

*Photographs and Article by Dave Houghton*

Our Helo Ops Patrol today included a noteworthy addition. It's not every patrol that we get a celebrity on board; but today – we did just that.

Joining our patrol today was Brady, a 25 yr old USCG non-rate who is cutting his teeth in the Rescue Swimmer training program. His mission today was to be a "Duck"; where he played the role of a person in the water during several (I counted eight) evolutions with him being loaded into the rescue basket or raised into the Helo while in the clutches of the Rescue Swimmer.

It was another example of the value that the USCG Auxiliary is bringing to the GOLD side. Our crew today was Dave Houghton – Coxswain; Crew Members: Rich Sampson, Glen Westervelt, Len La Rosa and Crew Trainee: Kathryn Krukiel.





# *Public Presence Promotes Multiple Auxiliary Missions*

*By Rick Young, SO-PA with collaboration from Gregg Bollinger and Ed Seda*

There is a lot of synergy between performing combined marine safety and public affairs missions, but when Flotilla 19-04 adds an opportunity to conduct vessel examinations the result is not only a major public presence but some good fellowship as well. A perfect example is the flotilla's recent attendance at the Riverfest 5K Run and 2-Mile Kayak Race held at Columbia River Park on Saturday, 25 JUNE.

DCDR Ed Seda and FSO-MS Gregg Bollinger braved a day with near record temperatures plus an unrelenting beating sun to engage upwards of 70 people by providing literature, answering questions and otherwise discussing the importance of recreational boating safety and the role of the USCG Auxiliary. As it so happens Bollinger is also the DSO for Marine Safety while Seda is the DSO for Vessel Examinations. In between speaking with visitors at their two displays, Seda also managed to dash off to squeeze in examinations for three vessels whose owners had brought them to the event.

Public appearances clearly are opportunities to educate the public concerning the importance of marine safety and environmental protection and recreational boating safety, but also represents the perfect opportunity to encourage others to join the USCG Auxiliary by having a visible public presence.



*Photos: (Left) USCG Photo by Gregg Bollinger; (Right) USCG Photo by Edwin Seda*

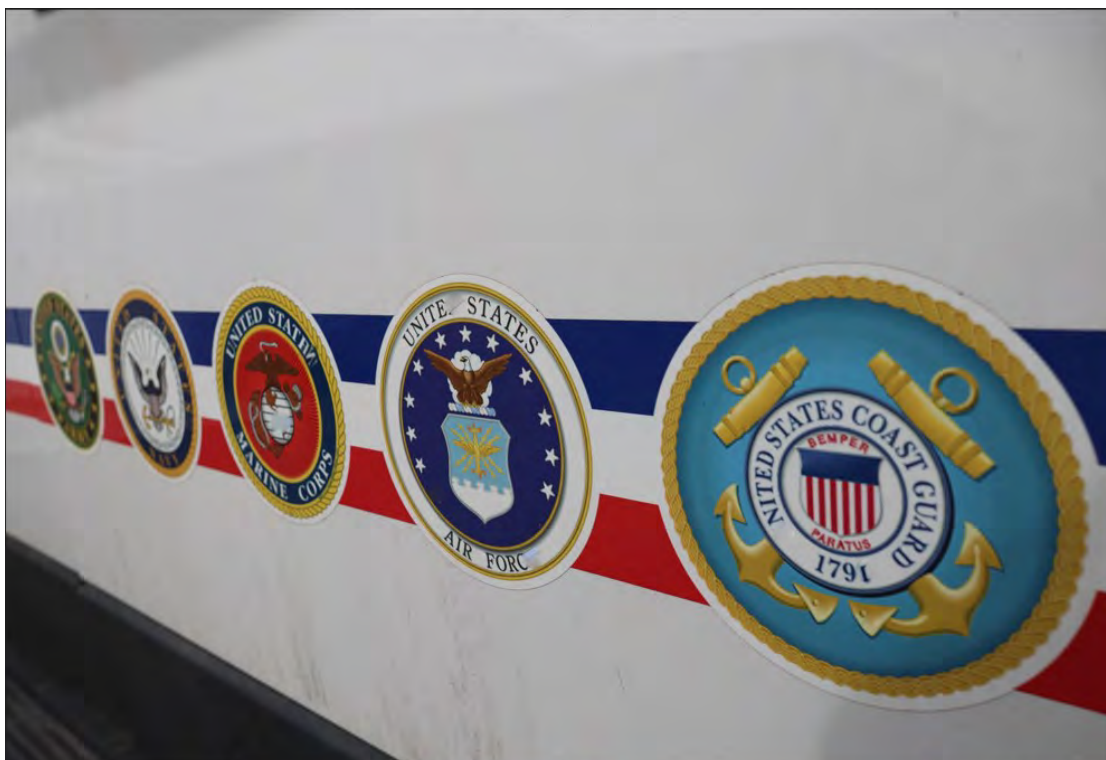


# *Topside Puzzlers*

*Spot the Difference*

By Barbara Sama

Can you spot the differences in these 2 pictures?



# *Topside Puzzlers*

## National Safe Boating Week

O	A	D	N	S	B	W	E	D	A	T	B	R	E
P	R	S	T	A	R	B	O	A	R	D	F	E	A
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O	R	A	U	X	I	L	I	A	R	Y	E	A	T
A	I	E	F	O	T	A	E	Y	T	O	B	P	I
O	T	O	E	B	S	I	W	J	L	S	E	P	N
G	L	I	F	E	J	A	C	K	E	T	S	B	G

- PLEDGE
- SAVE LIVES
- SAFE BOATING
- WEAR IT
- PORT
- NSBW
- STARBOARD
- PFD
- AUXILIARY
- LIFE JACKETS
- FLOATPLAN

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1111954/>

# Commodore Giannattasio is a member in The Explorers Club!

by **Tim Marks, DSO-PB**

Commodore Joseph Giannattasio is officially an Explorer! Joe's extensive work in the field of exploring significant early aviation sites and locating lost military aircraft has earned him an official induction into the Explorers Club during their annual installment of members in April.

Founded in New York City in 1904, The Explorers Club, one of the world's most awe-inspiring field science institutions, promotes the scientific exploration of land, sea, air, and space by focusing on discovery, research and conservation. The Club's members have been responsible for an illustrious series of firsts: First to the North Pole, first to the South Pole, first to the summit of Mount Everest, first to the deepest point in the ocean, and first to the surface of the moon.

COMO Giannattasio is now among a group of Explorers who have revolutionized their areas of expertise, including Charles Lindbergh, Sir Edmund Hillary, and Neil Armstrong.

In support of Joe's installation, The Explorer's Club member and fellow Auxiliarist Jim Garner wrote, "He [Joe] has exemplary experience as an Explorer and Discoverer of historic military aircraft."

A Coast Guard Auxiliary qualified pilot and coxswain, Joe has also conducted numerous expeditions and has written many articles about his explorations.





# Communications Station Royalton

Article and Photographs by P. Denis Rossiter, SO-CM 053-19



Royalton Radio has moved from its' condemned "shack" at Canal Lock to Tri-County Boat Club at their invitation. This allows the Coast Guard Auxiliary to establish a communications station to serve all of Lake Fredrick. The club has also given the Auxiliary a slip for our patrol boat.

Considering the past history of the relationship between the Club and the Auxiliary this is a major shift. Over the years there had been a good re-pore between Club and Auxiliary. We would teach classes and perform vessel exams at their facility. However, that

came to a screeching halt do to the actions of a number of members of the Auxiliary with attitudes and lack of professionalism. We were no longer welcome.

Today, however, through the involvement with the club as a Board member Bob Houser (past FC of 053-19-02) and Ryan Goodling (club Commodore and Coast Guard veteran), the Auxiliary has been re-introduced to the Clubs membership.

When the Board voted on allowing us back the vote was unanimous that Flotilla 053-19-02 would establish a radio station, erect antennas and latter, add a weather station, in addition to the free slip.

The radios and all supporting equipment, a desk and large storage cabinet were moved from the old location to the club for instillation.



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# Communications Station Royalton

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Rick Taylor, Bob Hauser, Ryan Goodling and this writer erected the antennas and installed the radios. The latter, with assistance of Dave Firestone and his bucket truck Rick set up the weather station.

On July 2nd Tri-County and the Flotilla sponsored a meet and great which included a patrol, vessel exams and cook out. As the Watchstander, I had numerous conversations with the staff and club members explaining the purpose of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Everyone involved felt that it was a great success.

The future looks very promising. The club has already asked us to teach classes for their members. With any luck the Auxiliary may gain a few new members.



# USCG Auxiliary Teams Up with OCBP

Taken from the June 29, 2022 edition of Ocean City Sentinel

Written by DAVID NAHAN/Sentinel staff

<https://ocnjsentinel.com/ocean-city-flotilla-08-01-teaches-lifeguards-boating-safety/>

OCEAN CITY – The local flotilla of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary expanded the training of the new rookie class of the Ocean City Beach Patrol.

While the veteran instructors on the beach patrol teach the rookies all about saving lives and protecting bathers on the beaches in America’s Greatest Family Resort, the flotilla taught them boating safety.

Last week, USCG Auxiliary Ocean City Flotilla 08-01 took the 16-member rookie class through the safe boating class. Although the lifeguards spend the vast majority of their time on duty on stands on the beach keeping track of who is in the water, they can turn to paddleboards and lifeboats to rescue people in trouble.

Another tool on beaches throughout the resort are personal watercraft – different versions of water-jet powered vehicles that can be launched quickly and can race through the water to save people. Unlike using paddleboards or the sturdy oar-powered lifeboats that are iconic in the resort and through the Jersey shore communities, in New Jersey individuals are required to pass the auxiliary’s safe boating course to operate a personal watercraft, also known as a PWC. (People often call them Jet Skis, but that is a particular brand made by Kawasaki.)

OCBP Operations Chief Mark Jamieson approached Bill Quain, the flotilla’s staff officer for public education, about getting the rookie class trained in boater safety. The flotilla provided the course free of charge.

In two four-hour evening sessions after the guards spent the day on duty, flotilla members taught first in the Ocean City Free Public Library and then in the Senior Center at the Ocean City Community Center. The new lifeguards didn’t get much of a break, many of them stopping at Wawa to grab meals as they rushed from their stands to the course, and then sat wolfing down their dinners as the instruction began.

Quain and Nick Russo taught the guards the second night, but the evening before they had all four instructors on hand including Bill Fithian and Mary Beth Roadarmel.

They were happy to report that all 16 lifeguards passed the state certification exam and earned their Safe Boating Certification.

This is the same course the auxiliary teaches to any member of the public, meaning the lifeguards got the full understanding about boater safety, even though their main priority is now being able to legally operate the PWCs. As Quain explained, they can operate the PWCs and any other recreational vehicle in New Jersey’s tidal waterways. The tidal waterways, he said, include rivers, such as Patcong Creek, that empty into Great Egg Harbor Bay, the bay and the ocean.

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# USCG Auxiliary Teams Up with OCBP

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“We teach boating safety for all those things,” he said.

As for why the auxiliary decided to provide the course for free, Quain said the USCG Auxiliary and the beach patrol have the same mission. “It is to prevent accidents if you can, and if you can’t, to rescue people,” he said. “We look at the boating safety course as a way to pre-empt search and rescue. If we do a good enough job and you’re listening, we probably won’t have to come get you.”

Quain said the class covers a lot of ground because it is meant for all potential boaters.

Some aspects have particular pertinence to the lifeguards.

The course teaches about the marine environment, boat handling and navigation.

“What we really stress is the personal responsibility of the operator of the vessel. Everything starts with them,” Quain said. “There is nobody else that has responsibility. If you’re running the vessel, you are in control and you need to know the rules of the road. It’s not as important for them (lifeguards), because they’re in the wide-open surf, but there are times when they do rescues in the inlet and need to know where to go and not to go and where other boats may be going.”

They also do a lot on how PWCs operate because that can be easily misunderstood. PWCs are steered by the jet so when a person takes their hand off the throttle, they lose steering capability.

“If you’re heading for something and there’s no brakes, but you take your hand off the throttle, you’re still moving forward but you have no steering,” he said. For lifeguards racing toward victims in the surf, that’s an important detail to know.

The course also teaches about the influence of alcohol, channel markers, things to avoid and boating courtesy. “We also give them a lot of practical knowledge, a lot to do with signals, markers, lights on the boat, when you can pass and not pass – we call it overtaking and give way. We teach people that.”

“We teach how to rescue a person from a boat. We talk about emergency situations,” Quain said. The lifeguards are also learning about surf conditions and how to navigate them so they’ll also be learning after the course how to operate a PWC with a sled behind them used to pick up people in distress.

