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Shipmates, a hearty greeting and it's time to think *"Let's Go Boating"*—well, next month at least. With the approach of spring, many will be getting their boats ready for another season, and our PE & VE staffs are ready to assist. Our PE classes are overflowing with new and excited students. Many are anxious to join the Auxiliary and enhance their training. What a great time to be in the Auxiliary! Promoting Boat Safety at every opportunity is a sure way to grow our membership and help to save lives on our waterways. Let's make Boating 2018 the best and safest season possible.

**Semper Paratus**

*Charles J Miller, II FSO-PB*  
Editor

**"A team is more than a collection of people. It is a process of give and take."**

- Barbara Glacel & Emile Robert Jr.



**United States Coast Guard**  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

TO: ALAUX  
From: CHDIRAUX  
SUBJ: ONLINE COAST GUARD UNIFORM SALES -005/18

1. FYI:

The Coast Guard Personnel Service Center announced the return of online Coast Guard uniform and uniform accessory sales through the Coast Guard Exchange System online store at <https://shopcgx.com/> effective March 1, 2018. Coast Guard Auxiliarists are authorized to use this venue for making uniform purchases. Detailed guidance follows in the recently released ALCGPSC message 025/18:

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ALCGPSC 025/18  
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1. Personnel Service Center (PSC) and Community Services Command (CSC) are excited to announce the return of online uniform and uniform accessory sales. All uniform sales processed through the Coast Guard Exchange System and fulfilled by the Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center (UDC) will now be accessible to all authorized personnel 24/7 by visiting the Coast Guard Exchange System online store at <https://shopcgx.com/>, and selecting the Uniform section. The uniform inventory will be open for business and accepting orders starting on 1 MAR 2018.

2. Uniform purchases may only be made by authorized personnel, which include:

- a) Active Duty Coast Guard
- b) Coast Guard Reserve
- c) Coast Guard Retired
- d) Coast Guard Auxiliary
- e) Navy Chaplains and Public Health Service personnel assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard
- f) NOAA Officers
- g) Public Health Officers
- h) Merchant Marine Academy graduates commissioned into the U.S. Coast Guard

3. When accessing shopCGX.com to purchase uniforms for the first time, patrons will be required to establish a customer profile on a secure web page. Eligibility to purchase

uniforms will be validated through DEERS or AUXDATA. Revalidation of patron eligibility must be done periodically to ensure an accurate and up to date customer profile. Users will be revalidated against their profile by submission of their name, last 4 digits of SSN, and birth date.

4. Eligible patrons will be able to browse the current selection of uniform items sold by the UDC. Customers will choose the size and order quantity of each item and place the item into an online shopping cart. In the secure check out, customers will provide shipping and billing address and payment details. Customer payment options include:

- 1) Credit Card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express)
- 2) Military Star Card

Note: Charge-to-Pay (CTP) is not an option for online orders.

5. All customers are encouraged to use shop CGX.com or their local exchange stores. Orders by phone, fax, and e-mail will still be accepted during the initial opening of the system, but will eventually be phased out. Orders normally ship in 5-7 business days and customers can expect to receive their uniforms 10-14 days from placing their order. UDC Customer Service Agents will be available to answer questions regarding availability, status of orders, and to assist with questions regarding sizing or special measurement orders.

6. Like other orders for unit supplies, unit Purchasing Agents are authorized to use Government Purchase Cards on the web page to place unit orders for UDC supplied items. All purchase requests are subject to standard procurement policy and approvals prior to placing the order online.

7. For product return or exchanges, visit shopCGX.com and select the Return Policy Page to obtain a return authorization and shipping instructions, or by visiting one of the 64 Coast Guard Exchange (CGX) locations.

8. For questions specific to order status or uniform items (sizing, etc.), contact UDC Customer Service at (800) 874-6841 or (609) 861-1221, Monday-Friday, 0800 to 1530 Eastern Standard Time.

9. For questions specific to the shopCGX.com online shopping experience, contact CSC Customer Service by email at [customerservice@cgexchange.org](mailto:customerservice@cgexchange.org) or by phone at 800-572-0230, Monday-Friday, 0900 to 1630 Eastern Standard Time.

10. Released by RDML M. T. Bell Jr. Commander, Personnel Service Center. The Service Center for our most important resource – Our People.



**United States Coast Guard**  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

TO: ALAUX  
From: CHDIRAUX  
SUBJ: AUXILIARY UNIFORM WEAR AT FORMAL AND CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS -  
004/18

1. Pursuant to section 1.A.4.a. of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual (Commandant Instruction Manual M16790.1 (series)), Auxiliarists are authorized to wear Coast Guard uniforms with the appropriate Auxiliary insignia, with the exception of full dress (swords, large medals, and white gloves) and dress (large medals and white gloves). Such uniform wear is as prescribed in the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations (Commandant Instruction Manual 1020.6 (series)), except as noted in chapter 10 of the Auxiliary Manual.

2. Chapter 10 of the Auxiliary Manual prescribes the wearing of the Auxiliary uniform by active or retired Auxiliarists for formal and ceremonial occasions as well as prohibited occasions for uniform wear. Respective guidelines are amended as follows:

#### 10.A.8. Formal and Ceremonial Occasions

Wearing an appropriate Auxiliary uniform by active or retired Auxiliarists for formal and ceremonial occasions is authorized as follows:

a. At civilian, military, and Auxiliary ceremonies and events that are clearly military service-centric in nature (e.g., military changes of command; Auxiliary changes of watch; military and Auxiliary retirements; Coast Guard Foundation dinners; local community banquets in honor of military services; patriotic parades on national holidays; funerals of military veterans and Auxiliarists) and which require a uniform. Auxiliarists who do not own Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress White Jacket may wear Service Dress Blue to such ceremonies and events for which such formal wear is prescribed.

b. Service Dress Blue or Service Dress White may be worn for occasions in which it is prescribed for military personnel. However, Service Dress White is also only authorized for wear by District Commodores, members of the National Executive Committee (NEXCOM), and Auxiliarists who are currently certified participants in the Auxiliary Clergy Support program when it is the prescribed uniform for the ceremony or

event in which they have been invited to participate.

c. Social or other functions when the invitation has been clearly influenced by military service (e.g., an Auxiliarist who has been invited to be part of the bridal party for a military bride and/or groom may wear Service Dress White only if it is the prescribed uniform and the Auxiliarist is authorized to wear that uniform as authorized above).

Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, (COMDTINST M1020.6 (series)), authorize retired Coast Guard personnel to wear the dress uniform that was prescribed at the time of their retirement, or any dress uniform that is currently authorized for active duty personnel, to certain formal and ceremonial events. The same holds true for Auxiliarists in retired status.

Due to the nature of certain formal Auxiliary events like changes of watch, conferences, and banquets, such events are recognized as falling within the general scope of military ceremony. They are nonetheless Auxiliary events, and Auxiliarists who are invited to them are so invited because of their Auxiliary membership status, not due to a retired military status as may be held by prior active duty or Reserve personnel. Accordingly, Auxiliarists who are also retired military personnel are strongly encouraged and recommended to wear their Auxiliary dress uniform under such circumstances in lieu of any authorized military dress uniform.

#### 10.A.9. Prohibited Occasions

The following prohibition is added to this section:

Except as authorized in section 10.A.8., Auxiliary uniforms may not be worn for any personal ceremony or event (e.g., an Auxiliarist may not wear an Auxiliary uniform for their own wedding, college graduation, vacation, etc.).

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.

4. Internet Release and Distribution is Authorized

## **MARCH IS NATIONAL WOMENS HISTORY MONTH**

In recognition of Women's History Month, I want to acknowledge the many contributions of women in the Auxiliary and military service nationwide. We greatly appreciate all you do for us.



From Left to Right, Back Row :BM3 Syndnee Sansone, SK2 Angela Martin,BM2 Sierra Schlager. Front Row: BM3 Brooke Crosley and SN Samantha Hughes.(Photos by Debroah Heldt Cordone)

### **Women Protecting our Coastline and Country by Auxiliarist Deborah Heldt Cordone, Flotilla 5-2**

**March is National Women's History Month and a great time to celebrate women who serve and have a positive impact on the community. The 2016 theme, Honoring Women in Public Service and Government, leads us to recognize women who serve with our local United States Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River.**

**Although the Coast Guard is the smallest military branch, it has large responsibilities for the safety and security of our country and coastline, under the umbrella of Homeland Security. Coast Guard women commonly face the**

**front line, since they were fully integrated into active-duty service in the 1970's. The organization has been cutting edge in empowering and embracing women as equals in a normally male-dominated field.**

**The very first female to lead a US military academy, now Vice Admiral Sandra Stosz, was in the Coast Guard. The first female to command a US military vessel, now Captain Beverly Kelley, also occurred in the Coast Guard. Two women, Vice Admiral Vivian Crea and Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara, have served as second-in-command officers of the entire service. No other military branch has seen females promote to that level. Guards women have seen other high positions in the chain of command and there are myriad opportunities in all the ranks.**

