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A. 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY ADMIRAL THAD ALLEN, COMMANDANT

1. June 23, 2009, is a significant date for the Coast Guard as it will mark our Auxiliary's 70th year of dedicated service to the nation. We take tremendous pride in calling these volunteer Guardians our shipmates, knowing that their selfless devotion to duty and unwavering pride have given us invaluable support throughout our daily routines and greatest challenges.
2. For seven decades, Auxiliarists have nobly offered their time, efforts and resources to support the Coast Guard. Specifically during the past ten years, a period of unprecedented challenge to our national safety, security and spirit, Auxiliary contributions have been staggering in their breadth and scope. These undaunted volunteers have performed over 1.2 million recreational and commercial fishing vessel safety checks, over 980 thousand hours of boating safety course instruction, and more than 7.7 million hours of operational support and patrol missions. The costs of such performance have also been overwhelmingly borne by Auxiliarists as they have logged over 23.7 million hours of staff work, travel, preparation, training, and self-administration. This has all been unselfishly delivered as Auxiliarists have stood side by side with their Coast Guard counterparts to confront and overcome a roll call of challenges: Y2K, 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, and many other natural and man-made disasters.
3. The Auxiliary continues to align itself with the Coast Guard, modernizing its organization across all Sectors, Districts, and Headquarters Directorates to shape optimal support of coast Guard missions today and into the future. Moreover, the Auxiliary has gained even greater headway as it has progressively broadened its ability to comprehensively address more and more non-traditional mission areas such as interpreter, vessel documentation, legal, and health services support. I greatly admire the organizational courage and determination of all Auxiliarists as we make our final approach on achieving a fully modernized and integrated Coast Guard.
4. Auxiliary performance has been nothing short of stellar, and its greatest impacts are readily reflected by Auxiliarists spirit of patriotism and dedication to the Coast Guard men and women with whom they serve. I therefore intend to duly recognize

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the Auxiliary with an award of the Coast Guard Unit Commendation as part of its 70th anniversary celebration at Coast Guard Headquarters on June 23. Please join me in setting aside time to recognize the exceptional honor, respect, and devotion to duty so consistently displayed by our Coast Guard Auxiliarists, and thank them for their service.

B. PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO THE AUXILIARY -024/09

Chief Director of the Auxiliary

1. In recognition of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's 70 years of outstanding service, President Obama issued the following letter to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. It was read at yesterday's anniversary celebration at Coast Guard Headquarters, and a framed copy was presented to National Commodore Nick Kerigan by Admiral Thad Allen. Please see the Coast Guard press release at <http://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/786/282969/>. Additional photos will soon be posted through SITREP.

Congratulations again, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary!

2. From the President of the United States of America - June 19, 2009

"I send my warmest regards to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in celebration of your 70th anniversary of service to our Nation.

"Formed by an act of Congress on June 23, 1939, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has distinguished itself through gallant service in support of the U.S. Coast Guard and the safety of our Nation's recreational boaters. Today's 29,000 Auxiliarists, and the legions of those who have gone before them, have willingly sacrificed their time and resources to save hundreds of lives, conduct thousands of search and rescue missions, and prevent millions of dollars in property loss.

"In the wake of staggering national challenges posed by the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and the devastation wrought by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma in 2005, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary selflessly served millions of hours to protect our citizens and improve maritime safety and security. Members of the Auxiliary have always displayed unparalleled devotion to the welfare of America's recreational boaters through public education programs, vessel safety checks, and marine dealer visits. These efforts have proven invaluable to accident prevention and the vast enjoyment of our Nation's coasts, rivers, and lakes.

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"I congratulate you for your steadfast commitment to the highest standards of citizenship, patriotism, and community service. On behalf of all Americans, I wish you all the best for a memorable celebration. May you continue to find happiness and fulfillment in your many contributions to our country."

Barack H. Obama, President.

