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**Subj: EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST
GUARD AUXILIARY**

1. On June 23, 2025, we celebrate the 86th anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and its unwavering service to Coast Guard missions and personnel. As generations march by, Auxiliarists remain our uniformed volunteer sentinels of support ready to answer the Coast Guard's every call.
2. Founded by Congress in 1939 to provide the Coast Guard with a corps of volunteers who owned motorboats or yachts and dedicated to the promotion of maritime safety, Auxiliarists have exercised unparalleled flexibility and resiliency as the array of Coast Guard mission needs has grown over the years. Despite immense challenges ranging from wars to massive natural disasters to even a world-wide pandemic, Auxiliarists have always been right alongside the Coast Guard offering this fundamental truth, "We are here for you."
3. During the past year, Auxiliarists again distinguished themselves as consummate shipmates and premier emissaries of maritime safety. They conducted more than 77 thousand recreational vessel safety checks, distributed boating safety outreach materials to more than 66 thousand stores and marinas, devoted more than 1.7 million hours of mission support, and unselfishly accomplished it all by logging over 1.6 million miles of unreimbursed travel in their own vehicles.
4. Auxiliarists also etched another distinguished list of operational and administrative achievements into the Coast Guard's legacy of excellence. Distinct and shining examples ranged from critical post-Hurricane Milton overflights that helped quickly restore port operations in the Seventh District to invaluable video production and forensic animation in support of the TITAN submersible investigation to continued expansion of Auxiliary student programs that yielded dozens of accessions into the Coast Guard Academy and Direct Commission Officer program as well as into the Auxiliary.

5. Happy Birthday!...and a heartfelt, "Thank you!" to all Auxiliarists for the honor of their service!

6. Internet release is authorized.

With utmost respect,

Brent R. Schmadeke
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Chief, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-BSX)

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