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MEMORANDUM

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To: Thirteenth District Coast Guard Auxiliary

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Ref: (a) Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series)

(b) District 13 Assignment to Duty policy

(c) My 16790 memo of 10 June 2020 Thirteenth District Auxiliary Reconstitution

1. The Thirteenth District continues to adapt to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Thirteenth District's first phase of reconstituting the Coast Guard Auxiliary began on 10 June 2020.

2. The COVID-19 threat continues to evolve. It is crucial to remember that the transmissibility of the virus and the continued demands to maintain readiness for our Coast Guard missions continue to necessitate proactive actions to keep the risk of exposure low. Safety of all Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary members, and their families, continues to be the highest organizational priority.

3. Prior to any Coast Guard related activity outside the home, Auxiliarists shall assess their personal ability to undertake that mission. This WILL include a risk assessment/GAR. This assessment will include the availability of proper PPE, their health history, the health of those in their household, the health of other members they may be interacting with, and the overall risk vs. gain of the activity.

4. Approval of Auxiliary activities will be conducted in a phased approach and determined by several factors. During this secondary phase of reconstituting Auxiliary activities the following factors apply:

a. CDC's guidance for the higher risk population is discussed on the following CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-riskcomplications.html>. Members who fall in the CDC's higher risk category are strongly encouraged to restrict their Auxiliary activities to electronic means only (e.g. in-home online activities).

b. Since locations throughout the District are experiencing varying levels of COVID-19 threats, the current State and local government's guidance on social and business restrictions shall be adhered to when conducting all Auxiliary activities. See the latest COVID-19 Health Mandates: Washington: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-youneed-know/safe-start> Montana: <https://covid19.mt.gov/> Idaho: <https://rebound.idaho.gov/stages-of-reopening/> Oregon: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA->

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5. After abiding by CDC and local/ state guidance, the following Auxiliary activities/missions have been added to the previously approved missions of ref (c). For the below activities, Auxiliarists must wear a cloth face covering at all times, while also maintaining six feet of physical separation from members of the public. The below and previously approved activities/missions are to be conducted in accordance with the procedures identified in ref (c) and the D13 Auxiliary website:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=130&category=covid-19-info>

a. ATON and Bridge Verifications: Mission approved only for ATON and Bridge verifications that can be completed from a landside position. Transportation to verifications with a trainee (only one) must be conducted in separate vehicles unless the verification team resides in the same household.

b. Lifejacket Awareness Study: Transportation to this mission with a trainee (only one) must be conducted in separate vehicles unless the team resides in the same household.

6. The following are additional requirements for conducting each approved mission:

a. Social distancing shall be standard practice; examiners, verifiers, trainees, observers and program visitors will work to maintain 6ft of separation as much as possible, taking into consideration the size of each vessel or other mission venue.

b. One trainee/ observer can participate in each mission within approved guidelines and procedures as outlined on the D13 Auxiliary website: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=130&category=covid-19-info>

c. Sign-in sheets are recommended for areas where more than one vessel exam is being requested (i.e. boat ramps) to assist in flow and order of the exams.

d. Upon completion of the mission/day, uniforms must be washed/cleaned.

e. As required all Auxiliarists should have completed the Influenza Training in AUXLMS NLT 31 Mar '20.

7. Auxiliarists shall use the procedures mandated in reference (b) prior to conducting any approved mission. It is the responsibility of the FCs and VFCs to ensure Auxiliarists are equipped and prepared to follow PPE requirements. Any lack of required PPE shall be reported to the FC.

8. During this second phase of reconstitution, all other public-facing and person-to-person operations and activities will continue to be prohibited. In person training sessions or meetings/conferences shall continue to be conducted via electronic means (GoToMeeting, skype, WebEx, etc). Likewise, Auxiliary public affairs activities that can be conducted electronically (e.g. in-home online activities) are authorized.

9. For the most up to date status from the CDC regarding this disease, how to take precautions against it, and the current and forecasted analytic data on COVID-19 cases can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

10. The uncertain nature of COVID-19's scope and potential for continued or rebound spread warrant heightened awareness and watchfulness in the course of phasing in any Auxiliary assignment to duty as well as everyday life. Thirteenth District Auxiliarists should vigilantly maintain good hygiene to safeguard themselves from exposure risks in accordance with CDC guidance.

11. We must all realize and appreciate that COVID-19 has created a dynamic worldwide situation subject to policies and procedures that can rapidly and significantly change. As the situation evolves, we will continue to provide updates on the status of our reconstitution effort as we define the "new normal" in the Thirteenth District together.

12. I, Commodore Singler, BOSN4 Robinson and Ms. MacArthur appreciate Thirteenth District Auxiliary members' call to service and genuine desire to serve the American people in time of crisis.

Your combined prevention efforts on shore will save lives. Semper Paratus!

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