



**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**  
(Authorized by Congress 1939)  
THE CIVILIAN COMPONENT OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD

## Auxiliary Benefits of Membership

The benefits of Auxiliary membership are both tangible and intangible. You'll proudly wear the uniform and insignia and fly the Auxiliary ensign while participating in the activities involved in the Auxiliary's missions of *Recreational Boating Safety* and *Support of the Coast Guard*.

In addition to the pride and satisfaction which comes to every volunteer, Auxiliarists enjoy many valuable benefits and privileges not available to the general public. :

**Vendor Discounts through our [Shop Auxiliary Web Page](#)**

**Membership in [The Armed Forces Vacation Club \(Installation code 242\)](#)**

### **COAST GUARD FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

The Coast Guard Credit Union provides all the services of a bank, but returns profits to the members instead of stockholders. From savings and checking accounts to home equity lines of credit, the Credit Union has a lot to offer. For more information you can call toll free:

**1-800-554-4590**

### **COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE**

Mutual Assistance provides an emergency fund which can provide fast financial relief when a member faces an unexpected or "impossible" financial burden causing personal hardship. Auxiliarists may apply for such a loan and are considered as "Sponsor Members" under the program. If approved, the emergency loan is interest free.

### **COAST GUARD WORK-LIFE PROGRAMS**

Auxiliarists can take advantage of certain Coast Guard Work-Life Programs such as:

- Family
- Wellness
- Dependent Resources
- Employee Assistance
- Relocation Assistance

Further information is available from your Director of Auxiliary or call: **1- 800-872-4957**

## **INSURANCE**

A variety of insurance programs the Auxiliarist operating under Coast Guard orders. This coverage includes medical, hospitalization, disability and death benefits should an accident occur in the performance of duty on official orders.

If your boat, aircraft or other authorized Auxiliary facility is damaged or destroyed while officially engaged in Auxiliary operations, coverage for repairs or replacement would be provided after approved. Government liability coverage protects the Auxiliarist from third party claims made as a result of actions occurring when the Auxiliarist is performing authorized missions and has been properly assigned to duty on approved orders.

In order to maintain this coverage, incidents and accidents must be reported to your order issuing authority for the mission. As a caution, there must be strict adherence with Coast Guard regulations and orders, or the claim will be denied.

## **EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES**

Auxiliarists in uniform, with proper identification, can purchase anything sold in Coast Guard Exchange Stores except liquor and cigarettes. Family members may accompany Auxiliarists to the Exchange, but may not make individual purchases. Auxiliary members are also welcome at Department of Defense (DOD) Exchanges, but only uniform items or accessories may be purchased in those facilities. Coast Guard and Department of Defense (DOD) Commissaries are not available to Auxiliarists as these privileges are restricted to Active Duty, Reservists, or Retired Military.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Members receive the Auxiliary National publication, *The Navigator*, their own District publication, and other bulletins to stay informed about Coast Guard , Auxiliary and general boating information.

## **UNIFORMS AND AWARDS**

The pride of wearing the Auxiliary uniform is amplified by an Auxiliary awards system, with ample opportunities to receive recognition by completing Auxiliary training courses and participating in programs authorized by your Auxiliary leadership.

## **TAX DEDUCTIONS**

Uniforms, their cleaning and maintenance, and reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred in duty performance are "considered" contributions for tax purposes. The foregoing is not intended to be advise on tax deductibility. One should consult a professional tax advisor and the *Auxiliary Manual*.

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Many members feel improved boat handling, technical skills and competence on and off the water is their reason for being a part of the USCG Auxiliary. Opportunities to develop your own abilities or learn new nontraditional skills needed to support the Coast Guard, may be of primary benefit to others.

Enjoying doing something useful with friends may be the benefit which will bring satisfaction to your membership. Satisfaction could be derived from tossing a towline to a distressed boater or tossing a salad at a flotilla picnic. It could mean being a student or an instructor, checking a boat or an exam, using computer skills or accounting skills...personal benefits can mean a lot of things.

**THE DECISION IS UP TO YOU ...** a little or a lot, once a month or once a day - activities which interest you "as your time and circumstances permit." The personal benefits and satisfaction you receive from your membership will depend upon your choice and level of participation.