



Local Leader Anne Duhaime Honored for Five Decades of Coast Guard Auxiliary Service

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Anne Duhaime, a long-time Guilford resident, celebrated an honorable 50 years of service to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary during a reception held on Saturday, October 3, at Quattro's Restaurant in Guilford, CT. Fellow USCG Auxiliary members, family and shipmates from Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound were in attendance to celebrate the milestone.

A member of the USCG Auxiliary Guilford Flotilla for her entire tenure, Duhaime has served in multiple positions including flotilla commander, Guilford Flotilla, and division commander of Coast Guard District Northeast, Southern Region, Division 24, encompassing south central Connecticut. Currently, she serves as assistant district staff officer, culinary assistance, and district staff officer, secretary of records. These are just a few of Duhaime's leadership positions over her five decades of remarkable service.

Duhaime is a recipient of countless awards during her remarkable service, having earned multiple Coast Guard Unit Commendations, multiple Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendations, a Presidential Unit Citation and several Sustained Auxiliary Service Awards.

Guests and speakers included Commander Nicholas E. Lajoie from Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound; Commander Joshua Buck, Director of Auxiliary, Northeast District Southern Region; District Commodore Michael Klacik, commodore of the Auxiliary's Northeast District Southern Region; and John Lesick, Jr., the current Auxiliary Division 24 commander. Also in attendance were USCG Ensign Justin Stoffolano; Michael Raffel, Auxiliary Chief of Staff and Commodore-elect for Northeast District Southern Region; and Daniel Ziebell, representing Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro.

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A brief history of the USCG Auxiliary

When the Coast Guard "Reserve" was authorized by act of Congress on June 23, 1939, the Coast Guard was given a legislative mandate to use civilians to promote safety on and over the high seas and the nation's navigable waters. On Feb. 19, Congress amended the 1939 act with passage of the Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941. Passage of this act designated the Reserve as a military branch of the active service, while the civilian section, formerly referred to as the Coast Guard Reserve, became the Auxiliary under title 14, chapter 23 of the USC.

Guilford is the home of Flotilla 014-24-04. The flotilla meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Guilford Community Center, 7:30 PM Eastern. Meetings are open to the public.