



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

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FROM: NATIONAL COMMODORE, U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
TO; NATIONAL BOARD, U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY AND CHIEF  
DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY  
SUBJ: CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL ELECTION

In accordance with the provisions of the Standing Rules of the National Board of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Article 2. Section 2.1(c), upon receipt of verification of eligibility from the chief Director of the Auxiliary, the National Commodore will nominate each of these candidates and notify the members of the National Board in writing of the names of the candidates nominated for each office.

Therefore, the following are the candidates whom have submitted their Letters of Intent to run for national office and are eligible to seek these offices. They are by office:

**National Commodore**

- Commodore Steven Budar
- Commodore Mary Larsen

**National Vice Commodore**

- Commodore Nicholas Kerigan

**National Area Commodore – Atlantic East**

- Commodore Carolyn Belmore
- Commodore Peter E. Fernandez
- Commodore Joseph T. Hendricks

**National Area Commodore – Atlantic West**

- Commodore De Furbee
- Commodore James E. Vass

**National Area Commodore –Pacific**

- Commodore Lois Conrado
- Commodore Gary A. Taylor
- Commodore Bruce A. Takayama

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 2.1 (d), each candidate is required to provide a personal resume to the National Board no later than 1 August 2006. However, ***I would highly encourage each of you to seek out these candidates and assess their view*** of where the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be in the next 5 to 10 years; how will they continue to make each member's Auxiliary experience both positive and rewarding; and how will they help balance our missions of Maritime Homeland Security and Recreational Boating Safety.

With the changing environment in post-September 11, we have experienced cultural shifts, not only in the Coast Guard but the Auxiliary as well. Now more than ever, we need the right leaders steering our future course. Today is the "New Normal." We can not become complacent; we must realize that our country will never be like it was pre-September 11.

Consider how important it is that we choose wisely, pick those who have the competencies of leadership and management, who are risk managers but also risk takers and who know how to be effective change agents.

Now more than ever, we need to provide our organization with the depth and breadth of operational, personal, team and strategic leadership that is critical to our sustained success in the near and long term.

I ask you to be proactive by talking to each candidate to determine who will be your valued choice as the future leaders of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

I know that you take this responsibility seriously and I thank you for it.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene M. Seibert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gene M. Seibert  
National Commodore