

## **Prologue and Pledge For Appointed Officers**

### **Prologue**

a. "Each of you offered your talents and services in the interest of a better Coast Guard Auxiliary. Therefore, the pledge you are about to take admits you to an office of great responsibility and high honor. Along with this honor, you must be prepared to accept direction of your activities by elected officers as well as the administrative responsibilities of your office."

b. "Your task is to develop all of those programs under your purview to the maximum efficiency that conditions permit. You are expected to promote close liaison between the Auxiliary and local Coast Guard units: constantly reminding the members that their actions reflect not only on the Auxiliary but on the Coast Guard itself."

c. "As a leader, you are charged with maintaining high standards in all Auxiliary programs, never compromising honesty and integrity, knowing that your success will be dependent upon the support you receive from fellow members and officers."

### **ASK THE AUDIENCE TO RISE**

d. "With the full realization of the demands of your office in terms of time, travel, and dedication, if you are willing to accept this honor...Please raise your right hand and repeat after me:

### **PLEDGE.**

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, in carrying out my duties  
as an appointed Staff Officer  
of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
do sincerely pledge myself  
to discharge my assigned duties,  
to support the Auxiliary and its purposes,  
to promote its authorized activities  
and to abide by the governing policies  
established by  
the Commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard."