

E-PME  *Enlisted*
PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

Auxiliary 3.B.03

Learning Objective(s): **EXPLAIN** the role and missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Why You Need to Know This



The Coast Guard's philosophy is to be SEMPER PARATUS "*Always Ready*" against all threats and hazards and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is an integral part of that philosophy. The dedicated men and women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary spend thousands of hours each year, often on their personal vessels and aircraft helping the Coast Guard carry out its missions. They have saved countless lives through their efforts and are a vital part of Team Coast Guard.

Upon completion of this lesson you will have an understanding of the roles and missions of the Auxiliary and their contribution to the Coast Guard and the nation.

Topics Covered

This section will cover the following topics:

- Role of the Auxiliary
- Missions of the Auxiliary

At the end of this lesson, you will be required to participate in a learning activity. You are encouraged to first review the learning activity and the sign off requirements located in the "**You and Your Supervisor**" section of this lesson. Reviewing this information before you begin the lesson will allow you to take proper notes and focus on key learning points.

Role of the Auxiliary The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard. Created by an Act of Congress in 1939, the Auxiliary directly supports the Coast Guard in all missions, except military and law enforcement actions. Although they are best known for their boating safety classes and courtesy safety checks, the Auxiliary supports the Coast Guard's missions in many other ways as well. The Auxiliary has members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam. Their missions include:

- Surface (water) Missions
 - Air Operations Missions
 - Land-Based Operations Missions
 - Public Education Missions
 - Environmental Missions
 - Coast Guard Support and Boating Safety Missions
 - Agency Support Missions
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Surface (Water) Missions

Surface (water) missions include various patrols:

- Safety and regatta patrols
 - Chart updates (to verify accuracy on charts and navigation publications)
 - Personal Water Craft (PWC) inspections
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Air Operations Missions

Air operations missions include:

- Search and rescue call outs
 - Enforcement of laws and treaties
 - Support of ice operations
 - Logistics mission to transport personnel
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Land-Based Operations Missions

Land-based operations include:

- Radio watch-stander
 - Officer Of the Day (ashore or afloat)
 - B-0 Alert SAR standby
 - CG crew augmentation
 - Auxiliary radio net mission
 - Aids To Navigation Mission (Federal)
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Public Education Missions

Public education missions include:

- State and Youth courses
 - Member Training (MT) Instructor Mission
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Environmental Missions

Environmental missions include:

- Enforcement of Laws and Treaties
 - Marine Environmental Protection
 - CG Operational Support
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Coast Guard Support and Boating Safety Missions

Coast Guard support and boating safety missions include:

- CG Operational Support
 - Auxiliary’s Academy Introduction Mission (AIM)
 - Courtesy Marine Examinations
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Agency Support Missions

Agency support missions include support of federal, state, and local agencies, such as:

- Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
 - Army Corps of Engineers
 - NOAA
 - Department of Natural Resources
 - State Police and Marine Patrols
 - Local Police and Sheriff’s Office
 - Fire/Rescue
 - Harbormasters
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Learning Activity



To successfully complete this requirement you will need to explain the role and missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary with your supervisor.

For You and Your Supervisor

In order to meet the sign-off requirement for this lesson **YOU** must perform the following:

1. Prior to meeting with your supervisor review the contents of this lesson and organize your thoughts.
2. Discuss your chosen topic.

Before signing off on this requirement your **SUPERVISOR** must:

1. Make sure the member knows the role and missions of the Coast Auxiliary.
2. Provide the member with corrective feedback and answer any questions they may have related to this topic.
3. Sign-off the check-off sheet on the Record of Enlisted Professional Military Education (E-PME) Performance Requirements.

References

The following references were used in this lesson, they can be found at [CG Directives at CG-612](#):

- Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series)
 - Coast Guard Publication 1 (CG Pub 1)
 - U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary website
 - U. S. Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-542)
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