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Shipmates, as I write this, several test trials are underway to develop a vaccine for our nation's enemy – **the Corona virus**. Hopefully, the efforts to immunize us all will prove successful. I know it has been stressful for many and a tremendous hardship for us all. **Do your best to stay safe** and know we are **"In this together"**. We can and will defeat this. Our efforts to communicate any and all updates, thanks to **Zoom** and **emails** will continue. Reach out to other flotilla members whenever possible to check to see how it's going. We are stronger together-show your support and be well.



Charles J Miller, II – FSO
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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Ok...Members,

To clear up some stuff.

On the personal covid form, unless you fit into the first category, you check off the I AM NOT box.

The second set of criteria is the "may" category...so "may" doesn't count.

You must return that form to me signed BEFORE you are permitted to do any Auxiliary activity, no exceptions.

The second form I will call the COVID mission form. The person taking point on the mission fills out the form in total before EVERY intended mission. The mission does NOT take place until you are given the "GO" sign.

For example, if you are going to do a PA event or a VE event or a PE event, the form must be filled for EACH one. No multiple events will be covered by one form.

Forms go up the COLM, which means, for now, they come to me, I send them to the DCOM, etc.

And I will pass this on:

I have many clients in the healthcare biz. One client, a scientist for Merck in the vaccine department said, "don't throw away that mask, you will be needing it for a while". In her case, even though Merck is sitting on 20 vaccines, she claims the final phase is months from now...NOT this year. So even though you hear the government is striking a deal with Pfizer to purchase vaccine...it will be a while.

However, she did say the upside was the medical community coming up with a way to manage this problem way before the pharmaceutical companies come up with the preventative (vaccine).

They are learning more and more every day. One of my clients, an epidemiologist at Penn said they are already managing with things like blood thinners, steroids, and curative plasma transplants. However, Having and getting over COVID-19 does not NOT leave you unscathed. People are experiencing cardio-pulmonary problems, Brain problems and the like. My suggestion is not to tempt fate. Wear your mask in public, wash your hands frequently. If you gas up your car, wipe the handle of the nozzle and your car handle and the interior of your car with disinfectant wipes.

The Merck scientist said this disease has the most efficient and effect way of transmitting itself from one person to another or some surface to human transmission.

...a word to the wise...

OK...have a great, safe, and healthy weekend.

RJ

From: [Justin Morgan](#)

Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:47 AM

Subject: Election Reminder

Members -

This is a reminder that our flotilla holds elections for Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander in October.

The election date for 2020 Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander is scheduled for 27OCT20.

An Election Committee will be formed. Pre-election notification is not required to run for office but it allows the committee to check if the potential candidate meets the requirements. If a candidate's qualifications are lacking, the committee will advise the candidate so they may correct it before the election. See below for requirements as stated in AUXMANUAL Chap 4.F.2.b-e.

-Justin

The following are general eligibility requirements applicable to all elected offices:

b. An individual must serve a minimum of one year as an Auxiliarist prior to the date of election as FC or VFC.

c. Successful completion of the Administrative Procedures Course (APC) or the Flotilla Leadership Course (classroom or

online version) is a requirement for any Auxiliarist who pursues their first elected office.

d. Auxiliarists who transfer from another district/region and who fulfill all eligibility requirements shall not be denied the opportunity for election to an office within their new district/region, provided such transferee has resided in the geographic area of the office sought for at least 12 months.

e. To ensure familiarity and engagement with Auxiliary programs, an individual must be currently certified in at least one of the following Auxiliary programs

(1) Surface operations as boat crew member, coxswain, or Personal Watercraft Operator (PWO).

(2) Air operations as aircraft commander, first pilot, co-pilot, air crewman, and/or air observer.

(3) Instructor.

(4) Aids to navigation verifier.

(5) Coast Guard watch stander/radio operator, communications watch stander/radio operator, and/or command center watch stander/radio operator.

