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1 - FROM THE DIRECTOR

LCDR Sue Albright

I am pleased to provide you with the first issue of our DIRAUX newsletter. This newsletter will help keep members updated on new policies and programs as well as announce current changes. Your Commodore and your District Board are continually looking for ways to improve communications to all members. It is my hope that DIRAUX newsletters will aid in that goal. The newsletter is Lori's idea and if you have recommendations for future issues, please contact her.

Summer is now upon us! This past fall and winter saw much activity in all of our flotillas as members were busy conducting boating safety classes, providing safety booths, working with our youth in the schools, and training our own members in preparation for our active summer. Thank you for all you have done to prepare Alaskan boaters for a safer summer.

I am continually impressed with all you do. I have one of the best jobs in the Coast Guard. I get to work with some of the brightest minds and most selfless people I've ever met! Thank you for your many hours, months, and years of dedication! It is an honor to work with all of you.

Sue

2 – BRAGGING RIGHTS!

The following personnel are recognized for their member service anniversaries in the 1st quarter of 2006:

JANUARY

LARRY CUTTING – 10
SAM PATTEN – 5
JOY NG – 5
FLOYD CROCKER – 25

FEBRUARY

JACK CADIGAN – 35
ROGER ESTRADA – 5

MARCH

MIKE FOLKERTS – 10
NOREEN FOLKERTS – 10
MAE LEIGHTON – 25
GEORGE LEIGHTON – 25
JEANNE NASON – 5
MAC NASON – 5
SUZANNE JENSEN – 5
TERRY BUNESS – 25
PAULA KREBS – 15
SHEILA ZAGARS – 30
RICHARD ZAGARS - 30

APRIL

BETTY CONLEY - 25
BILL CONLEY - 25
MARY AUDINO - 10
CHARLIE AUDINO - 10
MIKE MILLER - 5
SHERRIE MILLER - 5
WILLARD FERRELL - 10
BARBARA FERRELL - 10
PAUL RACENET - 5
JESSIE RIVERA - 5

The following personnel are recognized for their completion of the following courses and qualifications in the 1st quarter of 2006:

AUXOP

02-05 ALAN DRAKE
02-04 RUSSELL LYDAY

AUXCOM

02-04 JERRY JENKINS
03-02 RICHARD LIEBE
02-04 CLAUDE BARKER
03-02 DAN LOGAN
03-01 JERRY CERRA
03-01 IRENE CERRA
03-01 CHARLES GEWIN
03-01 RANDAL RODGERS
03-01 PAULA McKIBBEN
03-01 NOEL ROBINSON

AUXSAR

02-04 JEAN HOLZHEIMER
02-04 TOM KANE

AUXSEA

02-04 RUSSELL LYDAY
02-04 TOM KANE
03-02 RICHARD LIEBE

APC

02-05 SUE LANG
03-04 DENNIS BEGEN

GOOD MATE

01-01 MARCIA PICKERING
03-02 GARY TAYLOR

ICS-100

03-03 DORIS THOMAS
01-01 JO BOEHME

IMSEP

02-04 LINDA WELLS
02-04 BRAD WELLS

AUXWEA

02-05 ALAN DRAKE

CONGRATULATIONS!!

VESSEL EXAMINER (VE)

COXSWAIN

02-05 KEVINN SMITH

CREW

02-01 MIKE COFFING

PWC OPERATOR

03-01 MARIE SCHOLLE

INSTRUCTOR

01-01 BOB GROSS
02-04 LOUIS JONES
02-04 CHARLOTTE JONES
02-05 LANICE DRAKE
02-04 CATHEY STERLING
01-01 BOB MATTSON
02-04 ROBERT RENKE

The following personnel are recognized for their **Sustained Auxiliary Service Award** – presented for every increment of 750 volunteer hours of cumulative Auxiliary service as entered in AuxData. - **1st quarter of 2006:**

MARY MURPHY – First Award

ROBERT HARVEY – Fifth Award

CRAIG WILLIAMSON – Second Award

CRAIG FORREST – Eighth Award

MARIA MATTSON – Second Award

NOREEN FOLKERTS – Ninth Award

BRAD WELLS – Fourth Award

SIG MURPHY – Fourth Award

SHANE TAYLOR – Fourth Award



Lori Cook

3 - FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

I'd like to thank all of the Flotilla Commanders and FSO-PSs in the last 2½ years, that have helped to make the Personnel Security Investigation (PSI) program a success in our post-9/11 world. These mandated background checks have made the Coast Guard Auxiliary force a stronger entity, both committed and ready to assist the Coast Guard and its missions on several levels.

