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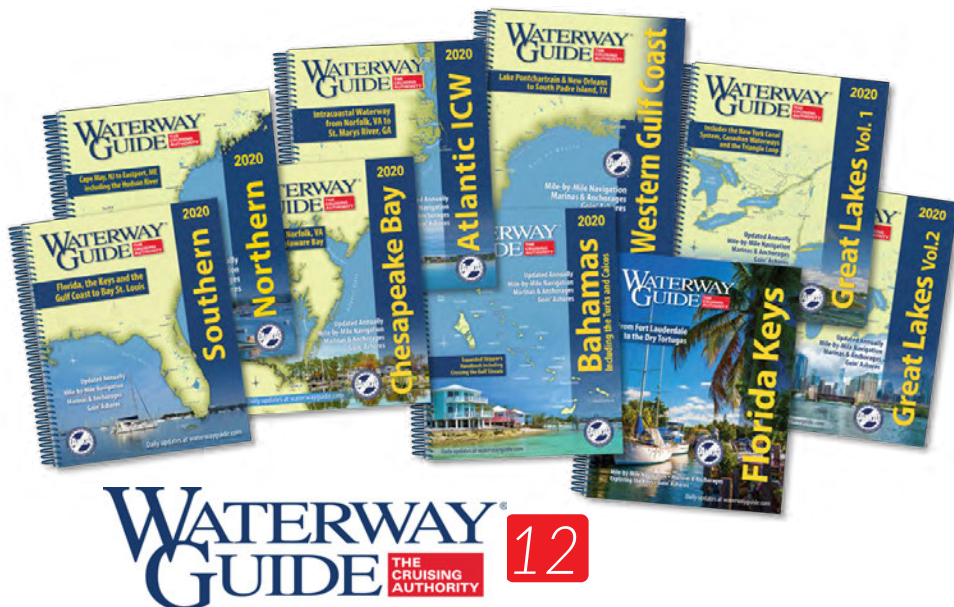
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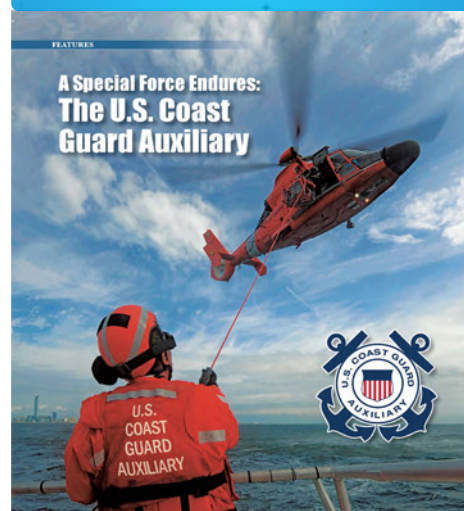
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It's objective is to give you information about the benefits that AuxA provides to you as a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Every member of the Auxiliary is also a member of AuxA.

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## What is an AuxA anyhow?

Commodore Larry King, Chairman, AuxA

During my travels I like to ask Auxiliarists what the Auxiliary Association (AuxA) does, specifically Board members of AuxA. The answers I get range from a rough idea to a blank stare. This is not unusual as I had no idea what the AuxA Board did until I became a District Commodore and had some dealings with them. It is important to understand that every member of the USCG Auxiliary is a member of the CG Auxiliary Association, aka AuxA. And Board members, elected to their positions, never forget that they are working with "Member's Money."

So, what does the AuxA Board do? First and most important, the AuxA Board handles all National level Auxiliary funding. AuxA is the 501.c.3 arm of the Auxiliary which gives us a tax-exempt status. When we all pay our annual dues the National dues portion goes to AuxA for them to use in funding the Auxiliary annual operations which is based on a "Proposed" budget submitted by the Deputy National Commodores and approved by me. Over 95% of the cost for travel, per diem, etc., for NACON and NTrain is paid for by funds from the Association. All National Staff Travel and other approved expenses are covered by the Association. There are operating expenses for the Aux Center (AUXCEN) and the civilians who work there. What's missing from this short description is the fact that member dues paid to AuxA covers only about 60% of our expenses per year. So, where does the remaining 40% come from? That is where the real work happens for AuxA Board.

AuxA Board members are actively involved in procuring grants for general use or for specific purposes such as funding District Staff Officers of a singular group (Ops, VE, PA, etc.) to attend specialized training at NTrain. In addition, we have 'saved' funds invested that give us a financial return large enough to have a positive impact. But even with innovative ideas such as Campaign for Zero bringing in extra money, the Board found in the past few years that they weren't doing a very good job of ensuring all our expenses were a result

of a sound financial plan. Some six years ago we had nearly six thousand more members than we have now which means the AuxA Board has around \$150,000 less receivable from dues than it did in 2014. To paraphrase a quote attributed to Sir Winston Churchill: "We are running out of money. Now we have to think".

The AuxA Board has been on the attack to examine virtually every expense we encounter and perform a sanity check on our established financial way of life. Without citing a long list of specifics and keeping in mind we funded more member travel than ever before, we ended last fiscal year with a surplus of nearly \$100,000.

This is just a snapshot of what the Association Board does, but it is important all Auxiliarists realize we have members on the Association Board who devote an incredible amount of time and personal expense ensuring the Auxiliary remains financially sound while funding an ever increasing training and travel schedule, WITHOUT ANY DISCUSSION OF RAISING DUES. This gives you a basic idea of what the AuxA Board is supposed to do and the current Board members are exceptionally good at their jobs.

**Next time you are around a member of the AuxA Board tell them thank you for a job well done. They deserve it.**





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## NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity

### Every Flotilla and every Division can qualify.

Diversity is about acknowledging differences and adapting practices to create an inclusive environment in which diverse skills, perspectives and backgrounds are valued. It is about understanding the individual differences among our members that arise from a broad range of backgrounds and lifestyles, and recognizing the value of using those different perspectives and ideas to enhance the quality and outcomes of our mission.

The NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity is an annual award intended to recognize Flotillas and Divisions for distinction in managing and valuing diversity. Units applying for the NACO Three Star Award of Excellence for Diversity Management must complete a minimum of four action items in each goal category listed:

**Create a Positive Environment**

**Value all Members**

**Promote Individual Success**

### NACO Three Star Award Application

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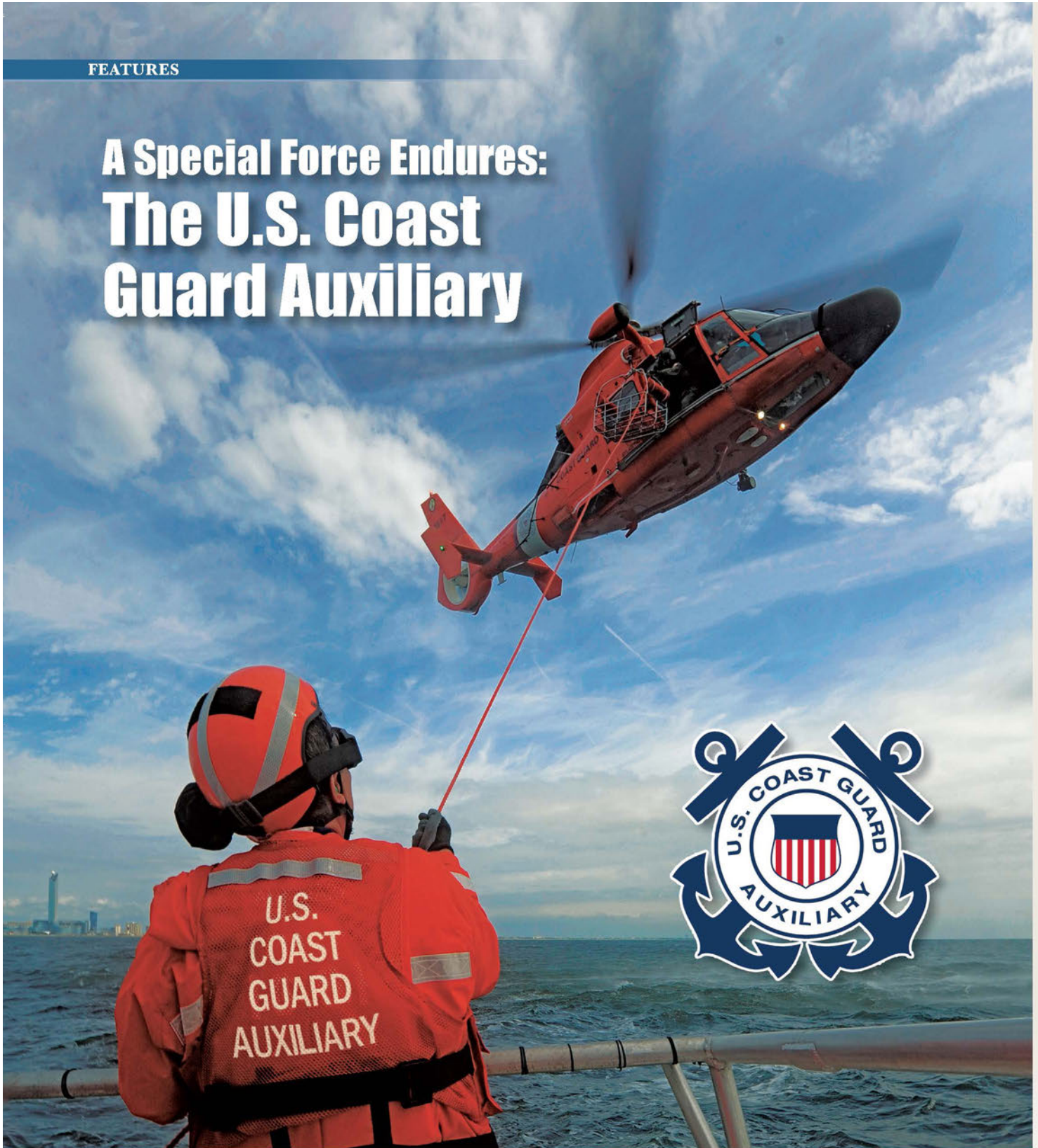
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**Accepting, welcoming and valuing the differences inherent in every individual.**





# A Special Force Endures: The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



*Waterway Guide Media's publisher, Jeff Jones, and editor-in-chief, Ed Tillett, attended the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary's National Convention in 2019 in Orlando, FL, and came away with a newfound understanding of the organization's goals and significance of its work. While at the convention we spent time with Auxiliary leadership and forged a partnership intended to advance our company's dedication to, and the Auxiliary's mission of, promoting safe boating. Through this shared vision and effort we are working together on targeted communications, access to training materials and other assets. The breadth and depth of the USCG Auxiliary mission and its importance to boaters and communities across the U.S. is worth exploring as the organization enters its 81st year.*



What started in 1939 as a response to threats from events unfolding in Europe has persevered as an integral component of the U.S. Coast Guard, the nation's maritime first responder. This is a unique and compelling story of volunteerism, citizen soldiers and commitment carried out today by over 26,000 men and women of the USCG Auxiliary.

