

NACO's Holiday Message

The holiday season is a special time for us to share with our family and friends, Mary Kay and I would like to offer our best wishes from our family to yours for a happy and safe holiday.

At this time of year I like to reflect back on those senior auxiliaries who were there for me 20 something years ago when I joined the Auxiliary. These mentors helped me through the challenges and frustrations of BQ and boat crew and encouraged me to find the things that I enjoyed doing in the Auxiliary. More importantly, they gave me permission not to feel like I had to do everything, I could be satisfied doing just what I enjoyed and giving as much time as I could afford. It was good advice and kept me involved and serving all these years.

The successes and challenges of 2006 are done and behind us, it is now time to focus on the coming year and what we need to do to make it as successful as possible. Many of us joined the US Coast Guard Auxiliary to improve our boating skills and to provide some level of service back to our community. Fortunately for us, there are a multitude of opportunities to serve and I encourage you to take full advantage of everything that interests you. Be involved, learn and teach. If you have been in the Auxiliary for a number of years you have amassed a huge amount of information and experience that makes you the perfect mentor for new members in your flotilla. Take a future Commodore under your wing and help them to develop their skills and become a better Auxiliaryist.

Thank you for the time and effort you give to our Coast Guard Auxiliary.
I wish you joy, health and happiness in 2007.
As they say here in Hawaii, Hauoli Makahiki Hou (Happy New Year)

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