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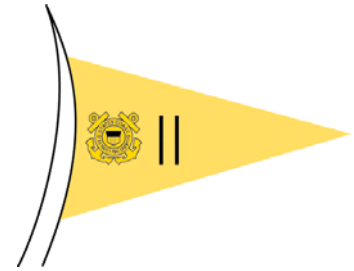
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To: Bill Crouch, VCO 8CR

Subject: MATERIALS REPORT OF FEBRUARY 2005 CONFERENCE

It has been a pleasure beginning work with the Eight District Coastal Region, and I anticipate a good year as we have begun our transition. We are on uncharted waters, but we haven't gone aground so far. As everyone is aware, I'm sure, the 8th District including, the Western, Central, and Coastal Regions has made the SHOPAUXILIARY Virtual Store a reality. It went on-line in December and our members then were able to take advantage of ordering their own personal supplies and Public Education Materials without the triangle of the DSO-MA. I've had many positive feedbacks from the members concerning the efficiency and ease of the store. The turn around for materials has decreased considerably, and now the cost of the materials is standardized within the three Districts. The goal is to encompass the whole nation, if it continues favorably.

New, never before stocked materials are available at the Conference as we have taken a shipment of consignment materials from C.G. Auxiliary Association. We are still selling out "old inventory" at a reduced price. Either way, it's a good reason to stop by and see us.

It is my personal goal to continue to educate members of the 8CR about the ease of the ordering supplies, and the importance of supporting our District to increase its income. It is imperative that we be faithful in purchasing our supplies by using the Virtual Store, and shopping at the Conferences. It is this commitment that will increase revenue to the 8th CR, and fund the programs necessary to develop our organization. These revenues help to fund training to the Divisions, and Flotillas where we all profit. We have brought in approximately \$1500.00 since October. Please support your District Store at the Conferences and by purchasing from the SHOPAUXILIRY web site.

Respectfully Submitted,
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