Auxiliarists are a force multiplier for active duty USCG personnel. We've seen them in their vessels, waved at them while underway and invited them aboard for courtesy inspections for that coveted sticker that says, "My boat is squared away." They give their time, talents and resources to promote and improve recreational boating safety (RBS) and support Coast Guard operational, administrative and logistical requirements. But what else are Auxiliarists working toward?

Here are some numbers provided by Vincent Pica, a Commodore from the First District, Southern Region (D1SR), USCG Auxiliary. He said, "We don't get paid. Every hour we do something that active duty can do we free up their time and resources for other missions. Every day over 10,800 hours are logged by Auxiliary volunteers performing on-water boating safety patrol, while 11 distressed boaters are saved and 548 vessel safety checks



*U.S. merchant ship aflame after being torpedoed by a German submarine off the American Coast, 1941-1945. Courtesy Coast Guard Historian's Office.*

are conducted. As the uniformed volunteer branch of the Coast Guard, members train to USCG standards and serve in every mission except law enforcement. These efforts represent immeasurable savings to U.S. taxpayers."

The years leading up to WWII were a different time for this country and the world. The Nazi U-Boat threat along the Atlantic Coast was real and the Coast Guard's Commandant saw war on the horizon. He knew the active duty component needed expanding, so in September 1939 Congress passed the Coast Guard Reserve Act. The result was that over 50,000 Auxiliary members served in the Volunteer Reserve during WWII. That tradition continues today with trained volunteers serving alongside military personnel.



*Adm. Russell R. Waesche (center), commandant of the Coast Guard during WWII, who was instrumental in establishing the Auxiliary. Courtesy Coast Guard Historian's Office.*



The USCG Auxiliary cannot undertake any action that requires a weapon or law enforcement authority. However, seven of the eleven congressionally mandated tasks of the USCG can be performed, which frees active duty to pursue higher content tasks. Auxiliary conducts search and rescue, maritime and aviation observation missions, non-regulatory vessel examinations and boating safety education, among others.

Pica explained, "Auxiliary patrols including air and sea, and often with active duty USCG aboard, saves the Coast Guard important fuel budget resources, as well as increasing the number of 'eyes on' than otherwise possible. We also put cooks on USCG ships, which frees up active duty personnel to conduct other important tasks, and assist in our private sector areas of expertise when needed."

The Auxiliary has evolved with membership and participation adjusting to the times. When asked what the greatest challenges are today for the Auxiliary, Pica said, "We've been described as the minutemen of the 21st century. That's a hard task to live up to for young persons who have other duties versus older personnel who have more discretionary options. We are adapting our tasking to make it easier for younger members to feel that their efforts are worthy. I came into the Auxiliary following the September 11, 2001 attacks. As we move away from 9/11 some patriotic motivation has waned. Our leadership is always focused on retention and recruitment."

From the mid-1990s to the present the operational tempo of the USCG has increased dramatically due to drug enforcement, security and associated tasks. The USCG continues to depend on the work of the Auxiliary with 26,000 volunteers supporting 56,000+ active, reserve and civilian personnel across all approved areas of responsibility.

Pica said that attracting new volunteers to the Auxiliary is vital to the effectiveness of the USCG. "Many of us have an urge to serve. Whatever you may call it, there are forces at work aimed at destroying our way of life. The opportunity for me is that I can serve the United States on my own terms. I get to contribute to the effectiveness of the USCG's missions and from

that I enjoy personal growth. My sense of satisfaction is real. Auxiliarists don't need to be boaters. There are 16 categories of duties."

As one of eight uniformed services the USCG conducts on an average day 45 search and rescue missions, saves 10 lives, seizes over 800 pounds of illegal drugs, investigates 35 pollution incidents and facilitates the

movement of \$8.7B worth of goods and commodities. In many instances, Auxiliarists are alongside their active duty counterparts performing their role as defined in the organization's mission statement as, "The best trained most valued maritime volunteer organization in the world highly effective during normal operations and ready for emergencies." ↓

*“We’ve been described  
as the minutemen of  
the 21st century...”*

*Coast Guard Reserve vessels en route to Tennessee River Dams to conduct security patrols. When initially established in 1939, the Auxiliary was identified by Congress as the United States Coast Guard Reserve (CGR). On February 19, 1941, the organization was re-designated as the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Photo courtesy St. Louis History Division, National Department of Public Affairs, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.*







*Renowned news anchor Walter Cronkite accepting post as Honorary National Commodore of the Auxiliary in 1977. An avid sailor, he joined Waterway Guide the following year as Editorial Consultant and remained with the company for 18 years.*



Waterway Guide Media has joined with the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association to provide financial support in support of the Association's goals. AuxA was formed in 1957 and is a national nonprofit organization established to support Coast Guard Auxiliary activities. AuxA conducts fiscal and business management responsibilities including capital programs, partnerships and donations that enable America's Volunteer Lifesavers to accomplish their primary mission responsibility: recreational boating safety.



## Interesting Facts

- The number one cause of boating accidents is alcohol.
- Drowning from a boating accident is caused by not wearing a lifejacket. When 16 people go overboard with a lifejacket on, 15 come out alive. When 16 go overboard without a lifejacket, 15 die.
- Your paddlecraft (SUP, canoe or kayak) should have a label on it, "If Found Call \_\_\_\_\_." Because if it floats away from a dock unattended during high wind or water, unnecessary search and rescue might be initiated. The call number will assist in confirming the owner's status.
- Training requirements for Auxiliarists include 10 to 11 courses every 5 years.
- USCG personnel and Auxiliarists operate under the Department of Homeland Security during peacetime but may be transferred to the U.S. Navy if necessary.







