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District Commodore's August 2006 Message

Lois Conrado
Commodore

At the September District Board and Staff Meeting, elections will be held for the offices of District Commodore, District Vice-Commodore, and the four Rear Commodores. Immediately after that election, divisions and flotillas will begin electing their officers at their next regularly scheduled meetings. I strongly encourage every voting member to attend their unit's election and to cast their votes for the best qualified candidates. Remember, your vote can make a difference.

When we took the new member pledge, we were told in the prologue that the satisfaction we would derive from our Auxiliary membership would be in proportion to our level of participation in the organization's activities. The success of the Auxiliary would depend upon the extent of our participation and upon the quality of the leaders that we selected. A review of that section reminds us that the more involved we are with the Auxiliary, the more opportunity we have to make a difference.

I hope you will take the time to examine your own level of participation in the Auxiliary. If you feel that you are qualified and would like to run for an elected office, I strongly encourage you to let your flotilla, division, or district nominating committee know you want to be placed on the ballot. Becoming an elected officer is a great opportunity to expand your participation, increase your responsibility and make a difference.

Here is the schedule for the September District Meeting:

District Board and Staff Meeting	**9/9/2006**	**1000**	**1230**	**ISC - Bldg 32**
2007 Conference Committee Meet	9/9/2006	1330	1430	ISC - Bldg 32
DEXCOM – 2006 and 2007	9/9/2006	1430	1600	ISC - Bldg 32

Please note that the district meeting starts at 1000 not the usual 1300.

Semper Paratus

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Rear Commodore—San Diego .....Joe O'Hagan
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Almost every uniform item you'll need in the Auxiliary and some non-uniform items, too!

ALWAYS REMEMBER… When you are in uniform or when you are on, near, with, around a Facility, whether it is a Coast Guard Facility or an Auxiliary Facility YOU represent the Coast Guard and EVERY THING it stands for. As far as the public is concerned YOU ARE THE COAST GUARD. Whatever you say or do reflects on the COAST GUARD. "TEAM COAST GUARD".

CDR Dick Symons
DIRAUX

From the Director:

I write this as I complete my second week as your new Director. The Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move to my new office wasn't particularly difficult…about 75 feet from my previous office and position as Chief of Personnel Services at ISC San Pedro.

I've had a long and varied career up to this point, including 6 years in the Navy (Sonar Technician) and time as an enlisted Coast Guard Reservist. Since OCS, my career has taken me thru positions in the Marine Safety program and most recently in human resources. My wife, Annette, retired recently from her career as a middle school teacher. I have two adult children. Jennifer is a graduate of Loyola Marymount University, and Christopher is a senior at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (and a hopeful Coast Guard OCS candidate and aviator).

I've been able to attend two recent OPEX's, one in San Diego and one in LA-LB. What a pleasure to see well-organized operations in action! I was particularly pleased to see the LA-LB OPEX organized in an Incident Command System format. Coming from the Marine Safety community, I know how valuable ICS skills and knowledge can be in today's multi-agency operational environment.

I'm very much looking forward to getting out of the office and visiting as many Auxiliary events as I can. It's my privilege to be a Director with America's finest all-volunteer organization.

Semper Paratus,
CDR Dick Symons

Honor, Respect, & Devotion to Duty

With only one OPEX remaining, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to participate in the first three. As those that attended know, you do not have to be a candidate to get something from the experience. Quite frankly, the OPEX does more for the organization by exposing the currently qualified personnel to some repetitive, well structured exercises. You, the qualified personnel who make the exercise possible, are the ones that are in the greatest position to sharpen your skills and then pass it on.

The first ICS deadline is here. For anyone wishing to receive an initial qualification, you must complete the ICS courses required for the position. Just recently, the Coast Guard has added its own ICS 100 course to the Coast Guard learning portal. You can access the portal from any internet connection at HTTP://LEARNING.USCG.MIL/ Use your member number and name to sign on. The completion should automatically be entered into AUXDATA for you. As before, you still need to go FEMA for the remaining courses. Your response to the requirements has been outstanding so far, keep up the good work. I look forward to seeing you soon.

