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**Auxiliary Administrative  
Procedures Course**

**Student Study Guide**

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## **OBJECTIVES**

- A. The Auxiliary Administrative Procedures Course (APC) is an overview of the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series) that will serve as a foundation for the information needed for the elected officers at the flotilla and division levels. The course is designed to be given over four-lessons. The Auxiliary Manual is the sole text for the course. The instructor will lead the students in examining those topics that provide the basics of administering the Auxiliary. It is not the intent of this course to have the student memorize the material in this course, nor is it to be a detailed examination of all the topics within the Auxiliary Manual. By the end of the course the student should have a general understanding of the material and where it can be found. However, the student should follow along with the instructor when the topics of the Auxiliary Manual are considered. After the course is completed, the student is required to take the Administrative Procedures Course Examination. It should be stressed, that although this is an open book test, it will be necessary to become familiar with the Auxiliary Manual in order to complete the examination in the allotted time period.
  
- B. The instructional outline does not use the same numbering sequence used in the Auxiliary Manual. The sections listed in the accompanying "lesson" listing refer to the sections listed in the Instructor's Guide.
  
- C. This Student Guide should be used in conjunction with the Auxiliary Manual COMDTINST M16790.1F. Earlier editions should not be used as some of the questions herein do not correspond with the text of the earlier Auxiliary Manuals.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

### LESSON 1

#### CHAPTER 1

1. Congress renamed the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve as the Coast Guard Auxiliary in
  - a. 1939
  - b. 1941
  - c. 1944
  - d. 1996
2. The United States Coast Guard Reserve was established by Congress in \_\_\_\_\_ and was composed of unpaid, volunteer United States citizens who owned motorboats and yachts.
3. What were the two purposes of the Coast Guard Auxiliary as established in the Act of 1944?
4. The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996:
  - a. allows the Commandant of the Coast Guard to define the duties of the Auxiliary.
  - b. considers each Auxiliary unit and element an U.S. instrumentality for certain matters of civil liability.
  - c. considers Auxiliary vessels, when assigned to duty, as public vessels of the U.S. and as C.G. vessels.
  - d. all of the above.
5. Although an element of the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary is declared by statute to be \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Auxiliary's roles (DOES/DOES NOT) extend to law enforcement.
7. Which of the following does not require a salute by a uniformed Auxiliarist?
  - a. a salute initiated by Armed Forces officers
  - b. a salute initiated by NOAA members
  - c. the National Ensign passing in parade
  - d. the District or National Commodore
8. What is the saluting protocol for the Pledge of Allegiance?



**REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)**

18. The most effective and rewarding use of Auxiliary Staff Officers is to:
  - a. tell them exactly what you want done
  - b. delegate authority and consult with them on their progress
  - c. let the staff create plans and policies on their own
  - d. all of the above
  
19. Which of the following is important for unit meetings?
  - a. written agenda of the meeting's business
  - b. standard meeting time and place
  - c. wearing of appropriate uniforms or uniform options by all members
  - d. all of the above
  
20. What is AUXDATA?

## **REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)**

### **CHAPTER 2**

1. What are the Auxiliary's four cornerstones?
2. What activities are included in Member Services?
3. What activities are included in Recreational Boating Safety?
4. What activities are included in Operations and Marine Safety?
5. Which of the following programs is **NOT** authorized for Auxiliary sponsorship?
  - a. administrative support of the Coast Guard
  - b. bridge administration
  - c. Sea Explorers
  - d. port safety and security
6. An Auxiliary unit may support Boy/Girl Scout groups when approved by the Commandant. (TRUE/FALSE)
7. Naval Sea Cadets may not be given public education courses taught by the Auxiliary. (TRUE/FALSE)
8. Who is responsible for establishing the initial flotilla goals for each calendar year?
  - a. FC
  - b. DCP
  - c. DCO
  - d. NACO

## REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)

### LESSON 2

#### CHAPTER 3

1. The minimum requirement for Auxiliary membership is to be a U.S. citizen and at least \_\_\_\_\_ years of age or older.
  - a. 16
  - b. 17
  - c. 21
  - d. 25
2. Upon completion of training, Auxiliary membership is approved by:
  - a. FSO-MT
  - b. FC
  - c. DCO
  - d. Director of Auxiliary
3. Membership entitles Auxiliarists to all of the following EXCEPT:
  - a. use of Department of Defense exchanges for all goods and services except alcohol and tobacco
  - b. voting on any flotilla matter
  - c. eligibility to receive Coast Guard orders
  - d. authority to use government vehicles to perform official business
4. Retired status (IS/IS NOT) a membership category.
5. Which of the following is most correct about a member with retired status?
  - a. may wear uniform with insignia of highest rank
  - b. may fly the Auxiliary ensign on a currently inspected facility
  - c. no longer pays dues
  - d. all of the above are correct
6. Who is allowed to have life membership?
  - a. members at least 65 years of age or older
  - b. members with at least 15 years of service
  - c. DCOs at the conclusion of their term of office
  - d. no one is given life membership.
7. The status of honorary membership is recommended by the \_\_\_\_\_ and the Director for a term of \_\_\_\_\_ or a lifetime.