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## AUXCEN Victor Rogers Join AuxA as Administrative Assistant



Victor joined the Coast Auxiliary in September 2018 as the liaison to the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) with the Pittsburgh, PA Division.

Victor began his time in the Auxiliary serving as FSO-HR until January 2019 and then elected as Vice Flotilla Commander and furthering to Flotilla Commander. He also served as the FSO-IS and FSO-MT. His qualifications include Instructor, Program Visits, Vessel Examiner, Fingerprinted Tech, Basic Qualification, CPR, AUX-10 and FLCO. Currently Victor serves as Flotilla Commander, FSO-IS, FSO-OP and the liaison to the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

Within the Pittsburgh Battalion NSCC, Victor is a Lieutenant Junior Grade serving as the Battalion Operations Officer. He has been in the NSCC program since January 2001 when he joined as a cadet. During his years as a cadet he was pinned as a Chief Petty Officer in May of 2007 and continued on staff after graduating high school helping train the next generation of cadets.

Victor is a Treasury Management Direct Officer for a Regional Bank for the past 5 years.

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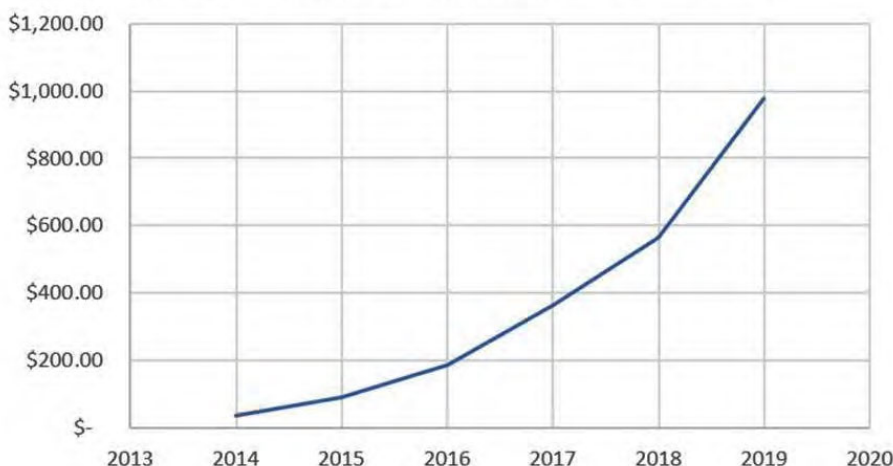
The screenshot shows the Amazon Smile interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Amazon Smile logo and a 'Try Prime' button. Below the logo, it says 'Deliver to Vincent New York 10138'. A dropdown menu is open, showing 'Supporting: Coast Guard Auxiliary Association Inc.' with a 'Change' link. Below this, the details for the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association Inc. are displayed, including its location (St. Louis, MO) and year founded (1957). The mission statement is: 'To provide for the fiscal health of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary through the promotion of boating safety including educational, outreach and other programs.' The programs listed are 'Recreational Boating Safety'. There is also a link to 'About AmazonSmile'.



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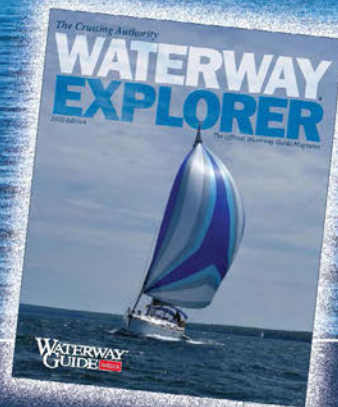
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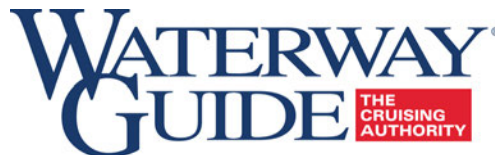
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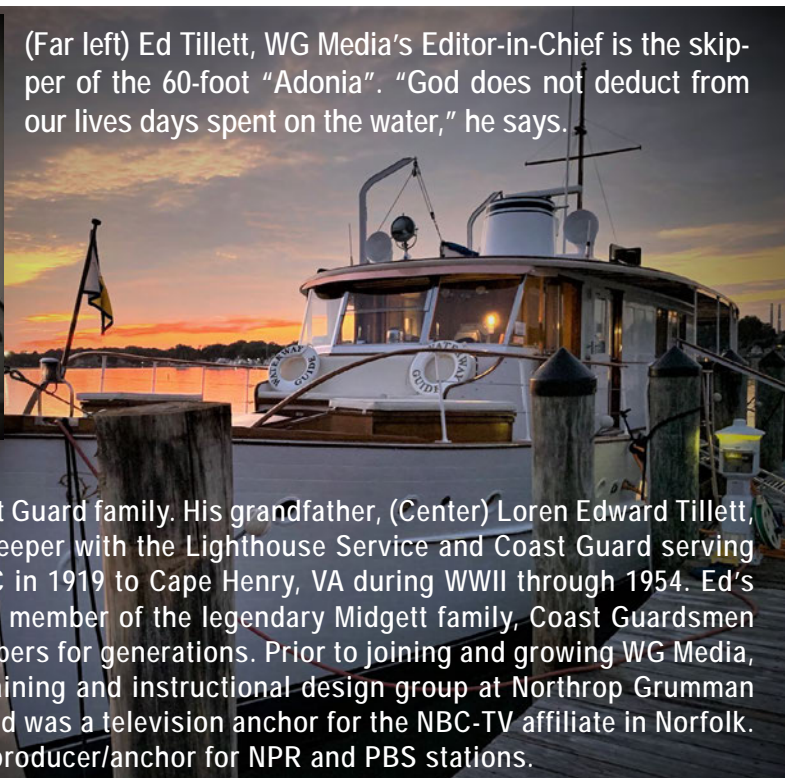
*“Waterway Guide Media is now in alliance with AuxA and sees it as a perfect match. Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) is at the core of all we do. Our guiding principle in all of our media channels and publications is the more knowledge and skills that a recreational boater has, the safer they will be and the more they will enjoy their time on the water.” – Ed Tillett, Editor-in-Chief, General Manager, WG Media.*



