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Greeting Shipmates. With summer winding down, I hope you all have had a wonderful time with family members and friends. While Boating season is still active, we must stress the need to exercise caution to those who just refuse to wear the proper safety gear while on the water. Recently, we have heard of accidental drowning due to this fact. While doing patrols, please encourage those you encounter to wear PFD's at all times. The lives they save may be their own... Enjoy the water and stay safe..

**Semper Paratus**

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*You tell me and I forget. You teach me and I remember. You involve me and I learn*

*--Ben Franklin*

## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY NEWS

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Using these benefit resources not only provides you discounts, but also generates a royalty which helps to support the overall Auxiliary program.



TO: ALAUX  
From: CHDIRAUX  
SUBJ: 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD -018/15

1. FYI:

August 4, 2015

Congratulations to the men and women of the United States Coast Guard on your 225th anniversary. Today we pay tribute to your past. I am even more excited about your future. As your service Secretary, I have had the first-hand privilege to support and witness the recapitalization of the Coast Guard's fleet of vessels. I have experienced the excitement of stepping on board a shining new National Security Cutter. I receive daily reports of the good work the Coast Guard performs in law enforcement, maritime security and national security.

Most important, we should all be impressed by the dedication and excellence of the men and women who occupy the ranks of today's Coast Guard. None of us should be surprised, for example, to learn about the Petty Officer who recently, single-handedly, saved four stranded fishermen off the coast of Oregon. Our young people in the Coast Guard are particularly inspiring. I have been to the Academy and seen the remarkable men and women who are graduating there, who want to join your ranks. As some of you may know, for me, the Coast Guard is also becoming a family matter.

Our future is bright. The next 225 years will be even better than the last 225. I salute you, thank you for your service, and, from this new member of the family, I wish you happy anniversary.

Sincerely,

Jeh Charles Johnson  
Secretary of Homeland Security

2. Further:

To the men and women of our Coast Guard,

As our Service turns 225 today, we face unprecedented challenges - from violence in Central America, to increased activity in the Arctic, to the changing energy trade, and an entire new domain of cyberspace. As I engage with our Secretary, Members of Congress, the Joint Chiefs, and industry executives, it is evident that your outstanding service is directly contributing to our Nation's security and prosperity.

As I write this, 66,000 pounds of uncut cocaine are aboard Coast Guard Cutter STRATTON thanks to people like pursuit coxswain BM2 Hylan Rousseau and the entire crew. Along with all those patrolling the Western Hemisphere Transit Zone, they are severing the financial supply lines of transnational criminal organizations who threaten stability in Central America and the security of our southern border and approaches.

To the far North, Coast Guard Cutter HEALY conducts scientific exploration and undersea surveys on a mission of the highest national priority in the Arctic. MK2 Christopher Ford, a main propulsion division machinery technician aboard HEALY, is one of many who keep this icebreaker going to assure access in our polar regions.

Closer to home, the port state control team at Sector Boston facilitates economic growth. Within a 24-hour period over the Fourth of July weekend, LT Tiew Gaudren led the response to both an LNG tanker collision and a cruise ship casualty. In both instances, her efforts preserved safety while also facilitating commerce within our Maritime Transportation System - the lifeblood of America's economic engine.

Information sharing, and the systems that enable it, are critical in all of our missions. Along with the entire team at Coast Guard Cyber Command, IT1 Val Votinov is meeting the challenges of cyberspace, paying close attention to vulnerabilities and threats in this emerging operating domain.

Operations rely on logistics. At our Aviation Logistics Center, LCDR Patrick Lineberry's customer-focused team pairs world-class maintenance and support with sound fiscal stewardship to drive operational success. In a display of true leadership, his team understands exactly how they fit into the Coast Guard's broader operational success.

Finally, it is the actions of AST2 Darren Harrity, who jumped from a helicopter to pull four shipwrecked fishermen from the sea in a crashing surf zone off the Oregon coast that personifies a commitment to selfless service. AST2 Harrity had to save each fisherman one at a time and swam more than a mile during the rescue. After the rescue he said it was muscle that got him through it. More precisely, I wager, it was his heart.

The accounts above are just a few examples of the exemplary operations you perform each day honoring our 225-year legacy. Without question - you and your families are our most precious resource. You are shaping history as it unfolds before you. I am proud of our 225 years of continuous service, and I am honored to lead you - the 88,000 active duty, reserve, civilian and volunteer auxiliary members.

Thank you for your service in America's Coast Guard - 225 years strong.

Semper Paratus,  
Admiral Paul F. Zukunft

3. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and Information.

**REMINDER**  
**US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY D5NR DISTRICT**  
**TRAINING & BOARD MEETING 2015 DETAILS**  
**FRIDAY SEPT.11<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**EVENT LOCATION**  
**Crowne Plaza Reading**  
**1741 Papermill Rd, Wyomissing PA 19610**

REGISTER ONLINE – <https://www.regonline.com/5nrfall2015>  
Registration is required for anyone participating!

Make a Hotel Reservation – DEADLINE is 1 SEP Rooms may be available after this date but not guaranteed BY PHONE: 1-877-814-2538 Tell them you are with the US Coast Guard - Room Block Code USC

Bed choice: 2 Doubles or 1 King Please advise the hotel of any Handicap or other Requirements

Your Rate: \$84.00 + Tax/Fees per night Rooms are by First Availability...Call today Your Credit Card will be needed for the reservation and at check in at hotel.

UNIFORM OF THE DAY All days are Appropriate Civilian Attire OR...

Friday: No Uniforms, Casual Dress Board members– Tropical Blue

Saturday Before 1800: Tropical Blue (NO ODU's authorized)

Saturday After 1800: Dinner Dress White Jacket OR Dinner Dress Blue (White shirt, Bow tie, Mini Medals) Sunday: NO Uniforms, Casual Dress

## FROM THE EDITORS DESK



### COMMITMENT- ARE YOU THERE YET?

The definition of this word (according to Webster) has several meanings: a promise to do or give something

: a promise to be loyal to someone or something

: the attitude of someone who works very hard to do or support something

How would you define the word? Being a volunteer in our organization requires just that - Commitment. Being a supportive actively engaged and dedicated member offering to “step-up” and if asked – Lead when asked too. It takes more than 10 or 12 people to make an organization great – it takes the WHOLE Group to make it GREAT.

I view this word as allegiance, fidelity and dedication.

We need everyone to make that commitment. Can we count on you?

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