First, here are some websites you can explore before you get your Member Number:

<u>CG Aux District 7 Web Site</u> (<u>http://www.uscga-district-7.org/</u>) – This is our district website. You can access a wealth of information from here. If you look at the ribbon across the top of the page, you will see all of the categories of information available to you. Go to the Directorates tab. This is where you'll find information on all of our different program areas. If you visit the Training Directorate website, you'll find information on all of the training opportunities available to you. No ID/Password needed for most sites.

<u>CG Aux Insignia of Office (https://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/cginfo/uniforms/insignia-flotilla.asp</u>) – A handy reference to understanding different offices and officers in the Auxiliary. No ID/Password needed.

<u>CG Aux Awards</u> (<u>http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=awards</u>) – A guide to different ribbons and medals that you can earn in the Auxiliary. No ID/Password needed.

<u>Como Mike Index Page</u> (<u>http://www.comomike.info/</u>) – Online practice tests for some of the major Auxiliary courses. No ID/Password needed.

<u>Vanguard Military</u> (<u>https://www.vanguardmil.com</u>) – Online store for Auxiliary uniform items and ribbons. Click on "Coast Guard" at the top of the page and then "Coast Guard Auxiliary" in the drop-down menu.

<u>ODU Name Tapes</u> (<u>http://www.1800nametape.com/uscg.htm</u>) – Online store for obtaining nametapes for operational dress uniforms (ODUs). These are the uniforms that we wear on surface operations patrols.

Completing Incident Command System courses:

<u>Complete ICS-100 and ICS-700</u>. These courses are required for every member of the Auxiliary. Please follow the steps below to complete these courses.

- a. Obtain a FEMA Student Identification Number if you don't already have one.
 - 1) Go to <u>https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid</u>
 - 2) Click *Register for a FEMA SID* at the top of the page.
 - 3) Enter your information.
 - 4) Select the box next to I agree to the Privacy Statement
 - 5) Click the *Register* button.
 - 6) You will be directed to a screen with your FEMA SID number. Your FEMA SID will also be provided to you via email.
- b. Complete the ICS-100 and ICS-700 Courses
 - 1) Go to https://training.fema.gov/nims/
 - 2) Scroll down to **ICS and NIMS Courses** and select the course you want to take. A new web page will open.

- 3) On the right side of the web page, click the link titled *Interactive Web Based Course* in the **Take This Course** section of the page.
- 4) When you complete the final module of the course, you will be given an opportunity to take the final exam. You can take the final exam immediately following your completion of the course or at a later time by following steps a. and b. and selecting *Take Final Exam Online* from the **Take Final Exam** section on the right side of the web page. *Ensure that you log in with your FEMA SID prior to taking the final exam so you get proper credit for the course*.

Once you have successfully completed the final exam, your course completion certificates will be emailed to you. A copy of your completion certificates should be sent to your Member Training officer, who will submit them to the Help Desk to be added to your training record.

Once you obtain your Member Number:

The first thing you'll need to do is set up your Member Zone password. Go to https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff/activate/new_password.php and follow the on-screen instructions. Be sure to use the email address they have on file for you. This would be the email address you listed on your application and the one they used to send you your Member Number. Let me know if you have any problems. Note that you may not be able to obtain a password until you show up in the Auxiliary Directory. Once you have your password, here is the list of the sites you should start exploring:

<u>Auxiliary Directory</u> (<u>https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff/index.php</u>) – This is an online roster of all Auxiliarists. Look up your information and make sure everything is correct. If you have to make any changes, you can do so on your information page. It's important to keep this information up to date since it's the primary member database for the Auxiliary.

<u>CG Aux Learning Management System</u> (<u>https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/Default.asp</u>) – This has a lot of Auxiliary and regular Coast Guard online courses. The site is maintained by the Coast Guard, so accessing it is a little different than regular Auxiliary sites. The AUXLMS Username is your primary email address. For the initial password, click on "I forgot my password." AUXLMS passwords are 14 or more characters. As a new member, you may experience a delay in receiving your password to access the site. Should be no more than a day or so.

<u>CG Aux Online Classroom (http://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/</u>) – This is another resource for online courses. From the homepage, click the Log In link in the upper right corner of the page. One course on this site that you are required to take is the Aux Basic Qualification Course. This is the site you will use to also take qualification courses (Vessel Examiner, Program Visitor, etc.) in which you may be interested.

<u>CG National Testing Center</u> (<u>http://ntc2.cgaux.org/NTC/</u>) – This is where you take tests as part of the process of obtaining different types of qualifications. Some tests are proctored and others are not. The ones that are not proctored are open-book. You also have a ridiculously long amount of time to take the tests. Most of them are 50 questions, and you're given 3 hours to complete the test. Auxiliary Core Training (<u>http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=core-training</u>) – These are the core training courses that everyone needs to take within your first year of membership. A description of the courses and the methods for completing them are listed on this page.

<u>CG Aux Member Reporting</u> – 7029 Form (<u>http://webforms.cgaux.org/</u>) – This is an online form that you will use to track the time you spend on Coast Guard and Auxiliary activities. This is important because you earn recognition (medals and awards) based on the amount of time you spend doing different types of activities (Search and Rescue, Recreational Boating Safety, Member Training, Maritime Patrols, etc.).

<u>MyCGAUX Member Portal</u> (<u>http://cgaux.org/swl/</u>) – This is an online community of Auxiliarists. This site has a ton of information about the Auxiliary, message boards, and different groups you can join.

<u>CG Aux Online Store (https://www.cgauxa.org/shopauxiliary/login/signin.php?q=store</u>) – This is an online store where you can get uniform items and other products.

<u>Coast Guard Exchange</u> (<u>https://shopcgx.com/</u>) – This is where you can order many different uniform items.