To date, 94% of the D17 membership has submitted their PSI paperwork. We hope to see the remaining 6% comply with this important tasking by November 30, 2006 to maintain their Auxiliary membership. The 3 required forms for the OS level can now be found in one spot online at: <http://forms.cgaux.org/archive/OSDocs.pdf> In addition to these forms, 2 fingerprint cards are also part of the OS package. Please continue to encourage these remaining members to complete their PSI and bring D17 Auxiliary to 100% compliance.

Like the Director, I too, am constantly amazed at all of your accomplishments and all of the volunteer hours you continually provide to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Thank you and keep up the good work!

Lori

4 – IQ / BQ STATUS

AP MEMBER TO IQ/BQ STATUS – Please note that if a new enrollment application does not contain the necessary information to enroll a member as Basically Qualified (BQ), they will be processed as an Initially Qualified (IQ) member. The difference meaning that a member who has completed or successfully challenged one of the boating safely courses may qualify in any Auxiliary program area and a member who has not is not eligible to proceed or qualify in any Auxiliary programs until they have done so.

The approved courses to become BQ are:

- Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S)
- Sailing Fundamentals (SF)
- Boating Safely Course
- America's Boating Course (ABC)
- United States Power Squadron (USPS) Public Boating
- Boat Smart Courses

If a new member has already been issued an ID card as IQ and we receive a certificate of completion of one of the approved boating safely courses, a new ID card will be processed and sent to the member.

5 – MANDATORY DIRECT DEPOSIT SIGN UP FOR TRAVEL and/or PATROL ORDER REIMBURSEMENTS

A recent message from the Chief Director's office requests your help to reduce Coast Guard costs for the reimbursement of orders. The Coast Guard Finance Center (FINCEN) prefers that Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) be done via internet whenever possible. Checks will no longer be issued to members for reimbursements. The FastStart Direct Deposit enrollment form is available on the National Auxiliary web site <http://forms.cgaux.org/archive/fms2231-cgaux-f.pdf> and can be mailed or faxed to the CG Finance Center (FINCEN) or DirAux office.

Or, the online form can be filled out and sent directly to FINCEN electronically - https://www.fincen.uscg.mil/secure/enrollment_form.htm

A FastStart Direct Deposit form is sent to each New Member in their initial notification letter, however we are not seeing many of them returned to this office.

6 – USING SATO TRAVEL

On January 1, 2006, the Coast Guard in Alaska began the mandatory use of SATO Travel Management Center as their Contract Travel Office (CTO). This means all official government funded travel arrangements must now be made through SATO's Anchorage office. Auxiliary members should have their airfare charged directly to their Travel Order Number (TONO) whenever possible, by providing them with a copy of your official orders. Charging the airfare to the TONO keeps the member from having to deal with a large airfare charge on their own personal credit card while waiting for reimbursement and also protects the member from any cancellation or change fees if the travel is changed or cancelled. Auxiliary members may collect and keep any air miles associated with their government travel. SATO can also make hotel and rental car reservations, when authorized on the official orders, however these would need to be reserved on the Aux member's personal credit card.

SATO TRAVEL – ANCHORAGE

In Anchorage – 907-786-3220

Toll Free – 800-919-7286 Mon – Fri 7:30am – 4:30pm

For After hours Emergency Service, call 800-827-7777

Fax: 907-786-3266

Email: sato.anc@satotravel.com



7 - FROM THE OPERATIONS TRAINING OFFICER (OTO)

BMC Robert Gross

I'm currently TAD conducting training. Please look for my article in the next newsletter.