(6) Any Auxiliary Trident Personal Qualification Standard (PQS) specialty.

(7) Any Auxiliary public affairs specialty.

(8) Vessel examiner.

(9) Recreational boating safety program visitor.

(10) Interpreter.

**STANDING RULES
OF
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
FLOTILLA 053 - 04 - 76**

APPENDIX I

1.1 - MEETINGS/MINUTES

1.11 Notice of all regularly scheduled monthly flotilla meetings shall be given no less than ten (10) calendar days prior to a meeting .

1.12 Meeting notices shall be distributed by the FSO -SR to flotilla members at their email addresses listed in AUXOFFICER. The option to receive notice through traditional USPS mail services shall be available to those members who have not email, and provide notice of such desire. It is the member's responsibility to notify the FSO - HR and FSO - SR of an email or address change.

1.12 Minutes of all monthly flotilla meetings shall be taken by the FSO-SR.

1.13 The minutes for the immediate past monthly flotilla meeting shall be distributed no less than 7 days prior to the current meeting.

1.2 - MEMBERSHIP & DUES

1.21 Annual membership dues for the following year shall be submitted no later than 30 September of the current year.

1.22 Notice of annual membership dues shall be given in the following manner:

- I. Email by 1 August of the present year, or sooner, for the following year
- II. Follow up by 15 August by regular post and email.
- III. Final notice by 31 August
- IV. No other notice need be given
- V. A minimum of three notices shall be sent.
- VI. Notice in the Flotilla Newsletter Lifeline shall be considered notice.

1.23 Dues notices shall be sent to everyone by the FSO - FN .

1.24 All dues payments go to the FSO - FN .

1.25 The FSO - FN shall inform the FC of those members who have not met their dues obligations by 15 October .

- A record of dues notices shall be kept by the FSO - FN.
- A record of dues notices shall be submitted to the FC upon request.

1.26 Processing of form 7035 by the FC shall begin on 16 October.

- The FC shall inform the member of the 7035 and what it means .
- No special arrangements shall be made for dues payment .
- The FC shall submit all 7035's to the Division Commander for signature .
- The FC shall submit signed 7035's plus proof of notice to the DSO - HR by 10 November and not before 31 October.
- Dues Amount: 55.00

1.27 All New member interviews are to be done by the HR department

1.3 AWARDS

- Al Lewis Award to be selected by the current Bridge
 - If the Bridge cannot agree on a recipient, there will be no award presented.
- Mark E. Crater Rookie of the Year Award to be selected by the current staff
 - If the staff cannot agree on a recipient, there will be no award presented.

1.4 FINANCE

- Reimbursement to a member for making authorized purchases and who have successfully submitted a Flotilla

Check Request Form shall be made within 30 days of submission.

- Budget: By the October meeting of the current year for the upcoming year
- Audit: As the receipt of the final statement from the bank and no later than the first week of January.

1.5 MISSION READINESS

No member shall be considered for missions unless the following criteria has been met

- Dues are paid
- Mandated Training is done
- ICS 100 and ICS 700 are complete if applicable.
- BQ status is achieved
- Proper uniform for the mission at hand is worn.
- Risk Management training

1.6 STANDING COMMITTEES

1.61 Change of Watch

1.62 Fellowship

1.63 Standing Rules

1.64 Public Education Slide Committee

1.65 Housekeeping

1.66 Committees as needed:

- Audit (October)

- Nominating (July)

1.7 FELLOWSHIP

- In keeping with the 4th cornerstone of the Auxiliary, Fellowship, we expect the following of 4 - 76 Auxiliarists:
 - In keeping with the core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to duty, within the confines of 4 - 76 the ethos shall remain apolitical and secular.
 - No member shall berate or otherwise be disrespectful to another member especially in public or in the presence of others.
 - All guidance given by one member to another will be with the above in mind.