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# USCG Auxiliary Teams Up with OCBP

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Quain points out that having this certification also helps for lifeguards who hope to increase their levels of responsibility on the beach patrol and potentially move up through the organization.

“It’s kind of exciting,” he said. “Mark and I want to do this annually.”

Jamieson said it has always been his goal to create a tiered program to get his guards a boater safety certificate in addition to their regular training.

“We have such a high volume use of our PWCs in our daily lifeguarding this will give us more availability of operators,” he said. In a three-year program, the rookies get the USCG Auxiliary course in year one and get to be crew on PWCs and get training, get more in-depth training in year two so by year three all of their operators would be at least 18, certified and trained.

Jamieson said an initial conversation with the auxiliary in 2019 is coming to fruition this year. “We are very grateful to them for working with us in the future,” he said.

The OCBP has five PWCs, one at First Street, 12th Street, 23rd Street, 34th Street and 58th Street, and most days from noon to 3 p.m. they are out on patrol. Otherwise they are ready for response. The spare PWCs are used in special events, such as the Masters Swim.

Jamieson noted PWCs have been part of ocean lifeguarding ever since big-wave surfers began using them to get on waves. They were already in Ocean City when he got on the patrol in the late 1990s.

*By DAVID NAHAN/Sentinel staff*

OCEAN CITY SENTINEL



# Chief Journalist Alexander Palmer Haley

## From Coast Guard Journalist to International Fame, 1921-1992

By Leon Christopher DeFulgentis

Alexander Haley is an inspiration and hero to many Public Affairs Officers, Publications Officers (he helped to write and edit several newsletters) and Public Affairs Specialists throughout the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Alex Haley was born in Ithaca, New York, on August 11, 1921, and was the eldest of three brothers and a half-sister. Haley was enrolled at age 15 in Alcorn State University, a historically black college in Mississippi and, a year later, enrolled at Elizabeth City State College, also historically black, in North Carolina. He withdrew from college the following year and his father convinced him to enlist in the military when he turned 18. On May 24, 1939, Alex Haley began what became a 20-year career in the United States Coast Guard. Haley enlisted as a mess attendant. He was later promoted to petty officer third-class in the rating of steward, one of the few ratings open to blacks at that time.

During his service in the Pacific theater of operations Haley taught himself the craft of writing stories. During long patrols Haley began writing letters to friends and relatives. He soon found himself fielding offers from fellow crewman to help with writing their letters. Haley composed short articles and sent them off to publishers, including the Coast Guard Magazine, a privately printed magazine popular with most Coast Guardsmen of the time. Haley wrote about what combat was like, and the Coast Guard Magazine published his article "In the Pacific" in their February 1944 issue. He described life on board the *U.S.S. Murzim* as she crossed the Pacific.

After World War II, Haley petitioned the U.S. Coast Guard to allow him to transfer into the field of journalism. Haley became a reporter, assistant editor, and then editor for the Coast Guard publication "Helmsman" while working in the Third Coast Guard District's headquarters building in New York City. The Coast Guard finally and officially recognized his talents on 29 June 1949 Haley was promoted to Journalist, First Class. Haley made chief later that year, on 16 December 1949. At that time, Haley was the only chief journalist in the Coast Guard. While in New York, Haley served as the assistant to the public relations officer and continuously wrote articles that were published in Coast Guard Magazine. Haley retired from the Coast Guard in 1959 to pursue his dream of becoming a full-time, free-lance writer.



Alex Haley  
Source: [alexhaley.com](http://alexhaley.com)

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# Chief Journalist Alexander Palmer Haley

## From Coast Guard Journalist to International Fame, 1921-1992

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Haley went on to become a senior editor for Reader's Digest magazine. In 1965 Haley published his first book, *The Autobiography of Malcom X*. In 1976, he went on to publish *Roots: The Saga of an American Family*, a novel based on his family's history, going back to slavery days. *Roots* was eventually published in 37 languages. This work propelled Haley to international fame and was later made into a television mini-series.

On February 10, 1992, Haley died of a heart attack in Seattle. After a funeral service in Memphis, Haley was buried in the front yard of his grandparents' home in Henning, Tennessee.

Alex Haley received numerous awards including:

- The Spingarn Medal from the NAACP for research and literary skill in *Roots: The Saga of an American Family*.
- The food service building at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Petaluma, California, was named Haley Hall in honor of the author.
- Haley received the Golden Plate Award of the American Academy of Achievement.
- The U.S. Coast Guard honored Haley by naming the USCG cutter Alex Haley after him.
- The U.S. Coast Guard annually awards the Chief Journalist Alex Haley Award, which is named in honor of the writer as the Coast Guard's first chief journalist. This is awarded to individual authors and photographers who have had articles or photographs communicating the Coast Guard story published in internal newsletters or external publications.

In 2002, the Republic of Korea (South Korea) posthumously awarded Haley its Korean War Service Medal (created in 1951), which the U.S. Government did not allow its service members to accept until 1999.

**Sources:** USCG.mil, Military Medals and Awards Manual: U.S. Coast Guard COMDTINST M1650.25E, American Academy of Achievement, Spingarn Medal: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Coast Guard magazine.

USCGC Alex Haley.  
*Source: USCG.mil*



# Everbridge Challenge Coin Presentation

By Doug Wilwerth, DCAPT-W

On 22FEB22 at our Western Area Division Leadership Zoom meeting, a challenge was created, asking the Division Leadership teams to find ways that would increase a member response to the monthly Everbridge drill. Any Division(s) that crossed the 90% response level, would receive a “challenge coin” for their efforts, recognizing each Division Commander and Vice-Commander leadership team that met or exceeded this Everbridge challenge. Flotilla Commanders were then summoned to help review member contact information for accuracy that included any email and cell phone updates, also including any other demographic changes to increase a positive response.

Each Division found success in their team effort and improved an overall response for that reporting period! Congratulations to Divisions 15, 19, 20, and 21 on your increased member involvement! We need to continue stressing the importance of responding to this important communication tool, and educate our leadership and members why they should make an effort to participate each month. I challenge the rest of the Fifth Northern District to follow the lead of these Western Area Divisions!

While each Division did a fantastic job stepping up to increase their member response, Division 19 crossed the target challenge number of 90%. On 09JUN22, two challenge coins were presented to the Division 19 leadership team of Ed Seda, Division Commander, and Dan Benny, Vice-Commander. Congratulations to each participant for a job well done!



Challenge coins presented to the Division 19 leadership team of Ed Seda, Division Commander (left), and Dan Benny, Vice-Commander (center) by Doug Wilwerth, DCAPT-W (right)

Photo courtesy of Betsy Pittinger, FC 19-05



# District 5NR Members Explore "The Philadelphia Experiment"

by Tim Marks, DSO-PB

The Philadelphia Experiment is an urban legend about two separate bizarre military experiments supposed to have been carried out by the U.S. Navy at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, sometime around July 22 and October 28, 1943. To conspiracy theorists, it's the story of an exercise in bending energy waves that ripped a hole in space-time and pushed an entire naval vessel through it. In the first experiment, an alleged method of electrical field manipulation allowed the USS Eldridge to be rendered invisible at 9:00 A.M. on July 22, 1943, in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. The second rumored experiment was the teleportation and small-scale time travel (with the ship sent a few seconds in the past) of the USS Eldridge from the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard to Norfolk, Virginia, on October 28, 1943.



Moving a ship weighing several thousand tons leaves an inevitable paper trail. According to records in the Archives Branch of the Naval History and Heritage Command: On the date of the Philadelphia "Invisibility" Experiment, July 22, 1943, the USS Eldridge had yet to be commissioned. On October 28, 1943, the date USS Eldridge spent the day of the alleged teleportation experiments, she was safely within a New York harbor, waiting to escort a naval convoy to Casablanca.

The war went on to be won with blood, sweat, toil, and tears—not quantum leaps in scientific experimentation.

But being one that doesn't let facts get in the way of a compelling urban myth adventure, COMO Joe Giannattasio with a band of intrepid D5NR Auxiliary boat crew members went on patrol in the Delaware River off the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard at 9:00 A.M. on July 22, 2022, the 79th anniversary of the first supposed Philadelphia Experiment exercise to personally explore these tales and perhaps witness the USS Eldridge reappear or some other mysterious happening. The Commodore, along with Coxswain Jon Morrison and boat crew members Robert Corrigan, Peter Lacey, and Scott Sigman in Auxiliary facility 311444 reconnoitered the vast shipyard where the life cycle of different ships was observed, those being built, some in dormant preservation, and those being dismantled for scrap. The Auxiliary vessel motored before the remains of various decommissioned naval vessels including the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy, the crew in solemn respect before the old warrior being dismantled, its metal to be used to make razor blades.

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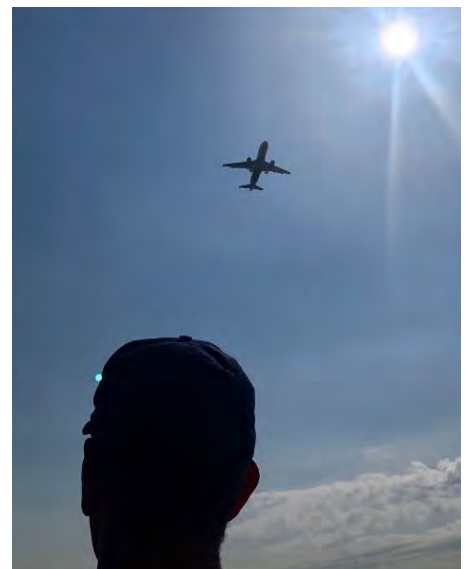
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Suddenly the serenity was disturbed by an increasingly loud roar of sound around them. COMO Joe described the event, "A 'loud' rushing sound enveloped us, I looked up and saw green, white and red lights coming towards us. I grabbed hold of a handrail expecting at any moment to be teleported into another dimension and materialize some other time and place on the globe." With a slightly embarrassed smile, the COMO went on to explain, "Okay, okay. What really happened was that the sound and lights were actually from an approaching passenger jet coming in for a landing, I realized that the shipyard is located under the glide path to the runways at Philadelphia Airport."

Seventy-nine years later, we are left without a shred of credible evidence for the Philadelphia Experiment(s), yet rumors persist. If you are still unconvinced, think of the situation from a different viewpoint. No incident, regardless of the horrific nature, would stall development of teleportation technology if the military believed it feasible. Such a resource would be an invaluable front-line weapon in war and the backbone of many commercial industries, yet decades later, as District Fifth Northern Auxiliaries confirmed, invisibility and teleportation is still caged within the realm of science fiction.



# History of the District





## *John T. Lincoln*

*by 5NR Historian Steve Marthouse*

By now I am sure many of you know that John T. “Jake” Lincoln passed away on May 10, 2022. Although you knew he had served as the District Historian for many years, you likely never realized how lucky the 5NR was and frankly how much the Coast Guard Auxiliary as a whole will benefit because of Jake’s efforts.

I first met Jake either at the 1995 or 1996 Spring Conference. Well, we did not officially meet it was more like just me asking him a question or two while viewing a history display he had set up. When I joined the Auxiliary in 1987, the basic qualification course at the time had a small section on US Coast Guard History but very little on Coast Guard Auxiliary History. Looking over his display of information as well as some early uniforms, piqued my interest to learn more about this organization I had become committed to. At each of the following conferences or “D-Trains,” I would look for Jake’s display and as the display grew, so did the number of my questions. For each question, Jake had the answer.



**Steve Marthouse**  
**5NR Historian**  
**ADSO-PB History**



John T. “Jake” Lincoln

*Coast Guard Auxiliary Photograph*

Over time I learned that in 1994, Jake had been asked by the Commodore-Elect to become the District 5NR Historian. As he later explained to me, he had really wanted to be appointed the District Staff Officer for Operations, but the Commodore told him he needed an Historian more. Jake reluctantly accepted the position. Even though he had not sought out the position, wasn’t particularly a history buff, and didn’t really know what the job would entail, he immediately jumped in with both feet. He began writing articles in the Topside and proceeded to accumulate as well as organize the historical material he collected from all corners of the district. Part of the job he learned was to safely store the district’s artifacts and records he had gathered. The 5NR collection of historical papers and artifacts began with several boxes Jake had retrieved from his predecessor’s garage. After more than 20 years of Jake’s tenure as Historian, the collection filled the entire space of Jake’s outdoor shed, a bedroom and office in his home. I don’t believe his wife was totally onboard with this facet as the collection grew.

In late 2014, Jake made it known that he desired to retire from the Auxiliary. Jake realized he needed to hand over the material but was genuinely concerned that this collection would either be split up or just disappear. It was clear, the District needed to find a solution that would satisfy both Jake and preserve the 5NR Collection.

