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Subj: 84TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

- 1. To all Coast Guard Auxiliarists, today marks the 84th anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Your spirit of volunteerism, concerted teamwork, and commitment to service are truly inspirational to all Americans. Please continue to serve with pride in the years to come and as you forge ahead into the future. Congratulations for another year well done and thank you for everything that you do for the Coast Guard, for the Nation, and especially for recreational boaters and professional mariners around the world!
- 2. Please read the attached ALCOAST 230/23, 84TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, conveying the Commandant of the Coast Guard's gratitude and appreciation for the Coast Guard Auxiliary on this special day.
- 3. Happy Anniversary, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary!
- 4. Internet release is authorized.

Respectfully, Captain Troy P. Glendye Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

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.

*All ALAUX's are posted on the Chief Director of Auxiliary web site located at: <a href="https://example.com/chief-director-ch

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.

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- 1. Happy 84th Anniversary to the Coast Guard Auxiliary from the entire Coast Guard workforce.
- 2. Created in 1939 as the Coast Guard's "Volunteer Reserve", the Auxiliary has served with pride as uniformed volunteers. Over the last 84 years, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has grown and evolved to incorporate new and innovative methods to promote recreational boating safety on America's waterways and to assist the Coast Guard as a true force multiplier. Auxiliarists demonstrate selfless service, enthusiastically devoting their time, skills, and resources to an increasingly diverse range of roles that preserve and protect our Nation's maritime interests.
- 3. This was exemplified in 2022 when the Auxiliary served at the vanguard of the Coast Guard's response on our Nation's southwest border. More than 145 Auxiliarists volunteered to handle complex logistical challenges to support the unique mission, enabling the timely humanitarian processing of over 320,000 migrants. The Auxiliary response typified the Coast Guard's remarkable mission flexibility and was deservedly lauded by Department of Homeland Security leadership.
- 4. The Coast Guard Auxiliary continued to have a positive impact on our Nation's waterways last year. By providing over 6,200 boating safety courses, 48,000 vessel safety checks and 62,000 marine dealer visits, Auxiliarists helped ensure that America's maritime public enjoyed their recreational boating endeavors in a responsible and safe manner. Auxiliarists also provided key support to the National Life Jacket Wear Observation Study, diligently recording life jacket wear data that assisted the Coast Guard's boating safety program to develop, implement, and assess effective strategies to promote life jacket usage.
- 5. Auxiliarists continued to augment Coast Guard units in increasingly diverse and valuable ways. They launched a virtual Auxiliary flotilla to support Coast Guard Cyber Command, delivered superb culinary assistance in dining facilities both ashore and underway, and provided remarkable support to Coast Guard recruiting through their Auxiliary University Program. Auxiliarists were also an invaluable part of the Mariner Credentialing Fraud Task Force that led to 36 criminal convictions, greatly enhancing the safety and security of the nation's marine transportation system.
- 6. Our Auxiliary Chaplain program continues to provide critical support to our Coast Guard workforce during a time of demanding operations. Auxiliary Chaplains now outnumber our Active Duty Chaplains in Coast Guard service. They have deployed on cutters in support of Operation Vigilant Sentry, and performed all the usual duties of Chaplains ashore, drastically increasing the Service's capacity to care for our workforce.

- 5. We would like to thank our Coast Guard Auxiliary for all their incredible contributions, along with their exceptional commitment to Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. Bravo Zulu and Semper Paratus!
- 6. ADM Steven D. Poulin, Vice Commandant (VCG), sends.
- 7. Internet release is authorized.