

DIRAUX NOTES

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

LCDR Kelly A. Boodell

GOOD BYE: I hate to say this, but I must to the 300 plus members who at this moment, have not submitted their paperwork for their background checks (PSI). I have been trying to personally call each and every one of you to ask you to please get your paperwork in. Your membership means a lot to me, to the Coast Guard and to your country. I am happy to discuss any questions that you have however, if you do not submit the paperwork to us by 15 September 2006, we will have no choice but to begin disenrollment. I have called every person in the Eastern Area and have had every intention of calling the remaining members in the Southern and Northern Areas, because you are important and so is your membership, but I am running out of time. Many of the folks that I spoke to were uncertain about submitting their forms, because they feel that they just haven't been that active. Well, let me respond to that! Life is. We are all busy. Every hour that you are able to contribute to our organization is one hour more than if you had not. Even if you find that you cannot contribute even that one hour, do you realize how important your support is by means of the membership dues that you pay? Trust me. Those dollars are vital to keeping those members that are active trained and ready to assist in the many mission areas needing their attention. Your financial support means a tremendous amount. So please, fill out the paperwork. If you think you have or are unsure, [I am attaching a link to a listing](#) of everyone that has not completed their paperwork. Please look at it and see if you know someone on the list that you can help to encourage along! The link is: <http://www.uscg.mil/d13/diraux/nopsi081606.htm>

PATROL ORDER REIMBURSEMENT: Have you gone on a patrol this summer, even this year, and neglected to submit your claim for reimbursement? If so, you aren't doing anyone any favors! We need you to submit your claim for reimbursement. If you do not I cannot properly budget or project our actual usage and expenditures. Your failure to submit a claim for reimbursement directly hurts every Auxiliarist in our program, so please, if you feel generous, buy me an ice cream cone instead, just put in your paperwork!

YOUR CAR: President Bush signed into law the CG bill HR 889. An Auxiliary provision was included such that members' POV may be accepted as a facility to tow Government property. Private insurers will not provide coverage of Auxiliary members vehicles used to tow US government owned trailers. Trailers include those that carry USCG small boats, USCG owned COASTIES, etc. US Government will now provide protection for member vehicles as it does member's boats/aircraft employed as facilitates under government orders. This effort via the LCP process has taken many years/much effort and is a significant achievement. In the past, the member assumed the risk, or arranged for US Government vehicle, or declined the mission. Now a CG station can request an Auxiliary member tow a USCG trailer/boat with member owned equipment, etc/members can tow COASTIE to boating safety events with less risk

WANTED: Auxiliary Volunteer's who can commit to a minimum of just 4 hours, once per week to assist us in the DIRAUX office in beautiful downtown Seattle. We need everything from filers, Data processing (Input into AUXDATA), and a list of other chores that we do on a daily basis. So, come on in and help out and enjoy with us the Circus like atmosphere as Holly throws things at Charles in an attempt to make him behave. If you are interested, please call Charles at 1-800-982-8813, ext. 7087.

FROM OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

BOSN Timothy R. Tully

FIRST ENTRY: This is my first time writing these notes so I would like to introduce myself. I am Timothy Tully; please feel free to call me Tim. I have been in the Coast Guard for 15 years and have had a wide variety of assignments. I have been at small boat stations as a Coxswain, underway on 3 cutters as a Deck Watch Officer, Executive Petty Officer aboard one cutter and Officer in Charge of two Aids to Navigation Teams. My first assignment as a Chief Warrant Officer was aboard USCGC HEALY, an Icebreaker here in Seattle. I have a 9 year old son named Shannon, who is my golfing buddy. I am really excited to be in this position here at DIRAUX. I am very passionate about the Coast Guard's missions especially the Auxiliary's core mission of recreational boating safety. I look forward to learning what I can from you and hopefully you will learn some things from me as well. Please keep up the outstanding work that you all have been doing. Have fun out there and remember Safety first, always.

PPE ISSUE: We are going to adjust the way we get personal protective equipment (PPE) out into the field, but we need support from the Flotillas. Flotilla Commanders need to make sure that the members are ordering the proper size from me.

Please be proactive in trying to find out the right size during your Flotilla meetings. Flotillas in the Seattle area can still come by and pick up equipment, but please call ahead first. I will either send or bring the equipment to the areas that cannot get here easily. Go through the Flotilla MA to place your order. They will collect the information and make sure I receive it. They are responsible for keeping track of who has what equipment and doing an annual inventory of the gear. Whoever receives equipment will need to sign an AF 538 form acknowledging which gear they have. These are the forms that the MA will have you sign annually during the inventory. If there are any questions about this, please use the Chain of Leadership. The equipment does no good here. It wants to be worn by all of you.