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## *John T. Lincoln*

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Our shared goal was to find a suitable location, preferably a museum that would be interested in a permanent display as well as to provide a safe storage area for the collection. Obviously, it needed to be in our geographic area, and we needed to exercise and maintain ownership. We are very fortunate to have several museums in our area however one jumped out that met all the criteria. The New Jersey Maritime Museum was relatively new as it opened its door in 2007 and focused on all maritime subjects and even had a display of US Coast Guard and Life-Saving Service memorabilia. After a series of phone calls and a face-to-face meeting with the museum personnel, Jake was onboard. In April 2015, several trips were made to transfer the material from Jake's home in Cape May to the museum on Long Beach Island New Jersey.

Following the formal inventory and cataloging, all involved knew and understood the extent of historical significance Jake had preserved hidden in the collection. Among which was the WWII era issues of USCG Auxiliary Topside and USCG Fourth Naval District SEA BAG Magazines and a significant collection of the Auxiliary's National Magazine Navigator.



John T. "Jake" Lincoln (left)

*Coast Guard Auxiliary Photograph  
By COMO Joseph Giannattasio*

Here in 5NR, a small team of individuals proceeded to digitize the old Topside and Sea Bag magazines which can currently be viewed on the 5NR website. From that initial effort, the 5NR collection has attracted both USCG and Auxiliary National level attention. Especially when they learned of our collection of Navigator magazines. It appears there is no known archive of early Navigators other than ours. As a result, the 5NR collection of Navigators, approximately 190 issues, has been transferred to the National Auxiliary Archives at the Joyner Library at East Carolina University. They will begin digitizing them in September and making them available on the internet as well as preserving the original documents. In turn, they have agreed to digitize and provide a copy to 5NR an additional 25 WWII era Topside issues. These will soon be added to our website and accessible to all.

None of this would have been possible without the commitment and direct efforts of Jake Lincoln. He had the foresight to gather, collect and preserve the items that tell the story of our 5NR Auxiliarists from the very beginning. With the Navigator project underway, Jake's efforts will again provide a new source to research USCG Auxiliary History to a national audience. Not bad for a guy who initially didn't want the job.

# 5NR Obscura





## Concrete Towers

Stretching from North Wildwood, NJ to Bethany Beach, DE, 11 concrete sentinels silently keep watch as beachgoers bathe in the sun and splash in the surf, many unaware of the history of the towering cylinders. The "fire control towers" went up 75 years ago as part of a defense against German U-boats and other warships during World War II. The observatories worked in tandem, allowing soldiers peering through the horizontal slits cut into the towers to triangulate the distance of enemy ships. They would then radio the coordinates back to the massive guns nearby.

The U.S. Army commissioned the construction of 15 towers between 1939-1942 in Delaware and New Jersey. According to the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, the towers range in height from 40 to 90 feet, have a diameter of 17 feet and have 1-foot-thick walls. The towers were built with an expected lifespan of a decade or two, but most have stood for generations.

The 11 Delaware towers are located between Fenwick Island State Park and Cape Henlopen State Park. Two of the four built in New Jersey remain. One of those, Fire Control Tower 23, is at Cape May Point State Park and has been restored and is open to the public; the other remaining tower is inside the Grand Hotel in Cape May. The towers located in North Wildwood and Wildwood Crest were torn down.

These historic structures are constantly under attack by nature. Blowing sand, coastal erosion, storms and rising tides are all threats. The original metal staircases in most of the towers have rusted and windows have blown out. All but one in Delaware are sealed shut and closed to visitors. Fire Tower 7 in Cape Henlopen State Park was restored and is open to the public. At 75-feet, it offers a panoramic view of Lewes, the Delaware Bay looking toward Cape May, the Atlantic Ocean and Rehoboth Beach to the south.



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# Photos from Across the District





**Orlando, FL:** 5NR Team members attending NACON 2022. (LtoR) Christopher Wilson, Kurt Sarac, Joe G, Noreen Schifini, Tom Roberson, William Turner.

*U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Photograph*



**Orlando, FL:** 5NR Team member Tom Roberson (center), receiving an award at NACON 2022.

*Coast Guard Auxiliary Photograph by  
COMO Joseph Giannattasio*



**Orlando, FL:** 5NR COMO Joseph Giannattasio (center), receiving an award at NACON 2022 for for the National Public Affairs Photography Contest 2022 (Operations category).

*Coast Guard Auxiliary Photograph*





Egg Harbor Township, NJ. - On Tuesday, (13JUNE) COMO Giannattasio presented D5NR's Irma Crossman Rose Award to Joann Don, wife of Thomas Don DCAPT-E, for her spirit of sacrifice and devotion to her family and husband during his 25 years of service in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The 5th Northern Region Irma Crossman Memorial Rose Award is established to provide an award to recognize significant contributions and support provided by a spouse of a 5th Northern Auxiliary member.

(PHOTO Left to Right: COMO Joe Giannattasio, Joann Don, Thomas Don, DCAPT-E.)



District 5NR Auxiliary Helo-Ops members performing basket hoisting and swimmer training evolutions with Coast Guard H-65 helicopters from USCG AIRSTATION ATLANTIC CITY. Auxiliary crew members are Dave Houghton, Glenn Westervelt, Mark Diseveria, Paul Whitman, and Bob DiMarco.

*Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Bob DiMarco.*



Since 1939, the men and women of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary have selflessly devoted their skills, time, and expertise in many missions to assist the US Coast Guard; and preserve and protect our Nation's maritime interests."

*US Coast Guard Auxiliary photo taken by Auxiliarist Leon C. DeFulgentis onboard the USCGC Mako at Station Cape May.*



**Cape May, NJ:** Leon Christopher DeFulgentis gave a tour while watch standing at Station Cape May to close friends of IPDCR James Hans.





Cape May, NJ: COMO Giannattasio hard at work teaching a PE class at Cape May.

*Photograph taken by AUX Lorraine Bianco*

The funeral memorial service provides an opportunity for Auxiliary friends and family to gather in mutual sorrow to observe the passing of a member who has been important in their lives. In the Coast Guard's culture, as we give the final honor to our shipmates, we employ traditions that not only signify the service of the deceased, but also display our commitment to their legacy.



*Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by COMO Joseph Giannattasio.*



**CAPE MAY CANAL.** During one of our patrol transits conducted onboard a Division 08 vessel, we have an outbound voyage from the Cape May Canal to the Delaware Bay.

*Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by COMO Joseph Giannattasio.*



# *Division 4 on Memorial Day*

*Photos by Scott Sigman*





## *Philadelphia Fireworks Patrol*

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, OPFAC 311444 shared fireworks safety zone duties with an active duty small boat from Station Philadelphia. After a transit from SARDET Marcus Hook, 444 made a circuit around the Camden/Philadelphia waterfronts for area familiarization prior to docking at Station Philadelphia for a dinner break at Station Philadelphia. After meeting with the active duty boat crew which served as the PATCOM, the two boats created a security zone between spectator boats and the fireworks barge until the fire boat & CG gave the “all clear”. This was one of the many fireworks patrols in District 5NR that the Auxiliary is proud to assist with this year.



From L to R: Patrol Coxswain Jon Morrison, VFC, 053-04-09 & Crewmembers Kurt Sarac, 5NR DCOS 053-01-04, Alexander (Alex) Krupnik 053-04-09

(photographer: crewmember Thomas (Tom) Dever, IPDCO 053-04-09)



John (Jay) Birkmire, 053-04-09, Crew-member

*Coast Guard Auxiliary photo.*



# *Auxiliary at Benjamin Franklin's Grave*

*Photos by Scott Sigman*





# *“Paddlecraft Ashore” Presentation*

Bill Turner gave a presentation to Division 19 for "Paddlecraft Ashore". The presentation was held Thursday evening, 9 June at Station Long Level.

*Photography by Betsy Pittinger, FC 19-05*





# Sector Delaware Bay Meeting

Flotilla 4-09 and Flotilla 17-03 were guests at Flotilla 4-76's monthly meeting at Sector Delaware Bay General Greene Room. Flotilla 4-76 members Kernan, Sigman, and Corrigan arrived to the meeting by Aux Facility 444 and attended the meeting on their Ops Dinner break.

*US Coast Guard Auxiliary Photographs*



# *Division 4 PA Event at Helicopter Museum*

*Photos by Scott Sigman*

Auxiliarists from 053-04 participated in Family Fest with USCG Sector Delaware Bay at the American Helicopter Museum in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Division 4 Auxiliarists Sigman, DiToro, Priotto, Youngern, and DeJoseph with Lt Shawn Antonelli from Sector Delaware Bay presented on the US Coast Guard and the USCG Auxiliary along with helicopter demonstrations from Leonardo USA, Pennsylvania State Police, and several other agencies.





# Coasties Spruce Up Museum Collection

**CAPE MAY COUNTY AIRPORT, NJ** - On August 04, members of U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City's Aviation Engineering Department spent the Coast Guard's 232nd birthday deep cleaning HH-52A helicopter 1462 at the Naval Air Station Wildwood (NASW) Museum. 1462 entered Coast Guard service in 1969 and served at eight Coast Guard units before its retirement from Service in 1989 as one of the final operational HH-52's in the Coast Guard inventory.

Preserving history for the next generation is an important part of our Coast Guard legacy and these Coasties are grateful for the opportunity to volunteer in this capacity.

*Photos from NASW*





# *USCG Birthday Celebration*

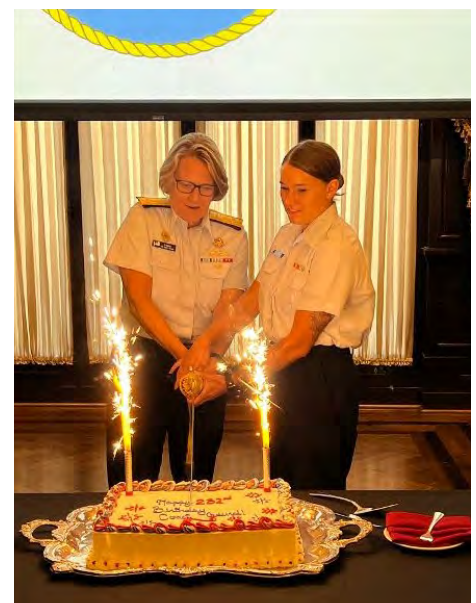
USCG Birthday Celebration at The Union League of Philadelphia with Admiral Fagan - 27th Commandant, Admiral Thad Allen 23rd Commandant, and CAPT Jonathan Theel, Sector Delaware Bay. CAPT Scott Anderson retired Captain of the Sector also attended.

*U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Photographs*



**In photo from left to right:**

Jon Morrison 4-9, Andy Crowley - FC 4-9, Bob Corrigan 4-76, Admiral Linda Fagan, Anthony DeJoseph 4-76, Scott Sigman - FC 4-76.



# COMMS Center

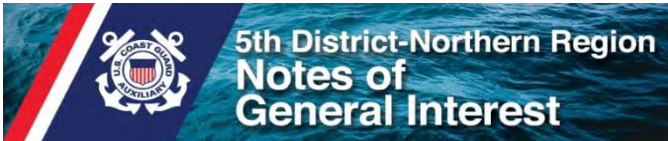
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## NEWS FROM FIFTH DISTRICT-NORTHERN SECTION



### U.S. Coast Guard Help Wanted *Your help and cooperation are needed*

#### AUX SUPPORT REQUEST (2022-05) – Support in Medical Department

1. Description of Duties: Medical Record Management. No medical experience is needed but a plus.
2. Skillset Needed: Ability to enter data into a computer. Will need to take HIPPA training, which will be provided.
3. Timeline Needed: Ongoing. Once or twice a week (M-F) any time between 0730 am – 0400 pm. You do not have to be here all day; any amount of hours you can volunteer is great.
4. Point of Contact: Commander Tiley @ [Bryan.D.Tiley@uscg.mil](mailto:Bryan.D.Tiley@uscg.mil) OR call 215-271-4870 Please copy D05-smb-nrdiraux@uscg.mil
5. Number of Aux needed: Two Aux needed.



# AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP LINK

From: **L2 Auxiliary Leadership Link**

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18 May 2022 Edition

To: All Auxiliarists



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- COVID-19 Vaccine Mandated for all In-Person Activities
- Fleet Week San Francisco 2021, Auxiliarists onboard the USCGC George
- Cobb and USCGC Aspen
- Mackinac Bridge Walk-Run
- Remembering the Coast Guard Lady
- The Physiology of cold-water immersion
- Auxiliary Public Affairs takes to the sea
- Paul Hill, “Cookie Man”, retires at age 94
- Atlantic Strike Team honors Ellen Voorhees at retirement ceremony
- Auxiliarists attend the Coast Guard Instructor Development Course
- Santa’s coming to...Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco
- The Auxiliary and Coast Guard support the Sea Scouts’ Safety at Sea training 2021
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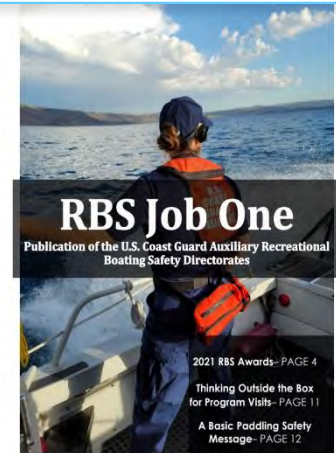
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28 June 2022

The Spring 2022 Issue of RBS Job One is now available on-line. It contains useful information for all involved in promoting Recreational Boating Safety.

This issue features information on a variety of Recreational Boating Safety topics, including these articles:

- Award winners
- Boating Safety Isn't Just One Week a Year
- PVs and VEs Go Hand-in-Hand: Program Visits Often Lead to Vessel Safety Checks
- Vessel Examiners Save Lives: Real-World Stories Thinking Outside the Box for Program Visits
- A Basic Paddling Safety Message
- Vessel Safety Checks for Paddlecraft: It's about the conversation



Spring 2022

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

This issue of RBS Job One is posted and available here: [RBS IS Job One](#)



## From: **L2 Auxiliary Leadership Link**

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28 June 2022

To: All Auxiliaries



The Auxiliary is fundamentally a safety organization. We exist to promote Recreational Boating Safety and to help the Coast Guard with their Maritime Safety and Public Safety missions. A strong safety culture drives mission accomplishment, ensures readiness, and empowers members to operate at their best. That's why one of the Auxiliary's strategic goals is to "Embrace an enhanced Safety Culture Auxiliary-wide".

The work of the Auxiliary covers a very wide range of activities. Some of those activities, air and surface operations, for example, present obvious safety challenges. But safety is essential in everything that we do, whether it is inspecting vessels, teaching classes, providing culinary services, or any of the many other missions that we accomplish.

What is the state of our safety culture now? To help answer that that, the Coast Guard Office of Safety, and the Auxiliary, working together, have prepared a safety survey to assess member perceptions of safety in the Auxiliary.

As a valued and important member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary your input is essential to help us develop a culture of safety and an organization wide safety management system. Accordingly, I respectfully request that you take the time to take the survey and ask that you provide thoughtful responses to the questions presented.

The survey is voluntary, and responses are anonymous. No one will make any effort to associate your responses with your identity. This gives you an opportunity to provide candid feedback in an anonymous forum.

The safety survey will come to you by e-mail within the next week or so, from SurveyMonkey. The survey is very comprehensive and may take about 10-15 minutes to complete. Your responses will help us expose opportunities for improvement throughout the organization.



I respectfully request that you take the time to complete the safety survey and ask that you provide thoughtful responses to the questions presented. We want to know what you think.

Very respectfully,

Alex Malewski,  
National Commodore



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Jul 7, 2022

A new service was launched in January that provides improved security for signing into Auxiliary systems. In the continuing effort to secure Auxiliary systems, the next phase of this new sign-in method will deploy for the National Testing Center (NTC), AuxDirectory/AuxOfficer, and Auxiliary Applicant Management System (AAMS) on Wednesday, 13 July 2022.

The new sign-in will be in place when you see the following graphic:



Clicking on this graphic will take you to a page where you can either create your new account or sign in. If you have not previously signed up for the new Auxiliary Online Classroom, you will need to create a new account (sign up) in order to log in.

The following video shows the procedure.



A dedicated team is ready to help anyone who has issues. Open a ticket in the [National Help Desk](#) to get assistance.



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To All Auxiliarists



### **SECOND QUARTER 2022 NAVIGATOR EXPRESS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!**

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Just click on the links below to read stories titled:

- Admiral Linda L. Fagan confirmed as the first woman to serve as Commandant of the Coast Guard
- Participation in the Auxiliary Life Jacket Wear Observer Program (AUXLWO) Augments the Coast Guard and Helps RBS
- Space OPS
- Flotilla Fort Washington takes Sea Scout trip to US Coast Guard Air Station Washington
- Doing Right by Right Whales
- Alex Haley, the Coast Guard's First Chief Journalist
- Coast Guard Station Golden Gate kicks off NSBW with Water Safety Fair 2022
- Flotilla 59 – Stuart, Florida celebrates 80 years supporting the Coast Guard
- Auxiliarists conduct sailboat rescue training for Coast Guard pilots and rescue swimmers
- Underway opportunities for Auxiliarists aboard the USCGC MUNRO
- Auxiliarist invited to attend christening of USCGC EMBLEN TUNNELL (WPC 1145)
- Auxiliarists have many ways to promote: Marine Safety
- Coast Guard K-9 recognized with Distinguished Service
- Don't fall overboard. Be prepared in case.
- Slow and steady completes the race

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# NATIONAL NOTICES



**02 JUN 2022**

FM: CHDIRAUX

TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 016/22

**Subj: AUXILIARY COVID-19 RECONSTITUTION GUIDANCE - VERSION 4**

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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 on the Chief Director of Auxiliary (CHDIRAUX) website at: [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 are located in the folder, “CG Auxiliary COVID-19 Guidance.” Questions regarding the content of the guide should be directed to the appropriate Auxiliary Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM).

2. The following are highlights within this revision:

a. Unvaccinated Auxiliarists are authorized to perform in-person assignment to duty (ATD) in Low or Moderate CDC Community Level areas and must be prepared to provide proof of a negative FDA-authorized or approved COVID-19 test administered within 72 hours prior to the start of the ATD. Failure to provide a negative test result, if requested, may result in the ATD being canceled and potential disciplinary action in accordance with the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series). Unvaccinated Auxiliarists in High CDC Community Level areas remain able to volunteer only for assignments or activities that do not involve in-person interaction with members of the public, other government personnel, or Coast Guard personnel.

b. Auxiliarists shall strictly adhere to Coast Guard COVID-19 policy and follow State and local policies if more restrictive. For example, if Coast Guard policy allows for optional indoor mask wear for vaccinated and unvaccinated Auxiliarists in a geographic area identified as Community Level (Medium) but a local township in that area still requires indoor mask wear for all, then Auxiliarists shall adhere to that township’s policy while assigned to duty.

c. Basic Community Level mask wear guidelines follow:

(1) High CDC Community Level: All Auxiliarists shall wear a mask.

(2) Medium and Low CDC Community Levels: Masks are optional for all Auxiliarists unless otherwise directed by the District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) or cognizant Coast Guard Order Issuing Authority (OIA).

d. For the Coast Guard to accurately gauge the extent of Auxiliary vaccination, the Auxiliary COVID-19 High-Risk Assessment form (ANSC-7101) has been updated, and all Auxiliarists must fill out and submit it to their cognizant DIRAUX as soon as possible. DIRAUX will update the COVID-19 vaccination status of their Auxiliarists in AUXDATA II and retain a copy of the form in the members’ files. Not providing this form



will result in presumption that an Auxiliarist is not vaccinated against COVID-19. The updated form can be found on the Forms Warehouse at [USCGAUX: PDF Forms for Auxiliary Staff](#).

e. All Auxiliarists (including fully vaccinated) entering any federal building in CDC COVID-19 Community Level of High must be prepared to attest to their vaccination status by providing proof of vaccination. Auxiliarists who are not fully vaccinated or decline to provide their vaccination status must be prepared to provide electronic or paper copy of a negative result from an FDA-authorized or approved COVID-19 test administered within 72 hours prior to their visit to a federal building/facility or in-person participation in a Coast Guard or other federal government hosted meeting, indoor event, or conference away from a Coast Guard building, when ATD and in any CDC COVID-19 Community Level.

f. Auxiliary events that are training-centric (e.g., Sector Training (S-TRAIN), District Training (D-TRAIN), National Training (N-TRAIN), National Convention (NACON)) are authorized to be planned and executed without need for further Coast Guard or DHS clearance or waiver. This is regardless of their duration or number of participants. Unvaccinated participants must be prepared to provide, upon request, a negative result from an FDA-authorized or approved COVID-19 test administered within 72 hours prior to event start, wear a mask in accordance with the Guide, and social distance at all times during the event. Failure to provide a negative test result if requested may result in dismissal from the event and potential disciplinary action in accordance with the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series).

g. Official travel for unvaccinated Auxiliarists or those who decline to provide information about their vaccination status is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the cognizant DIRAUX or OIA. If authorized to travel by their DIRAUX, then such Auxiliarists must be prepared to provide proof of a negative FDA-approved COVID-19 test completed within 72 hours of the start of their travel. Coast Guard and Auxiliary C-school attendees must be vaccinated.

3. 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 respective areas of responsibility. All Auxiliarists are expected to help them by exercising caution and adhering to Coast Guard guidance.

4. Internet release is authorized.



**03 JUN 2022**  
FM: CHDIRAUX  
TO: ALAUX  
ALAUX 018/22

**Subj: U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARIST SUPPORT TO COAST GUARD HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

Please read the following ALCOAST concerning U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist Support to Coast Guard Health Care Facilities, Commandant Instruction 6010.2F, which provides updated policy and management information for the Auxiliary Health Services (AUXHS) program.

Respectfully,  
 Captain Troy P. Glendye  
 Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

R 171735Z MAY 22

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TO ALCOAST

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SUBJ: U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARIST SUPPORT TO COAST GUARD HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

A. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist Support to Coast Guard Health Care Facilities, COMDTINST 6010.2F

B. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist Support to Coast Guard Health Care Facilities, COMDTINST 6010.2E

1. This ALCOAST announces the promulgation of REF (A). REF (B) is hereby cancelled.

2. REF (A) established requirements and guidance for healthcare personnel participation in the Auxiliary Healthcare Services (AUXHS) Program.

3. There will be no hardcopy distribution of this change. An electronic version is located on the CGPortal at: (Copy and Paste URL below into Browser)

<https://cgportal.uscg.mil/library/directives/SitePages/Home.aspx>

and on the Internet at:

(Copy and Paste URL below into Browser)

<http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/directives/>

4. POC: CAPT Shane C. Steiner, [Shane.C.Steiner@uscg.mil](mailto:Shane.C.Steiner@uscg.mil) or (202) 475-5256.

5. RADM Dana Thomas, Director of Health, Safety and Work-Life (CG-11), sends.

6. Internet release is authorized.

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**03 JUN 2022**

FM: CHDIRAUX

TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 019/22

**Subj: 2022 INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS**

Please read the following ALCOAST announcement of the 2022 Inspirational Leadership Award recipients.

Congratulations to District 7 Auxiliarist Ralph Hendricks for his selection as the Commodore Charles S. Greanoff

Award winner. Honorable mention also goes out to District 5 - Southern Region Auxiliarist Bonifacio "Joey" Taguding. Bravo Zulu!

Respectfully,  
Captain Troy P. Glendye  
Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

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SSIC 1650

SUBJ: 2022 INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

A. Recognitions Programs Manual, COMDTINST M1650.26 (series)

B. Enlistments, Evaluations, and Advancements, COMDTINST M1000.2 (series)

1. I am pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 Coast Guard Inspirational Leadership Awards. Bravo Zulu to the following winners:

- a. CAPT JOHN G. WITHERSPOON AWARD-Active Duty:  
LCDR Roberto Concepcion, COMDT (CG-721)
- b. CAPT JOHN G. WITHERSPOON AWARD-Reserve:  
LT Sara Cole, CG PSU 305
- c. MCPO ANGELA M. MCSHAN AWARD-Active Duty:  
MSTC Michael Rushane, CG SECTOR LONG ISLAND SOUND
- d. MCPO ANGELA M. MCSHAN AWARD-Reserve:  
MEC Rafael Ortiz, CGRU SOUTHCOM
- e. MR. GEORGE R. PUTNAM AWARD:  
Mr. Charlie Coiro, CG LDC
- f. COMO CHARLES S. GREANOFF AWARD:  
FC Ralph Hendricks, FLOTILLA 070-17-06
- g. CAPT DAVID H. JARVIS AWARD:  
CDR Thomas Przybła, CGC POLAR STAR
- h. SM1 DOUGLAS A. MUNRO AWARD:  
MK3 Bryan Beck, CGC DAUNTLESS

2. I applaud the exceptional actions of these individuals and all award nominees. Through dedication to duty and leading by example, these individuals inspire others while advancing the Coast Guard's outstanding service to the nation.

