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Well Shipmates, December is here and with it, the holiday season. Regretfully, we were unable to see one another since the pandemic required social distancing and a halt to all Auxiliary activities. Despite that, we still were able to see each other on Zoom, and at least continue the bond we established. We also lost a dear member whose dedication to this fine organization will always hold a special place for many of us. 2020 will soon be a memory (thank goodness), and hopefully, 2021 will offer exciting and new challenges. We have a new bridge and they will have our support to ensure the success of 04-76 continues. As we close out the year, please remember to stay safe, hug your loved ones, enjoy the holidays and stay Semper Paratus! Happy holidays from our house to yours. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Merry everything & happy always. Hoping your holidays are filled with love, family and happiness.



Happy 2021!

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1. Adobe Flash Player is a computer software that has been used for many years in the development of multimedia tools that contain rich Internet applications and streaming audio and video. It has been popularly applied to the creation of many Coast Guard and Auxiliary training tools like online courses and slide presentations. Unfortunately, Adobe Flash Player will become obsolete by the end of 2020. The ability to run Adobe Flash Player in Microsoft Edge, Internet Explorer, and other browsers will be removed across all supported versions of Microsoft Windows. In effect, users will no longer have any ability to enable or run Adobe Flash Player, and Coast Guard files that leverage it will be rendered inoperable by December 28, 2020 .

2. Due to this impending loss of Adobe Flash Player, several Coast Guard and Auxiliary courses that are normally available through the Auxiliary Learning Management System (AUXLMS) have either already become unavailable or will no longer be available after December 28, 2020. Even if these AUXLMS courses are relocated elsewhere (e.g., to the Auxiliary Online Classroom), they will still be rendered inoperable by the loss of Adobe Flash Player. The following table summarizes the status of several courses of interest to Auxiliarists:

	Course Number and Name of Course	Location in AUXLMS	Is It Available Now?	Will It be Available After December 28, 2020?
1	Auxiliary Fingerprint Technician / Citizenship Verifier	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	No
2	Auxiliary Flotilla Leadership Course	Auxiliary	Yes	No

		Catalog		
3	502306 - Ethics I (Auxiliary Core Training course)	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	Yes
4	502319 – Civil Rights Awareness (Auxiliary Core Training course)	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	No
5	502379 – Workforce Resilience (Auxiliary Core Training course)	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	Yes
6	810000 – Sexual Harassment Prevention (Auxiliary Core Training course)	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	Yes
7	810015 – Privacy at DHS (Auxiliary Core Training course)	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	Yes
8	810030 – Security Fundamentals (Auxiliary Core Training course)	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	Yes
9	100202 – Introduction to Risk Management	Auxiliary Catalog	No	No
10	500997 – IS-700.A Introduction to NIMS	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	No
11	501375 - IS-100.B Introduction to ICS	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	No
12	502325 - ICS-210	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	No
13	100293 – Blood Borne Pathogens	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	No
14	501538 – Emergency Response First Responder Awareness	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	Yes
15	502258 – Auxiliary Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examiner PQS	Coast Guard Catalog	No	No
16	500320 – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examiner	Coast Guard Catalog	Yes	No
17	502829 – Federal Cyber Awareness Challenge	Coast Guard Catalog	No	No
18	502290 – Influenza Training	Coast Guard Catalog	Yes (but no content)	No

3. Efforts have been initiated to convert Coast Guard and Auxiliary courses from their current versions to operable versions that do not rely upon Adobe Flash Player. However, these conversions are not expected to be completed until February-March 2021. Auxiliarists are therefore strongly encouraged to complete online course work by December 28, 2020 if it involves courses that will no longer be available by that date .

AUXSCOUT—The Official Youth Program of the Auxiliary

AUXSCOUT Announces YouTube Channel

AUXSCOUT brings the Sea Scouts and the Coast Guard Auxiliary into an exciting new partnership making AUXSCOUT the official Youth Program for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. To better inform Auxiliary members the program has launched a new Auxscout YouTube Channel. This will be an easier way to catch videos promoting everything from how to start a Ship to workshops including our STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) Tech Talks.