ORDER REIMBURSEMENT: Please do not send patrol orders for reimbursement to Station Seattle! They are still receiving a significant number of patrol orders that should be mailed directly to Sector, causing you delays in reimbursement. Please pass to all that the following is the proper address for submitting patrol orders for reimbursement if your orders are being issued in Sector Seattle's AOR:

Commander
USCG Sector Seattle
1519 Alaskan Way S
Seattle, WA 98134
ATTN: Auxiliary Patrol Orders

DAMAGE CLAIMS: Auxiliary Damage Claims are required to be submitted within six (6) months of the incident. Any Damage Claims submitted after that time period may be denied due to the time limit to submit them. Neither MLC legal, nor I want to see Auxiliarists missing out on valid damage claims. If an incident occurs, immediately contact your order issuing authority so that the claim will be properly noted, and appropriate procedures initiated.

FACILITY OFFER FOR USE: All Auxiliary Facilities that have been un-inspected for 2 years or longer will be deleted from AUXDATA and the D13 Data Base. Any Auxiliarist who decides to Re-Offer that vessel as a facility will receive a new facility identification number.

QE'S APPLICATIONS: Professional and qualified Auxiliarists, who desire to become a Qualification Examiner (QE) for D13, contact your Regional Area QE or DSO-OP (Operation) for the Policy Directives, OP-02 and OP-03, on the Selection and Duties of QE's. The DIRAUX OTO is always looking for the "cream of the crop" to become new QE's and keep our Boat Crew Training Program improving.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

SK1 Holly R. Boehme

WANT TO GET THE MOST OF YOUR TAX DOLLAR? Submit your claim for payment the next day after your event. Every time you get a set of orders either Travel or Patrol it's as if the government cuts you a check and not until you submit your claim does the check get paid. If you do not submit your claim you tie up dollars that could be used for other operations. With gas prices increasing it is vital to our program that we get a clear dollar figure of fuel dollars spent. If you know that you will not want to be reimbursed for your efforts, please inform the order issuing agent when you make your requests. We have the best budget picture this year, because more members are submitting claims in a timely manner. I cancel travel orders that are open longer than 60 days.

ONLINE PAYMENT STATUS WEBSITE BACK UP AND RUNNING: The website <https://www.fincen.uscg.mil/secure/TravelPay/TPQuery.htm> is back up and working. This is the best place to check your claim status. Remember it could take up to 3 weeks for status on travel claims.

READ YOUR TRAVEL ORDERS COMPLETELY: Please read your orders, I still get calls from members asking questions regarding information that is listed on their travel orders. Please also keep your information current with our office, travel orders are sent via email and if your address is not correct you will have problems. If you are new to the auxiliary make sure your on direct deposit, you will not be paid by check anymore. Visit https://www.fincen.uscg.mil/secure/enrollment_form.htm to enroll.

FROM THE AUXILIARY AFFAIRS ASSISTANT

Mr. Charles K. Claytor

First of all, I want to thank everyone for their Well Wishes and Get Well Cards after my short visit to hospital in the spring. I am all well and as ornery as every. And now, on to the more important stuff.

DIRAUX SOP: Our new OTO, Mr. Tim Tully is in the process of writing and updating the DIRAUX SOP. This new SOP will put in writing the steps to certification, how we process Facility Offers for Use, how and when we do Awards, AUXDATA/POMS and a whole list of other things that concern not only DIRAUX, but the Auxiliary Membership as well. Our intention is to give you the membership a concrete procedure on how DIRAUX operates and serves YOU, the AUXILIARY.

PSI COMPLETION: One of the more important tasks we are working on right now is getting everyone OS/DO Approval from SECCEN. Most everyone needs only an OS PSI. Only those in the "AIR PROGRAM, AUXILIARY ELECTED OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY APPENDIX D (AUXILIARY MANUAL), AUXILIARY STAFF OFFICERS AS DETERMINED BY ACTIVE DUTY OPERATIONAL COMMANDER, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY, OR CHIEF DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY, and AS DIRECTED BY A COAST GUARD COMMAND AUTHORITY FOR ANY AUXILIARIST WHO, DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE SUPPORT THEY PROVIDE, HAS A CLEAR, ARTICULABLE, AND RECURRING NEED FOR A SECURITY CLEARANCE (EG – AN AUXILIARY COMMS WATCHSTANDER WHOSE DUTIES REQUIRE ACCESS TO AND HANDLING OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL ALONG WITH COMMENSURATE NEED-TO-KNOW)" will actually need to complete a DO PSI. Those of you who completed a DO PSI packet and received a DO APPROVAL will maintain that DO APPROVAL even though it is most likely not needed.

