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Subj: 82ND BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

1. Today marks the 82nd 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. Also, please find the link here for an article written by my staff celebrating the Auxiliary's Birthday: [Happy Birthday to the Coast Guard Auxiliary! > United States Coast Guard > My Coast Guard News \(uscg.mil\)](#)
3. Happy Birthday, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary!

Respectfully,
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Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

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1. Happy birthday and congratulations to all United States Coast Guard Auxiliarists on your 82 years of devoted service to a grateful United States Coast Guard and maritime public.
2. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has forged a rich heritage and stellar reputation since its creation in 1939 when Congress established an organization of volunteers to promote boating safety in the United States and augment the U.S. Coast Guard. As the years have passed, the scope of Auxiliary support of Coast Guard units and missions has incredibly expanded, surpassed only by the enthusiasm, dedication, and compassion of Auxiliarists themselves.

3. In our 21st century Coast Guard, it is not surprising to find Auxiliarists delivering interpreter and translation services in dozens of foreign languages, honing cyber skills to assist the defense of Coast Guard information systems, and providing vital religious ministry support to the District Chaplain community, in addition to exercising their traditional roles and recognized strengths in recreational boating safety, search and rescue, and public outreach. This year we also celebrate the Auxiliary's commitment to service throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the extraordinary challenges presented, Auxiliary personnel made significant impacts nationwide. Whether flying medical supplies to those in need in remote locations, supplying critical health services support to Coast Guard clinics, or furnishing compassionate chaplain support at Coast Guard units, the Auxiliary consistently answered all bells and facilitated Coast Guard response across the board.

4. Even more impressively, the Auxiliary employed remarkable flexibility in adapting to the necessities of a virtual environment. The Auxiliary rapidly and creatively leveraged technology to successfully conduct more than 1,000 virtual unit elections integral to the continuity of Auxiliary leadership. It also successfully held its first-ever online Auxiliary National Board meeting in which the Vice Commandant and I were privileged to participate.

5. The Auxiliary's steadfast determination and remarkable ingenuity are hallmarks of National Commodore Alex Malewski's Watch Words, "Ready, Resourceful, Resilient." The Auxiliary sets the standard we can all appreciate and emulate in our quest for mission excellence. I am extremely proud of our Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please join me in recognizing this significant milestone in a long and distinguished history of service by congratulating our Auxiliarists for their outstanding performance and 82 years of exceptional adherence to our defining core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. Semper Paratus.

6. POC: CDR Edgardo Cruz, COMDT (CG-BSX-11) at: Edgardo.Cruz@uscg.mi

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

8. Internet release is authorized.

For many reasons including the value of keeping communication lines clear and open as well as facilitating access to training and educational tools, all Auxiliarists are urged to have their own email address and to keep it updated in AUXDATA.

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