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Subj: COAST GUARD AUXILIARY NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CHANGES

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1. Please see the attached ALCOAST 352/24 regarding changes to Auxiliary leadership.
2. Over the past two years, Commodore Gus Formato has made significant contributions and demonstrated unwavering dedication to both the Auxiliary and the U.S. Coast Guard. We extend our deepest gratitude for his exceptional service.
3. We are pleased to welcome Commodore Mary Kirkwood as the 37th National Commodore. Alongside her, Commodore Pat Feighery will serve as the Vice National Commodore, and he will retain the office of Deputy National Commodore-Atlantic Area West until 01 November 2024. We look forward to their leadership and continued commitment to our organization.
4. Internet release is authorized.

Respectfully,  
Captain B. R. Schmadeke  
Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

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\*\*\*For many reasons including the value of keeping communication lines clear and open as well as facilitating access to training and educational tools, all Auxiliarists are urged to have their own email address and to keep it updated in AUXDATA.\*\*\*

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\*All ALAUX's are posted on the Chief Director of Auxiliary web site located at: [CHDIRAUX ALAUX](#)

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If you have a question regarding this ALAUX, please seek resolution within your Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM) including up to your servicing District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX). If your question still cannot be resolved after that, then please email [CGAUX@uscg.mil](mailto:CGAUX@uscg.mil).

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1. Over the past two years, Commodore Gus Formato has led the Coast Guard Auxiliary as its National Commodore and member of the Commandant's Leadership Council. He has exhibited outstanding strategic leadership and made enduring contributions to the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard. We extend our thanks and deep gratitude as he completes his distinguished service as the National Commodore today.
2. During the National Convention on August 19, 2024, Vice National Commodore Mary Kirkwood was elected to serve as the 37th National Commodore and will fill this position effective today.
3. Commodore Patrick "Pat" Feighery, as elected at the National Convention on August 19, 2024, will serve as the Vice National Commodore effective today, and he will retain the office of Deputy National Commodore-Atlantic Area West until November 1, 2024.
4. ADM Kevin E. Lunday, Vice Commandant (VCG), sends.
5. Internet release is authorized.