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Subj: COVID-19 VACCINE MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

1. All Auxiliarists are encouraged to read the following message from the Commandant regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

Respectfully,  
Captain Scott L. Johnson  
Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

To the Women and Men of the United States Coast Guard,

We are at another critical stage of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As the U.S. begins to administer the first vaccines for the SARS-CoV-2 virus across the nation, the Coast Guard has started to administer the vaccine to our workforce as part of the Department of Defense plan for the Joint Force. These vaccines, which are currently voluntary, are a safe, effective measure to protect Coast Guard personnel, and by extension our families, against COVID-19.

In the early stages of vaccine administration, limited quantities will be available. The Coast Guard plan to administer the vaccine is part of the larger Department of Defense plan, both of which follow the national prioritization set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Coast Guard medical personnel will receive vaccination priority, and subsequently perform vaccinations for Active and Reserve personnel and select civilian employees in critical essential support roles as vaccine becomes available. As quantities increase, the Coast Guard will increase distribution and administration across our force. The Coast Guard does not plan to administer vaccinations to most civilian employees, Auxiliarists, dependent family members, or retirees; we will instead, provide best available information on when and how you can receive a vaccine as soon as it is available.

While vaccination is voluntary, I encourage each of you to get vaccinated as soon as it is available to you. I also ask that you encourage your shipmates, family members, and friends to get vaccinated as well. I plan to receive the vaccine as soon as it is made available to senior military leaders. Getting the vaccine is about more than protecting

ourselves; vaccination will help protect our families, shipmates, friends, and the citizens we are honored to serve.

As a Nation, we will emerge from this pandemic through widespread use of a safe, effective vaccine, combined with continued adherence to our current mitigation measures, including mask-wearing, physical distancing, and hand washing.

If you have questions about the vaccine, please ask your medical provider. The health and resilience of every member of our Coast Guard (Active, Reserve, Civilian, Auxiliary), and our loved ones, are the foundation of Coast Guard readiness.

Thank you for your perseverance, devotion to duty, and vigilance as we continue to navigate this pandemic. We remain Stronger Together.

Admiral Karl L. Schultz  
Commandant  
U.S. Coast Guard

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2. Internet release is authorized.

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