*“Welcome Aboard” to Waterway Guide Media. We look forward to developing a great partnership to support AuxA’s contribution to the Auxiliary’s RBS Mission.” Vin Pica, CEO, AuxA*



(Far left) Ed Tillett, WG Media’s Editor-in-Chief is the skipper of the 60-foot “Adonia”. “God does not deduct from our lives days spent on the water,” he says.



Ed is part of a Coast Guard family. His grandfather, (Center) Loren Edward Tillett, was a lighthouse keeper with the Lighthouse Service and Coast Guard serving from Cape Fear, NC in 1919 to Cape Henry, VA during WWII through 1954. Ed’s grandmother was a member of the legendary Midgett family, Coast Guardsmen and lighthouse keepers for generations. Prior to joining and growing WG Media, Ed was with the training and instructional design group at Northrop Grumman in Richmond, VA and was a television anchor for the NBC-TV affiliate in Norfolk. He also served as producer/anchor for NPR and PBS stations.

Founded in 1947, Waterway Guide has published and disseminated RBS information to millions of boaters over the decades. Through its many media channels, including 21 Waterway Guide publications containing navigation charts, marina information, everything a boater needs to know about their homeport and ports of call to [waterwayguide.com](http://waterwayguide.com) and their online Explorer application, the company is the “Voice of Boaters” to over 700,000 web site visitors each year.

“There’s a growing need for RBS training,” Tillett said in an interview with AuxA. “Waterway Guide has done well serving the needs of boaters with vessels over 30’ LOA, now in addition to that we are focusing as well on smaller vessels including paddle craft. We know that paddle craft safety has become a priority for the Coast Guard’s and the Auxiliary’s RBS mission of reducing injuries and fatalities with kayakers and paddle craft users. Many states are increasing regulations covering RBS. It is vital that boaters know about these new regulations.”

Waterway Guide is constantly utilizing new media channels to publish RBS information. Through their digital online, multi-platform channels WG Media is offering access and relevant information to their subscribers. From current “Marker to Marker” NAV alerts, ATON notices, real time marina fuel prices, anchorage listings, and more, WG Media has earned the credibility, accuracy, and relevance with expert-generated content that boaters need. “For example,” Tillett said, “We have full-time staff just focused on keeping all of this data very current. It’s not very relevant if the data is six months old.”

To launch the partnership, WG Media is offering AuxA members a deep discount on the Waterway Guidebooks with a donation for every being made to AuxA and the RBS mission.

In addition WG Media will be publishing AuxA generated RBS content. Check out Ed’s interview with COMO Pica about the Auxiliary in this newsletter. WG Media disseminated COMO Pica’s interview throughout WG’s media channels.

AuxA looks forward to a growing, productive relationship with Waterway Guide that will benefit the RBS mission.





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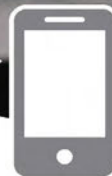
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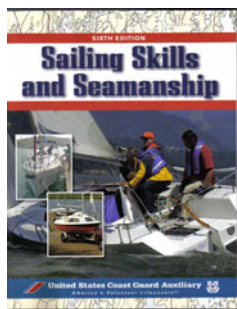
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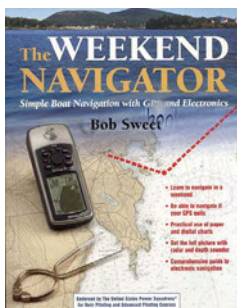
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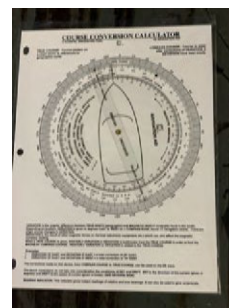


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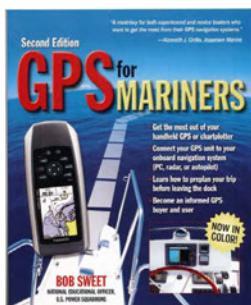
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## Granite City, Auxiliary Association Center Merger on the Horizon

Thomas Lane, Chief Operations Officer, AuxA [coo@cgauxa.org](mailto:coo@cgauxa.org)

It's now been twelve months since we started the project to merge the Auxiliary Association (AuxA) Center in St. Louis, MO with the USCG National Supply Center in Granite City, IL. The objectives of this update are to let you know how the integration of the two facilities is progressing, to explain what integration challenges lie ahead, and to highlight how you can continue to help our Association deliver on its potential.

First of all, I'd like to thank everyone for their cooperation and hard work. Integrating two facilities is tough, and I recognize that

many of you have put in significant efforts to help the two operations begin functioning under one roof.

I'd also like to thank everyone for their patience. During a transition there are always more questions than answers, and I appreciate your ability to stay focused and productive during this transition.

