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Craig proud of U.S. Coast Guard response to Hurricane Katrina. Photograph courtesy of M. Craig Stanley

M. Craig Stanley experience during his deployment to Hurricane Katrina.

Story by FSO-PA SO-CS Flaherty

In late August 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the Gulf Coast of the U.S.

Hurricane Katrina was one of the most devastating hurricanes in U.S. history, displacing more than a million people.

M. Craig Stanley joined U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in 2000. Craig had just retired in August 2005 when he received an ALCOST about an opportunity to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Craig completed deployment requirements which included vaccinations, training courses ICS 100, ICS 700, Intro to Risk Management, CPR, First Aid, and processing of PSI.

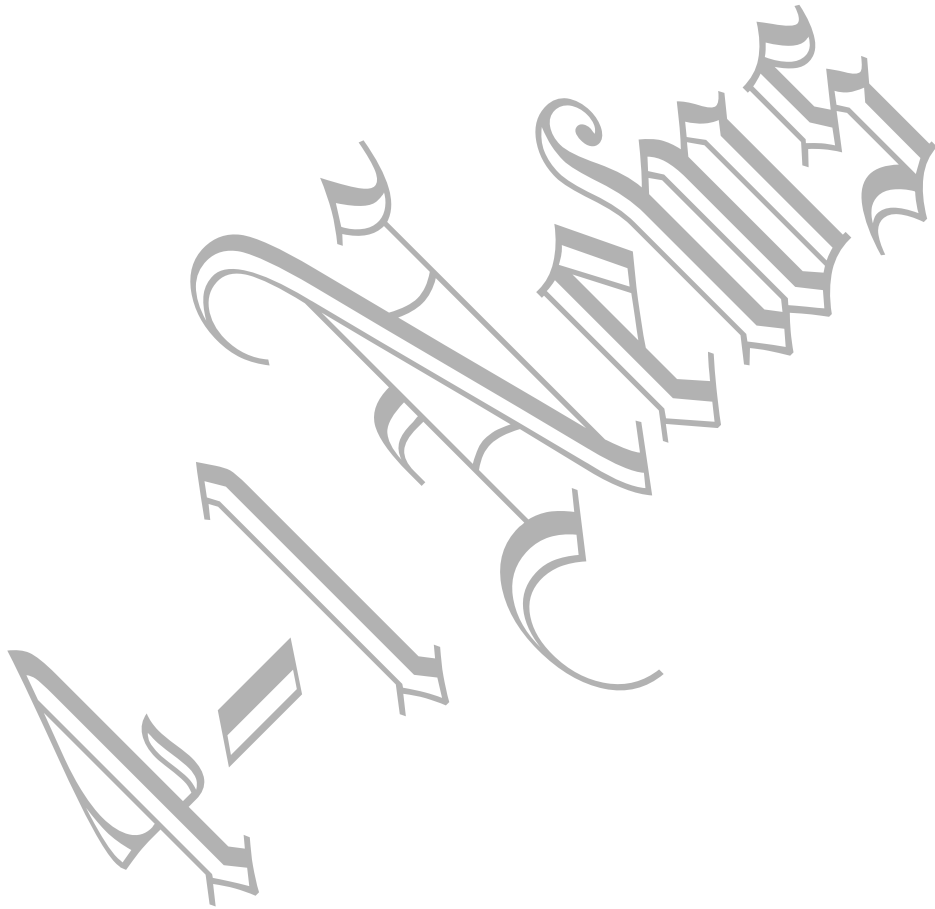
In mid-September, he was sent to Orlando for additional training.

After training, Craig was then Deployed under orders to Hurricane Katrina sites as a Disaster Recovery Specialist. He provided Social Work services to people affected by the hurricane, matching people with the resources they needed. Craig was impressed by the resilience of the people affected by the hurricane. "They had just lost everything but had the resilience to still have smiles on their faces. Their faith remained strong and they continued to be grateful for their blessings."

Craig describes his experience as a great experience and one of best experiences in his time in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

"One of U.S. Coast Guard's finest hours," said M. Craig Stanley about the amazing response efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard.

During Craig's deployment he worked 12 hours shifts, six days a week during his five-week deployment. During his deployment Craig also worked in logistics. While on deployment meals were provided, and auxiliaries received full insurance coverage.





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MEMBER TRAINING AT FLOTILLA BEVERLY MEETINGS
FEBRUARY - JUNE 2024

February 5, 2024 - LIFE AND DEATH AT SEA - Steve Daly

As an experienced boat crew member, boat owner and longtime Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Education, Steve will share his knowledge and experience on how to stay safe on the water.

March 4, 2024 - AUXILIARY DEPLOYMENT - Craig Stanley

Craig will give an overview of deployment of Auxiliarists by the United States Coast Guard and share his experiences of his five-week deployment during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

April 1, 2024 - MARLINSPIKE - Damien Benson

This perennial favorite is a hands-on workshop in which Damien will review common knots all Auxiliarists should know, including the bowline, clove hitch, two half hitches, square knot, sheet bend and more.

May 6, 2024 - DRONES AND AUXAIR - Cody Corelli

Drones are becoming valuable assets in Search and Rescue (SAR) missions. Cody will share his experiences as a drone pilot and will touch on various aspects of Auxiliary Air Operations (AUXAIR).

June 3, 2024 - TOUR OF STATION GLOUCESTER - 17 Harbor Loop, Gloucester, MA

Station Commander CWO James Bridges has invited us back again this year for a tour of the Station, including the Comm Center, Mess Deck, Galley and the docks. We will also have an opportunity to go onboard one of the MLB-47s if at the dock and available. *ODU is the uniform of the day for this meeting.*

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