



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 excellence in mission execution and in 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 24,000 professional men and women 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 and to faithfully execute assigned duties, and to abide by the governing policies established by the Commandant. Auxiliarists are a crucial force multiplier for sustained Coast Guard mission excellence.

Auxiliarists enthusiastically provide experience, talent, and facilities for a wide range of activities including: Maritime Safety Outreach, Search and Rescue, Safety and Security Patrols, Disaster Response, Pollution Response and Recruiting. 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 both mission execution and mission support so that we can maximize sustained excellence across all mission areas.

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