C. Auxiliary's 70th Anniversary

COMO Nicholas Kerigan, National Commodore, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

On June 23, 1939, Congress established the Coast Guard Reserve, a volunteer civilian organization, to promote boating safety and to facilitate Coast Guard operations. Initially, members conducted safety and security patrols and helped enforce the provisions of the 1940 Federal Boating and Espionage Acts. In February 1941, the Coast Guard military reserve was established and the volunteers renamed the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

As the U.S. entered World War II, recruits flooded Auxiliary flotillas in a burst of patriotic fever. In 1942, some 50,000 Auxiliarists became the core of the Temporary Reserve performing coastal defense and search and rescue duties, patrolling bridges, factories, docks, and beaches. They fought fires, made arrests, guided naval vessels, and conducted anti-submarine warfare. As their ranks grew, thousands of active duty Coast Guard personnel were freed for service overseas.

By 1950, the four Auxiliary cornerstone missions - public education, operations, vessel examination, and fellowship were established. In 1996, legislation expanded the Auxiliary's scope to allow members to assist in any Coast Guard mission authorized by the Commandant. The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the world's largest volunteer marine safety organization, has kindled and interest in to create similar groups in other countries. Today, Auxiliarists can be found examining commercial fishing vessels; flying in C-130's, working in Coast Guard offices, and crewing with regulars. Active Duty, Reservists, Civilian Employees, Retirees and Auxiliarists, -truly constitute TEAM COAST GUARD.

Auxiliarists have a great deal to be proud of. Over the past ten years, Auxiliary members have:

- Contributed 44,417,850 hours
- Taught 1,678,946 people with 980,000 hours of classroom work.
- Spent over 869,000 hours in community relations and media events

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- Conducted 1,170,535 Vessel safety Checks (VSCs) over 579,000 hours, including more than 167,000 first time VSCs and over 158,000 high risk VSCs
- Made over 418,000 visits Recreational Boating Safety Program Visits spending more than 279,000 mission hours
- Served 4,297,312 hours underway on safety patrols
- Worked 56,188 hours on 25,377 missions, verifying 138,867 ATONs
- Spent over 19,475,000 hours on administrative tasks
- Examined over 10,223 Commercial Fishing Vessels
- Provided 1,587,646 hours of Coast Guard Operational Support on over 197,000 Support missions
- Supported the Coast Guard administratively with 770,554 hours & 115,292 missions
- Trained over 1,125,019 hours
- Performed Search and Rescue for over 723,000 hours, resulting in 5,083 lives saved, 141,980 persons assisted, & \$1,460,055,940 in property saved.
- Recruited for The Coast Guard Academy, Active Duty & Reserve Officer and Enlisted programs for over 105,000 hours
- Spent more than 700,000 hours on Marine Safety and Environmental Protection missions
- Contributed more than 22,000 hours in medical support to the Coast Guard
- Worked more than 39,000 hours in the International arena
- Consulted with state legislatures for over 5,483 hours

Since 1999, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has participated in events, including but not limited to:

- OPSail 2000 & USCGC Eagle visits to U.S. ports
- 9/11 attacks response
- Hurricanes Charlie, Rita, Katrina, Ike
- The California Delta Whale Rescue
- Several oil spills in the gulf coast, Alaska and in California.
- Annual support for AIM week(s) at the USCGA
- Annual support for the International Boating and Water Sports Symposia
- National Association of State Boating law Administrators events
- Boating Safety Advisory Council
- Training various waterborne police agencies
- Support the Coast Guard with Interpreters throughout the world
- Support as Chefs on CG vessels and stations.

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- Augmenting by Auxiliary Health Professionals at Coast Guard clinics.

We provide the biggest bang for the buck for the American taxpayer. Each of us should take pride in knowing that we are special group, making a unique contribution to the Coast Guard and our Nation. Thank you for your service.

Happy Birthday and Semper Paratus.

