

**Your help will be appreciated!**

Again, 100 percent of your contribution will be used by the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association to support the activities, programs and missions of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. We welcome your generous contributions.

Your country needs your help! And you and your associates will have the satisfaction that you are taking that extra step to help your nation in a time of perhaps its greatest need.

If you would like to discuss your participation, please call the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association Inc. at:

**888-341-9038**



### **Associate Membership**

One method to provide financial support to America's Volunteer Lifesavers® is through Associate Membership in The Coast Guard Auxiliary Association (The Association). Individuals and organizations may become Associate Supporting Members (individuals) or Corporate Supporting Members (organizations) by making a financial contribution to The Association. The amount of the contribution determines the level of membership and the associated recognition. The minimum amount to become an Associate Member of CGAuxA, Inc., for one year is an individual contribution of \$25.00 and minimum corporate contribution is \$1,000. Contributions not qualifying the donor for Associate Membership will also be greatly appreciated. Contact the St. Louis office or any member of The Association to obtain an Associate Membership application.



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# **YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT AMERICA'S VOLUNTEER LIFESAVERS® & HOMELAND SECURITY**



## Mission: Support the Coast Guard Auxiliary

The all-volunteer United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, created by act of Congress in 1939 to assist the U.S. Coast Guard, depends on private financial resources to conduct its vital missions of Homeland Security and Maritime Public Safety.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Association Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia for the purpose of supporting the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and its missions with funds and business management functions.

Supporting the Auxiliary is a unique opportunity for you and your associates to develop the warmth of feeling and pride of patriotism that come from assisting the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to serve our country in a time of potential national crisis.

## Homeland Security Opportunity

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has important assignments in Homeland Security. The Auxiliary helps safeguard the lives of United States citizens as well as our way of life. Auxiliary maritime, land and air patrols, search and rescue missions, radio communications, vessel safety checks, harbor safety and related responsibilities, all assist accomplishment of the Coast Guard's diverse missions and relieve active duty personnel for front line duty.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary receives no direct funding from the federal government. Volunteer Auxiliarist serve without compensation and come from all walks of life. The members, themselves, provide most of the required financial resources for maintaining the organizational and management/command structure of the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary's maritime public security and safety responsibilities expanded greatly after 9-11. With the increasing threats to American security and interests, the challenges of supporting the Auxiliary have grown in direct proportion. Patriotic and concerned citizens can offset the increased expenses of these responsibilities and support the Auxiliary with their financial support and largess. Your contributions will enable volunteer Auxiliarists to achieve a higher level of readiness and mission accomplishment.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers stand as important contributors to homeland security helping keep our country safe from terrorist threats. Coast Guard Auxiliary members carry out the same missions as the U.S. Coast Guard itself, except for armed combat and law enforcement.

## 36,000 Volunteer Members

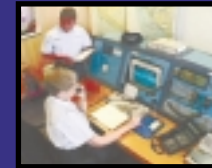
Many new members of the 36,000 volunteer member U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary joined after the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon because they wanted a way in which they could help their country in its time of need.

Now, you have a similar opportunity via two avenues. Making a financial donation or joining as an associate member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association Inc.

Because the Auxiliary is an all-volunteer organization, 100 percent of donated funds will be used to support the Auxiliary.

## Specific Areas of Support

- Homeland Security and response in time of crisis for specialized equipment and training.
- Special projects to serve America's recreational boater.
- Search and rescue training for life saving assistance.
- Acquisition of equipment needed for effective training and public education classes. Auxiliarist provide boating safety classes to more than 500,000 students annually in virtually every state.
- Financial assistance to enable deserving young high school men and women to consider, qualify for and gain appointment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy to prepare for a career as a Coast Guard Officer.



## Vital Duties

In addition to Homeland Security responsibilities, Coast Guard Auxiliary members provide a variety of other services, all related to public safety. That is the reason that they are widely known as 'America's Volunteer Lifesavers®'

Please consider these facts. Each year, the Auxiliary is credited with:

- **Contributing more than 2.3 MILLION hours of free service to our country.**
- **Assisting on Coast Guard cutters and in Coast Guard Station communications centers to supplement regular Coast Guard crews.**

- **Providing thousands of hours of Homeland Security patrols of harbors, waterways, oceans, bays, lakes, and land.**
- **Flying 10,000 hours of air patrols (many Auxiliarists are pilots).**
- **Assisting over 10,000 boaters in distress.**
- **Educating more than a half million students in boating safety classes.**
- **Performing over 100,000 Vessel Safety Checks.**
- **Spending more than 50,000 hours in developing and upgrading member skills.**

Not only are these Auxiliarists volunteering their time at no compensation, they pay dues to provide funds to support many of these missions, buy their own uniforms, and provide in many cases their own boats and aircraft for patrols.

Now, with Homeland Security our foremost concern, these patriotic Americans are turning to you and others to help them provide for the safety of their fellow citizens.