CWO Chris Ruleman

BOSN2 C. L. Ruleman
Operations Training Officer

Bob Sterzenbach
Vice Commodore

VIP MENTORS

Mentors are VERY MPORTANT PEOPLE**.** The two main mentors in the AUX are the mentors for new members and mentors for the three levels in the Boat Crew Program.

Every new member should be assigned a mentor. That mentor should stand beside the new member when being sworn in. They should make themselves available to answer questions, be with the new member at meetings, and guide the new member for everything from purchasing uniforms, to AUX programs and offices. This personal attention will retain the member and provide strength for the flotilla.

On Mentoring in the Boat Crew Program- This is a task that should never be taken lightly. The mentor takes the place of the Qualification Examiner (QE) for 90% of the required tasks. The mentor is not a trainer. The candidate should be trained on the task, practice until they feel confident to go before the mentor. The mentor then verifies and certifies by signature that the task can be accomplished to at least the minimum standards. The QE only verifies that the mentor has done the job thoroughly. The mentor is being tested equally with the candidate. When a Boat Crew Level is achieved both the candidate and the mentor can be proud and feel confident that the tasks can be accomplished which can make the difference in saving a life at sea.

Mentors-Take your assignment most seriously. Candidates-Demand only the best from your mentor. Everyone knows in their heart when things are done correctly, and both the mentor and the candidate should feel the accomplishment.
Yes, Mentors are VIP!

Semper Paratus

Bob Sterzenbach

Jon Eric De Cuir
RCO-North

LA-LB OPEX 2006 – A GREAT SUCCESS!

It is with great pride I have this opportunity to report on the success of the recent LA-LB OPEX 2006 that was held 23-25 June at the Integrated Support Command in San Pedro, CA. Over 100 Auxiliarists from the Divisions of LA-North & LA-South gathered for three days of surface operations resulting in the qualifying of over 25 new boat crew, 4 coxswains, and 4 PWC operators. A number of Auxiliarists also completed their 5-year and annual currency maintenance tasks. Also during the weekend, Auxiliarists attended their initial Team Coordination Training Class.

The LA-LB OPEX was managed and conducted using the Incident Command System. This is the management system the Coast Guard will be using on a regular basis in the future. We took the opportunity to use it as training exercise for members.

The OPEX was kicked off by a very successful on-line registration developed by Joe Budzowski of Div 12. Next, the event planning, supervised by Planning Section Chief Barbara De Cuir DCP-12 and Carol Davis of Div. 12 developed our Incident Action Plan. As the event approached, Logistics Chief Bert Blanchette VCP-4 and Operations Chief John Farris DSO-OP mobilized the rest of the management tree. Dale Zimmermann, RCO-S and I took up the overall oversight by filling the role of deputy and incident commander.

The event also received valuable of assistance from Dave Esparza QE Coordinator and our OTC, CWO Chris Ruleman. Just prior to our weekend of underway operations, QE's conducted dockside oral exams at the District Store and the ISC. Once, passed candidates

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Did you know... There are Grants available for Auxiliary programs?

Virgil Campbell
RCO-Inland

Can you believe the year is half gone – guess time really goes when you are enjoying your job with the Auxiliary.

Elections are rapidly approaching – we have a great bunch running for office – I am hoping we keep the elections clean and above board. We are too great a group to allow any underhanded politicking, let's leave that for the Washington bunch.

Inland has been very active with Safety Patrols and training. It has been very warm and now we have the humidity to contend with, but being the tough group that we are, we will continue doing our jobs. Training in ongoing with some great new crew persons about ready to join the ranks of crew and coxswain.

A great Inland Rendezvous is in the final stages, promises to be a great time for all. We in Inland are looking forward to seeing you the last of September at Henderson, Nevada. Registration forms will be available on the Division 9 and Division 10 web sites.

Dale Zimmerman
RCO-South

Some exciting things have happened since the last Commodores Bulletin. A retirement party for Captain Haack was held on June 3rd at Point Vicente Lighthouse. The approximately 130 in attendance dined on bar-b-qued chicken, ribs and beef with all the trimmings prepared by our own Don Vary. Music was provided by *Innisfree* Irish Band. The highlight of the day was a fly-by of a Coast Guard helo.