D. Clarification of Boat Force Operations Insignia Criteria for Auxiliaries Office of Auxiliary

1. The Boat Forces Operations Insignia is an active duty insignia that an industrious Auxiliarist may earn and be entitled to wear per IAW COMDTINST M16114.32, the Boat Manual Vol I. Since this is not specifically an Auxiliary award, the member must complete what an active duty member would have to do, service and qualification standards, with the exceptions specifically noted in Part 2 Chapter 6 of COMDTINST M16114.32 and the clarifications noted in this ALAUX.
2. While the time requirements for the permanent award of the Pewter-Tone Insignia are detailed, there are no time requirements detailed for the temporary award. However, the same rule of thumb applies as for the permanent award, i.e. the temporary entitlement of 6 months + qualifications would equal one day per week for 6 months for an Auxiliarist to be awarded the temporary insignia. Please note that this is what will continue to be required for wearing the temporary insignia until the permanent insignia is awarded. Once a member no longer devotes the necessary time commitment --for any reason-- the temporary insignia can no longer be worn.
3. Support of a boat forces unit is a primary requirement for the award of this insignia. This means "direct support" of a boat forces unit as defined in the BOAT Manual. Standard Aux surface patrols should not count toward this goal.
4. The award of the Gold and Pewter-Tone Insignia requires the completion of the Boat Force Operations Personnel Qualification Standard (PQS), COMDTINST M16114.30. This requirement applies to Auxiliaries with the exception of Task 03-05 item 12.b.2. "Oversee a Law Enforcement Operation", and 12.b.3. "Conduct a post-operations debrief with a key supervisor". These 2 tasks are waived in recognition of the prohibition against Auxiliaries conducting or participating in law enforcement. Since there is no restriction on Auxiliaries having a general knowledge of how the Coast Guard conducts law enforcement, all other sections

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must be completed to maintain the integrity of the insignia and the meaning of its wear.

5. These exemptions and clarifications are issued in concurrence with the program manager at the Office of Boat Forces (CG-731).
6. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information.

E. DISCONTINUANCE OF THE SERVICE DRESS BLUE (ALPHA) UNIFORM Coast Guard Auxiliary Division Administration Branch

1. The Service Dress Blue (Alpha) uniform was discontinued as a Coast Guard uniform several years ago.
2. In January 2009, the Auxiliary National Board approved a recommendation to discontinue its use within the Auxiliary, and the Chief Director has approved this National Board action. Accordingly, the Service Dress Blue (Alpha) uniform is no longer authorized as an Auxiliary uniform.
3. This change will be included in the next update to the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual.
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F. CG HEADQUARTERS MAILING ADDRESS Coast Guard Auxiliary Division Administration Branch

1. Effective Monday, June 15, 2009, a change to the Coast Guard Headquarters (CGHQ) mailing address convention that incorporates the appropriate mailstop/ZIP Code +4 was placed in effect. Please see <http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/cghq-address-jun09.pdf> for details.
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G. OPERATIONAL DRESS UNIFORM (ODU) ORDERING -026/09 Coast Guard Auxiliary Division Administration Branch

1. The supply of untucked Operational Dress Uniforms (ODU) for Coast Guard consumption has been subject to several different challenges since its beginning last year, and this has posed uniform procurement problems for all elements of the Coast Guard workforce.
2. These challenges are being aggressively addressed between the Coast Guard and the provider, but expected resolution to a point where the supply of untucked ODUs will be able to meet not only active duty/reserve but also Auxiliary demands is not expected to be reached until late this summer (August-September). Also of note, new recruits at Tracen Cape May are still being issued the tucked ODU version, and there are still some substantial stocks, albeit of limited sizes, of tucked ODUs.
3. Working with the Coast Guard Uniform System Manager and the Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center (UDC), and in the interest of minimizing Auxiliary orders to new members who need them most, the following process has been put in place to fill orders for new Auxiliarists for one (and only one) untucked ODU until they can open up sales for all Auxiliarists later this summer:
 - a. The Auxiliarist must fill out the UDC Standard Uniform Order Form (attached, and it can also be found on the UDC web site: <http://www.uscg.mil/uniform/>);
 - b. The Auxiliarist's Flotilla Commander must fill out the attached authorization memo (preferably on Flotilla/Auxiliary letterhead);
 - c. The Auxiliarist must then fax the UDC Standard Uniform Order Form and the Flotilla Commander's endorsement memo to the UDC at (609) 861-7930 (no phone or web orders).
4. ODU orders received and processed this way will be shipping via USPS priority mail (not FEDEX).
5. Though easy to regard these as significant hurdles to jump in order to get an untucked ODU uniform, please regard it in the context of knowing that the Coast Guard is trying to protect a limited supply for at least another 2-3 months and has to make sure all orders are bonafide.