Thanks, Chief

8 - ICS requirements for Coxswain/Crew quals

Any new Crew qualification packages received after 30 June 2006, will also need to include proof of passing the ICS 100 and ICS 700 courses. Any new Coxswain qual packages received after 30 June 2006 will need to include proof of passing ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-700 and ICS-800.

All current qualified Crew members have until 31 December 2007 to complete ICS-100 and ICS-700 or they will lapse into REYR at that time.

All current qualified Coxswains have until 31 December 2007 to complete ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-700 and ICS-800 or they will lapse into REYR at that time.



9 – FROM THE AUXILIARY PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Noreen Folkerts

Please look for my article in the next issue. Thanks!

Noreen

10 – FORMS

All Auxiliary Forms can be found on the Auxiliary National web site: <http://nws.cgaux.org/index.html> , click on “Members” at the top of the page, click on “Forms” on the right side of the page, click on “FORMS” and then click on the form and it will open as a .pdf. You may want to save the form to your computer first, if you want to save the information, otherwise just fill it out and print it.

All D17 Auxiliary Forms are now posted on the D17 Auxiliary web site, thanks to Stewart Sterling! <http://a170.uscgaux.info/index.htm> click on “Member’s Page”, scroll down and click on “Forms & Manuals” and then choose your form, either as a Word Document or .pdf.

Here you will find such forms as the TAD request, Re-Cert forms, and many others, please check it out!

11 – CHANGES TO D17 DIRECTORY

Change 1 to the 2006 D17 Directory was sent via email to each member with an email address. If you would like a copy of the change mailed to you, please contact the DirAux office. Please remember to keep the DirAux office informed of any contact information changes, such as your mailing address, phone numbers or email addresses. Thank you!

12 – AUXDATA ENTRIES

To all FSO-ISs: if you are entering an activity report for a member and you get a pop-up menu that tells you the “member is not qualified”, always contact the member and DIRAUX so that we can work to correct that information and get the member re-certified. This will help prevent members from conducting program tasks that they are not currently qualified in and it will help us to maintain the integrity of each Auxiliary program.

13 – “C” SCHOOLS

Any member who has recently completed a “C” School is requested to provide a copy of their certification of completion to DIRAUX, to ensure that the proper data entry has been completed by the Training Quota Center (TQC) and an entry has been made into their member record.

A list of available Auxiliary “C” Schools can be found at the Auxiliary National “C” School Portal web site <http://cschool.auxservices.org/>

A Short Term Training Request (STTR), ANSC form 7059, must be filled out in order to request orders for the “C” school and submitted with your FC’s endorsement to DirAux via fax or email.

Members may submit the STTR form electronically (via email) to their FC who can then forward an endorsement to DirAux via email.

14 - DIRAUX STAFF CONTACT and DUTY LIST

Our staff's administrative duties are listed below. Please use the following contact list:

LCDR Sue Albright Director of Auxiliary -Leadership Issues -Public Affairs	Susan.J.Albright@uscg.mil	907-463-2244
Lori Cook Assist. Director of Auxiliary -Personnel Security Investigations (PSI) -Travel claims/reimbursements -Enrollments/Disenrollments/Retirements/Transfers -AUXDATA -'C' School requests (STTR/ETR) -Test Requesting/Grading - Newsletter	Lori.E.Cook@uscg.mil	907-463-2246
BMC Bob Gross Operations Training Officer (OTO) -Surface Ops Training -Patrol Orders / POMS (primary) -Offers for Use (OPFACS/Radios) -Property / equipment -injury / mishap reporting -TAD requests / Orders	Robert.C.Gross@uscg.mil	907-463-2252
Noreen Folkerts Auxiliary Program Assistant -AUXDATA/AUXINFO -Qualifications/Certifications/Advancements -TAD requests / Orders -Patrol Orders / POMS (secondary)	Noreen.K.Folkerts@uscg.mil	907-463-2249

**Please remind members to use their chain of leadership and management.
Thank you.**

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