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Subj: PASSING OF PAST NATIONAL COMMODORE

1. We are saddened to inform all Auxiliarists of the passing of Past National Commodore Viggo C. Bertelsen, Jr. who passed away on September 3, 2021. Commodore Bertelsen led an incredible life dedicated to service to our Nation in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and U.S. Power Squadrons.
2. Commodore Bertelsen joined the Auxiliary in 1975 and was an active member in his flotilla in Bellevue WA. He proudly served in several national positions, as the District 13 Commodore, and as the National Commodore from 2001-2002. He was instrumental in guiding our Nation through the extraordinary challenge wrought by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Applying unparalleled operational expertise, insight, and initiative, he quickly composed the Auxiliary's Operation Patriot Readiness. This comprehensive road map fully integrated Auxiliary skills and resources into the Coast Guard's missions and has helped protect and safeguard our Nation ever since.
3. COMO Bertelsen is survived by his wife Sandy, his son, daughter and two grandchildren. A funeral service will be conducted at Tahoma National Cemetery on September 16, 2021. Please join us in sending thoughts and prayers to Commodore Bertelsen's family and friends in this difficult time.
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.

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