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H. ALL HANDS - DHS Areas of Responsibility

Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

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

On Monday, 08 June, Secretary Napolitano released a video (http://www.dhs.gov/xother/gc_1243952009568.shtm) where she emphasized the Department's five areas of responsibility for achieving its unified security mission: Guarding against terrorism; securing our borders; enforcing our immigration laws in smart, tough and effective ways; improving our readiness for, response to, and recovery from disasters; and unifying DHS.

As the largest operating agency within DHS, an Armed Service, a member of the National Intelligence Community, and a regulatory and law enforcement agency, the U.S. Coast Guard is uniquely situated to help the Department achieve these goals. There is a maritime aspect to each one so we will use the full range of our competencies, capabilities, and authorities to support the Department. Our FY10 budget request continues our critical recapitalization efforts, adds marine inspectors in accordance with our Marine Safety Enhancement Plan, and supports our workforce. These resources will be critical as we address the maritime challenges of the 21st century.

Since the attacks of September 11, 2001, the Coast Guard has assumed a significant legislative mandate to protect the Nation from terrorism. The Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002 has helped us harden critical infrastructure, mitigate the risks of maritime terrorism, and enhance our national resiliency. We have balanced these efforts with our safety and regulatory roles. The Marine Transportation System is the lifeblood of our national economy so we must facilitate the safe, secure and efficient movement of goods. To do this, our operational commanders are allocating their resources to the most vulnerable areas, buying-down safety and security risks through partnerships, and reaching out to our external stakeholders to solicit support and feedback.

We have extensive responsibilities for border security. The Coast Guard provides for the safety, security, and stewardship of 3.4 million square miles of exclusive economic zone, 95,000 miles of coastline, 361 ports, as well as the Great Lakes and our vital inland waterways. We actively manage a border with both Russia and Cuba. The Coast Guard is the only federal agency capable of projecting law enforcement authority on the high seas.

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In support of the Department's efforts on the Southwest border, we interdict thousands of pounds of cocaine shipments before they reach Mexico. On the Northern border, we are partnering with Canada and other DHS components to conduct joint law enforcement operations on waterways with shared borders.

Within the port environment, the Coast Guard is implementing Interagency Operations Centers (IOCs) to improve situational awareness and leverage the capabilities of our law enforcement, military, and intelligence partners.

Unregulated small vessels - such as self propelled semi-submersibles that smuggle contraband, pirate vessels off the Horn of Africa, and those used in the attacks in Mumbai, India - are potential threats to border security. We will continue to cooperate with our interagency partners, the international community, and our external stakeholders to mitigate maritime threats to our border security.

In terms of smart, tough, and effective enforcement of immigration laws, the safety of life at sea will always be paramount. We continue to interdict thousands of migrants from unseaworthy vessels and work with our DHS partners to properly screen those seeking political asylum. Our innovative use of the Biometrics at Sea program has made a significant impact in illegal migrant smuggling in the Mona Passage and we will look to expand this capability throughout the Coast Guard.

Our actions before and after Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Gustav clearly illustrate the Coast Guard's value in preparedness for and response to disasters. We helped shape the National Response Framework which guides federal crisis management efforts and ensured all of our personnel were trained in the Incident Command System. With the start of hurricane season on 01 June, we have pre-positioned vital supplies to threatened areas, obtained pre-authorization to recall up to 1,500 Reservists, and are ready to deploy trained personnel to support Joint Field Offices. We also strengthened our historical ties with the Department of Transportation to create an adaptable and resilient port system that can readily shift commerce away from disaster impacted regions. Our goal is to prepare for the worst, respond immediately, and recover in close coordination with local authorities.

The Secretary has also emphasized the need to create a unified Department that works and operates as "One DHS". The Coast Guard has always been a team-player. We are a bridge between military and law enforcement operations, we have a bias for action, and we readily partner with other governmental entities to get the job done. We will also contribute administrative savings through the Department's Efficiency Review program.

