



**THE NATIONAL COMMODORE  
OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

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To: Admiral Thad W. Allen  
Commandant, United States Coast Guard

From: Commodore Gene M. Seibert  
National Commodore

Subject: Birthday greetings to the United States Coast Guard

Every day the United States Coast Guard contributes in some way to saving a life, to rescuing a boater in distress, to interdicting illegal drugs or migrants, to conducting military operations in support of the global war on terror, to protecting our maritime environment and its resources, or insuring America's harbors are safe for transit or trade.

This year's anniversary comes at a time when our country is ever mindful of the war on terror and the need for homeland security, a substantial portion of which is provided by the Coast Guard.

As National Commodore of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, on behalf of our 31,000 members, I say with pride that we feel privileged to serve with, and be a part of Coast Guard Forces. Moreover, we stand ready, willing and able to continue to assist the Coast Guard in any way we can, now and into the future.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary extends a heartfelt BRAVO ZULU for all that the United States Coast Guard does for our country on a daily basis, along with a joyous 216<sup>th</sup> "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" wish to all the men and women serving in the United States Coast Guard.

SEMPER PARATUS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene M. Seibert".

Gene M. Seibert  
National Commodore  
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