



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
Washington, DC 20593

AUXILIARY POLICY STATEMENT

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed volunteer component of our Service. Guided by our Core Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty, Auxiliary contributions are paramount to mission excellence and to facing our Nation's current and future challenges. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is an indispensable part of the Coast Guard team.

Established by Congress on June 23, 1939, as the "Volunteer Reserve", the Auxiliary conducted many of the Coast Guard's domestic missions while the Active Duty and Reserve components were forward deployed during World War II. The Auxiliary has continued its great service to our Nation ever since.

The spirit of volunteerism and patriotism that called the first Auxiliarist to duty continues today in the more than 21,000 professionals who faithfully execute assigned Auxiliary missions across our Nation, its territories, and in foreign countries where U.S. engagement is enhanced by Auxiliary services. Upon enrollment, Auxiliarists pledge to support the Coast Guard Auxiliary, faithfully execute assigned duties, and abide by the governing policies established by the Commandant.

The Auxiliary is a significant force multiplier that provides the Coast Guard with vital flexibility to bridge gaps and perform missions in the dynamic global maritime environment. Auxiliarists enthusiastically provide experience, talent, and facilities for an ever-expanding range of activities, including: Maritime Safety Outreach, Search and Rescue, Safety and Security Awareness Patrols, Disaster Response, Pollution Response, Recruiting, Cyber Security Support, Culinary Assistance, Health Services, Legal Services, and Religious Ministries. These activities enable the Coast Guard to successfully execute all of its missions, and they do it as volunteers!

The Auxiliary missions are:

- To promote and improve Recreational Boating Safety
- To provide a diverse array of specialized skills, trained crews, and capable facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways and coastal regions
- To support Coast Guard operational, administrative and logistical requirements

I charge all Commanders, Commanding Officers, and Officers in Charge to continually strive to include the Auxiliary in mission execution and support so that we can maximize sustained excellence across all mission areas.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Linda L. Fagan".

LINDA L. FAGAN
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard