



Have you ever heard “Coast Guard AUXAIR 33X” in ATC transmissions? That is us!

My name is Norm Freed. I am a pilot and officer in the Coast Guard Auxiliary based at HPN.

AUXAIR, the aviation branch of the Auxiliary, is looking for individuals who wish to volunteer their time, with or without their aircraft, to be part of “America’s Volunteer Lifesavers”. We fly missions (under orders) in support of the U.S. Coast Guard. We fly our own aircraft all year-round on various reconnaissance missions throughout New England.

In the summertime we conduct Marine Domain Awareness observations. In the winter we fly “Ice Patrols” - photographing conditions which are transmitted to the Coast Guard and subsequently posted on the Coast Guard’s website for viewing by ship captains as they are underway.

Being a member of AUXAIR offers many volunteer opportunities:

- FAA licensed pilots may achieve Co-Pilot, First Pilot or Aircraft Commander status.
- Non-pilots may become Air Observers or Air Crew.

All AUXAIR members are trained and participate in Coast Guard Search and Rescue operations.

The Coast Guard will reimburse the aircraft owner the cost of fuel used on the mission. They will also contribute funds towards aircraft maintenance based on engine horsepower.

We are all fortunate to be pilots. This is an opportunity to volunteer your time and aircraft and truly help secure our Marine environment, provide vital information to our ships’ captains and provide emergency help to our mariners as needed.

If you’re interested or would like more information, please contact me or my shipmate Vince Bocchimuzzo. I know you will find this a truly rewarding experience.

Best Regards and Safe Flying,

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