



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
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Auxiliary Clergy Support (ACS) Chaplain Program

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Recruiting and Retention Division
Clergy Support Division





Topics

- What is the ACS Chaplain Program
- ACS Chaplain Mission Activities
- What is the Auxiliary
- Your Opportunities in the Auxiliary

ACS Chaplain Program



■ ACS Chaplains:

- Supplements and supports Coast Guard Chaplains to meet the needs of active duty, reserves, civilians and their families
- ACS Chaplains serve under the direct supervision/mentorship of a CG Chaplain

■ ACS Program Administered by:

- Chaplain of the Coast Guard (CG-00A)



ACS Chaplain Program

- Coast Guard Chaplains
 - Limited manpower and logistics
 - Prevented from providing timely response
- ACS Chaplains
 - Closes shortfall
 - Provides religious support



ACS Chaplain Qualifications

■ ACS Chaplains:

- ☐ Must be a member of the Auxiliary
- ☐ Must have an Ecclesiastical Endorsement
- ☐ Hold a Bachelors and Masters Degree
- ☐ Complete a Moderate Risk BI
- ☐ Recommendations from: Flotilla Commander, CO/OIC, Sector/District CHC, District RADM



ACS Chaplain Mission Activities

- Respond to: crisis situations, conduct pastoral counseling and visitation, burials at sea, funerals, weddings, baptisms, retirements, change-of-commands, blessing of the fleet, CCTI, memorial dedications, cutter underway periods, state of the port maritime ceremonies, etc.

Your opportunities in the Auxiliary

- Are you just in the ACS program?
- NO!
- You can participate as a regular Auxiliarist
 - On the water
 - In the air
 - On the shore