We still have more to do. I'm aware of the differences in operating styles of the two facilities and I'm committed to the continuous evolution of a new and effective AuxA culture. We are working with the senior

leadership team in the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard to architect a set of operating guidelines to deliver on this objective.

You'll be hearing more about this in the months to come and will have an opportunity to help shape our culture so that we can best serve our customers, Auxiliary Members, and realize our vision for the Association.

The multiple demands of planning our future strategy, operating the business on a day-to-day basis, and dealing with the demands of the merger will be the challenge. We will be putting together a

thorough communication plan to ensure that all Auxiliary members will be informed about our progress on a regular and timely basis. We expect the transition to begin in fourth quarter 2020. This merger will provide a significant cost savings benefit to the Association and Auxiliary.

In addition, Renee Taylor, a longtime employee of the Association, will be retiring in April. We have put together a replacement team of two Auxiliary member volunteers to absorb the activities performed by Renee. Best wishes on her retirement.

# Deal-O-Grams

Commodore Vincent Pica, President & CEO, AuxA

*"Brevity is the soul of wit"*

~ Polonius, Act 2, Scene 2, Hamlet

So I shall be witty yet again. It remains somewhat puzzlingly clear that you have more benefits than you realize you're entitled to and have available. That's a communication problem on our part largely and, perhaps, a bit of members fearing to go out on the diving board of "click here" to actually see what the deal is. So, in this bi-lateral regard, here's what we're doing.

1. With regard to the communications problem, some may find these very "Benefits of Membership" too much to digest. So, twice a month (bi-weekly), we'll bring you a "deal-o-gram" – a largely single-themed orange-backed email blast that details the deal of the day, as it were.



2. With regard to the "fear of clicking here", we guarantee you that the systems are designed so that you **cannot** buy anything by simply "clicking here" and reading about the deal. You're entitled to these benefits; you've earned these benefits.

Use them as you see the need or feel the urge – but just "clicking here" to get more information is not going to hit your credit card. Guaranteed!

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# Planned Giving

Planned Giving helps you meet your personal, financial and estate planning goals by making a lifetime or testamentary charitable gift.

Planned Giving offers the opportunity to continue to support Coast Guard Auxiliary programs through your will or charitable trust. Funds may be designated by the donor to the Coast Guard Auxiliary either toward general support funds or earmarked for specific programs. Contact us at (314) 962-8828, or [execdirauxa@cgauxa.org](mailto:execdirauxa@cgauxa.org) for more information on Planned Giving.



## How to Give

**Bequest** - You designate our organization as the beneficiary of your asset by will, trust or beneficiary designation form.

**IRA Rollover** - Congress recently enacted a permanent extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover.

**Beneficiary Designation Gifts** - You can designate us as a beneficiary of a retirement, investment or bank account or your life insurance policy.

**Charitable Remainder Unitrust** - You transfer your cash or appreciated property to fund a charitable remainder unitrust. The trust sells your property tax free and provides you with income for life or a term of years.

**Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust** - You transfer your cash or appreciated property to fund a charitable remainder annuity trust. The trust sells your property tax free and provides you with fixed income for life or a term of years.

**Charitable Lead Trust** - You fund a trust that makes gifts to us for a number of years. Your family receives the trust remainder at substantial tax savings.

## What to Give

**Gifts of Stocks and Bonds** - Donating appreciated securities, including stocks or bonds, is an easy and tax-effective way for you to make a gift to our organization.

**Gifts of Retirement Assets** - Donating part or all of your unused retirement assets such as a gift from your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), pension or other tax-deferred plan is an excellent way to make a gift to our organization.

**Gifts of Cash** - A gift of cash is a simple and easy way for you to make a gift.

**Gifts of Insurance** - A gift of your life insurance policy is an excellent way to make a gift to charity. If you have a life insurance policy that has outlasted its original purpose, consider making a gift of your insurance policy.





## Coast Guard Foundation

The Coast Guard Foundation is a national nonprofit organization that supports the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard and their families.

Founded in 1969, the Coast Guard Foundation provides education, support, and relief for the brave men and women who enforce maritime law, protect our homeland, and preserve the environment.

We are an independent organization separate to the U.S. Coast Guard. As a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit, we provide vital support that the U.S. government cannot provide to Coast Guard members and their families.

We are committed to serving them with high quality programs and resources that enhance their service and better prepare them for duty.

### Our Mission

In times of triumph and through adversity, the Coast Guard Foundation: 1. Focuses on the well-being, education, and morale of the men and women of the Coast Guard 2. Empowers and educates Coast Guard families 3. Provides critical support during times of injury and loss 4. Serves to promote the missions of the Coast Guard



## Support Auxiliary and Reserve Members

The Auxiliary has more than 24,000 dedicated members who volunteer over two million hours of their time every year to teach boating safety and maritime education. In return, we are proud to support their efforts with funds to assist their boating safety seminars, and equipment to support their environmental and vessel inspection operations.

Annually, we grant scholarships to Coast Guard Reserve families, and provide support to Auxiliary flotillas around the country to support their many missions.

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When Coast Guard families need to know they are not alone, CGMA is READY to help, RELEVANT to the need and RESPONSIVE in any situation.

## Coast Guard Mutual Assistance



Thank you for considering a donation to **Coast Guard Mutual Assistance**. Support at all levels helps meet the comprehensive needs of the entire Coast Guard family through disaster and emergency relief, family support and education assistance. Giving opportunities are available in many areas of interest, and however you choose to make your donation —through a one-time gift, allotment or recurring donation, major gift or by including CGMA in your planned giving— your gift makes a difference.