Next on the list was the repairing of the Santiago Peak repeater. The Tuesday night nets have been re-established and everyone is encouraged to participate.

The biggest event happened this past weekend. The LA/LB OP-EX. From all indications, this was the largest OP-EX in quite a while with just over 100 members participating over the three days. As of this writing, the final numbers were still being compiled, but we now have thirty plus new crew, about five new coxswains, about four new PWC operators and one new PWC QE. The final numbers will be noted at the July 8th District Board and Staff meeting. There is not enough space in this article to name each of the fifty plus members that worked long hours to make this such a successful event. At one point, we had thirteen facilities underway! Thank you, thank you, thank you to all those involved and those that offered their facilities. Bravo Zulu to all! The OP-EX was run using the Incident Command System. Captains Luttit and Wiedenhoeft, as well as, our new DIRAUX, CDR Symons were in attendance Friday and Saturday. Each stated they were impressed by the turnout and that we were using ICS. They also noted that knowing what ICS is and how to use it will become more important in working in the Coast Guard and Auxiliary.

Joe O'Hagan
RCO-San Diego

Well, here we are again getting ready for electing our officers for 2007! It is at this time we will realize the fruits of our efforts in recruiting and mentoring the new officers to take the helm of our District, Divisions and Flotillas. Have we done the job? Far too often we hear that a person 'agrees' to run for office because no others will, and sadly it is also often that such units struggle to keep afloat. As elected and dedicated officers, it is one of our prime responsibilities to recruit and mentor future officers that are willing, capable and wanting to serve. Incoming officers need to be aware of this important responsibility. The future of the Auxiliary is the hands of these new officers.

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were scheduled boats using the ICS "T" card system.

A highlight of the weekend was a visit from CAPT Paul Wiedenhoeft, Sector LA/LB Commanding Officer and CAPT Kip Loutit ISC Commanding Officer. Both were very impressed to see our volunteers hard at work and our use of the Incident Command System. We also had an opportunity to welcome our new Director of Auxiliary, CDR Symons.

The end result was a very successful and SAFE weekend. I also wish to thank the many others that assisted us or participated. This was a fantastic event that firmly demonstrated the dedication and professionalism of our volunteers. BRAVO ZULU!

Back in late April, ALCOAST 231/06 was published; changing Commandant Policy regarding Personnel Security Investigations.

There are now only four categories of Auxiliarists who are defined as DO (Direct Operational):

a. Auxiliarists who participate in air operations (specifically, this means all five aviation qualifications – Aircraft Commander, First Pilot, Second Pilot, Air Crewmember, Air Observer);

b. Auxiliary elected officers as required by Appendix D of the Auxiliary Manual;

c. Auxiliary staff officers as determined by active duty operational commander, Director of Auxiliary, or Chief Director of Auxiliary (CHDIRAUX specifies that all Auxiliary fingerprint technicians remain DO); and

d. as directed by a Coast Guard command authority for any Auxiliarist who, due to the nature of the support they provide, has a clear, articulable, and recurring need for a security clearance (e.g. – an Auxiliary comms watchstander whose duties require access to and handling of classified material along with commensurate need-to-know).

Initially after publication of the ALCOAST, Auxiliarists serving in operational positions at Sectors LA-LB and San Diego were still required to submit DO packages as defined in paragraph d. above. That requirement has now been rescinded.

PSI packages, currently at SECCEN not requiring a DO screening, will be reduced to Operational Status (OS). Those forms not being used, specifically the SF86, will be retained at SECCEN. Any PSI DO packages sent to DIRAUX after the ALCOAST went into effect, that were changed to OS at DIRAUX, currently have their SF86 forms being held at DIRAUX pending return to respective members via certified mail.

Any Auxiliarists who must still undergo the DO PSI process will continue to be held to Coast Guard adjudicative guidelines as applied by SECCEN.

Auxiliarists who are qualifying in the boat crew program no longer require an interim certification once they receive a favorable OS PSI...because a favorable DO PSI is no longer required.

Auxiliarists who have already received favorable DO PSI determinations will still have such status reflected in the Security section of AUXDATA regardless of whether or not they meet the revised DO PSI criteria. In other words, they will remain DO in AUXDATA until they reach their 10-year NACLC update. At that point, they will be reviewed and processed per the ALCOAST.