These rules were adopted according to the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1G

H.1. Appendices

Appendices to Auxiliary unit standard standing rules may be adopted by two - thirds majority vote of the governing body and are effective upon signature of the senior Auxiliary unit elected leader. The appendices should include matters local in nature. These items may include dates, times and locations for meetings, amounts and due dates for collection of membership dues, information regarding local awards, number, title, and composition of committees not otherwise specified, etc.

The vote taken on 26 March 2019, with a quorum present, was unanimous.

This Appendices is hereby adopted as set forth this above.

This day, 28 March 2020

X

Ralph J. Onesti , Flotilla Commander

Just to be clear, they now want the forms to follow the COLM.

So, please fill them out and send them to me.

No form, no mission.

The first form is the COVID-19 certification and the second is mission related.

Thanks,

Ralph

(Refer to email dated 07-21-20 for the attachments)

Sent: Tue, Jul 21, 2020 3:01 pm

Subject: FW: New form for AUX to fill out in order to return to work

District Leaders - DCDRs, VCDRs, FCs and VFCs, please make sure all members get this as soon as possible:

To the amazingly versatile members of 5NR,

We have another, important change to the USCG Auxiliary Covid-19 policy. This comes directly from the USCG Office of Auxiliary & Boating Safety (BSX) at USCG Headquarters. It does change some previously issued guidance.

Here are the key points to know:

1) Effective immediately, every AUX must fill out the AUX-COVID-19_High-Risk_Certification-Enclosure that is attached before performing any Auxiliary work. After this form is filled out and signed by the Auxiliary member, the active duty Coast Guard Order Issuing Authority (OIA) must approve. If the OIA is not an active duty Coast Guard member (if the OIA is an Auxiliary elected officer for VEs, PVs, PA events, etc. for example), then the District 5NR Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) must be sent the form for approval, via the Chain of Leadership and Management (CoLM). **Send it to your Flotilla Commander (FC) who will forward it to your Division Commander (DCDR) who will send it to DIRAUX at **D5NRDIRAUX@uscg.mil**. DIRAUX will then either approve or deny.**

Division Commanders, when sending the High Risk Certification to DIRAUX, please NOTE IN THE SUBJECT LINE: 1) FOR DIRAUX APPROVAL or 2) FOR DIRAUX RECORDS. Remember, the only forms coming into DIRAUX email FOR DIRAUX APPROVAL are IF there is no OIA. All other forms submitted to the DIRAUX email should be the approved forms that the active duty OIA signed –these will be just for DIRAUX records. Please note that in the subject line: FOR DIRAUX RECORDS. For weekend work, the Aux member needs to plan and prepare, because these will not be approved overnight.

Examples of Active Duty Order Issuing Authorities (OIAs):

Station Long Level, SARDET Bowers Beach, Marcus Hook and Bordentown: AUX works for Sector OIA, the form must go to them first for review/approval, then OIA will give the form to DIRAUX for their records.

AUX Member cooks for Station Indian River, that OIA is the first to get the form, then they submit, if approved, to DIRAUX.

If a member does not know who their OIA is for their job or area, I highly recommend they reach out to the appropriate ADSO (ADSO-OP for example) or their CoLM. Below are the OIA's:

STA Philly: BM1 Singleton

STA Cape May: BM1 Dunn
BM1 McKenzie
BM1 Jump

STA Atlantic City: BM1 Levin

STA Barnegat Light: BM1 Sahli

STA Manasquan Inlet: BMC Snyder
BM1 DaSilva
BM1 Belizaire

STA Indian River: BM1 Greene
BM1 Pickrell

Sector Delaware Bay: LT Stowes

ENS LaMacchio
ENS Bagnal

AIRSTA Atlantic City: LT Bitner

Watchstanding on 4 home-ported cutters in Cape May. Each AUX watchstander needs to give a copy of the signed High Risk Certification form to the Commanding Officer (CO) of each ship who will send it to D5NRDIRAUX@uscg.mil when they approve (sign it).

