## History and Missions

**Basic Introduction Course (BIC)** 

Lesson 4



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#### Core Values at the core of our service

**Honor** "Integrity is our standard. We demonstrate uncompromising ethical conduct and moral behavior in all of our actions. We are loyal and accountable to the public trust."

**Respect** "We value our diverse workforce. We treat each other with fairness, dignity, and compassion. We encourage creativity through empowerment. We work as a team."

**Devotion to Duty** "We are professionals, military and civilian, who seek responsibility, accept accountability, and are committed to the successful achievement or our organizational goals. We exist to serve. We serve with pride."

Honor is to serve yourself; Respect is to serve others; Devotion to Duty is to serve your country.

#### **Coast Guard Ethos**

I am a Coast Guardsman.

I serve the people of the United States.



I will protect them.

I will defend them.

I will save them.

I am their shield.



I live the Coast Guard core values.

I am proud to be a Coast Guardsman.

We are the United States Coast Guard.



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## DID YOU LOG AND SUBMIT YOUR TIME?





### Nation's Oldest Continual Sea-Going Service

- The Revenue Cutter Service was established by Congress on August 4, 1790 (the "Coast Guard's Birthday");
- The Father of the Coast Guard is Alexander Hamilton.
  Congress passed Alexander Hamilton's Revenue Cutter Bill which provided for the construction of ten armed cutters to protect and ensure revenue collection.
- President George Washington commissioned Hopley Yeaton as the first officer of the Revenue Cutter Service.
- Ten cutters were ordered at \$1,000 each;
- Captain Williams of USRC Massachusetts ordered special modifications from the builder that made his cutter the largest and most expensive, at approximately \$2,000.

(BIC 4.1)



"...They will endeavor to overcome difficulties, if any are experienced, by a cool and temperate perseverance in their duty - by address and moderation, rather than by vehemence or violence."

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-Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of the Treasury

## HOW HAS HAMILTON'S VISION SHAPED US?



## **Defining Moments in History**

Much has happened since Commodore Ellsworth Bertholf became the first Commandant of the modern Coast Guard, formed when the Revenue Cutter Service and Life Saving Service merged in 1915.

- Sinking of the Titanic and creation of the International Ice Patrol;
- Action in World War II and the establishment of the Auxiliary:
  - Initially called "Coast Guard Reserve" when established in 1939;
  - Renamed when military Coast Guard Reserve was created in 1941;
- Exxon Valdez and new emphasis on environmental protection;
- Establishment of written "Core Values" in 1994;
- September 11, 2001, new Department of Homeland Security, and expansion of Coast Guard and Auxiliary mission portfolio;
- Hurricane Katrina, Haiti Earthquake, Deepwater Horizon and other recent disasters;
- "Coast Guard Modernization" and recapitalization of the fleet.

How have these changes impacted the Coast Guard Auxiliary? (BIC 4.2)





## Douglas Munro and the Medal of Honor

"September 27, 1942 at Point Cruz on Guadalcanal, Signalman First Class Munro led the rescue of a detachment of Marines trapped on the beach by the attacking Japanese. Using his vessel as a shield from the enemy, four other Higgens boats loaded the Marines. Munro, fatally wounded, was awarded the Medal of Honor."

(BIC 4.3)



### History's Pioneering Coast Guardsmen

#### **David Jarvis**

- Officer aboard USRC Bear;
- Led Bear crew and reindeer in 900-mile rescue of whaling crew at Barrow's Point, AK;
- Most of the whaler's crew were saved after long winter.

#### Joshua James

- Saved 600 lives after family died on a ship when he was 15 years old;
- Required a special act of Congress to remain on active duty, where he died at age 74.

#### **Elmer Stone**

- Recognized as the "Father of Coast Guard Aviation";
- Co-pilot on history's first trans-Atlantic airplane flight;
- Developed early carrier catapult and arresting gear.



**CDR Elmer Stone** 

## **Opportunity for All**

#### Michael Healy

- Son of Irish immigrant and a slave woman;
- Commanded USRC Bear and introduced reindeer in Alaska;
- The modern icebreaker, CGC
  Healy, was named in his honor;
- His brother became first black bishop in the US.

#### **Ida Lewis**

- Operated Lime Rock Light from age 14 through 64;
- Act of Congress made her (as a woman) the light's keeper;
- Credited saving 18 lives (perhaps as many as 237);
- Forebear to heritage of women in the Coast Guard.