Coast Guard personnel are working closely with the Department on 19 process improvements that will save resources and create more flexibility within the Department. Recognizing that our best ideas come from the field, we have started an internal program to solicit input on how we can save time, money, and staff work. Visit

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<http://cgportal.uscg.mil/lotus/myquickr/cg-efficiency-blog> to contribute to this ongoing effort.

The Coast Guard is a critical component of DHS and our enduring missions feed naturally into the five major areas of responsibility that the Secretary has identified. As America's Maritime Guardian, we will find new and innovative ways to enhance our operational and administrative performance. We'll continue to protect the Nation, defend the vulnerable, and save those in peril. Our Guardian Ethos will guide our actions as we support the Nation, the Department and each other.

Thank you for your tremendous efforts and tireless work. Semper Paratus.

I. National Marina Day RBS Opportunity

Marinas across the country are gearing up for the eighth annual National Marina Day, to be held August 8, 2009. The Association of Marina Industries organizes this public affairs event to spotlight the important role that marinas play in the recreational boating community.

National Marina Day is a great opportunity for Auxiliary flotillas to engage in outreach of their own. RBS Program Visitors are encouraged to contact their local marinas in advance of National Marina Day to organize Auxiliary participation. Giving VSCs, advertising upcoming PE programs, reminding boaters about America's Waterway Watch, recruiting new members, or setting up displays featuring life jacket wear and other elements of safe recreational boating are all ways that local flotillas can capitalize on the opportunities presented by National Marina Day.

Many marinas nationwide have already received "resource kits" including suggestions for partnering with the Auxiliary during this annual event. Contact your local marinas today to find out how you can help make National Marina Day 2009 a success!

<https://www.marinaassociation.org/nmd>

J. Member Activity Log (ANSC-7029) and Mission Activity Report (ANSC-7030) - Posted w/o Instructions

The Member Activity Log, ANSC-7029 (02-05) and the Mission Activity Report, ANSC-7030 (04-09) have been posted without instructions. These forms are in addition to the current ANSC-7029 and ANSC-7030 and are intended for electronic filing using email.

NOTE: These forms can be saved and reused. This will save you from having to reenter

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data (i.e.: Member ID, Name, Division, Flotilla, etc.) that does not change over time. Simply open a saved form (i.e: my documents/7030-mission1.pdf), make your edits, save with a new name (i.e: my documents/7030-mission2.pdf), then submit the new form via email.

K. Rent an EPIRB, Save a Life **BoatUS Foundation**



The price tag for one hour of operation of a U.S. Coast Guard 25 foot rigid inflatable is \$1,617 - the least expensive rescue equipment used in a search and rescue. The average SAR case is around \$30,000. To help take the search out of search and rescue, the BoatUS Foundation has EPIRB and GPIRB units available to rent for short, coastal boating trips. If you are going outside of VHF range (about 20 miles) a rental beacon is a must-have for emergency communications.

Since 1997, Foundation rental beacons have played a role in saving 62 people in 25 incidents. Boaters involved in open water trips to the Bahamas for fishing or sailors in the Chicago to Mackinac race have benefited from having our rental beacons being aboard.

L. Enjoy Time on the Water Without Boating Under the Influence **BoatUS Foundation**

As the weather starts getting warmer, most boaters are looking forward to getting out on the water. Some like to cruise, some like to fish or ski, and some boaters simply like to just raft up with their friends and socialize. Maybe you fit into one of these groups-or a completely different group altogether!

However you enjoy the water, here are some tips to keep in mind if you want to also enjoy a drink or two when you are out. Both government studies and our own on the water testing show that alcohol can affect you much more quickly when you're on the water. Wave action can amplify the loss of coordination. The sun can also cause or hasten dehydration, making a couple of beers much more potent than what you're used to at home.

The best time to enjoy alcohol on the water is when you're done for the day, and won't be driving anywhere else. Keep in mind that many states now have .08 BUI limits that match their DUI limits. As a kickoff to the boating season, boat police nationwide are participating in '[Operation Dry Water](#)' on the weekend of June 26 through the 28, to help decrease drinking and boating.

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