## **REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)**

8. Who must sign a "transfer request within a district" before submission to the Director?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. When transferring between districts, what is the role of the FC?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What conditions could deny the transfer of a member?
  - a. delinquency of dues
  - b. failure to return Auxiliary or CG property
  - c. pending administrative or disciplinary procedures
  - d. any of the above
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Considering the Administrative Actions Flow Chart, suspension or revocation of a member's qualifications is considered as a \_\_\_\_\_ action performed by the Director.

## **REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)**

### **CHAPTER 4**

1. The elected officer responsible for managing the flotilla is the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The elected officer responsible for managing the division is the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The elected officer responsible for managing the district is the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The elected officer responsible for managing the national organization is the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. For an initial charter, a flotilla must consist of at least \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary members unless waived by the District Commander.
6. Authority to establish a flotilla is vested in the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Disestablishment of a flotilla should be considered if membership falls below \_\_\_\_\_ members.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ may place a flotilla on probation, and must inform each flotilla member with the reason for probation, the probationary period, and the conditions for probation removal.
9. A recommendation for disestablishment requires a \_\_\_\_\_ majority of the division board member vote.
10. Assets of a disestablished or disbanded flotilla become the property of
  - a. the members of the disestablished Flotilla
  - b. the Division
  - c. the District
  - d. the National Board
11. A flotilla detachment (IS/IS NOT) an independent unit.
12. The head of the flotilla detachment must be an elected officer. (TRUE/FALSE).
13. At a flotilla meeting, a quorum of \_\_\_\_\_ of the eligible voting members is required to conduct business unless otherwise specified in the flotilla standing rules.
14. Absentee voting may be allowed by the Director for members in good standing when voting on flotilla administration or finance. (TRUE/FALSE).

## REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)

15. A division must have \_\_\_\_\_ or more flotillas unless waived by the District Commander.
16. If a division falls below 5 flotillas, what actions may be taken by the District Commander?
17. Who are the voting members of the division board?
18. When may a vice elected officer conduct a board meeting?
19. Who may vote at a board meeting in the absence of the elected unit officer or vice officer?
20. To carry a motion, what kind of vote is required?
21. Who are the voting members of the District Board?
22. The term of newly elected officers begins on \_\_\_\_\_.
23. The purpose of the "vice-officer" is to function as \_\_\_\_\_.
24. Who reports to a "vice-officer"?
  - a. elected officers at the highest level
  - b. staff-officers at the next highest level
  - c. no one has to report to a vice elected officer
  - d. staff officers at the same unit level
25. The \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for certifying the eligibility of a member seeking elected office and for approving election results.

**REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)**

- 26. All flotilla elections must be held by \_\_\_\_\_.
- 27. To be eligible for nomination to elected office, the nominees for office must have completed \_\_\_\_\_.
- 28. What are the requirements for FC eligibility?
  
- 29. What is the term of office for a VFC? \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. What are the eligibility requirements for a DCP?
  
  
- 31. How many terms are authorized for the DCP? \_\_\_\_\_
- 32. What is the length of term of office for a DCO? \_\_\_\_\_
- 33. How many terms are authorized for a DCO? \_\_\_\_\_
- 34. What is the length of term of office for a RCO? \_\_\_\_\_
- 35. How many terms are authorized for a RCO? \_\_\_\_\_

## REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)

### LESSON 3

#### CHAPTER 5

1. The Auxiliary is a \_\_\_\_\_ organization established by \_\_\_\_\_ and administered by the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Regarding U.S. Code, Title 14: authorization for use of the words "Coast Guard Auxiliary" is described in Section \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 639
  - b. 822
  - c. 829
  - d. 831
3. Regarding U.S. Code, Title 14: Administration of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is authorized in Section \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 639
  - b. 821
  - c. 823
  - d. 826
4. Auxiliary facilities when authorized by the Coast Guard shall be considered as vessels of the Coast Guard or a radio station of the Coast Guard according to Sections \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ of U.S. Code, Title 14.
5. Regarding U.S. Code, Title 14: travel order reimbursement is authorized by Section \_\_\_\_\_.
6. As a private citizen, an Auxiliarist may appear or testify in uniform without Coast Guard Approval. (TRUE/FALSE)
7. At State legislative hearings, representing the Auxiliary or appearing in uniform in an official capacity, whose approval is required? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Membership rosters may be given to local marinas and marine stores to increase the ease of contacting people about safe boating. (TRUE/FALSE).
9. Official mail can be used to send specialty course materials to Auxiliary students. (TRUE/FALSE).
10. Official mail can be used when ordering Auxiliary uniforms from commercial sources. (TRUE/FALSE).

## REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)

11. Auxiliarists may contact private businesses for support of local flotillas. (TRUE/FALSE)
12. Raffles or other fund raising activities may be conducted among Auxiliary members at Auxiliary functions provided the activities comply with local law. (TRUE/FALSE)
13. Auxiliary units are authorized to accept the free use of space from yacht clubs and businesses in order to conduct authorized Auxiliary activities. (TRUE/FALSE)
14. Use of the Coast Guard Auxiliary emblem by a commercial concern must be approved by the \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The Coast Guard Auxiliary official seal is designed for use on documents such as:
16. Auxiliarists performing Auxiliary activities supporting Auxiliary programs are considered:
  - a. assigned to duty
  - b. volunteering their time
  - c. scheduled facilitators
  - d. civilian employees
17. In the event of injury while performing vessel examinations an Auxiliarist is "covered" by:
  - a. his own insurance
  - b. no insurance since the time is volunteered
  - c. a flotilla umbrella policy
  - d. statutorily described medical or disability compensation
18. For performing scheduled Auxiliary functions, an Auxiliarist should notify the \_\_\_\_\_ and keep a written log of activity.
  - a. DCP
  - b. District Commander
  - c. appropriate elected officer or staff officer
  - d. Commanding Officer of the local CG unit
19. In order to deploy an operational facility, there must be \_\_\_\_\_.

**REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)**

20. In the event of an accident while assigned to duty, who should be notified of facts and circumstances as soon as possible?
  
21. When traveling to flotilla meetings, the Coast Guard (WILL/WILL NOT) cover Auxiliarists for third party liability.
  
22. Public education fees can be used for all of the following EXCEPT:
  - a. course material in addition to the textbook
  - b. custodial fees for room maintenance in a public building
  - c. payment to course sponsors
  - d. support of flotilla raft-ups

## **REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)**

### **CHAPTER 6**

1. Training forms are ordered through \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ stocks Auxiliary public education materials and receives no government funding.
3. Who reviews and approves all official Coast Guard Auxiliary public education course materials? \_\_\_\_\_

## **REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)**

### **CHAPTER 7**

1. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Civil Rights Coordinator (CGAUX/CRC) is nominated by the \_\_\_\_\_ after consulting with the \_\_\_\_ and is submitted to the \_\_\_\_\_ for approval.
2. If a civil rights complaint cannot be handled by the local unit or the CGAUX/CRC for processing within the Auxiliary, it may be formally filed with the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The key to preventing sexual harassment is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Which Auxiliarists must receive training in areas of sexual harassment?
  - a. only elected officers.
  - b. District and Division elected officers and staff officers.
  - c. all Auxiliary personnel
  - d. only those who volunteer for such training.
5. Coast Guard sexual harassment training must be performed.
  - a. monthly
  - b. annually
  - c. biannually
  - d. only when a flotilla has 5 or more new members

## **REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)**

### **LESSON 4**

#### **CHAPTER 8**

1. To become an Auxiliary member, the applicant must pass the BS&S Course with a score of 80% or higher. (TRUE/FALSE).
2. To participate in the Boat Crew Program members must have first passed or challenged the core portion of the BS&S Course, SF Course, Boating Safely Course, ABC, or US Power Squadron Public Boating, or Boat Smart Courses. (TRUE/FALSE).
3. To become active in the Recreational Boating Safety Visitor (RBSV) program members must be BQ. (TRUE/FALSE).
4. For initial qualification as a VE, in addition to passing the VE qualifications examination must satisfactorily conduct \_\_\_\_\_ VSC's.
  - a. 1
  - b. 1 VSC and 1 PWC safety check
  - c. 5
  - d. 10
5. To attend a National "C" school, applications are made via the Director of Auxiliary to the \_\_\_\_\_ using the \_\_\_\_\_ form.
6. Coast Guard Correspondence courses are administered by the
  - a. local CG District
  - b. Headquarters at Washington D.C.
  - c. the OSO- MT
  - d. the Coast Guard Institute