Auxiliarists who had been given an Unfavorable DO determination but Favorable OS and who were removed from the Boat Crew program will be reinstated.

I realize that many of you have worked hard to complete these DO packages and I sympathize with the frustration this policy change may cause. However, this policy change should make it easier for D11sr to complete the PSI process and will also make it easier on recruiting and retention. I appreciate all your dedication to the Auxiliary program.

CDR Dick Symons
Director of Auxiliary, D11sr

Did you know... The Dead Sea is 365 m (1,200 ft) below sea level.

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Likewise, the appointment of the Staff is critical as this is where the 'rubber meets the road' in land terms. Officer candidates should start immediately drawing up a list of potential candidates for the staff position so upon their election, these candidates can be approached to serve on the Staff. Here again, we all have seen positions filled by someone because no others will. Again recruiting and mentoring of Staff candidates is the responsibility of the elected officers. These actions need to be ongoing throughout the year. If we haven't started until now, it is likely too late. I encourage all officers for 2007 to make it one of your top priority's to recruit and mentor members for a critical role in the Auxiliary, an elected officer.

Did you know... there are three kinds of people, those who can count and those who can't.

What's on the Calendar for this Year?

DCO&VCO leave for NACON	8/29/2006
NACON	9/1/2006
Labor Day	9/4/2006
District Board and Staff Meeting	9/9/2006
2007 Conference Committee Meet	9/9/2006
DEXCOM	9/9/2006
PCA Brunch	9/10/2006
Rosh Hashanah	9/23/2006
Ramadan Begins	9/24/2006
Yom Kipper	10/2/2006
Columbus Day	10/9/2006
DSO Meeting 2007 Officers	11/4/2006
District Board and Staff Meeting	11/4/2006
2007 Conference Committee Meet	11/4/2006
DEXCOM	11/4/2006
Veterans Day	11/11/2006
Thanksgiving	11/23/2006

Remarks on the 67th Anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary
Gene M. Seibert, National Commodore

On 23 June 2006, we will observe the 67th birthday of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. There were four purposes of the Coast Guard Reserve Act first passed in 1939; (1) safety of life upon navigable waters, (2) promotion of efficiency in the operation of pleasure craft, (3) improved knowledge of and compliance with applicable laws, and (4) support to the Coast Guard. The threat of war led to other operational missions, ultimately including anti-submarine patrols by the "Putt-Putt Navy" or "Splinter Fleet."

Much has changed in the years since the Auxiliary came into being; new Auxiliary uniforms, more modern and sophisticated training programs, and greater professionalism. Terrorism has replaced world war as a threat to our nation's survival.

But much has remained the same. Then as now, the Coast Guard faced budget and personnel shortfalls, and the Auxiliary provided a key force multiplier. Then as now, men and women volunteered their services in support of the Coast Guard. Then as now, we rallied to such words as "Duty, Honor, Country." Then as now, we were a key component of the Coast Guard and in many of the inland areas, we are "the Coast Guard." Admiral Allen said the following about the Auxiliary:

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Acronym Corner

DCO - District Commodore
DIRAUX - Director of Auxiliary
VCO - Vice Commodore
RCO - Rear Commodore
DCP - Division Captain
VCP - Vice Division Captain
DSO - District Staff Officer
ADSO - Assistant
SO - Staff Officer (Division)
FC - Flotilla Commander
VFC - Vice Flotilla Commander
FSO - Flotilla Staff Officer

AN - Aids to Navigation
AV - Aviation
CC - Career Consular
CM - Communications
FN - Finance
IS - Information Systems
LP– Legal
MA – Materials
MS - Marine Safety
MT– Member Training
PV - Program Visitor
PA – Public Affairs
PB – Publications
PE – Public Education
PS – Personnel Services
QE - Qualifying Examiner
SR - Secretary of Records
VE– Vessel Exams
SL - State Liaison