The OS PSI packet includes **2 Fingerprint cards (FD-2858[REV. 5-11-99] only)** signed by a certified Fingerprint Technician, **1 OFI-86C (Do not sign this form)**, an **SF-85 (page 6 only)**, and the **US Citizenship Verification Form** (signed by a certified Fingerprint Technician). All of these forms (with the exception of the finger print cards) can be found on the D13 Director's website at <http://www.uscg.mil/d13/oax/default.htm>. If you do need to complete a DO PSI and do not know which forms to use, please call or send me an Email and I will send the forms to you. Once you have completed the necessary forms for OS or DO, send them directly to "JR" Addington, 29813 N Dalton Rd., Deer Park WA 99006-9729.

Time is of the essence here. As it stands now, if you have not received an Approval from SECCEN by 31 December 2006, you will either be automatically disenrolled or retired within AUXDATA. This means that if you intend to remain in the USCG Auxiliary, you will then be required to re-enroll, which really means more work for me. So please, Division Captains, Flotilla Commanders, and ALL Auxiliary Members at large, check with everyone you know to make sure they have an Approved PSI or at the least have submitted one. At the District Conference, I will once again have an Approved List for all the DCP's and Flotilla Commanders. Of course, you can always send me an Email to request an advance copy (RCO's, DCP's, and FC's only please)!

REYR: Want to know who in your Flotilla or Division might go into REYR on 31 December 2006? From the AUXDATA main screen, click on the "Training" tab. From there, click on the "Reports" tab. You will then see 2 sides; one for Individual and 1 for Unit. On the Unit side, click on the "Training Status" tab; complete the information and run submit to get your report. When the report prints, look for the color "RED" or "BLACK." RED and BLACK mean the task needs to be completed by the End of the Year. If the task is RED or BLACK and you know for certain that the task has been completed, it probably means that someone did not enter it into AUXDATA! Now you will probably see a lot of those pesky ICS and IS courses in RED. Get them completed and Forward your Email confirmation from FEMA to DIRAUX and we will get them entered in AUXDATA.

FROM THE AUXILIARY PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Ms. Shirley A. Blanchett

DISTRICT THIRTEEN CONFERENCE: The District 13 Conference will be held 15-17 September this year at the Mirabeau Park Hotel in Spokane Washington. For those Auxiliarists going this year be sure you mention our group name, "Coast Guard Auxiliary District Thirteen" when you make your room reservations. The hotel reservation deadline is August 15, 2006, after this date rooms may not be available or rates may change. Your registration and meal choices need to be received by Jo Ann Grubb, D-AA, by September 1, 2006, please send your registration early. There will be very limited tickets for sale at the meeting.

TRANSFERS: Auxiliary members who have received the new version of the Auxiliary Member ID card need not send back their ID cards when they are transferring from one flotilla to another within District Thirteen. This is because the new cards do not have the member's flotilla number printed on them. Please continue to relinquish your ID card when transferring to another Coast Guard District.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICE AWARDS: July's Membership Service awards were mailed out to Flotilla Commanders on July 28th to be presented at the next flotilla meetings. Membership Service Awards for Twenty years and above were mailed out to the Division Captains to be presented at the next Division meetings. Attached to the inside of each folder is the member's new ID card, which is good for another five years. If no digital photo and ID card form were turned in to the DIRAUX office, there will be no ID card inside of the Member Certificate folder. A new ID card will be issued when the appropriate information has been submitted to the DIRAUX office.

CURRENT TRANSFER STATUS CHART: The current Transfer Status Chart that shows the entire District 13 Auxiliary member transfers that are being processed in DIRAUX can be found on the Auxiliary website. The chart shows what DIRAUX is working on for each transfer and what may be missing from a submitted transfer request. To visit this Transfer Status chart click on the following link or paste the link into your computer browser: <http://www.uscg.mil/d13/oax/>. Transfers that are completed and are older than two or three months have been removed from the chart. If your transfer request was sent in earlier than two months ago and you have not seen it on this chart it means DIRAUX has not received it yet, and you may need to investigate where the Transfer Request has been stalled in route.