Flotilla Monterey 6-4 New Member Welcome Letter--





FLOTILLA MONTEREY 6-4 -Division 6- District 11, Northern Region

On behalf of all of our members, welcome to Flotilla Monterey 6-4 of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary! We are an active volunteer group dedicated to the *Four Cornerstones* of Auxiliary membership:

- 1. Member Services
- 2. Recreational Boating Safety
- 3. Operations and Marine Safety
- 4. Fellowship

The Purpose of the Auxiliary is to aid the United States Coast Guard in its efforts: "To promote safety and to effect search and rescues on and over the high seas and on navigable waters. To promote efficiency in the operation of motorboats and yachts. To foster a wider knowledge of, and better compliance with, the laws, rules, and regulations governing the operation of motorboats and yachts through safe boating classes. To facilitate other operations of the Coast Guard." In short, the Auxiliary's purpose is to educate the public on safe boating practices, and its members augment and help facilitate any and all active duty USCG activities that do not directly involve combat or law-enforcement (Title 14 U.S.Code 822).

As a new U.S. Coast Guard volunteer, there are many opportunities for you to learn new skills, receive desired training, and meet new people, all while serving your community and the Nation as a member of the Auxiliary. A senior member of Flotilla 6-4 has been assigned to you who will act as your mentor to help you get started with new member activities, and to guide you in how to more easily navigate the process of accessing the various areas you will need as a new member. Please avail yourself of your mentor's knowledge and experience.

A <u>New Member Information Packet</u> will be provided to you that allows you indicate to Flotilla Leadership what service interests you may have. This packet also outlines the basic information you will need to know for completing various Auxiliary qualification and training requirements, procedures for coming aboard USCG Station Monterey, steps for logging volunteer service hours, and guidelines for purchasing necessary uniforms and wearing them properly.

In addition to your Mentor, all Flotilla members and leadership are happy to assist you in your efforts to become an integral part of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Flotilla Monterey 6-4 where our goal is to *Serve the Community and the Nation*.

Welcome Aboard, and Semper Paratus!

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