

(2) Meet the standards for enrollment, retention, and conduct established by the Commandant.

(b) An applicant who is accepted for membership will be enrolled in the Auxiliary and will be issued a membership certificate and identification card. Possession of a membership certificate or identification card does not entitle a person to any rights or privileges of the Coast Guard or the Coast Guard Reserve except as authorized by the Commandant.

§5.11 Honorary members.

The Commandant may grant any person honorary membership in the Auxiliary. An honorary member of the Auxiliary, solely by reason of such honorary membership, is not entitled to any of the rights, benefits, privileges, duties, or obligations of Auxiliary membership.

§5.12 Offices, titles, designations, qualifications, and recognition.

Members of the Auxiliary will have such offices, titles, designations, qualifications, and recognition for achievements as prescribed by the Commandant.

§5.13 Advancement.

The Commandant will prescribe the circumstances and qualifications under which members of the Auxiliary may be advanced in offices and programs.

§5.14 Uniforms and insignia.

(a) Members of the Auxiliary are authorized to wear uniforms, uniform insignia, and awards as prescribed by the Commandant. Auxiliary uniform insignia indicate, and are solely associated with, Auxiliary offices, titles, designations, qualifications, and achievements. Auxiliary uniform insignia do not indicate rank in any military service or government agency.

(b) Members of the Auxiliary may purchase from the Coast Guard such uniforms, insignia, and awards as may be authorized by the Commandant.

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§5.16 Compensation and travel expenses.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, no member of the Auxiliary will receive any compensation for services as a member of the Auxiliary.

(b) A member of the Auxiliary may be paid actual necessary travelling expenses, including a per diem allowance.

§5.17 Status of members as Federal employees.

Members of the Auxiliary are not considered Federal employees except as provided by 14 U.S.C. 823a or other provisions of law.

§5.18 Injury or death in the line of duty.

(a) The performance of duty, as the term is used in this part, includes time spent in the performance of duty, travel between duty locations, and travel between a place of assigned duty and either the Auxiliarist's permanent residence or other appropriate non-duty destination.

(b) A member of the Auxiliary who incurs physical injury or contracts sickness or disease in the performance of duty is entitled to medical and dental care until the resulting impairment cannot be materially improved by further hospitalization or treatment. A member of the Auxiliary who incurs physical injury or contracts sickness or disease in the performance of duty is entitled to obtain medical care from the Coast Guard, including through Coast Guard arrangements with a contract provider, the Public Health Service, the Department of Defense, or a Veterans' Administration facility.

(c) If a member of the Auxiliary is physically injured or dies as a result of physical injury, and the injury is incurred in the performance of duty, the member or the member's beneficiaries are authorized to receive compensation in accordance with 14 U.S.C. 707, 5 U.S.C. 8133 and 8134 and section 651 of Public Law 104-208 (5 U.S.C. 8133 Note).

§5.19 Disenrollment.

A member of the Auxiliary will be disenrolled on the member's request,

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upon ceasing to possess the qualifications for membership, for cause, or upon direction of the Commandant.

Subpart C—Activities, Operations, and Training

§ 5.20 Authority.

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, or otherwise limited by the Commandant, members of the Auxiliary assigned to duty will have the same authority in that duty's execution as a member of the Coast Guard who is assigned to a similar duty.

(b) Members of the Auxiliary are not authorized to engage in direct law enforcement or military missions.

(c) Members of the Auxiliary are not authorized to enforce limited access areas, regulated navigation areas, or special local regulations. Members of the Auxiliary assigned to patrol limited access areas, regulated navigation areas, or areas regulated under special local regulations may advise the public regarding compliance with the limited access area, regulated navigation area, or areas regulated by special local regulations.

§ 5.22 Assignment to duties.

Members of the Auxiliary will not be assigned duties until they have been found to be competent to perform such duties and have been designated by authority of the Commandant to perform such duties.

§ 5.24 Procedure for assignment to duty.

Members and facilities may be assigned to duty by any of the following procedures:

(a) Verbal or written orders issued by competent Coast Guard authority;

(b) The actual performance of an authorized activity or mission by a qualified member of the Auxiliary; or

(c) Other procedures as designated by the Commandant.

§ 5.26 Training, examination, and assignment.

(a) The Commandant will prescribe, through the Coast Guard Auxiliary directives referenced in § 5.9, the type of training, qualifications, and examina-

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tions required before a member of the Auxiliary will be deemed qualified to perform certain duties, and will prescribe the circumstances and manner in which members of the Auxiliary will be authorized to perform regular and emergency duties.

(b) The Commandant may authorize members of the Auxiliary to pursue correspondence courses and distance-learning courses conducted by the Coast Guard Institute or other authorized Coast Guard providers and to attend other courses and training available to members of the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve.

Subpart D—Facilities and Other Equipment

§ 5.30 Facilities and other equipment.

(a) This subpart contains regulations related to the facilities and other equipment used by the Auxiliary or loaned by the Auxiliary to the Coast Guard.

(b) *Status*—(1) *Duty*. Personal property of the Auxiliary, except when used for other than Auxiliary purposes in accordance with 14 U.S.C. 822, will be considered assigned to authorized Coast Guard duty at all times.

(2) *Liability*. Personal property of the Auxiliary, except when used for other than Auxiliary purposes in accordance with 14 U.S.C. 822, will be treated as property of the United States for the purposes of the Federal Tort Claims Act, the Military Claims Act, the Public Vessels Act, the Suits in Admiralty Act, the Admiralty Extension Act, and other matters related to non-contractual civil liability. Personal property of the Auxiliary is not normally covered for damage to the property itself.

(3) *Federal status of facilities and other equipment*. A vessel, aircraft, or radio station owned by, in the custody of, or under the administrative jurisdiction of the Auxiliary will be considered a public vessel of the United States, public vessel of the Coast Guard, public aircraft, Coast Guard Aircraft, and/or government station, in accordance with federal law.

(c) *Expenses*. (1) The Coast Guard may reimburse expenses related to the use, operation, or maintenance of a facility.