The only Assessment forms that DIRAUX is acting as the Order Issuing Authority for, is for the members that work in the DIRAUX office.

- 2) Also attached is the risk assessment for Enclosed Space Mass Gatherings that must be completed for any proposed events when attendees cannot maintain social distancing (6 feet). Please do not plan such gatherings unless there are extraordinary circumstances requiring it - this will most likely be denied.
- 3) Until notified otherwise, continue to follow the requirements of LCDR Taylor's 29 June (NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)-D5NR AUXILIARY UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR SUPPORT AND MISSIONS safety measures which were distributed in a NOGI on 30 June and are posted on the D5NR website at: <https://5nr.org/2020-covid-precautions-for-face-to-face-activities/> in addition to these new requirements. There are many missions and things we can still do.
- 4) This memo and the attachments supersede my 8 July clarification of procedures which are no longer to be followed. The goal of that memo was to handle approvals through our own, District 5NR Auxiliary Chain of Leadership and Management (CoLM). That is no longer possible and all missions must now be approved by an Active Duty US Coast Guard Order Issuing Authority (USCG OIA) per the procedures outlined above.
- 5) I would recommend that Flotilla and Division meetings continue to be held online when possible. If there are in person meetings, make sure that you can maintain social distancing and the safety measures required by LCDR Taylor's 29 June NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)-D5NR AUXILIARY UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR SUPPORT AND MISSIONS which were distributed in a NOGI and are now posted on the D5NR website at: <https://5nr.org/2020-covid-precautions-for-face-to-face-activities/>.

5) Please take this opportunity to continue recruiting, training and qualifying for certifications. Please encourage good candidates to join the Auxiliary and please mentor newer members. With the surge in Personal Watercraft (PWC) and boat sales and this year's increase in injury and death on the water, we're needed now more than ever!

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FROM SCOTT SIGMAN-VFC



We know how much Scott enjoys a **“Day on the Water”**.... Here he is doing a VE on Justin Morgan’s boat in Atlantic City. On board also are Scott’s children – Marco & Silvia. All following proper Covid 19 safety procedures.

Thanks for the photo Scott.



Ralph Onesti is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Flotilla Meeting

Time: Jul 28, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85605408219>

Meeting ID: 856 0540 8219

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 856 0540 8219

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcdHVn2gp7>



**USCG AUX
AUXWeb**

NEWS FROM DIVISION 4

Flotilla Commander's Division 04

The below url is an excellent video showing how to enter member Time Activities into AUXDATA II.

The video is well done and will be useful for members that have not been able to attend any of our online sessions.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/rhikeh2xu46esdv/Entering%20General%20Hours%20into%20AUXDATA%20II.mp4?dl=0>

Thank You

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75th Commemoration of Victory In World War II 1945- 2020

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Contribute \$55 to the mission of the Coast Guard Auxiliary through AuxA and to honor a member of your family or a friend who has served or is serving as a member of the armed forces.

For your 75th Commemoration of WWII contribution, AuxA will send you:

- WWII Commemoration Certificate with your honoree's name (suitable for framing)

Confirmation of a commemorative wreath in the "Wreaths Across America" (WAA) program which will be placed in the name of your honoree at Arlington National Cemetery on 19 DEC 2020

- An AuxA WWII Commemorative gift, "Guardian of Guadalcanal" The official biography of the sole recipient of the Medal of Honor in Coast Guard history - Signalman 1st Class Douglas Munro, USCG National certificates and memorial wreaths are available at \$20 per honoree.

(Note: \$15 of every contribution is for the WAA commemorative

wreath

TO ORDER JUST CALL AuxA – 314-962-8828

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION READY WHEN YOU CALL;

- YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE CONTACT
- MASTERCARD OR VISA INFORMATION
- THE NAME OF YOUR HONOREE
- HONOREE'S BRANCH OF SERVICE AND RANK
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BE SURE AND TUNE IN
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