3. CCG and MCPOCG have contacted award recipients and their commands directly to ensure the appropriate level of recognition for these prestigious awards.

- a. The Witherspoon, McShan, Putnam, and Greanoff awards will be presented at the District level.
- b. The Jarvis and Munro awards will be presented at the Annual Navy League Convention June 8-12, 2022 in Orlando, FL. Travel should be funded by unit or district.

4. Honorable mention goes to the following nominees by category:

- a. CAPT JOHN G. WITHERSPOON AWARD-Active Duty:  
LT Magen Bloch, CG SECTOR JUNEAU
- b. CAPT JOHN G. WITHERSPOON AWARD-Reserve:  
LCDR Dennis Bradford, CGRU SOUTHCOM
- c. MCPO ANGELA M. MCSHAN AWARD-Active Duty:  
BMC Richard Hofschneider, CG SECTOR GUAM



- d. MCPO ANGELA M. MCSHAN AWARD-Reserve:  
MKC Matthew Stansberry, CG PSU 305
  - e. MR. GEORGE R. PUTNAM AWARD:  
Mr. Christopher O'Neal, CG SECTOR VIRGINIA
  - f. COMO CHARLES S. GREANOFF AWARD:  
FC Bonifacio Taguding, FLOTILLA 054-26-06
  - g. CAPT DAVID H. JARVIS AWARD:  
LTJG Jacklyn Kokomoor, USCGC CHARLES MOULTHROPE
  - h. SM1 DOUGLAS A. MUNRO AWARD:  
MST1 Duskin Deichl, CG SECTOR LA/LB
5. The selection panel members were:
- a. CAPT Thomas Cooper, AIRSTA San Francisco
  - b. CDR John McWhite, CGC DECISIVE
  - c. LCDR Celina Ladyga, MSST SEATTLE
  - d. LT Danelle Hauther, PACAREA
  - e. Mr. Peter Zohorsky, CG SECTOR VIRGINIA
  - f. CMC Jesse Duff, CG SECTOR LONG ISLAND SOUND
  - g. YN2 Jacquelyn Smith, CG PSC (EPM-3)
  - h. COMO Gary Barth, DNACO-Atlantic East/RBS
6. The eight-member panel thoroughly deliberated 90 nomination packages across all eight categories.
7. COMDT (CG-128) recommends that members who were nominated but not selected for these prestigious awards receive due recognition from their commands. At a minimum, documentation of award nomination should be reflected in nominees' performance evaluations or personnel files.
8. For future award submissions, Commands are reminded to adhere to the award nomination criteria, format, and endorsement standards outlined in the award solicitation. Information and eligibility requirements for the Inspirational Leadership Awards are available on the COMDT (CG-128) website:

(Copy and Paste URL Below into Browser)

<https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/leadership/awards>

9. POC: CWO Nicole McKenzie, COMDT (CG-128), at 202-475-5518 or [Nicole.E.McKenzie@uscg.mil](mailto:Nicole.E.McKenzie@uscg.mil).

10. ADM Karl L. Schultz, Commandant (CCG), sends.

11. Internet release is authorized.



08 JUN 2022  
FM: CHDIRAUX  
TO: ALAUX  
ALAUX 020/22

Subj: AUXILIARY AVIATION CALL SIGNS UPDATE - CG-BSX POLICY LETTER 22-11

1. The Chief Director of Auxiliary (CHDIRAUX) has signed CG-BSX Policy Letter 22-11, Auxiliary Aviation Call Signs Update. It updates the aviation call signs listed in the Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual,

Commandant Instruction Manual 16798.3 (series), Annex 1, section F. All District Directors of Auxiliary (DIRAUX), Operations Training Officers (OTO), and Auxiliaries must comply with its provisions.

- 2. The Policy Letter can be found on the CHDIRAUX website at: [CG-BSX 2022 Policy Letters](#).
- 3. Internet release is authorized.



**23 JUN 2022**  
 FM: CHDIRAUX  
 TO: ALAUX  
 ALAUX 021/22

**Subj: 83RD BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

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- 1. Today marks the 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. I wanted to thank each and every one of you for your continued vigilance and professionalism over the past year. Your commitment to service and drive to overcome the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic are truly inspirational. Let us continue to serve with pride and forge ahead into the future.
  - 2. Please read the attached ALCOAST below conveying the Commandant of the Coast Guard’s gratitude and appreciation for the Coast Guard Auxiliary on this special day.
  - 3. Happy Birthday, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary!

Respectfully,  
 Captain Troy P. Glendye  
 Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

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**SUBJ: 83RD BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

- 1. To the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Happy 83rd Birthday from everyone in our United States Coast Guard!
- 2. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and its exceptional heritage of service dates back to 1939, when Congress authorized the formation of the Coast Guard's "Volunteer Reserve", an organization of enthusiastic volunteers dedicated to the promotion of recreational boating safety throughout the United States. This

organization has grown and evolved remarkably over the last eight decades. The men and women who serve in the Auxiliary have selflessly devoted their time, skills, and expertise across an increasingly diverse array of roles and missions to assist the Coast Guard, and to preserve and protect our Nation's maritime interests.

3. As the world continues to navigate through the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, we celebrate the Auxiliary's commitment to service, and its adaptability in overcoming the complexities presented by this virus. Persevering through these uncertain and unprecedented times, the Auxiliary and its membership have continued to make significant impacts nationwide. Auxiliarists have faithfully augmented Coast Guard units as watchstanders at communications centers, delivering critical assistance to resolve search and rescue cases; as culinary specialists, preparing outstanding meals in dining facilities ashore and at sea on multiple long voyages aboard the CGC EAGLE and CGC HEALY; as healthcare professionals, providing much needed healthcare services and augmenting our shortage of Flight Surgeons. Coast Guard Auxiliary interpreters provided critical services on over 75 translation missions in support of DHS and the Coast Guard. Auxiliary Chaplains have improved the mental and spiritual health of our workforce by contributing over 10,000 hours of operational support in crisis care and religious ministry. The Auxiliary never wavered from its determination to promote safety amongst our Nation's recreational vessel operators. In 2021, the Auxiliary completed over 42,000 vessel safety checks and nearly 50,000 marine dealer visits; truly extraordinary results that highlight the exemplary commitment displayed daily by the Auxiliary to ensure safety on our waters.

4. We also recognize the Coast Guard Auxiliary for its continued growth and dedication to finding new and innovative ways to support the Coast Guard. During the past year, the Auxiliary has worked closely with Coast Guard Cyber Command to establish an Auxiliary Cyber (AUXCYBER) program; an exciting initiative that will leverage Auxiliarists with high-level cyber expertise to support the Coast Guard in strengthening and protecting the Nation's Maritime Transportation System. More recently, Auxiliarists have supported the Coast Guard's response along our Nation's Southwest border. Their dedication and support have proven invaluable to the preservation of our Service's readiness and capabilities upon which the Nation relies.

5. We are extremely proud of our Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please join me in recognizing this significant milestone by congratulating our Auxiliarists on their outstanding performance, and for their exceptional Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. Bravo Zulu and Semper Paratus!

6. POC: CDR Bradly Winans, COMDT (CG-BSX-1) at: [Bradly.G.Winans@uscg.mil](mailto:Bradly.G.Winans@uscg.mil).

7. ADM Linda L. Fagan, Commandant (CCG), sends.

8. Internet release is authorized.



**13 JULY 2022**

FM: CHDIRAUX

TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 022/22

Subj: **AUXILIARY POLICY STATEMENT**



1. Admiral Linda L. Fagan, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, has issued the U.S. Coast Guard's Auxiliary Policy Statement.
2. Please visit the Auxiliary National Leadership Documents website to read this important new statement: [USCGAUX: National Leadership Documents](#). Other Coast Guard Policy Statements will be posted soon on the Senior Coast Guard Leadership Policy Statement website: [Policy Statements \(uscg.mil\)](#).

Respectfully,  
Captain Troy P. Glendye  
Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)



**20 JUL 2022**  
FM: CHDIRAUX  
TO: ALAUX  
ALAUX 023/22

**Subj: CHIEF DIRECTOR FINAL ACTION ON NATIONAL BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AT NTRAIN 2022**

At the 2022 Auxiliary National Training Conference (NTRAIN) in St. Louis, MO in March, the following recommendations were placed before the National Board. They are summarized, with the Chief Director's final actions, below:

**1. Recommendation: Create the "G" Directorate for Auxiliary Chaplain Support (Originator: NACO, COMO Al Malewski / Date: 01 Jun 21).**

**a. Discussion:** Create the "G" Directorate within Auxiliary national FORCECOM for the management and direction of the concerns, plans, strategies, operations, doctrine, and policies of the Auxiliary Chaplain Support (ACS) program under the supervision of the National Commodore (NACO) through its Directorate Chief (DIR) who shall report directly to the Vice National Commodore (VNACO). The "G" Directorate, by and through its DIR-G, shall maintain close, frequent and direct liaison with the Chaplain of the Coast Guard (CG-00A).

Since inception of the ACS program, it has rapidly expanded to provide vital services and support to the CG family as well as to the public in times of crisis. As the program has grown, the need for structure, well-defined leadership, management, recruiting, operational span of control, and succession planning has become evident. The creation of this Directorate will accomplish those objectives while demonstrating clearly and unequivocally that Auxiliary senior leaders understand the program's incalculable value.

The Directorate shall be organized as provided by the Auxiliary Manual and include the following officers whose responsibilities, numbers, and office designations may be modified as deemed appropriate: one Director (DIR-G, 4 stripes); one Deputy Director (DIR-Gd, 3 stripes) to serve also serve as Training Officer for the ACS program; three Branch Chiefs (BC, 2.5 stripes); and one Branch Assistant for each district (BA, 2 stripes). All other ACS Chaplains wear two stripes.

**b. National Board action:** Approved.

**c. Chief Director Final Action:** Approved with the following adjustments:

(1) Although there is clearly programmatic merit to creation of a separate ACS directorate (e.g., increasing demand and value of religious ministry support to the Coast Guard), the proposed organizational construct's call for it to reside within Auxiliary national FORCECOM while reporting directly to VNACO is unprecedented. It is also noted that VNACO already has four Deputy National Commodores and three Assistant National Commodores reporting directly to that office, and will have an additional ANACO reporting to it as a result of another approved proposal. Accordingly, the DIR-G shall report to the Assistant National Commodore - FORCECOM.

(2) The proposal does not include a Division Chief (DVC) between the DIR-Gd and the BCs and BAs. This, too, is unprecedented. The three proposed BCs, presumably one for each Auxiliary Area, may be elevated to DVC offices. A sufficient number of BC offices to manage the ACS program among the 16 Auxiliary districts and regions should then be appointed.

(3) All G-Directorate staff offices shall wear office insignia in accordance with the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series) and the Auxiliary Chaplain Support Program, COMDTINST 1730.5 (series).

**2. Recommendation:** Revise Auxiliary Manual Pertaining to Safety Hats (Originator: DIR-P, Kim Cole / Date: 11 Nov 21)

**a. Discussion:** The Auxiliary Manual specifies hard hats with green visors. These are no longer available. We are recommending the manual be updated to current OSHA standards. Per Chapter 10, page 10-19 of the Auxiliary Manual it calls for hard hats worn by the member to have the underside of the visor to be green. This has been discontinued by manufacturers several years ago and is unavailable for purchase. We are requesting this be changed, removing the line calling for the green underside of these visors. By incorporating this change, we would be in accordance with both the Coast Guard and with OSHA.

We also request that the qualification of Facility Inspectors and Pollution Responders be added to the list of missions that utilize the hard hats for their PPE. Both qualifications are required by the Coast Guard to wear the hard hat when required by the facilities that are being inspected. By incorporating these small changes to the Auxiliary Manual we will bring the hard hat descriptions up to OSHA standards and create so the member/Coast Guard is able to secure correct hard hats for the jobs specified.

**b. National Board action:** Approved.

**c. Chief Director final action:** **Approved** understanding that the lack of green visor availability does not warrant wholesale elimination of its current authorization for wear. Accordingly, the authorization to wear white safety hard hats with green visors remains in place until they are no longer serviceable.

**3. Electronic Meeting Rules Template Change Proposal (Originator: DCO D5-NR, COMO Joe Giannattasio / Date: 05 Apr 21)**

**a. Discussion.** Revisions to the Unit (Flotilla, Division and District) electronic standing rules template as follows:

(1) Remove wording "when special circumstances warrant" from Article II, paragraph A.

(2) Remove paragraph B. from Article II.

(3) Remove paragraph A. from Article III.