TCT– Team Coordination Training
OTO– Operations Training Officer
PCA - Past Captains Association
VSC - Vessel Safety Check
DHS - Department of Homeland Security
UPV- Un-inspected Passenger Vessel (nick name 6 Pak)
CFV- Commercial Fishing Vessel
PWC - Personal Water Craft
PSU - Port Security Unit
Nacon - National Conference
OPEX - Operation Exercise
SAREX - Search and Rescue Exercise
AuxAir—Auxiliary Air program
PFD - Personal Flotation Device
LA/LB - Los Angeles / Long Beach Harbor
PATON - Private Aid to Navigation

Did you know ...Liquid air looks like water with a bluish tint.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS - COMMUNITY OUTREACH BRANCH
The Speakers Bureau Team

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE NEWEST PROGRAM WITHIN THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT? THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT IS ORGANIZING A PROFESSIONAL SPEAKERS BUREAU! YOU HAVEN'T HEARD OR READ ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY? THEN LET US SHOW YOU WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT.

The Public Affairs Department is looking for energetic Auxiliarists who are interested in becoming a part of the Speakers Bureau.

Here is what you can be:

- A Contact Person – Person of Contact for the Media
- A Interviewer – Person to be Interviewed by the Media
- A Speaker – Person to Speak at Community Groups & the Media in their area
- A Speaker Trainer – PA and Past PA Officers interested in Training the Speakers
- A Speechwriter – Persons to write speeches

If you would like to be a part of our Speakers Bureau, then here is all that is needed to be a part of the Team:

- Be a Member in the Auxiliary for at least 2 years.
- Significantly participate in at least one mission area (i.e. OPS, PE, etc.).
- Have the proper uniform for speaking assignments.
- Be available both day and evening hours
- Be Enthusiastic and Dependable
- Have taken or will take the PA On-Line courses: Intro to Aux PA, Chapter 6 - Public Appearances and PA Specialist 2nd, Chapter 2 – Community Relations

If you are interested in any of or all of the six opportunities listed above, please complete the Application Form and Questionnaire on-line at http://www.auxpa.org/outreach/apform_sb2.php

Since National Safe Boating Week is rapidly approaching, the Speaker's Bureau would like to see each Flotilla contact their local media, i.e., Newspapers, Television or Radio Stations, local organizations, clubs or companies to talk about Boating and Water Safety. We would love to here from those Flotilla's that were able to make contacts.

Okay now, you want to do this? Don't have any idea on how to do this? It is easy, just contact me and I will help you out and at the same time, how about going out to the above website and fill out the Application and Questionnaire and send it to me. It is just that easy.

The Speaker's Bureau will have a monthly or quarterly Newsletter, called the: "Informed Speakers"

Don't be afraid to Speak Up the Auxiliary and Boating Safety, we need to make sure as many people are safe on the water as possible and only You can help make that happen.

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Commercial Vessel Inspections

In response from a request for information from Rex Stearns DSO-VE 8WR, regarding Commercial Vessel Inspections, please read the following and pass to the deck plate.

The Coast Guard Marine Safety Office (MSO) is responsible for Commercial Vessel Inspections. Please refer all such requests to the nearest USCG MSO.

Members of the USCG Auxiliary can assist in Commercial Vessel Inspections by augmenting their local Coast Guard MSO. This is done through taking the Coast Guard series of Personal Qualification System (PQS) courses pertinent to such inspections as part of the Trident Program.

A PowerPoint Presentation on the Marine Safety Insignia and the Trident Program from NACON 2002 includes a graphic and description of the device and the education requirements (Trident Program), time in service requirements, and required skill summaries to earn the device.

For the PowerPoint Presentation go to:
http://www.coastguardcollege.org/CGI/TRIDENT/

The Trident Program PQS Courses Include:

Assistant Container Inspector (AUX-CI)
Assistant Pollution Investigator (AUX-ED)
Assistant Harbor Safety Specialist (AUX-EK)
Assistant Pollution Response Specialist (AUX-ET)
Assistant Facilities Inspector (AUX-EU)
Assistant Life raft Inspector (AUX-LR)
Marine Environmental Education Specialist (AUX-MEES)
Marine Safety Administrative And Management Specialist (AUX-MSAM)
Marine Safety Watchstander (AUX-MSW)
Un Inspected Passenger Vessel Examiner (AUX-UPV)

For the full Trident Program materials on the PQSs listed above go to: http://www.dirauxwest.org/auxetrain/tridenttext.html

This is a great program and directly supports the Coast Guard Marine Safety Mission.

