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## BITS & BYTES

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Dear IS and CS Officers;

As some of you may know, my plans are to retire from the DC-I (Department Chief-Information Technology) position at the end of the National Commodore's term in October 2006. Having been directly involved with National projects and serving in National level offices for nearly a decade, it has been a very rewarding experience. The added opportunity of serving 4 NACO's (National Commodores) has been especially fulfilling.

We have seen \*much\* progress during that period within the Information Technology (formerly Information & Communications Services) Department. In the early days National didn't have a web presence, yet we successfully engaged the US Navy to host the Auxiliary on their server. Today we have three of our own very capable National servers hosting millions of visits every year. We also saw the addition of Communication Services (CS) staff officers at all levels of the Auxiliary. It's especially satisfying to see 73% of our Members with an email address in AUXDATA, nearly 70% of our local units with their own website, a new National [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org) website, resources like the AUXPlus system which support fundraising and Public Education, SmileTiger online conferencing, eCommerce, the online CS Guide, "smart" Adobe forms, the National eDirectory, and eSecurity SOAP systems flourishing. The vast majority of our Instructors are now using PowerPoint with LCD projectors to deliver their classes, all supported by outstanding C-Schools like AUX-04 Basic Technology and AUX-10 AUXDATA-AUXINFO systems training. Progress continues to be made with AUXDATA category consolidation and services including AUX-AR Member online AUXDATA input as well.

Who would have guessed that would be the "eAuxiliary" in this relatively brief span of time....

I'm also pleased to report that we have an \*excellent\* and capable DC-Id (Deputy Department Chief). Brett Grooms has been rapidly gaining a solid knowledge with a thorough understanding of the IT Department, along with developing working relationships with our great IS & CS Officers and IT Department Staffers. The future is indeed very bright for Auxiliary technology!

For myself, I have some emerging opportunities and brand new challenges ahead. I will be involved with the Centennial Celebration of the New York to Paris Auto Race (you might recall the Tony Curtis movie loosely based on the actual "Great Race") <http://TheGreatAutoRace.com> which my Great Grandfather won in 1908. I will of course remain a Member of the Auxiliary, just not quite so active for the next couple of years :-)

It's been a true pleasure to work with many of you directly over the past years, and most of all to serve the dedicated Auxiliary Membership!

Thank you for your help and support along the way,

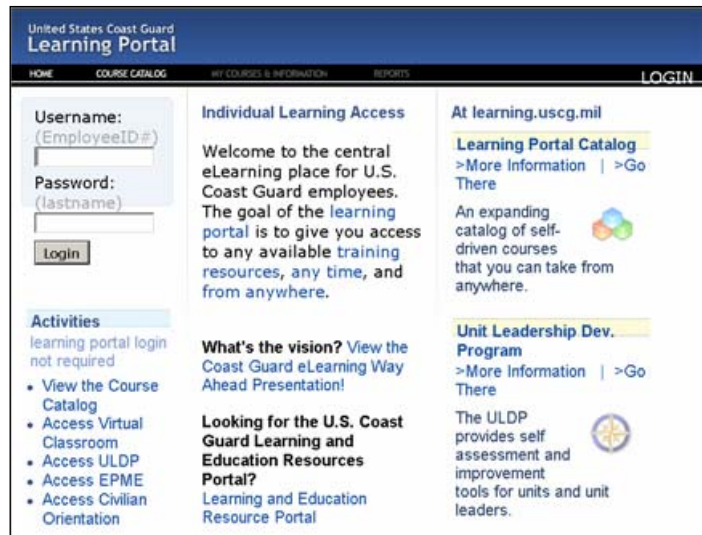
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# USCG ICS 100 COURSE AVAILABLE ON THE USCG LEARNING PORTAL

Please see the message below about a CG ICS 100 Course available from the USCG LEARNING PORTAL. If you take this course, the completion will automatically go into AUXDATA. There will be a feed from the USCG LEARNING PORTAL to OSC who will insure that the member is credited with the course.

If you take the FEMA courses on-line, you must forward the completion message to your IS officer for manual data entry into AUXDATA.



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SUBJ: ICS-100 INTRO TO ICS (INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM) NOW AVAILABLE ON USCG LEARNING PORTAL

1. THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES THE RELEASE OF THE NEW COAST GUARD NIMS ICS-100 INTRO TO ICS COURSE ON THE COAST GUARD LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM LEARNING PORTAL.
2. THE COAST GUARD ICS-100 IS NIMS COMPLIANT AND APPLICABLE FOR ALL COAST GUARD ACTIVE, RESERVE, CIVILIAN AND AUXILIARY PERSONNEL.
3. USCG LEARNING PORTAL: THE USCG LEARNING PORTAL CAN BE ACCESSED FROM ANY COMPUTER AT: [HTTP://LEARNING.USCG.MIL/](http://learning.uscg.mil/). USERS MUST HAVE AN EMPLOYEE ID TO LOGIN.
4. MEANS TO TAKE ICS-100: THERE ARE NOW SEVERAL AUTHORIZED WAYS TO TAKE ICS-100, INTRO TO ICS:
  - A. USCG LEARNING PORTAL ICS-100 AT [HTTP://LEARNING.USCG.MIL/](http://learning.uscg.mil/). THIS IS THE PREFERRED COURSE FOR CG PERSONNEL IN THAT IT HAS BEEN TAILORED TO ADDRESS CG MISSIONS AND SCENARIOS.
  - B. USCG CLASSROOM ICS-100 TRAINING.
  - C. FEMA ON-LINE ICS-100 (COURSE IS-100, FOUND ON FEMA WEBSITE): [HTTP://WWW.TRAINING.FEMA.GOV/EMIWEB/IS/CRSLIST.ASP](http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/crslst.asp).
  - D. FEMA ON-LINE ICS-100 (COURSE Q462 FOUND ON FEMA EMI WEBSITE): [HTTP://LSTRNG1.FEMA.GOV/LEARNINGSPEACE5/PROGRAM/UI/MAIN/THEMES/KENDALL/MAIN.ASP](http://lstrng1.fema.gov/learningspace5/program/ui/main/themes/kendall/main.asp).
5. TMT ENTRY: THE COAST GUARD ICS-100 COURSE COMPLETION INFORMATION IS AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED INTO TMT UPON COMPLETION OF ICS 100. IF YOU UTILIZE ANY OTHER METHODS OF TAKING ICS-100, YOU MUST MANUALLY ENTER COMPLETION INFORMATION INTO TMT.
6. DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ICS-100 COURSE TO MR. BILL WHITSON AT (757) 856-2213.
7. INTERNET RELEASE IS AUTHORIZED.
8. RELEASED BY RDML W.E. JUSTICE, ACTING ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR RESPONSE.

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**Marilyn McBain, DVC-IS**

Note: Marilyn was recently hospitalized with a serious fall injury, but returned home Monday 31 July for several weeks of recuperation

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## **Crossing the Bar**

It is with sadness that we note the passing of IT Department Staffer Neil Xenos BA-IWTD (Branch Assistant-Internet Database). Neil was a member of Flotilla 12-02, 5NR, and also the Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 12-02, FSO/CS, FSO- IS, SO/ CS and ADSO/PA (C). Neil Crossed Over The Bar at approximately 1400 hours on 25 July 2006.

Paula, his wife, is also a member was by his side through his illness.