



Dining Out Guide

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Join the Coast Guard Auxiliary!

by VINCENT T. PICA, II, Flotilla Commander, 18-06
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



Many people have an urge or calling to serve. They think about ways that they, on their own terms and on a schedule that works for them, can contribute to their country and to their community, especially if they can have fun doing it and be recognized for what they do. I believe that the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is an



United States Coast Guard, Flotilla 18-06.

ideal way achieve all those goals - serve your country, serve your community, have fun and be recognized. You don't need a boat. We'll supply. You don't need to be a swimmer. We have many roles that are land-based that still provide vital services to the active-duty regulars. Some worry about it being expensive. Annual dues are \$30. That's \$2.50/month. Uniforms are available at low-cost and every penny you spend is tax-deductible. And, if you offer your boat for use by the USCGAux, your mission-related fuel use is reimbursed one

hundred percent. Some worry that you will need a tremendous time commitment. You don't need gobs of time. Give us eight hours a summer and you can be in continuous good standing. I warn you though. There is so much enjoyment and satisfaction in this role that you will give well more than that.

This will only be the "land of the free" if it is also the "home of the brave." Serve your nation. Serve your neighbors. On your terms. Be brave. Get in this thing. For information on how to join, e-mail uscgaux2006@aol.com.



Legislative Update

By Suffolk County Legislator
ED ROMAINE (1st District)

We Need More Oversight of LIPA

Earlier in the year I asked the Public Service Commission to review the Long Island Power Authority's "Green Choice" program. As you may recall, the LIPA Green Choice program gives ratepayers the opportunity to opt into a program that supports renewable resources. For anywhere between 1 cent and 2 cents more per kilowatt-hour, ratepayers can invest in wind energy, hydroelectric energy or bio energy. Unfortunately, customers are misled into believing that for this additional charge they will be receiving green power. This is not the case. Customers who opt into the Green Choice program are simply paying an additional rate to invest in renewable energy production companies. They do not receive a single watt of electricity produced via renewable means.

The response I received from the Public Service Commission was disheartening. The PSC stated they have no authority to review LIPA's actions because LIPA is a public authority created through Public Authorities Law and is exempt from their oversight. This position also applies to other requests by county and state legislators for review of the infamous

fuel adjustment surcharge and the high levels of compensation paid to LIPA executives. Each and every request made to the PSC for any sort of review has been denied. As the law stands right now, LIPA can pretty much do as it pleases. It is free to institute rate increases masquerading as fuel adjustment surcharges; it is free to pay top executives exorbitant salaries; and it is free to mislead the public about its Green Choice program. We need to change that.

There has been too much rhetoric about the evils of LIPA, but very little action. With the high cost of living on Long Island and electricity bills continually rising, LIPA cannot continue to act irresponsibly without anyone reviewing its actions. Our state legislators need to give the Public Service Commission the power to review LIPA's actions. It has been proposed that Public Authorities Law be amended to grant the Public Service Commission full and complete oversight of LIPA. I wholeheartedly support this plan and would hope others would support it as well. It is time to prevent LIPA from taking advantage of Long Island's working families.