**Women Coast Guard members often have a female mentor to directly guide them and undeniably have many female role models, shown throughout the history of the Coast Guard, to which they aspire. There are currently five active-duty women assigned to Station Siuslaw River in various roles, with an additional three female members active in the local Coast Guard Auxiliary.**

**Boatswain Mate (BM2) Sierra Schlager, from Jamestown North Dakota, has been with the Coast Guard since 2008. She is a heavy weather coxswain for the rugged 47' motor lifeboat. She is training to be a "Surfman", the highest qualification a coxswain can achieve in the Coast Guard. The rough bar and surf conditions in this area allow her to continuously practice her skills to achieve her goal and satisfy her deeply imbued sense of mission. She enjoys the "dynamic decisions" her boat handling experiences create. Of the nearly 200 boat stations in the Coast Guard, only 20 stations are located in areas with surf conditions that require Surfmen. Of the approximately 500 Surfmen in the Coast Guard, there are only 6 women who hold that prestigious title. BM2 Schlager is well on her way to such a distinction with amazing boat driving skills, Surfman mentors at the station, and a strong belief in the long-standing Coast Guard adage, "service before self". She is also a role model for other women at the station due to her qualifications and leadership skills. Schlager enjoys hiking, ice hockey, dogs, and other outdoor activities in her off-duty time. She is married to Coast Guard ombudsman Chantal Guzman-Schlager with an 11 year old daughter.**

**BM3 Brooke Crosley, originally from Fort Lauderdale Florida, is an integral part of the boat crew and a station watch stander, where she monitors the radio, dispatches and keeps an eye on the river. As part of the boat crew, she trains for towing, Search and Rescue, basic first aid and fire fighting. With two years in the Guard so far, she wants to be an officer-in-charge of the station some day. She feels it is an "honor and privilege to serve in the Coast Guard" and plans to stay in for a full 20-year career. Crosley also states she likes "the adrenalin rush from going on missions and gets gratification helping people" as reasons for such a career. Crosley previously earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. She enjoys outdoor activities, weight lifting and movie going. She generously volunteers for the community with Helping Hands, career days at the middle school, beach clean-up and other activities. She is scheduled to attend Boarding Officer school in South Carolina and will then return to Florence to continue her tour here for the next few years.**

**Samantha Hughes, born and raised in Colorado Springs, joined the Coast Guard last year and is a Seaman (SN) for boat deck and also performs watch stander duties. Her family has a long tradition in the military, including her father who made the Army his career. She states the Coast Guard is the "right fit" for her personality and goals, and likes using "physical and mental capabilities equally" in her profession. She has yet to choose a specific assignment, but is interested in health services, electrician's mate, or possibly aviation technician training. She loves being in the Coast Guard and "giving the community a peace of mind" with their presence and knowing "other mariners appreciate the service". SN Hughes is certified in basic EMT training and spends many hours as a volunteer firefighter for Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue. She also enjoys swimming, community volunteering, hiking and outdoor adventures. She plans on starting an online degree in Business Administration in the near future.**

**SK2 Angela Martin is a career Coast Guard member, serving for over 12 years. Her duties, integral to the operation of any unit, includes accounting, purchasing, and most other logistical functions. She is nearing completion of a bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences. Martin feels the Coast Guard has given her experiential lessons, education, training and the "tools" needed to be a productive citizen. She enjoys camping, fishing, hiking and spending time with her canine companion. She plans on transferring to a unit in the Seattle area in the near future, where she is from.**

**BM3 Sydnee Sansone, from Apple Valley California, has been in the Coast Guard for the past 5 1/2 years. She serves on the boat crew and helps around the station as needed. She plans to leave the Coast Guard later this year and pursue a business degree. Sansone states she has learned many life skills and “matured as a person” during her service. In her off-time, she likes snowboarding, shopping and boating.**

**Women serving in the local Coast Guard Auxiliary include Kristy Cates, a volunteer fire fighter/Engineer/EMT for Lane Fire Authority and currently a boat crew leader (coxswain) in the local Flotilla; Deborah Heldt Cordone, retired law enforcement officer, who performs public affairs duties working with both the active-duty station and auxiliary; and Danielle Jackson (PhD candidate at OSU) assigned as Flotilla Staff Officer in charge of supply procurement.**

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**WRITTEN BY AUX DEBORAH HELDT CORDONE FL-52**



La'Shanda Holmes is the first female African-American helicopter pilot in Coast Guard history.



**Brave Women of the USCG and Auxiliary!**  
**Semper Paratus**

## 04-76 Awards & Recognitions

At our February meeting, several members were recognized and presented with various awards for their dedication to the Auxiliary. One special award-The Mark Crater Award. In honor of his commitment to service, both Scott Sigman & Justin Morgan were presented the award.





