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Subj: 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

1. On June 20, 2024, at a ceremony held in U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Rear Admiral Wayne Arguin (Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, CG-5P) presented National Commodore Gus Formato with four items in recognition of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's 85th anniversary that will formally occur on June 23, 2024:

a. The Letter of Appreciation signed by President Joseph Biden (attached).

b. The Congressional Proclamation read by Congressman Nick LaLota of New York's 1st District on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 (attached).

c. The Coast Guard Unit Commendation signed by the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Linda Fagan (attached: Auxiliarists who served in an enrolled status at least one day during the award period of 24 June 2019 to 23 June 2024 are eligible for this award. Award hardware will be ordered by this office and distributed through District Director of Auxiliary offices)..

d. The American Campaign Streamer that recognizes the Auxiliary's service during World War II (attached: This streamer may be displayed on the Auxiliary flag along with other streamers that have been previously authorized).

2. An article about the ceremony is posted at MyCG: [Coast Guard Auxiliary Celebrates 85th Anniversary > United States Coast Guard > My Coast Guard News \(uscg.mil\)](#).

3. The Auxiliary's perennially vigorous support of Coast Guard operations and ardent promotion of recreational boating safety for 85 years stand as hallmarks of the honor, respect, and devotion to duty of its uniformed volunteers. Happy 85th anniversary to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary!

4. 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 II.

*All ALAUX's are posted on the Chief Director of Auxiliary web site located at: [CHDIRAUX ALAUX](#)

If you have a question regarding this ALAUX, please seek resolution within your Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM) including up to your servicing District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX). If your question still cannot be resolved after that, then please email CGAUX@uscg.mil.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 23, 2024

I am proud to recognize the 85th anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Since it was founded more than eight decades ago, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has been critical in supporting the operations of the United States Coast Guard. For generations, uniformed volunteer Auxiliarists have tirelessly worked to improve the safety of America's boating public and directly support active duty Coast Guardsmen as health care professionals, interpreters, clergy support, and food service specialists. These courageous Americans dedicate their time, expertise, resources, and hearts to serving the people, the communities, and the country they love. Auxiliarists everywhere embody the highest aspirations of our democracy—answering our Nation's call with character and integrity.

Every day, Auxiliarists work relentlessly to keep communities across our country safe. They reduce boating accidents and fatalities through their recreational boating safety program, active safety patrols, and public engagement. They help respond in communities during natural disasters. And they provide critical humanitarian support to the most vulnerable among us. Auxiliarists truly represent the best of who we are as Americans. As we look to the challenges and opportunities of the future, we will continue to call on the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary to help chart a better course for our country.

On this milestone anniversary, it's an honor to thank the devoted members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for their service. May God bless each and every one of them, and may He bless all those who defend our Nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden".

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 85th Anniversary

A PROCLAMATION BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

In 1939, as our Nation approached the Second World War, the U.S. Congress established a U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, which was composed of unpaid, volunteer U.S. citizens who owned motorboats and yachts. In 1941, the Congress created a military Reserve and renamed the original volunteer Reserve to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Since that historic era, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has played an ever-increasing role in supporting the growing and evolving missions of the Coast Guard; missions that protect the Nation, its waterways, and all who operate on them. For 85 years, Coast Guard Auxiliarists have nobly offered their time, effort, and personal resources to support Coast Guard missions whenever and wherever needed. Demonstrating extraordinary dedication to advancing the national recreational boating safety program, exceptional devotion and support to the welfare of the entire Coast Guard family, and unparalleled commitment to securing the public trust, Coast Guard Auxiliarists have earned our profound gratitude and admiration.

- **Whereas**, the Auxiliary demonstrated unparalleled resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic, emerging stronger, ready to accomplish new tasks, and determined to achieve new heights; and
- **Whereas**, the Auxiliary expanded its array of support activities in recent years by delivering critical religious ministry, medical, and cyber support to Coast Guard operations; and
- **Whereas**, the Auxiliary delivered vital services in their traditional missions of promoting recreational boating safety, increasing public education in safe and responsible boating practices, and helping reduce overall boating accident and fatality rates; and
- **Whereas**, Auxiliarists provided disaster response and recovery support following Hurricanes Ian and Nicole in 2022, along with their unprecedented contributions to the humanitarian missions at the U.S. Southwest Border and Operation Vigilant Sentry.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Congress of the United States, do hereby recognize the indelible image of superb service to our Nation's maritime public cast by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and celebrate the 85th anniversary of this valiant service.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we urge the people of the United States to duly pay tribute to the Coast Guard Auxiliary on the twenty-third day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four, and of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.

The Congress of the United States



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

MAY 25 2024

The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting
the COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION to:

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For exceptionally meritorious service from June 24, 2019, to June 23, 2024, while providing extraordinary levels of public service and support to the United States Coast Guard, thereby enhancing total workforce resilience and operational effectiveness. In response to a historic period of rapid growth in recreational boating across the nation, the Coast Guard Auxiliary surged public boating safety outreach and education to ensure the safety and security of America’s waterways for both recreational and commercial mariners. Exhibiting superb initiative and unwavering determination, the Coast Guard Auxiliary implemented novel concepts to deliver unprecedented levels of support to the Service, including fielding virtual applications to improve Auxiliarist proficiency and establishing the first virtual flotilla, which immediately bolstered the technical expertise, capacity, and resilience of the Coast Guard’s cyber security forces. Providing invaluable administrative, logistical, and humanitarian support, Auxiliarists volunteered to facilitate the safe and timely processing of 324,000 immigrants as part of the Department of Homeland Security’s Southwest Border operations. As the Service faced a historic increase in illegal maritime migration, the Coast Guard Auxiliary once again answered the call, deploying dedicated volunteers who provided critical translation assistance, religious ministry, and food service support. Fully integrated into daily operations of the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary conducted 570,000 vessel safety checks and marine dealer visits, logged 10 million hours of cumulative operational support, saved more than 1,000 lives, assisted 7,000 boaters in distress, and prevented the loss of more than 120 million dollars in property. The professionalism, pride, and devotion to duty displayed by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.”

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. L. Fagan".

L. L. FAGAN
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Commandant

American Campaign Streamer
Extract from Coast Guard Military Medals and Awards Manual
Commandant Instruction Manual 1650.25 (series)

22. **American Campaign**: The streamer is blue with two groupings of white, black, red and white stripes; with red, white and blue stripes in center. During the early months of U.S. participation in World Battle II, most U-boat victims were west of the longitude where control of convoys was passed to the British. Using all available means to limit losses, Admiral King, CNO, formed Hunter-Killer groups which included numerous Coast Guard small craft and cutters.

