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From: NACO

To: National Board

Subject: NACO Guidance #5 - Government Shutdown Guidance

Guidance has been received through the Coast Guard restricting Coast Guard Auxiliary activities during the period since we are experiencing a government shutdown. Essentially, all Auxiliary activities are at a stop.

We do not have assignment to duty for our normal activities without explicit instructions from an Order Issuing Authority (OIA). OIA instructions would provide appropriate funding and coverages for liability and medical issues that could arise. Without that specific authority, we are not authorized to travel or incur any expense.

We are permitted to talk with one another and have telephonic meetings as long as no travel or expense obligation is incurred for the meeting. We are permitted to respond to electronic communication such as email, fax, and phone calls in order to maintain the integrity of the Chain of Leadership. We are permitted to conduct electronic elections and electronic unit meetings following the guidance set forth in the Auxiliary Manual for the conduct of such elections.

For example, a telephone meeting from a member's home is permitted. If a member would need to travel to another location, such as a conference facility or CG station, participation by that member would not be permitted.

This letter modifies previous guidance regarding activities during the period of government shutdown only as it relates to electronic communication. All other guidance received through the office of the Chief Director stands.

Should there be any questions relating to this guidance, please refer them through the Chain of Leadership to me.

Very respectfully,

Thomas C. Mallison /s/
National Commodore

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