## "The Coast Guard's Pride and Joy"

"The Coast Guard's Pride and Joy is the Barque Eagle. She is a 295 foot barque training vessel home ported in New London, Connecticut. She was built in 1936 in Germany, and acquired as a war prize at the end of WWII."

- Coast Guard Academy training vessel sailed by Cadets and Officer Candidates;
- One of two sailing ships in U.S. Fleet;
  - The other is the USS Constitution, but she is not operationally active.
- Some Auxiliarists serve aboard.



Honor - Respect - Devotion to Duty

# HOW DO CORE VALUES REFLECT OUR HISTORY?



#### The Coast Guard at a Glance

#### Through the years...

- Established as the "Revenue Cutter Service" on August 4, 1790.
- Merged with the "Life Saving Service" to become the "United States Coast Guard" in 1915.
- The Auxiliary was established by Congress in 1939.
- The Auxiliary's missions were dramatically expanded in 1996 and through the post-9/11 years.

#### Today...

- Nation's oldest continual sea going service, now a part of the Department of Homeland Security.
- Assigned 11 missions by statute, accomplished through a strategy of Prevention and Response.
- Approximately 30000 auxiliary, 43001 active duty, 7873 reservists, and 8127 civilian personnel.

### Marine Safety, Security, and Stewardship

We protect those on the sea.

We protect our nation from threats delivered by the sea.

We protect the sea itself.

## DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN OUR MISSION?



#### **Directorates**

#### What is Prevention?

- Marine Saftey
- Member Training
- Navigation Services
- Public Affairs
- Public Education
- Recreational Boating SafetyProgram Visitor
- -Vessel Safety Check

#### What is Response?

- Aviation
- Communications
- Operations

### What is Response?

- Communication Services
- Human Resources
- Information Services
- Publications
- Secretary Recor4ding
- Materials

#### **OPERATIONAL TRAINING MATRIX**

**Operations** (Crew / Coxswain)

RESPONSE

OP



Coxswain Device Awarded

Coxswain Requirements:

Coxswain QE: NAVRULES Exam: Coxswain PQS Tasks: ICS-800 (Online): ICS-210 (Classroom); ICS-200 (Online).



Operations Ribbon Awarded

**Boat Crew Requirements:** 

Crew QE: Boat Crew PQS Tasks: ICS-700 (online); ICS-100 (online); TCT (8hrs Classroom).

Also consider completing "Navigation Systems" tasks to become an "Aide Verifier".

(Start here and work up)

Communications

CM

Specialist



Boat Forces Insignia Awarded

**Boat Forces Requirements:** 

Serve 5 years at a boat station; Advanced Boat Force OPS: CG Boat Crew (not OP).



Speciality Training Ribbon Awarded

**Communications Specialist** Requirements:

Communications Watchstander: AUXCOM Course.

Also consider courses in Weather, Seamanship, Patrols, Navigation, and Search Coordination to expand your knowledge.

(Start here and work up)

**PREVENTION** 

Marine Safety Specialist

MS



Trident Device Awarded

Trident Requirements:

96 MS hours per year for five years (need not be consecutive);

Complete additional 3 MS specialty qualifications.



MS Training Ribbon Awarded

**Marine Safety Specialist** Requirements:

1 MS specialty qualification; IMSEP Course/Exam: GoodMate Exam; IICS-800 (Online); ICS-700 (online); ICS-210 (Classroom): ICS-200 (Online); ICS-100 (online).

(Start here and work up)

Vessel Examiner

VE



RBS Device Awarded

**RBS Device Requirements:** 

Minimum 120 combined vessel examinations, public affairs hours, or public education hours each year for two years.

RBS Device Awarded

**RBS Device Requirements:** 

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS** 

Public Affairs

Specialist

PA

Minimum 120 combined vessel examinations, public affairs hours, or public education hours each year for two years.



Examiner Ribbon Awarded

Vessel Examiner Requirements:

Vessel Examiner Exam:

Satisfactorily complete 5 supervised vessel safety checks (mentor verified).

Also consider learning more about Marine Safety training to expand your VE knowledge.

(Start here and work up)

PA Specialist Ribbon Awarded

Public Affairs Specialist Requirements:

PA Specialist I PQS Tasks:

and

Introduction to PA (online); PA Specialist 2nd Class (online): Journalism in PA (online); Intro to Digital Photos (online); ICS-100 (online).

(Start here and work up)

# ON WHICH MISSIONS WILL YOU FOCUS?