## **REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)**

### **CHAPTER 9**

1. To be eligible for reimbursement for travel, the Auxiliarist must be traveling on \_\_\_\_\_ orders issued by an appropriate Coast Guard official.
2. During a critical operational need, verbal orders by a local CG unit (DOES / DOES NOT) need follow up in writing if there is not reimbursement, injury, damage, or mishap.
3. To attend a District Conference as a participating mission directive training leader, an Auxiliarist would be issued \_\_\_\_\_ orders.
  - a. trip
  - b. monthly
  - c. patrol
  - d. invitational
4. Reimbursable expenses allowed for operation of an Auxiliary Facility include:
  - a. electric power
  - b. food
  - c. oil
  - d. all of the above

## REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)

### CHAPTER 10

1. The primary difference between Auxiliary uniforms and those of CG officers is that the Auxiliary uniforms have \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When participating in activities during an ordered mission aboard an Auxiliary operational facility the uniform is optional. (TRUE/FALSE)
3. At a PE mission, members should wear different Auxiliary uniforms to get the public familiar with them. (TRUE/FALSE)
4. When members are on board a CG vessel and are assigned to duty, they shall only wear the Auxiliary member device as collar insignia. (TRUE/FALSE)
5. Which uniform is not suitable for use with the combination cap?
  - a. undress blue – winter
  - b. dinner dress blue
  - c. blue blazer
  - d. dinner dress white
6. Which uniform is suitable for use with the garrison cap?
  - a. tropical blue long
  - b. service dress blue alpha
  - c. working blue
  - d. blue blazer
7. Which caps(s) are authorized for wearing with the undress uniform?
  - a. blue working utility cap
  - b. dark blue unit baseball cap
  - c. CG unit baseball cap if affiliated with specific CG units
  - d. any of the above
8. Which jacket is authorized for shoulder boards?
  - a. windbreaker
  - b. work jacket
  - c. trench coat
  - d. none of the above
9. What accessory coat or coats may be worn over the Dinner Dress Blue, Dinner Dress White, and Service Dress Blue uniforms? \_\_\_\_\_.

**REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)**

10. The major difference between the undress-blue summer, bravo uniform and the working blue uniform is the:
- a. hat
  - b. shoes
  - c. shirt
  - d. trousers

## REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)

### CHAPTER 11

1. The award given to a member performing an assist or rescue at risk to the member's life is the:
  - a. Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award
  - b. Plaque of Merit
  - c. Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award
  - d. Award of Operational Merit
  
2. The award for an Auxiliarist who, in performance of duty, enhanced Auxiliary goals on a District level is the:
  - a. Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award
  - b. Plaque of Merit
  - c. Auxiliary Meritorious Service Award
  - d. Award of Operational Merit
  
3. With the exception of the Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award and the Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award, who can make an Auxiliary award recommendation? \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. In recommending an award, what must be included? \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Which Auxiliary award has no corresponding miniature medal?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Ribbons, miniature medals and regular devices may be worn together on the dinner dress uniforms. (TRUE/FALSE).
  
7. When awarded a silver letter "O" device it should be placed centered on the appropriate ribbon or miniature medal. (TRUE/FALSE)
  
8. The "5/16" star is authorized for \_\_\_\_\_.
  
9. The Auxiliary award with the highest precedence is the
  - a. Auxiliary Award of Merit
  - b. Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award
  - c. Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal
  - d. Auxiliary Plaque of Merit

**REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)**

10. The correct manner of wearing medals and awards is described in \_\_\_\_\_ except as noted in the Auxiliary Manual.
  
11. How many hours of activity are needed for the Sustained Auxiliary Service Award?
  - a. 100 service hours
  - b. 750 service hours
  - c. 4 hours as lead instructor
  - d. 8 operational hours

## **REVIEW QUESTIONS (Continued)**

### **CHAPTER 12**

1. Saluting between Auxiliarists is not usually the custom. (TRUE/FALSE)
2. During a rendition of the National Anthem when the flag is displayed, all those present (when in uniform) should face the flag and render the military salute. (TRUE/FALSE)
3. When on a military installation in a vehicle, at the time of colors, traffic permitting, Auxiliarist should stop and sit at attention, but do not salute. (TRUE/FALSE)
4. Participation in funeral services for deceased Auxiliarist is governed entirely by the
  - a. Director of the Auxiliary
  - b. Flotilla Commander
  - c. wishes of the family of the deceased
  - d. any Auxiliarist, friendly to the deceased