All the best, Bob D

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Did you know... The tallest waterfalls in the world are Angel Falls in Venezuela. At 979 m (3,212 ft), they are 19 times taller than the Niagara Falls, or 3 times taller than the Empire State Building.

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"As the finest all-volunteer organization in our Nation, I consider each of you an integral part of our Coast Guard. We simply could not meet the challenges we face or conduct the missions we do on a day-to-day basis without your selfless devotion to duty, as was so vividly demonstrated most recently in the Coast Guard's extraordinary response to the many hurricanes we responded to last year."

When the Coast Guard was recently awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, the Auxiliary, specifically named in the citation, was seen a vital part of the team and shared the honor.

On this, the occasion of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's 67th birthday, let us celebrate our past but focus on the future. There is much to do, few to do it, and many challenges ahead. But we have the talent, commitment, and direction to go forward with confidence.

Thank you for your dedicated service and for your future efforts. Semper Paratus!

Members Who Have Passed Over The Bar

FIRSTNAME	LASTNAME	FLOTILLA	DATE	INFO	DCP/DCO	MEMsince
Wren H.	Berg	114-13-01	03/2006	Retired		11/24/1970
William A.	Ellis	114-05-06	05/13/2006	Retired	DCP-6	08/24/1970

DISTRICT 11SR'S SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR BRIDGE OFFICES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

DISTRICT COMMODORE FOR 2007-2008
BOB STERZENBACH

DISTRICT VICE COMMODORE FOR 2007-2008
JON ERIC DE CUIR
DEAN WHITE

REAR COMMODORE – INLAND FOR 2007
MICHAEL JOHNSON

REAR COMMODORE – LA NORTH FOR 2007
DENNIS BLENN
JOHN FARRIS
RICHARD KOLLIGIAN

REAR COMMODORE – LA SOUTH FOR 2007
HAL BURKETT
HARRY JACOBS
DALE ZIMMERMANN

REAR COMMODORE – SAN DIEGO 2007
WALLY BERRY
MICHAEL FULGHAM

Field Intelligence Support Team LA/LB

My name is Doug Hanley; I am a Criminal Investigator with the Coast Guard assigned to the Field Intelligence Support Team (FIST). I have been in the Coast Guard for 18 years, prior to becoming a Special Agent I was an Aviation Survival Technician (AST) stationed at Air Station's: Cape Cod, Elizabeth City, NC and Clearwater, FL. I have worked with the Coast Guard Auxiliary at all my previous unit and hope to continue the relationship here. My primary function is to collect law enforcement intelligence on all maritime threats and looking to form a relationship to exchange information. I am asking that during harbor patrols, safe boating courses, search and rescue, and marine environmental protection duties if you notice things that you know to be not normal activity, please write down or photograph any information you can safely obtain and contact me with the information. Your help will increase our effectiveness at countering the threat of terrorism; stopping the flow of drugs and illegal migrants; and averting crimes against the environment. Thanks for your help. Semper Paratus!

S/A Doug Hanley
USCG LA/LB Field Intelligence Support Team
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DIO WATCH, OR PULLING A SURVIVOR FROM THE WATER, THE AUXILIARY CONTINUED TO PROVE ITS STRENGTH AND VALUE FROM COAST TO COAST. LAST YEAR, THE ORGANIZATION OPERATED AND MAINTAINED NEARLY 4,900 SURFACE FACILITIES, 2,900 RADIO FACILITIES AND 300 AIR FACILITIES. OVER 30,000 DEDICATED MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY UTILIZED THESE ASSETS TO SAVE NEARLY 300 PEOPLE AND ASSIST OVER 8,000 MORE. AN IMPRESSIVE 411,000 HOURS WERE SPENT ON OPERATIONAL PATROLS. MOST RECENTLY, OUR AUXILIARISTS PROVED YET AGAIN THAT THEY WERE UP TO THE CHALLENGE WHEN THEY ARRIVED ON THE SCENE OF A 24 FT VESSEL THAT SUDDENLY BEGAN TO TAKE ON WATER AND SANK ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. THEIR TIMELY RESPONSE RESULTED IN THE SAFE RECOVERY OF ALL 13 PEOPLE.