The current standing rules template only allows the electronic rules in special circumstances, so it appears that routine use is not permitted. Per the direction provided in Enclosure (13) Auxiliary COVID-19 Reconstitution Guidance Version 2, paragraph E.2. as well as earlier guidance, units have been conducting online meetings. In many instances, member participation in these meetings has reportedly been greater than prior in-person only meetings. By eliminating the special circumstances wording, we are providing a means for units to routinely conduct electronic meetings with an opportunity for greater member participation. While the climate is changing and units are transitioning back to more in-person meetings, the "new" normal should recognize the realities of the virtual world in which we now operate. Note that all unit templates - flotilla, division and district - are affected.

**b. National Board action:** Approved.

**c. Chief Director final action:** Disapproved understanding that this proposal will be revisited in 2024 and fully anticipating that the provisions of AUX-SOP-004(A) Election of Unit Officers Through the Use of Electronic Means will be extended through 2023.

(1) The value of unfettered electronic meetings has thus far been proven solely and as a direct result of a special circumstance - the COVID-19 pandemic.

(2) Moreover, significant appreciation and value of in-person meetings have concurrently experienced a renaissance during the past few months as many COVID-19 restrictions have receded. The current temporary authorizations stemming from the special circumstance caused by COVID-19 should therefore remain in place through calendar year 2023 and be subject of a formal re-assessment whose results (and any accompanying proposal) will be presented to the National Board at NTRAIN 2024.

#### **4. Creation of ANACO-AS, ANACO-AS-d, W-Directorate and O-Directorate (Originator: NACO, COMO Al Malewski / Date: 01 May 21)**

**a. Discussion:** Create the Offices of Assistant National Commodore for Administrative Services (ANACO-AS) and Deputy Assistant National Commodore for Administrative Services (ANACO-ASd) under the supervision and support of the National Commodore (NACO) through the Vice National Commodore (VNACO) to supervise and support the appropriate directorate staff officers of a Document Management Directorate (W-Directorate) and Administrative Investigations Directorate (O-Directorate). Create a Document Management Directorate (W-Directorate) and Administrative Investigations Directorate (O-Directorate) for the purposes stated below and for such other and further purposes as may from time to time be required.

There presently exists no Auxiliary managed office or department for identifying, organizing, managing, storing, indexing, archiving and preserving important records, documents, or publications, of the Auxiliary and its elements. Whether reduced to hard copy or preserved by any other means, important historical, operational, and instructional, information and materials of the Auxiliary are being permanently lost, destroyed, or otherwise irretrievable. A Document Management Directorate (W-Directorate) under the supervision and support of a Director, Deputy Director, and staff reporting to the Assistant National Commodore for Administrative Services (ANACO-AS), would be responsible for those tasks and such others as may be necessary to manage the written and electronic documents and records of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Events requiring resolution of factual issues (i.e. mishaps, unusual incidents, conflicts among members, and disciplinary proceedings) occur within elements of the Auxiliary. Those events may require Auxiliary leaders to quickly and accurately obtain relevant facts not readily available. Obtaining the personnel resources required to promptly obtain those facts is often problematic. The situation may require personal interviews, and location of relevant documentation by impartial fact finders with no prior knowledge of the involved parties. The manner in



which the Auxiliary conducts its fact finding can affect the Auxiliary's ability to manage itself. Consistent principles and procedures must be followed whenever the need to resolve factual conflicts or accurately establish the facts of a situation. An effective investigatory process can also protect the interests of the Auxiliary and its members by accurately identifying areas of improvement for internal Auxiliary operations when issues requiring resolution of factual disputes arise. The O Directorate will be staffed by Auxiliarists with credentials attesting to their training, experience, skill, ability, and proficiency in conducting fair, efficient, confidential and professional investigations. Subject to budgetary and personnel resources, and consistent with all applicable guidance documents, the services of the Directorate will be available to elected leaders of the Auxiliary and Coast Guard Officers.

**b. National Board action:** Approved.

**c. Chief Director final action:** Approved understanding that the VNACO will now have four Deputy National Commodores and four Assistant National Commodores reporting directly to that office. Moreover, this will considerably add to the significant increase of approximately 58 percent in national staff offices that the Auxiliary has experienced since 2018.

#### **5. Auxiliary Flight Suit Policy Recommendation (Originator: DIR-R, Roy Savoca / Date: 19 Feb 21)**

**a. Discussion.** Update the Auxiliary Manual, Section H.5., Auxiliary Flight Suit to standardize requirements for flight suits, outerwear, covers and gloves. If approved, document AV-04-2-A (Standard for Flight Suits for Auxiliary Aviation) and the HR uniform guide PowerPoint presentation will be updated for consistency.

The HR Directorate, Uniform Division was advised, reviewed the recommended updates and had no comment or objection. Section H.5. of the Auxiliary Manual is out of date for flight suit standards. The Flight Standards Branch of the Response Directorate recommends removing any reference to a blue flight suit and cloth name patch. Auxiliary flight crews will all wear the sage green flight suit with a black leather name patch. Standardized lettering is specified for the black leather name patch. If adopted, this update will standardize and enhance the professional appearance of Auxiliary flight crews.

Outerwear is not currently specified and needs to be standardized. The CWU-36/P (summer jacket) and CWU-45/P (winter jacket) are recommended. Additionally, the brown leather G-1 is allowed when authorized by the Air Station. The flight jackets must be constructed of NOMEX if worn during flight, otherwise they should be stowed on-board in case of emergency ditching. Black flight boots are specified.

The garrison cap is still preferred. The Auxiliary ball caps remain authorized, and neither are to be worn on the flight line at the Air Station. A black watch cap is authorized and limited to wear when preparing the aircraft for flight outdoors in extreme frigid weather. The black watch cap may be carried on-board for use in case of emergency ditching but not worn during flight.

Flight gloves are authorized as specified in COMDTINST M13520.1C, Coast Guard Aviation Life Support Equipment. They are to be constructed of NOMEX and sage green in color.

**b. National Board action:** Approved.

**c. Chief Director final action:** Approved understanding that the shift to the sage green flight suit with a black leather name patch does not warrant wholesale elimination of the current authorization to wear the blue flight suit and cloth name patch. Accordingly, the authorization to wear the blue flight suit and cloth name patch remains in place until no longer serviceable.

## 6. Formation of “AuxA Management LLC” to eliminate high insurance costs (Originator: NACO, COMO Al Malewski / Date: 07 Jul 21)

**a. Discussion:** That section 5.M.1. of the Auxiliary Manual (Commandant Instruction M16790.1 series) be modified to reflect the Commandant’s approval of the organization of two corporations to support Auxiliary activities, namely: the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc. (AuxA) and another corporation be formed (AuxA Mgmt) to conduct and support AuxA’s business functions and activities, with a specific focus on expense minimization with respect to liability insurance. For the avoidance of doubt, every function and authority stays the same – the new corporation is being created in order to ensure that AuxA, and by derivation the Coast Guard Auxiliary, only pays for what it needs, nothing more nor less.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, AuxA is incorporated in the District of Columbia. As a matter of insurance industry practice, AuxA’s insurers require AuxA’s management function and activity liability insurance premiums to be based upon its total membership count, whether only one member performs AuxA’s business management functions and activities, or if the entire membership performs those functions and activities. Additionally, as a matter of District of Columbia law regarding non-profit corporations and of Coast Guard policy, membership in AuxA is directly linked to Auxiliary membership (CGAux.) This means that as long as an individual is an Auxiliarist, they must be a member of AuxA. Consequently, when based upon an AuxA membership count in the tens of thousands, the resultant insurance premium costs about \$45,000 per year.

The practical reality is that only about 60 AuxA members perform the AuxA business management functions and activities that require liability coverage by an insurance policy. The vast majority of AuxA members never perform AuxA business management functions and activities. These individuals are properly covered in their capacity as federal employees when they perform Auxiliary assignments to duty; they just happen to also be members of AuxA. As a consequence, AuxA must insure all 22,000 Auxiliarists because they are perform members of AuxA.

By creating a second 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation focused on performance of AuxA’s business management functions and activities, and comprised solely of the 60 AuxA members who perform them, AuxA will be able to divest itself of the unnecessary liability coverage for the other tens of thousands of its members, and only carry liability coverage necessary for the 60 members of the second 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation (AuxA Mgmt). The premium for that policy would be about \$5,000, yielding a recurring annual savings to AuxA of approximately \$40,000. These savings would be applied by the National Board to Auxiliary unit support across all Auxiliary districts and regions.

With volunteer membership nationwide on the ebb, such savings are the equivalent of nearly 1,000 new members per year, with no additional burden on Coast Guard infrastructure (security checks, new member ID cards, and the like). AuxA senior management believes that their fiduciary duties to the Auxiliary and the wider Coast Guard enterprise compels them to implement this change.

Of note, this does not require the 60 specific members to give up Auxiliary or AuxA membership. They just also be members of an authorized entity for liability insurance purposes because the duties of conducting and supporting AuxA’s business functions and activities does not assign them to duty.

**b. National Board action:** Approved.

**c. Chief Director final action:** Approved. In concert with AuxA’s existence, AuxA Mgmt shall be incorporated in the District of Columbia. Its organization and operations shall be prescribed by requisite Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, as amended from time to time.

## 7. Mandatory AuxA Membership (Originator: NACO, COMO Al Malewski / Date: 29 Nov 21)

**a. Discussion.** Recommend that the Auxiliary Manual (COMDTINST M16790.1 (series)) and all other Auxiliary or Coast Guard documents or instructions be amended to remove any requirement that members or applicants for

membership in the Coast Guard Auxiliary must also be members of Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc. (AuxA).

Because of the manner in which the insurance industry rates its policy holders, the AuxA will save approximately \$40,000 of Auxiliary funds annually to support the missions of the Auxiliary by removing Auxiliarists from membership in the AuxA. There is no longer any need for Auxiliarists to be members of the AuxA nor is any practical purpose served by mandating that Auxiliarists maintain membership in the AuxA. No benefit of any description provided to Auxiliarists by the AuxA is dependent on membership in the AuxA. All benefits offered by or through the AuxA are dependent only upon membership in the Auxiliary, not the AuxA.

**b. National Board action:** Approved.

**c. Chief Director final action:** Approved.

(1) AuxA membership's direct linkage to Auxiliary membership has been a matter of Coast Guard policy that required as long as an individual was a member of the Auxiliary then they must also have been a member of AuxA. However, District of Columbia law neither compels nor prohibits all Auxiliarists to also be members of AuxA. This negates policy that directly links membership in both organizations. As further noted in National Board Recommendation 6 above, more accurate and appropriate AuxA liability insurance coverage can be achieved through proper AuxA Mgmt establishment.

(2) Auxiliarists may therefore enroll and retain Auxiliary membership without concurrent AuxA membership unless they perform duties on AuxA's behalf. Further, unless an Auxiliarist currently performs duties on behalf of AuxA they are no longer recognized as a member of AuxA.

(3) The AuxA-10 Consent to Membership form is no longer required for submission as part of an Auxiliary enrollment application package unless an applicant expressly desires AuxA membership.

(4) Most importantly, Auxiliary membership independent of AuxA or AuxA Mgmt membership does not divest an Auxiliarist of the privilege to shop through AuxA nor participate in AuxA Member Benefits programs. Such benefits programs remain derived from private industry's desire to recognize Auxiliarists' service to the Coast Guard. Concurrently, it does not void an Auxiliarist's financial obligation to pay their Auxiliary dues, including those prescribed for national level.

#### **8. Creation of Paddlecraft Staff Officer Positions at the District, Division, and Flotilla Levels (Originator: D8-CR DCO, COMO Patrick Feighery / Date: 18 Oct 21)**

**a. Discussion.** Authorize and establish staff-level positions at the district/region, division and flotilla levels for the paddlecraft program. COMDTINST 16794.11A established the Paddlecraft Ashore and Afloat programs of the Auxiliary on August 18, 2018. As part of that instruction, each district/region was authorized to appoint a Paddlecraft Coordinator to oversee the program within his/her respective district or region. The COMDTINST did not allow for the appointment of district, division or flotilla staff officers to oversee the program.

Inasmuch as Paddlecraft Coordinator is not a staff position and therefore does not appear in an Officer Directory report, there is no clear-cut line of communication for the National Recreational Boating Safety Directorate to employ when disseminating paddlecraft safety information, providing support, quality control or coordination down chain as they have no way of knowing who to communicate with at any level of our organization.

Currently there are 6 people within the RBS Directorate that have paddlecraft attached to their job designation. A robust organization exists at the National level but not down the COLM. Statistics and trends indicate significant increases in people participating in paddle sports, paddlecraft drownings and unneeded SAR cases.