[Click here to check out the AUXSCOUT YouTubeChannel](#)

Congratulations Incoming Executive Committee (EXCOM)

Introducing Your 2021 District Bridge

We have new Fifth District-Northern Region Senior Officers for 2021. All were elected at the District Board meeting this Fall and take office on 1 January 2021. The District Commodore (DCO) and District Chief of Staff (DCOS) serve 2-year terms. Each District Captain (DCAPT) serves a one-year term with the option of being elected to a second term. In D5NR DCAPTs each represents a geographical area of the District. For more detailed information on each EXCOM member, please download and read the excellent articles in the current edition of Topside.

[Click here](#) to download the complete Fall 2020 Topside (PDF)



Commodore Joseph "Joe G" Giannattasio

District Commodore-elect



Kurt P. Sarac, Sr.

District Chief of Staff-elect



J. Douglas "Doug" Willwerth
District Captain-Western Area-elect



Cynthia "Cindi" Chaimowitz

District Captain-Central Area-elect



James "Jim" Hans

District Captain-Eastern Area-elect

REGARDING FLOTILLA SHIRTS & HATS

Shipmates,

If you're on this email, you have pre-ordered Flotilla apparel.

Thanks to those of you who could attend the zoom meeting. By way of recap, it was decided that we will attempt a mutually-agreeable, safely-distanced, in-person pickup day for the apparel, on a Saturday in the coming weeks. If you would, please fill out this 1-question survey so we can identify the Saturday that works best for the majority of us:

<https://forms.gle/2kMeBHS9aqc9LFBH9>. For those of you who cannot make a Saturday and/or choose not to come in person, there is also the option of having the items shipped to you for an additional \$8. (This fee is what USPS charges for their small flat-rate box).

Additionally, you will each be receiving an invoice from PayPal shortly. For the safety of those who distribute the items, it is necessary that you pay the invoice online via PayPal, or in the alternative, send a check payable to 'CG Aux Flotilla 4-76' for the amount due to FSO-FN Jim Campbell at the following address:

USCG AUX 4-76

c/o James Campbell

1504 South Street

Philadelphia, PA 19146-1636

We would kindly ask that you pay the invoice at your earliest ability but certainly prior to pickup. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK



From the Bottom up:

So...the end of a rather short era.

As the end of December nears so does my tenure as Flotilla Commander of 4-76 the best flotilla in the business!

What a year: accomplishments vs. disappointment, but never dismay. Our PA department was all over it until COVID as was our PE, VE, and MT group. Our Recruiting and Retention department drew the envy of the Auxiliary, admitted or not. I hear the background noise. We had a fantastic staff. Everyone who took a position did their respective jobs. What else could and FC want...TO QUIT...that is what. Why? It is time to move the flotilla in a new direction; younger, smarter, and more diverse. Ops was literally shut down...but Ash will get the program's feet back under it this upcoming season. I am certain of that.

As Beverly Sills once said when she ended her opera career, **"always leave on a high note"**, and that is exactly what I am doing.

I want to give a special shout out to our FN, SR, and PB staff. Finances are in order, the SR kept the FC in order, and the PB reported everything...in order! Hey Miller...GREAT JOB!

We are working on a peaceful transition of power...sorry...I could not help myself.

The Zoom torch has been passed to Scott Sigman and FC elect who has already scheduled meetings through next year. Scott and Allaire, our VFC elect are working on next year's staff positions.

The shirt and hat endeavor seems to be well in hand under the leadership of Ash Kernen, who also kept the website, safe, sound, and informative.

It is all a lot of work, but I heard nothing negative this year from anyone...just a lot of output.

To all of my staff, mentioned here or not, Thank You! YOU ARE THE AUXILIARY!

Back to that nasty COVOD thing. I heard from my virologist client at Merck. She said that there were "expert" meetings scheduled today and next week, both of which she will attend. She did say that the studies were most encouraging and that the only downside was the side effects that seem to be coinciding with all normal, viral vaccines, none of which should stop anyone from getting on board.

I guess the proof will be in the flattening of the curve...

So, with that, I wish all the best of health and good fortune in the New Year. A better set of days are ahead.

RJ







Thanks Glenn for all you did for 04-76. You made a difference, and we shall always remember you.