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To the Men and Women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary: Please accept my sincere congratulations on another year well done, and thank you for all that you do for our Coast Guard and Nation. Your spirit of volunteerism, concerted teamwork, and commitment to service are truly inspirational to all Americans. Continue to serve with pride in the years ahead, enjoy the well-deserved testament below, and the happiest of birthdays to all of you!

Respectfully,
Captain Scott L. Johnson
Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

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1. Congratulations to the Coast Guard Auxiliary on its 81st birthday. Since inception in 1939, the men and women of the Auxiliary have been steadfast shipmates and invaluable assets to our Service.
2. Our 23,000 uniformed volunteers are profound examples of selfless devotion to duty who have not only embraced and exemplified my watchwords of "Ready, Relevant, and Responsive," but have proudly added "Resilient" to that list. The Coast Guard has always upheld a solemn promise to serve our Nation, conducting operations under the umbrella of eleven statutory missions, including responding to disasters, rescuing boaters in distress, and educating America's boating public. These missions were performed in exemplary

fashion this past year, enabled by superlative Auxiliary involvement. Examples include two Auxiliarists with emergency management expertise providing expert support to the Coast Guard's Hurricane Dorian response center and briefing the White House; an Auxiliary boat crew in the Fifth District (Northern Region) saving the lives of six passengers on a small boat that capsized in the Delaware River; and Auxiliary flotillas across the Nation establishing specialized training and partnerships with Sea Scout youth under provisions of the new AUXSCOUT program. Even more impressively, against the unprecedented constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Auxiliary supported myriad Coast Guard missions throughout the year while remaining the vanguard for Recreational Boating Safety (RBS). Auxiliarists delivered over 2.4 million hours of support, performed more than 121,500 vessel safety checks and marine dealer visits, and taught over 6,800 boating safety classes, significantly enhancing safety on America's waterways.

3. The aforementioned accomplishments and characteristics reflect a highly dynamic, diverse and dedicated organization of servant leaders, experienced counselors, and true patriots. It is our privilege to include them on our Coast Guard Watch, Quarter, and Station Bill, and have them serve alongside for every mile we steam. On June 23, 2020, I strongly encourage all Coast Guard units to hoist the Auxiliary colors in recognition of the exceptional Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty that are consistently displayed by our Coast Guard Auxiliarists. On the 81st anniversary, we thank them for their exemplary service.

4. ADM K. L. Schultz, Commandant, sends.

5. Internet release is authorized.