It is now time to devote the same amount of attention to the paddlecraft community that is already devoted to other areas of recreational boating. Implementation of this recommendation will ensure that critical information is passed to those who need it, and that responsibility for establishing, executing and maintaining the paddlecraft mission is properly defined and managed. It will also help reduce the upward trend of paddlecraft fatalities, and unnecessary SAR cases. It is anticipated that adoption of this recommendation will have zero impact on the Auxiliary's national budget as the hierarchy already

exists at the national level within the RBS Directorate.

**b. National Board action:** Approved.

**c. Chief Director final action:** Disapproved understanding that the need for creation of staff offices at so many organizational levels warrants additional assessment.

(1) The proposal's concern is that these staff offices are needed to ensure that critical information is passed to those who need it even though a Paddlecraft Coordinator is authorized to be assigned for program management throughout a district or region.

(2) Further, nothing prohibits creation of Assistant District Staff Officers to assist with program management within a district's or region's operations program and its organization. With such tools available to address the concern, the proposed expansion of staff offices requires additional justification which should be achieved through a formal work group assessment.

## **9. Auxiliary Culinary Assistance Program Device (Originator: DIR-H, Lee Zimmerman / Date: 18 Jan 22)**

**a. Discussion.** Proposal for a device authorized for the Auxiliary Culinary Assistance Program (AUXCA) to indicate completion of the prescribed training as specified in the AUXCA SOP for the position of AUXCA-1 only. This requested vote by the National Board is for a change to USCG-AUX Uniform Regulations.

This program has been authorized as an Auxiliary program for over 10 years. The design for this device was initiated by CG-BSX and the prototype was presented by Vanguard Corp (who produce most CG insignia). The device is to be worn on the left side of the blue uniform shirt/blouse/dress jacket above the ribbons/medals and other devices earned. It will be approximately the size of the AUXOP device with a back pin. The metal version is the only version created thus far and not as a sew-on version. If that design is approved, then a sew-on version would be subsequently created (in white/silver).

**b. National Board action:** Approved.

**c. Chief Director final action:** Approved.

Respectfully,  
 Captain Troy P. Glendye  
 Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)





**25 JULY 2022**

FM: CHDIRAUX

TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 024/22

Subj: **RESUMPTION OF INPERSON AUXILIARY C-SCHOOLS – REVISION TO CG-BSX POLICY LETTER 21-01**

1. On 28 May 2021, the Chief Director of the Auxiliary signed CG-BSX Policy Letter 21-01, Resumption of In-Person Auxiliary C-schools. It provided initial guidance for the resumption of in-person Auxiliary C-schools and limited attendance to individuals fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The policy letter was revised on 24 June 2021 to expand in-person Auxiliary C-school attendance to include unvaccinated individuals and define associated home unit Restriction of Movement (ROM) requirements. It was subsequently revised on 18 October 2021 to limit in-person Auxiliary C-school application and attendance to individuals fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
2. This policy letter has been revised again effective 25 July 2022. New provisions have been added to address recommendations and actions to take if instructors or students are exposed to COVID-19 or test positive for it during or after a C-school is completed. No penalty shall be assessed to an Auxiliary C-school student who is unable to attend or complete the school due to contracting COVID-19, experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or being exposed to COVID-19.
3. The policy letter can be found on the Coast Guard Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX) website at: [CG-BSX Policy Letters](#).
4. Internet release is authorized.



**01 AUG 2022**

FM: CHDIRAUX

TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 026/22

Subj: **FY21 AUXDATA II PATROL ORDER REIMBURSEMENTS**

1. CG-BSX submitted 808 Patrol Orders to the Coast Guard Finance Center (FINCEN) for manual entry into the Financial System Modernization Solution (FSMS), and all Patrol Orders for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 have been reimbursed. FY 2021 Patrol Orders reimbursement is complete.

2. Auxiliarists who have not been reimbursed for a Patrol Order in FY 2021 (**only FY 2021**) are recommended to submit a “Service Request” in AUXDATA II.
3. 01 September 2022 will be the official closeout date for FY 2021 Auxiliary Patrol Order funding. Auxiliarists have until **30 August 2022** to submit a “Service Request” for any FY 2021 Patrol Order that they believe was not reimbursed. Any “Service Request” received for FY 2021 Patrol Orders after 30 August 2022 will not be entertained.
4. Below is updated guidance for Auxiliary members to check the status of their Patrol Order reimbursement.
  - a. Send an email to the FINCEN Help Desk at the following address - [FIN-SMB-Customerservice@uscg.mil](mailto:FIN-SMB-Customerservice@uscg.mil).
  - b. The Subject line of your email should be the **FSMS invoice number** from the Patrol Order in question. **Patrol Order Document ID is no longer valid in the new financial system.**
  - c. Provide the following in the body of your email:
    - i. FSMS Invoice Number: (Found under the “Comments” block of the Patrol Order)
    - ii. Amount claimed
    - iii. Member ID#
5. Internet release is authorized.



**04 AUG 2022**  
 FM: CHDIRAUX  
 TO: ALAUX  
 ALAUX 027/22

Subj: **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD'S 232ND BIRTHDAY**

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Today, the United States Coast Guard celebrates its 232nd year of dedicated service to the maritime public across the world. Its distinguished history is highlighted by the devoted support it receives every day from its uniformed volunteers of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please read the following ALCOAST message recognizing this special milestone...and happy birthday, U.S. Coast Guard!

Respectfully,  
 Captain Troy P. Glendye  
 Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

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SUBJ: UNITED STATES COAST GUARD'S 232ND BIRTHDAY

1. Today we celebrate the 232nd birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard; our theme for 2022 is: "Honoring our Past... Shaping our Future."
2. Since our inception in 1790 as the Revenue Cutter Service, the U.S. Coast Guard has evolved to serve our Nation by executing missions that only we can uniquely perform. Each time a new challenge or threat emerged, the Coast Guard responded to meet our country's need. From domestic icebreaking and natural resource protection to drug interdiction and marine safety, our missions have broadened to firmly entrench our Service as a vital element of national defense and international security.
3. Just as the U.S. Coast Guard steadfastly met these challenges in the past, we will continue our legacy of mission excellence to embrace the opportunities of tomorrow. The Coast Guard will be a leader in global maritime governance, enforcing the rule of law, facilitating safe and secure maritime commerce, and protecting people and natural resources in a dynamic geopolitical landscape. We will explore and employ innovative ways to optimize our people, assets, and authorities to deliver security to the American public. The Coast Guard will continue to cultivate partnerships domestically and internationally to strengthen the fabric of homeland security.
4. We will also continue to proudly tell our story and connect it to the communities we serve. Two hundred years ago, U.S. Revenue Cutter FLORIDA deployed to Key West to defend our southern border against illegal imports of sugar, molasses, tobacco, and enslaved peoples. Today, August 4, 2022, Key West will become the newest Coast Guard City, recognizing the enduring support the city has shown for Coast Guard members and their families who call the lower Keys home. Later this month, we will also conduct a 'Keel-Laying' at the future site of the National Coast Guard Museum in New London, CT. This state-of-the-art facility will be an interactive time capsule that makes our '1790 to Now' evolution story even more accessible for generations to come.
5. Our Service's history and its future exist because of your commitment to readiness and mission execution. You are the heartbeat of the Coast Guard and every one of you adds to our legacy every day. I am extremely proud of your collective accomplishments. As we commemorate this day and celebrate our shared history, I want to thank you and your families for your service to our country.
6. Semper Paratus!
7. ADM Linda Fagan, Commandant (CCG), sends.
8. Internet release is authorized.



**08 AUG 2022**  
FM: CHDIRAUX  
TO: ALAUX  
ALAUX 028/22

Subj: **FY22 AUXDATA II PATROL ORDER CLOSEOUT**

1. Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) budget will be ending at 2359 hours on 30 September 2022.
2. Any Patrol Order being conducted on or after 0000 hours on 01 October 2022 will fall under the FY23 budget.
3. In order to facilitate the FY22 budget closeout, Order Issuing Authority's (OIA) must have all FY22 Patrol Requests that are currently in a "REQUESTED" status, either "APPROVED or DENIED", no later than 15 September 2022. Patrol Requests not already in AUXDATA II, for patrol dates between 15 September and 30 September 2022, must be "APPROVED" prior to 15 September 2022. Any Patrol Requests received by the OIA after 15 September 2022 may be "APPROVED" on a case-by-case basis. To view the list of Patrol Orders in AUXDATA II that need to be reviewed, signed and "APPROVED", please use the following link [Patrol Orders \(crmforce.mil\)](https://crmforce.mil).
4. Auxiliarist members who have Patrol Orders in an "APPROVED" status, except those meeting requirements of paragraph #6 below, must move Patrol Orders to "COMPLETED" status so OIA's can review and submit to FSMS, no later than 15 September 2022. To view the list of Patrol Orders in AUXDATA II that need to be reviewed, signed and "APPROVED", please use the following link [Patrol Orders \(crmforce.mil\)](https://crmforce.mil).
5. OIA's shall ensure all "COMPLETED" Patrol Orders are in a "SUBMITTED" status in AUXDATA II prior to 30 September 2022. To view the list of Patrol Orders in AUXDATA II that need to be reviewed, signed and "SUBMITTED" to FSMS, please use the following link [Patrol Orders \(crmforce.mil\)](https://crmforce.mil).
6. OIA's and Auxiliary members shall "CANCEL" any Patrol Order in an "APPROVED" status if there are no "Activities" and the Patrol was never conducted. This shall be completed no later than 01 October 2022. To view the list of Patrol Orders in AUXDATA II that need to be "CANCELLED", please use the following link [Patrol Orders \(crmforce.mil\)](https://crmforce.mil).
7. All FY22 Patrol Orders must be closed out and submitted to FSMS no later than **01 November 2022**. Patrol Orders remaining after that date will not be entertained.
8. The above dates are subject to change based on Coast Guard Finance Center Guidance.
9. Auxiliarist members who have a Patrol Order reimbursement issue or who do not agree with the amount of the Patrol Order claim reimbursement, shall work with their OIA in correcting and/or resolving claim issues. FINCEN customer service is only available to check the status of an existing claim or to obtain detailed information on claims paid by the Coast Guard Finance Center.
10. Internet release is authorized.



**09 AUG 2022**  
FM: CHDIRAUX  
TO: ALAUX  
ALAUX 029/22

Subj: **2021 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR**

Commodore Douglas S. Cream of the Ninth District - Eastern Region (D9-ER), Flotilla 33 of Buffalo, NY is the 2021 Auxiliarist of the Year. The following ALCOAST recently announced his selection. Congratulations to Commodore Cream! Bravo Zulu!

Respectfully,  
Captain Troy P. Glendye  
Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

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SUBJ: 2021 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR

1. I am pleased to announce the selection of Commodore Douglas S. Cream of Ninth District-Eastern Region (D9-ER), Flotilla 33 in Buffalo, New York as the 2021 Auxiliarist of the Year.
2. Commodore Cream enrolled in the Auxiliary in May 2002. He immediately integrated into the organization by holding many flotilla, division, district, and national leadership positions including Vice Flotilla Commander, Division Staff Officer for Operations, District Staff Officer for Legal Parliamentarian, and Assistant National Commodore Chief Counsel. During the past year, Commodore Cream provided invaluable legal consultation and advice to Auxiliary leadership and the Coast Guard's Staff Judge Advocate on a remarkably diverse range of topics. A consummate shipmate, he leveraged his extensive legal expertise to assist the Mariner Credential Fraud Task Force (MCF-TF). Applying crucial insight and tenacious determination, he incisively analyzed volumes of complex jurisdictional reviews and prepared comprehensive briefs to Coast Guard leadership on nuanced legal decisions. His contributions were instrumental to the Task Force's successful achievement of unprecedented enforcement goals and enhanced deterrence of future mariner credential fraud. He supervised the 16 Auxiliary District Staff Officer Legal Parliamentarians, ensuring they provided all Auxiliary regions with timely and accurate legal counsel. Exercising utmost devotion to duty, he sustained extensive activity as an Auxiliary Qualification Examiner, Coxswain, Team Coordination Training Facilitator, Station Buffalo Auxiliary Unit Coordinator, and Sector Buffalo's Auxiliary Sector Coordinator.
3. Commodore Cream was also an active member of his local community. Demonstrating a gracious and generous nature, he ensured his fellow Auxiliarists were fully accommodated by regularly providing housing for Auxiliary shipmates when visiting the D9-Eastern Region for training and mission support. He also served as an ardent champion and contributor to the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance program, and provided extensive pro bono legal counsel to many Coast Guard personnel.
4. I heartily applaud Commodore Cream's dedication to the Coast Guard Auxiliary's success during the last year and for his numerous and substantial contributions to the Coast Guard. He will be formally recognized as the 2021 Auxiliarist of the Year at the Auxiliary National Conference in Orlando, FL on August 20, 2022.
5. POC: LT Christopher Booth, COMDT (CG-BSX-1), at [Christopher.W.Booth@uscg.mil](mailto:Christopher.W.Booth@uscg.mil).
6. RDML Wayne Arguin, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG-5P), sends.
7. Internet release is authorized.







