



Press Release

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COAST GUARD AUXILIARY CELEBRATES 68 YEARS OF SERVICE TO AMERICA

**All-Volunteer Organization, founded in 1939, assists the U.S. Coast Guard with
many missions**

SACRAMENTO - On Saturday, June 23rd, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will celebrate its 68th year of service to the United States Coast Guard and the American people.

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. The Auxiliary is the primary provider of boating safety outreach and education for the Coast Guard.

According to Adm. Thad Allen, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, "The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary provides an invaluable service to our Nation. We rely on their generosity and patriotism to help keep Americans safe and secure all around the country."

The Coast Guard's philosophy is to be SEMPER PARATUS (ALWAYS READY) against all threats and all hazards. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is an integral part of that philosophy and the Coast Guard Forces.

"The Auxiliary is an integral part of the Coast Guard and they assist with virtually every Coast Guard mission. We couldn't do what we do without them," said Adm. Allen.

Auxiliary members conduct safety patrols on local waterways, assist the Coast Guard with homeland security duties, teach boating safety classes, conduct free vessel safety checks for the public, as well as many other activities.

The Auxiliary has members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam. To join the Coast Guard Auxiliary, call 1-877-875-6296 or visit www.cgaux.org.

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Some highlights of statistics for the Auxiliary in 2006 include the following:

- Total hours contributed by the Auxiliary - 4,129,552
- Lives saved - 689
- Persons assisted - 18,972

- Property saved - \$ 143,861,122
- Boating safety classes completed - 3,484
- Vessel Safety Checks completed - 122,852

Remember - to be a survivor - WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET!!!

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is composed of uniformed volunteers who assist the Coast Guard in all of its varied missions, except for military and direct law enforcement. These men and women can be found performing a variety of missions - on the nation's waterways, in the air, in classrooms and on the dock, performing Maritime Domain Awareness patrols, safety patrols, vessel safety checks and public education.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary was founded in 1939 by an Act of Congress as the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and re-designated as the Auxiliary in 1941. Over 27,000 members donate millions of hours annually in support of Coast Guard missions.

For more information on the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, visit us at www.cgaux.org or www.axupa.org .