Last year, CGMA provided **\$43,068.98** in assistance to Auxiliary members. Here is a link to a CGMA video that explains the program <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1npPISM-S4&feature=youtu> Some examples of support provided for Auxiliary members include:

- Closing costs
- Disaster recovery
- Education loans
- Final expenses (death)
- Housing assistance
- Medical and Dental costs
- Pet and Service Animal Support
- Special Needs and Adoption Grants

### Our brave men and women of the Coast Guard Count on You

You can support them when they need it the most.



Prefer to donate by phone?  
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# Don't miss out on a Dental benefit that stays with you.

## Hello, AuxA Member

You're still eligible to enroll in **MetLife TakeAlong Dental<sup>SM</sup>**, an individual dental benefit that stays with you through every life-changing event. This could be the last time you'll need to enroll for a dental benefit program for yourself and your dependents.

MetLife TakeAlong Dental provides benefits for an array of preventive and diagnostic dental services, at costs that are significantly lower than typical dental fees.<sup>1</sup> So having the right dental insurance can protect you and your family from unexpected dental expenses.

Three program options are available: **PPO, Dental HMO/Managed Care<sup>2</sup>, and MetLife Discount Dental Plan<sup>3</sup>**. All programs provide benefits that help reduce your out-of-pocket costs for dental services.

**It's easy to get started. Find all the information you need in one convenient location at [metlifetakealongdental.com/auxa](http://metlifetakealongdental.com/auxa)**

**ENROLL TODAY**

Learn more about the program options, including exclusions and limitations, features and cost, then enroll for coverage for yourself and your dependents.



**Enroll online**

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**Enroll online**

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## Your referral code: AUXA

Call us with any questions you may have about MetLife TakeAlong Dental at 1-844-2METDEN, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET

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MetLife TakeAlong Dental availability varies by state.

<sup>1</sup> Savings from enrolling in a dental benefits program will depend on various factors including the cost of the program, how often members visit a dentist and the cost of services rendered.

<sup>2</sup> Visit [www.metalifetakealongdental.com](http://www.metalifetakealongdental.com) for updates to state availability. Dental HMO/Managed Care will only be available to residents of CA, FL, NY, and TX. Dental HMO/Managed Care is used to refer to product designs that may differ by state of residence of the enrollee, including but not limited to: "Specialized Health Care Service Plans" in California; "Prepaid Limited Health Service Organizations" as described in Chapter 636 of the Florida statutes in Florida; and "Single Service Health Maintenance Organizations" in Texas. Dental Managed Care program benefits are provided by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a New York corporation, in NY. Dental HMO program benefits are provided by: SafeGuard Health Plans, Inc., a California corporation, in CA; SafeGuard Health Plans, Inc., a Florida corporation, in FL; and SafeGuard Health Plans, Inc., a Texas corporation, in TX. The Dental HMO/Managed Care companies are part of the MetLife family of companies.

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Vermont Residents: Any applicable waiting periods are limited to a maximum of 6 months. Once enrolled, this will be reflected in your policy.

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# MetLife TakeAlong Dental<sup>SM</sup> Insurance

## PPO Program Summary

This is a brief description of services covered under the MetLife TakeAlong Dental, PPO program. You have a choice of three program options — High, Medium and Low. All options cover a broad range of important dental services. Please review the program details below to help you decide which option best fits your needs. For complete program details, including exclusions and limitations, please visit [metlifetakealongdental.com](http://metlifetakealongdental.com).

### Program Summary

	High Option Benefit	Medium Option Benefit	Low Option Benefit
<b>Preventive &amp; Diagnostic Services</b> Based on the maximum allowed charge <sup>1</sup>	In-network: 100% Out-of-network: 100%	In-network: 100% Out-of-network: 100%	In-network: 100% Out-of-network: 100%
<b>Basic Restorative Services</b> Based on the maximum allowed charge <sup>1</sup>	In-network: 80% Out-of-network: 80%	In-network: 70% Out-of-network: 70%	In-network: 70% Out-of-network: 70%
<b>Major Restorative Services</b> Based on the maximum allowed charge <sup>1</sup>	In-network: 50% Out-of-network: 50%	In-network: 50% Out-of-network: 50%	Major Restorative Services not covered
<b>Child Orthodontia Covered Services<sup>2</sup></b> Based on the maximum allowed charge <sup>1</sup>	In-network: 50% Out-of-network: 50%	Orthodontia not covered	Orthodontia not covered
<b>Calendar Year Deductible -</b> Applies to Basic & Major Restorative Services <sup>3</sup> <b>Individual</b> <b>Family</b>	\$25 \$75	\$50 \$150	\$75 \$225
<b>Waiting Period<sup>4</sup></b>	6 months for Basic Restorative 12 months for Major Restorative & Child Orthodontia	6 months for Basic Restorative 12 months for Major Restorative	6 months for Basic Restorative
<b>Calendar Year Maximum Benefit</b>	\$2,000 / person	\$1,500 / person	\$750 / person
<b>Child Orthodontia Lifetime Maximum</b>	\$1,000 / person	Orthodontia not covered	Orthodontia not covered
<b>Dependent Age</b>	A dependent child is eligible for benefits up to his/her 26th birthday. <sup>2</sup>		

In-network refers to benefits provided under this program for covered dental services that are provided by a participating dentist. Out-of-network benefits refer to benefits provided under this program for covered dental services that are not provided by a participating dentist.