**09 AUGUST 2022**  
 FM: CHDIRAUX  
 TO: ALAUX  
 ALAUX 030/22

**Subj: EXTENDED SOLICITATION FOR AUXILIARY SUPPORT OF SOUTHWEST BORDER OPERATIONS**

1. Auxiliarists have provided outstanding support to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency since May 2022. The U.S. Coast Guard has received a Request for Assistance from the CBP agency for extension of that support. The projected duration of this support now extends through November 2022. The request seeks personnel to perform logistical support services as part of CBP’s operations along the U.S. Southwest Border (SWB). Coast Guard Auxiliarists are eligible and invited to help the Coast Guard fulfill this request.
2. The following table summarizes relevant deployment topics, considerations, requirements, expectations, and the method by which Auxiliarists can volunteer to participate in this effort.

Deployment Topic	Deployment Question / Consideration	Deployment Requirement / Expectation
<b>Orders / Travel / Duration</b>		
	Projected Duration of Overall Support Operations?	September through November 2022.
	Minimum On-site Deployment Duration?	Auxiliarists are expected to be at a deployment site at least fourteen (14) full and consecutive days (travel days to-and-from the deployment site are not included). Availability for longer on-site durations as well as multiple deployment availabilities is welcomed. If able to provide only between 7 and 13 days at the deployment site, then indicate that constraint as part of the application (see next block). Deployments of less than 7 days on site will not be arranged.
	Auxiliary Coordinating Entity and Point-of-Contact For Auxiliarists?	1 - The Incident Management Auxiliary Coordination Cell (IMACC) coordinates the vetting, management, and processing of Auxiliarists for this effort. It is operating virtually.  2 – Auxiliarists can apply for deployment and seek information through the IMACC by sending an email to the following address: <a href="mailto:auximacc@cgauxnet.us">auximacc@cgauxnet.us</a> .

		<p>3 – Those who respond will be sent further information about the missions as well as links to a site where they can provide information that will enable their vetting prior to deployment.</p>
	Order Issuing Authority (OIA)?	<p>An Auxiliarist’s District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) currently serves as the OIA by:</p> <p>1 - Facilitating creation of an Auxiliarist’s requisite E2 travel account for travel claim processing.</p> <p>2 – Providing written travel orders using travel authorization information and accounting data (aka, POET line) issued by the Coast Guard Directorate of Operational Logistics (DOL).</p> <p>3 – Facilitating the processing of an Auxiliarist’s travel claim upon completion of their deployment.</p>
	Travel Arrangement Expectations ?	<p>Travel arrangements needed to get to and from the deployment site are to be made by the deploying Auxiliarist through the Coast Guard’s contracted travel agency (CWT SATO).</p>
	Travel Expense Expectations ?	<p>1 - Travel expenses will be reimbursed via travel claim settlement upon completion of the deployment.</p> <p>2 - Travel advances will not be provided.</p> <p>3 – Only one travel claim may be submitted per deployment.</p> <p>4 - Air and rail transportation arrangements to-and-from a deployment site will be paid for through a Central Billing Account when a deploying Auxiliarist makes their air/rail travel arrangements with the Coast Guard’s contracted travel agency (CWT SATO).</p> <p>5 - On-site lodging, transportation, and per diem food expenses will be reimbursed.</p> <p>6 – Auxiliarists considering whether or not to volunteer for this mission must be prepared to pay up-front expenses for meals and lodging (currently about \$150 per day), and potentially additional expenses for a rental car.</p>
	What If I Am Already Providing Recurring Support to a Coast Guard Unit?	<p>Auxiliarists who provide recurring support to a Coast Guard unit (e.g., an Auxiliary Culinary Assistant (AUXCA-1) who provides daily/weekly/monthly support to a CG galley/dining facility) must check first with that Coast Guard unit to ensure awareness and confirm their availability to support this operation.</p>
	Personal Financial Readiness Expectations ?	<p>Since associated deployment expenses are largely handled on a reimbursable basis, there is strong potential for Auxiliarists to compile significant bills. Interested Auxiliarists must therefore ensure they have a strong personal financial basis upon which to participate in this effort. As part of the deployment vetting process, Auxiliarists who indicate they need to borrow any funds in order to participate will be denied this assignment to duty.</p>

<b>On-site Work Expectations</b>		
	Types of Support That Are Needed?	Warehouse logistical support (e.g., stowing, monitoring, and recovering packages).  - CBP desires administrative support as well but has not officially made that request through legal channels.
	Work Environment Expectations ?	Warehouse logistical support expected to be performed indoors. Anticipate needing physical ability to move boxes, materials, and supplies as well as performing shipping/receiving, inventorying, cataloging functions; ability to lift any weight is acceptable.
	Workday Expectations ?	1 - Expect most support services to be performed in 8-to-12-hour shifts on a 24x7 basis every day.  2 – Auxiliarists can expect a day off after 7 days and every 7 days thereafter.  3 - Minimum 8-12 hours/day.  4 - Nighttime hours should be expected.
	Lodging Expectations ?	Local hotel/motel lodging arrangements as they are identified.
	Meal Expectations ?	There are no meal facilities provided for deployed personnel. Meals must be procured/arranged on an individual basis in and around local communities.
	Personal Protective Equipment Expectations ?	Masks and gloves are provided.
	Chain of Leadership Reporting Expectations ?	Deployed Auxiliarists should expect to have an in-brief from fellow Auxiliarists who have been on-site and the CBP on-site leader. An Auxiliary on-site team leader will be designated to serve as the primary point-of-contact with their CBP counterpart. The CBP on-site leader will provide day-to-day tactical tasking for Auxiliarists.
	Other Deployment Concerns?	The Auxiliary Deployment Guide contains useful information for deployment preparations. It can be downloaded from the Auxiliary web site: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tN7_VZ3oRf0NJBZ5Q5YfweUGHhgKQ82k/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tN7_VZ3oRf0NJBZ5Q5YfweUGHhgKQ82k/view</a> .
<b>Medical / Health</b>		
	Full COVID-19 Vaccination Required?	1 - Yes.  2 - Auxiliarists are considered fully vaccinated two (2) weeks after completing the second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine or two (2) weeks after receiving a single dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine. Auxiliarists must be vaccinated with vaccines that are either fully licensed or authorized for emergency use by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (e.g., PfizerBioNTech/COMIRNATY, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson/Janssen



		vaccines); listed for emergency use on the World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing (e.g., AstraZeneca/Oxford).  3 – Until otherwise directed, Auxiliarists must attest to their full COVID-19 vaccination directly to the IMACC as part of their vetting process.
	Other Vaccinations Per Auxiliary Deployment Guidance Required?	Yes. The Auxiliary Deployment Guide contains useful information for deployment preparations. It can be downloaded from the Auxiliary web site: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tN7_VZ3oRf0NJBZ5Q5YfweUGHhgKQ82k/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tN7_VZ3oRf0NJBZ5Q5YfweUGHhgKQ82k/view</a> .
	Other Medical Concerns?	The heat that typifies natural outdoor environmental conditions along the SWB at this time of year warrant consideration.
<b>Training / Security</b>		
	Auxiliary Core Training (AUXCT) Currency Required?	Yes.
	Auxiliary ID Card Required?	Yes. An Auxiliarist with an ID card that is expired less than one year remains eligible for deployment.
	Auxiliary Logical Access Card (ALAC) Required?	No.
	Background Check Expectations ?	1 - Must have at least a current annual Operational Support (OS) background check (i.e., favorably completed within the past year).  2 – The CBP Office of Professional Responsibility will review these background checks and also perform its own background check prior to an Auxiliarist’s travel to the deployment site.
	Other Vetting Expectations ?	1 - The IMACC performs the majority of checks on Auxiliarists to ensure they are ready and appropriately eligible for deployment.  2 – The IMACC also collaborates with Auxiliarists’ District Commodores (DCO) and Directors of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) to confirm their suitability for deployment.

3. The Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX) is coordinating appropriate recognition for Auxiliarists that deploy in support of SWB operations.

4. Internet release is authorized.

# *A Message from the Editor*

Good day 5NR,

I want to thank everyone who contributed to this issue. Please remember that you can always send me picture and articles to include in future editions.

Speaking of future editions, TOPSIDE is the oldest continuously published Auxiliary newsletter. TOPSIDE has been regularly published since March 1943. 2022 begins the 80<sup>th</sup> year of the newsletter, with March 2023 being the official 80th Anniversary of TOPSIDE.

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Have an enjoyable fall!

Semper Paratus,

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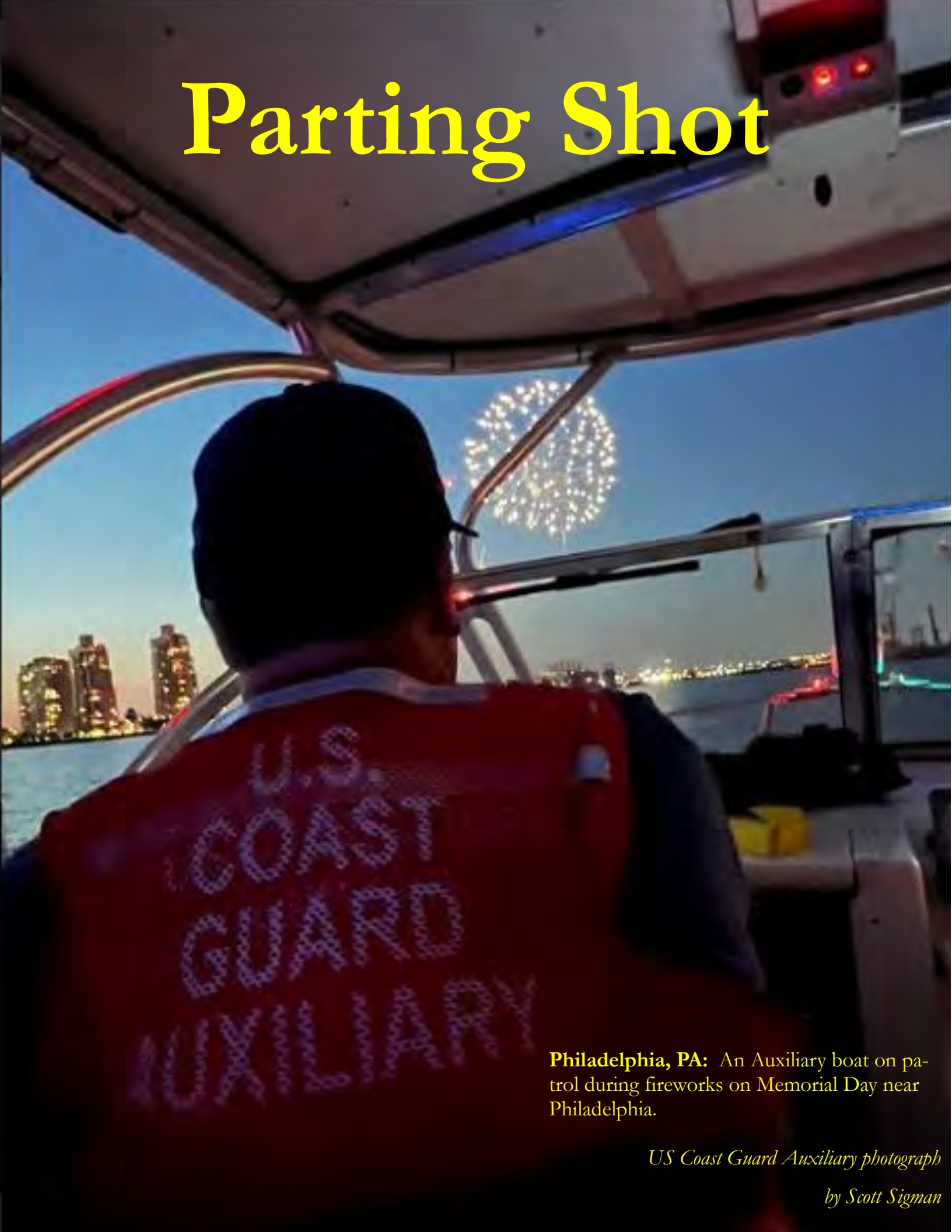
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# Parting Shot



**Philadelphia, PA:** An Auxiliary boat on patrol during fireworks on Memorial Day near Philadelphia.

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