Marc Batts presented with – The Division Award for 30 years service.



Hank Harrison- Al Lewis Award



Ralph Onesti-Sustained Service Award.

Additional awards presented to members included-Richard White and Ken Christy. Both received the Sustained Service Awards.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to the Auxiliary mission!



# **FLOTILLA 04-76 MEMBER SUPPORT**

Shipmates:

I generated a group store online for Short Sleeve Shirts and Long Sleeve Shirts. Pay online, once an order number has been met, the shirts are printed and I will distribute them. Follow the link below.

<https://www.customink.com/g/pzb0-00ba-5pfa>

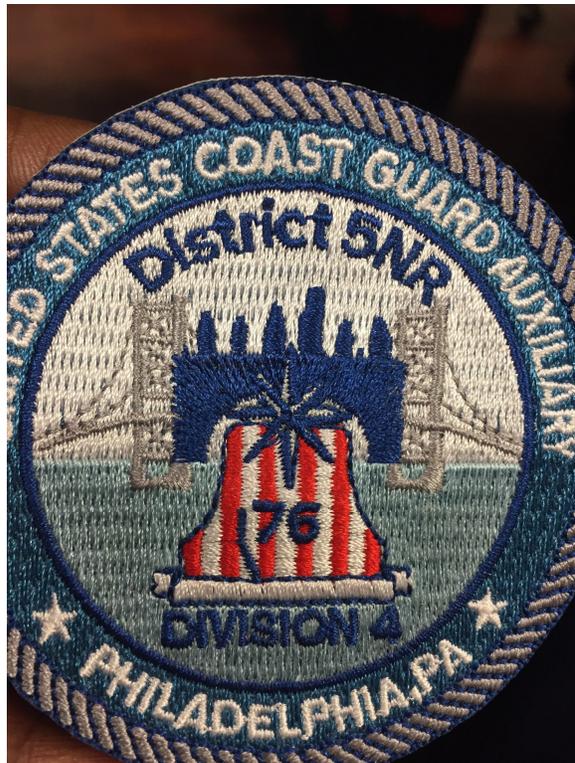
Very Respectfully

Matt Jones-FC





We've also developed a Flotilla Patch which you can iron on. To obtain one, please see Scott Sigman at our March meeting.



Site closes on April 1<sup>st</sup>!..

# AUXTRACEN MARCUS HOOK

7 W Delaware Ave  
Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania 19061.

Division 05304 will be hosting Boat Crew / Coxswain  
Training at AUXTRACEN Marcus Hook

Student Information

Download Boat Crew Seamanship Manual  
COMDTINST M16115.5C

Thank you for your service and your interest in Member Training

Paul Bonnes,

Division 4 SO - MT

Please contact me if you have any questions

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2018 Boat Crew / Coxswain Training

3/18/18 9:00 AM 4:00 PM SUNDAY  
INTRODUCTION TO CREW SCHOOL

- ODU INSPECTION
- CREW EFFICIENCY FACTORS
- KNOTS & LINES
- LUNCH 12 to 1pm
- PRE UNDERWAY CHECKLIST
- MAN OVERBOARD
- SIDE & STERN TOWS
- ANCHORING
- HELM COMMANDS

3/25/18 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM SUNDAY

- FIRST AID BASICS
- BURNS
- HYPOTHERMIA  
LUNCH 12 to 1pm
- SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT
- NAV LIGHTS AND SHAPES

3/31/18 9:00AM - 4:00 PM SATURDAY

- NAVIGATION
- COMMUNICATIONS & THE VHF RADIO  
LUNCH 12 to 1pm
- DISTRESS SIGNALS
- FIRE PREVENTION & SUPPRESSION  
To Be Announced when and where
- TEAM COORDINATION and SWIM TEST
- Please contact Paul Bonnes  
pjbannes@verizon.net to register for these classes  
Please contact Paul Bonnes if you want to be an instructor for  
any of these classes

Call for additional information

484 798 8027

Thanks you for your interest in member training

Paul Bonnes SO-MT

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Not sure how often we say how much we appreciate your time and commitment to making 04-76 a viable operation within the Auxiliary. I know many of you have demanding responsibilities outside of this organization, however, the time you provide does make a difference. Whether it's in PE or VE, that extra mile offers tremendous advantages to the boating public. Without you, none of our core values are met. So to you, our volunteers, we say –*“Thank you for your service”*.

Charles J Miller, II  
FSO-PB/PA