

**UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR
27 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Particular and **OUTSTANDING** thanks to all of those members who supported ACTNY efforts during the RNC and special thanks to Frank Ferraiuolo DSO-OP for coordinating operations and facilities and to Gail Venezia RCO-ACTNY-N and Sal Arico for short notice MDA coverage planning. Several new and creative AUX efforts included short order cooks, safety observers and dock rats – Well Done to all hands!!!

Also thanks to those stalwarts who supported our training efforts with the NY/NJ Port Authority Police – especially Hal Marschall and Wayne Spivak for coordinating the effort – FYI we are looking for a repeat performance tentatively scheduled to begin on 18OCT – please contact Wayne ASAP wspivak@sbanetweb.com

Great support provided for all of the 4th July activities as well – BZ!

Rumour Control

- DHS pins – FINALLY – we received a big box full today – FC's will shortly receive pins for all those who were members as of 01MAR03.
- There is NO/NO non-activity disenrollment procedure being contemplated at this time. Several have mentioned that “they heard” that no activity as of 01NOV means you're out – simply stated, **WRONG!!!**
- Mustang suits will be in distribution starting very soon – will be given out to those who do not currently posses and have activity **IN THE BOOKS!**
- ODU's can be bought at stores, exchanges and suppliers, but **NOT/NOT** thru UDC. Wear of ODU is **AUTHORIZED** as of **NOW** – **BUT**, you must fit into one of the sizes authorized for CG wear. As of January 05, AUX may purchase thru UDC - **WHEN WORD** is **PASSED** that it is OK. Boat crews should be in the same uniform e.g., all work uniform or all ODU's.

- **PLEASE** notify DIRAUX when a member passes away – this is an FC responsibility. Recently sent PSQ letter to a guy who was still in AUXDATA but we had not been notified that he had passed on Memorial Day – **UNSAT!!!**

-**TRAVEL CLAIMS** - **BAD!!!** 3-day travel claim turn, **LOTS OF PROBLEMS** with claim submissions – what is so hard??? Pay attention to detail!!! As of FY05, after 30 days, I will recover the \$\$ from any travel order that has not been submitted to my office for reimbursement.

-**SIGNIFICANT** improvement in uniforms – remember proper uniform wear – important!!! Be proud of it!!! New CHDIRAUX for AUX and the Commandant for all Team CG, are stressing appearance and grooming standards. Keep working on them – proper wear, all the proper parts etc. It is important that we have a professional appearance – the public takes us much more seriously and our job, especially enforcement of safety/security zones is much easier if we look the part.

Contact with DIRAUX

-USE the Problem Resolution Gateway on my web site (FC and up) <http://diraux.cgaux1sr.org/contactus2.html> – this saves my SMALL staff from having to answer silly questions like “did you get xxx yet?” via phone calls and allows the right staff person to answer the question well and to manage their time better. **FC’s and up USE IT!!!**

PSQ Responses

-I have transmitted a list of PSQ non-responders to the DCP’s for further transmittal to the FC’s - FC’s please make every attempt to contact these folks and get confirm one way or the other. Also – for FC’s, some PSQ’s reminder letters were returned in the mail to my office. The listing above specifies those names that were returned. Please make an effort to confirm that these folks are no longer active, gone or whatever and send notice back to my office w/ some type of note/documentation. Remember - 01NOV04 is the date to have the paper completed and into my office. 31DEC04 is the drop date for non-responders.

New Member Paperwork

Remember to set proper expectations for new members – the paper can take some time, but they can begin to participate in many programs and quals immediately. More to follow on this.

Paper & Process

Attention to detail in paper processing and data entry is terrible – must move the paper and must do it in proper chain and MUST enter data correctly in AUXDATA - Task Force Venezia meets 03 OCT to resolve and change some requirements and processes – stand by, we hope to make it simpler and easier!!! We hope to follow this effort with a booklet that defines both what paper is required and what process that paper follows. The booklet will be posted on my web site.

Boat Crew Fitness INST

This INST was developed for the express purpose of helping our boat crew program become SAFER and more PROFESSIONAL. It was NOT/NOT developed to further anyone’s agenda, it was not developed to remove our older folks from the program and it was not developed to make it harder to stay active in the program. The process is clear and well defined in the INST and above all, FAIR. A recent revision ensures that members, who have been identified as potentially not capable of fulfilling boat crew/cox duties, MUST be notified by the person who identifies them – IN WRITING.

Elected Officers

Lastly – I want to congratulate the newly elected bridge AND, in advance, all the newly elected Division and Flotilla Officers. Your election is a tremendous achievement that reflects your past accomplishments and your potential as a leader. As you transition to this next level of leadership, you will be entrusted with greater responsibilities. Your impact on Auxiliary programs and Auxiliarists can’t be overstated. Your energy, passion, dedication and professionalism are critical to the success of the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard. Remember to take care of your folks, train them IAW our standards, give them

the trust they earn and turn them loose to excel – you will be amazed at what they can accomplish!!!

Remember – the Coast Guard is a Team, the Auxiliary is a Team. Each of your Divisions and Flotillas is a Team!! You may not be best friends with all of your members, in fact, you may even like some of them – it matters not. What matters is that you have accepted the challenge to get the whole herd of cats going in the right directions – together!!!

“There are five fundamental qualities that make every team great: communication, trust, collective responsibility, caring and pride. I like to think of each as a separate finger on the fist. Any one individually is important, but all of them together are unbeatable”. Coach Mike Krzyzewski

PS – please welcome the newest Yankee fan!!

