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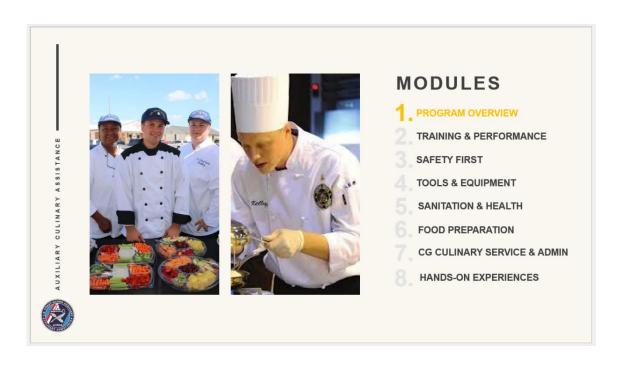
MEMORANDUM

From: District Staff Officer, Culinary Assistance (DSO-CA)

To: District Commodore

Subj: CULINARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS REPORT, APRIL 2023

- 1. District Culinary Assistance program is being administratively reorganized. Additionally, DSO-CA is evaluating program human resource capacity and capability to serve and support increasing Coast Guard direct support requests and Auxiliary requests. Anticipate completion date no later than July 1, 2023.
- 2. District Culinary Assistants and candidates will meet bi-monthly via teleconference to discuss operational needs, direct Coast Guard support, training, procedures, and other topics of importance. All Auxiliary members are invited to participate.
- 3. Culinary Assistant training with new and updated material will be offered online starting within 60-days. Dates and times will be published to all hands. DSO-AS will assist members who have completed the online course with placement to complete their in-person PQS requirements. All interested persons should contact DSO-AS as soon as possible for inclusion.



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- 4. Coast Guard direct support needs are increasing rapidly. Dedicated Culinary Assistants fill many of these needs and we are grateful for their selfless support. It is imperative that supporting Auxiliary members are appropriately screened and ordered to duty in accordance with Coast Guard and Auxiliary requirements. **Self-deployment without appropriate authorization is prohibited**. DSO-CA is preparing training materials and job aids to assist Culinary Assistants and leadership to comply with these necessary processes.
- 5. District Culinary Assistance support is critical to member morale and sustaining Auxiliary operational and training needs. DSO-CA is reviewing requests on a case-by-case basis to help ensure adequate coverage. Please be patient as this process is perfected.
- 6. A new Request for Forces ("RFF") process is under development to serve active/reserve command direct support and Auxiliary function and unit support. Beta participation from Auxiliary units/ teams will be needed to perfect. Details will be released soon.
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- 8. Please contact DSO-CA directly at <u>jmzimmerle.uscgaux@gmail.com</u> or (801) 369-6169 (voice/text) with any questions, concerns, or requests.

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