4. THOUGH THE NUMBERS THAT AUXILIARISTS HAVE PRODUCED YEAR AFTER YEAR ARE PROFOUND, THE GREATEST MEASURE OF THEIR IMPACT IS FOUND IN THE SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM AND COMMITMENT THEY HAVE CAST ACROSS OUR DECK PLATES AND DOWN TO THE MOST JUNIOR COAST GUARD RECRUITS.

5. THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY IS AN EXTREMELY VALUABLE ASSET TO THIS SERVICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, AND OUR NATION. I VALUE THEIR COMMITMENT AND AS SUCH HAVE ADDED THE NATIONAL COMMODORE AS A STANDING MENBER OF MY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL. ON JUNE 23, 2006, I ENCOURAGE ALL COAST GUARD UNITS TO RECOGNIZE THE EXCEPTIONAL DEDICATION AND DEVOTION TO DUTY THAT IS CONSISTENTLY DISPLAYED BY OUR COAST GUARD AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS.

6. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

7. ADM ALLEN, COMMANDANT, SENDS.

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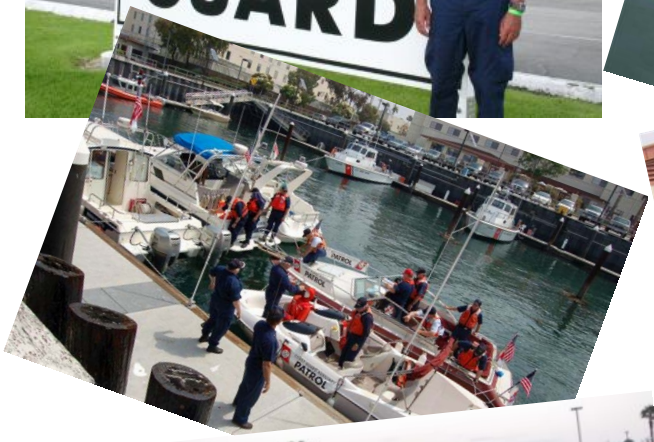

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SUBJ: **SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

1. JUNE 23, 2006, IS A SIGNIFICANT DATE FOR TEAM COAST GUARD. IT WILL MARK OUR AUXILIARYS SIXTY-SEVENTH YEAR OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE NATION.

2. WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN CALLING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE AUXILIARY OUR SHIPMATES. AS I INDICATED IN MY COMMANDANT'S INTENT MESSAGE TO ALL AUXILIARIST SHORTLY AFTER ASSUMING COMMAND MAY 25, I CONSIDER EACH OF OUR AUXILIARY MEMBERS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR COAST GUARD. WE SIMPLY COULD NOT MEET THE CHALLENGES WE FACE OR EXECUTE THE MISSIONS WE DO ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS WITHOUT THEIR SELFLESS DEVOTION TO DUTY. OUR COAST GUARD AUXILIARY IS TRULY THE FINEST ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION ON OUR NATION. DURING THE PAST YEAR, THEY HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL TO DUTY DURING SOME OF THE MOST TRYING TIMES IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY. THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF PROFESSIONALISM AND SELFLESSNESS DISPLAYED BY OUR AUXILIARY TEAM FOLLOWING THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANES KATRINA, WILMA AND RITA WAS NOTHING SHORT OF MONUMENTAL. THEIR HEROIC RESPONSE DURING THE WORST NATURAL DISASTERS ON RECORD CLEARLY ILLUSTRATES THEIR DEDICATION TO THE SERVICE AND OUR NATION.

3. WHILE MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY IN THE GULF REGION FOCUSED THEIR EFFORTS ON HELPING COMMUNITIES RECOVER FROM THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF THE HURRICANES, MANY OTHERS CONTINUED TO CARRY OUT COAST GUARD MISSIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE NATION. WHETHER CONDUCTING A VESSEL SAFETY CHECK, OR A COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL DOCKSIDE SAFETY EXAM, STANDING A RA-

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