**COST:** To view the cost for each option, go to [metlifetakealongdental.com](http://metlifetakealongdental.com). Type in your ZIP Code to find the cost for your area.



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# Smile. Now you can have dental that you take with you.

## MetLife TakeAlong Dental<sup>SM</sup>

Introducing **MetLife TakeAlong Dental**. TakeAlong Dental offers an individual dental policy or a non-insurance discount dental program. In either case, you can take these benefits along with you through every life event you experience. So this could be the last time you'll have to enroll for dental. Now there's something to make you smile!

### Three great programs to choose from:

PPO	Dental HMO/Managed Care <sup>3</sup>	MetLife Discount Dental <sup>4</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three benefit coverage levels to choose from: Low, Medium or High.</li><li>• Flexibility to choose any licensed dentist, in or out of the network, and still receive benefits.<sup>1</sup></li><li>• In-network providers accept negotiated fees, which are typically 30% – 45% less than the average charges in the same area.<sup>2</sup></li><li>• No referral needed for specialty care.</li><li>• Access to thousands of participating dental locations.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Available to residents of Florida, New York and Texas (will soon be available to residents of California).</li><li>• Two benefit coverage levels to choose from: Low or High.</li><li>• Pre-select a dentist at time of enrollment, who participates in the network.</li><li>• Broad network of carefully screened general dentists and specialists who provide dental care at a reduced cost.</li><li>• No waiting periods, claim forms, deductibles or annual maximums.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This is a discount program and is not insurance.</li><li>• Discount program for dental services from a nationwide network.</li><li>• Save 5% to 50% on most dental procedures.</li><li>• 5% to 20% savings on orthodontics including braces and retainers.</li><li>• 5% to 20% reduction on specialist's fees.</li><li>• Cosmetic dentistry included.</li><li>• You may visit any dentist participating in the plan.</li><li>• Not available in Washington, Utah and Vermont.</li></ul>

### Why get dental?

Keeping your teeth healthy without a dental program can be expensive. Having the right dental benefits makes it easier to visit the dentist and helps lower your costs. That's where MetLife TakeAlong Dental comes in! It offers competitive pricing and great benefits today and in the future.

### It's time to enroll

Find all the information you'll need in one convenient location at [metlifetakealongdental.com](http://metlifetakealongdental.com). Learn more about the program, features and cost, then enroll for coverage for yourself and your dependents.

Enroll online <a href="http://metlifetakealongdental.com">metlifetakealongdental.com</a>	Enroll by phone 1-844-2METDEN (1-844-263-8336)	Your referral code <b>CGAuxA</b>
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If you have any questions, please call MetLife at 1-844-2METDEN or visit our website at [metlifetakealongdental.com](http://metlifetakealongdental.com)



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## Description of Covered Services & Frequency

This table represents the top services within each category, but is not a complete list of the covered services and procedures. For full program details, please visit [metlifetakealongdental.com](http://metlifetakealongdental.com).

Preventive	Frequency
Prophylaxis (cleanings)	Two per calendar year
Oral examinations	Two per calendar year
Topical fluoride treatment	One per calendar year for dependent children up to their 14th birthday
Bitewing x-rays	One set every calendar year One set every 6 months for a child
Screenings	Two per calendar year
Patient assessments	Two per calendar year

### Basic Restorative

Fillings — initial placement	Unlimited
Replacement fillings	Replacement once every 24 months
Simple extractions	Unlimited
Full mouth x-rays	Once every 60 months
Periodontics maintenance	Four treatments per calendar year
Periodontal scaling & root planing	Once per quadrant every 24 months
Space maintainers	Once per lifetime per tooth area for dependent children up to their 14th birthday
Sealants or sealant repair	Once per tooth every 60 months for dependent children up to their 14th birthday

### Major Restorative (Applies to the Medium and High Options. Not Covered under the Low Option.)

General anesthesia	When necessary in accordance with generally accepted dental standards
Dentures	When need to replace congenitally missing teeth or replace natural teeth
Recementing of cast restorations or dentures	Once in a 12 month period
Crowns	No more than one replacement for the same tooth within 10 years
Oral surgery	Refer to schedule of benefits for exceptions
Surgical extractions	Unlimited
Implant services	No more than once for the same tooth position in a 10-year period
Repair of implants	Once in a 12 month period
Child orthodontia <sup>2</sup>	For a child up to age 19

MetLife TakeAlong Dental availability varies by state:

1 The maximum allowed charge for a covered service is the amount that in-network dentists have agreed to accept as payment in full for the covered service, subject to any deductibles, co-payments, cost sharing and benefits maximums. Maximum allowed charges are subject to change. Percentages shown are based on the maximum allowed charge, even when a covered service is provided by an out-of-network dentist, except in AK, NV, MA and MT. In these states, out-of-network percentages shown are based on a percentile of the reasonable and customary (R&C) charge. The R&C charge is based on the lowest of: (1) the dentist's actual charge for a covered service; (2) the dentist's usual charge for the same or similar service; or (3) the amount charged by most dentists in the same geographic area for the same or similar service as determined by MetLife. Please go to [metlifetakealongdental.com](http://metlifetakealongdental.com) and enter your ZIP code for complete details.

2 Child orthodontia is covered under the High Option benefit only. Orthodontia covers dependent children up to their 19th birthday. Adult orthodontia is not covered under any program option.

3 Major Restorative Services are not covered under the Low Option Benefit. The deductible applies only to Basic Restorative Services under the Low Option Benefit.

4 Vermont Residents: Any applicable waiting periods are limited to a maximum of 6 months. Once enrolled, this will be reflected in your policy.

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