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ATTENTION COAST GUARD AUXILIARY AVIATORS and AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS

While a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary have you flown under orders in a Coast Guard Aircraft or Coast Guard Auxiliary Aircraft Facility as a certified Flight Examiner, Instructor Pilot, Aircraft Commander, First Pilot, Co-Pilot, Aircrew or Air Observer?

The Coast Guard Aviation Association (CGAA) has recently modified its by-laws to make members of the Auxiliary who have met those qualifications eligible for “Regular” membership in the *Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl* (AAOP) whose motto is “Flying Since the World Was Flat.”

The Coast Guard Aviation Association or “Ancient Order of The Pterodactyl” is the result of the hopes, aspirations and hard work of a small band of kindred spirits. In the spring of 1977, four retired Coast Guard Aviators informally organized a fraternal association open to all pilots who had flown or were flying Coast Guard aircraft. The organization was later expanded to include all personnel who flew in Coast Guard aircraft under official orders. Only those who have willfully placed themselves in harm’s way and have known that innermost feeling which comes from the personal experience of saving life or property can understand the bonding and uniqueness of Coast Guard aviation crewmembers.



Today, the CGAA has grown to over 1200 active duty Officers and Enlisted, retired and former Coast Guard Aviation personnel, Auxiliarists, and supporters. Each year its members gather at a site that is nicknamed a “Roost,” chosen by consensus of the members, usually near a Coast Guard Air station.

The AAOP is established as a non-profit fraternal organization, operating:



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- To actively contribute to the enlargement and perpetuation of the history of Coast Guard Aviation and the recognition thereof, both internally and to areas external to the service.
- To support Coast Guard Aviation and its goals, and to promote interest in such matters in areas external to the service.
- To maintain informational liaison between present and past members of the Coast Guard Aviation community.
- To promote social contact and camaraderie between all Coast Guard aviation personnel and supporters of Coast Guard Aviation through periodic gatherings, fraternal in nature and both national and regional in scope.

As an AUXAIR pilot for many years, I encourage all Auxiliary Aviators who have “slipped the surly bonds of Earth,” to join our active duty shipmates in the Coast Guard Aviation Community. I also encourage all Auxiliarists who are working towards an aviation certification or simply have an interest in Coast Guard Aviation to join as “Associate” members. Your membership will be changed to “Regular” as soon as you achieve certification in any of the AUXAIR or Active Duty aviation competencies. If interested in joining, or for more information about the CGAA, please click on [Fly Coast Guard](#)

If you are currently a member of the CGAA, be sure to confirm your status as “Regular” or “Associate” in your member profile accessible through the [aoptero.org](#) member-only area listed directly under your name. Due to the very recent change in the by-laws all eligible Auxiliarists as noted above should now be listed as “Regular” members. Please also check and update your aviation designation as applicable in your profile’s “Additional Information” section. If any updates are needed or issues noted, please email member-services@aoptero.org

FLY SAFE and FLY COAST GUARD

Semper Paratus

National Commodore Alex Malewski sends



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Navy cancels in-person Fleet Week New York events, will hold Virtual Fleet Week New York 2021 in its place

NORFOLK, VA – The Navy today announced the cancelation of in-person events associated with Fleet Week New York 2021 due to ongoing concerns with COVID-19. For the second year, the Navy will host Fleet Week New York in a virtual environment on social media May 26-31.

Videos posted on social media as part of Virtual Fleet Week New York 2020 were viewed by more than 170,000 people, allowing the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps to show off their capabilities to at least 66,000 more people than they were able to through in person ship tours and aircraft demonstrations the previous year.

In 2019, about 103,000 people took tours of ships moored throughout the city or saw aircraft displays at various parks and schools.

“The Navy is committed to doing everything it can to defeat the coronavirus. Keeping our Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen at home is the best way to ensure we protect the health and safety of New York and our force so we can return to normal as soon as possible,” said Rear Adm. Charles W. Rock, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic.

Virtual Fleet Week New York content posted across all platforms, including photos, graphics, videos, Instagram stories and text, reached more than 2 million people in 2020 and resulted in more than 4.4 million impressions.

“We’re excited to once again connect with people online in New York and around the world,” Rock said. “No matter where you are, people will be able to find us on social media and watch whenever it is convenient for them so they can see how the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard safeguard our nation and how incredible the men and women who serve in uniform are.”

This year’s schedule of events is still under development, but will occur on Fleet Week New York’s Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts.

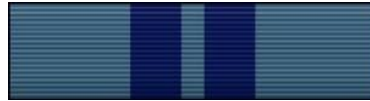
For up-to-date information on all FWNY events, “Like” [FleetWeekNewYork](#) on Facebook, and “Follow” [@FleetWeekNYC](#) on Twitter and Instagram.

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Virtual Fleet Week New York 2021 – “A Celebration of the Sea Services”



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Instructor Program Ribbon

This ribbon recognizes qualification in the instructor (IT) program.

Start by downloading all of the instructor material from the [Instructor Development Site](#) - the Student Work Book and the 3 Appendices. Save the link to this page as it also has a link to the National Test Site so you can take the exam when you are ready.

Study the Student Work Book and then take the on-line exam. The exam is open book so refer to the student workbook material for the answers.

Then make arrangements to meet with a currently qualified instructor who will be your mentor through the PQS (Personal Qualification System) process. Your FSO-MT or FC can assist you in finding a mentor Working with the mentor, complete the tasks in Appendix B - the actual PQS.

You will need to do 2 mentored presentations - the first is a 10 minute one of your choosing - you may elect to do it at a Flotilla or Division meeting or as part of a member training moment. Your mentor can assist you in finding a venue.

The second presentation is a mentored one hour presentation that can be done at a Public Education class or a member training class. The lead instructor will work with the instructor-candidate to make sure the presentation is appropriate. A qualified instructor **MUST** be present (and will verify that the candidate performed satisfactorily). The qualified instructor is reported on the 7030 as Lead and the striking instructor-candidate as a trainee with a notation on the 7030 that he or she did the mentored instruction.



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When all of these tasks are completed (test, PQS, 10 minute, and 60 minute presentations) the sign off page of Appendix B is scanned and sent to the DSO-PE.

Looking for Instructors

We are planning on offering the following four courses in a virtual format over the President's Day weekend in February. We are looking for instructors interested in conducting these courses, as well as members who are interested in qualifying for the Instructor Qualification. Exact schedule TBA. If interested, please contact AUX John McNamara VFC, FSO-PE at: cgauxjwm@gmail.com

Suddenly in Command (2 hours):

Personal Watercraft Course (1 hour):

Paddler's Guide to Safety (1 hour):

Waypoints (1 hour):

HAM Radio Course Continues

AUX John Kiernan continues HAM Radio Course every Wednesday at 8pm. If Interested email John at: ke2un@msn.com

If you want to find out more about Amateur radio go to ARRL.org which has a great detail of the subject. Amateur Radio has many facets. When they become a Ham, they can get involved in fast scan TV. Talking to Astronauts in the space station, use amateurs' satellites to communicate with other hams, work digital stations, build their own radios and so on. Amateur radio is a constant learning experience There would not have been cell phones if there were not hams who developed the service.

The course will culminate with an opportunity to garner an FCC license.



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- The Auxiliary Cybersecurity Division (in partnership with Coast Guard Cyber Command and Coast Guard Office of Cyberspace Forces) is developing the Auxiliary Cyber Augmentation (AUXCYBER) program. A survey has been developed to assess the number and location of Auxiliarists that may be available to assist this mission. This information will be used to determine Auxiliary readiness and willingness to support the USCG cyber mission. Members are requested to complete this brief survey indicating if you hold (or previously held) any of the cybersecurity certifications listed in the survey and if you are interested in participating in this new mission.
- To go to the survey please click here: [CyberSecuritySurvey](#)

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