

The Navigation Systems (NS) staff has been working very hard to make the AUX-06 C-School a meaningful experience for you. You will be introduced to a lot of new NS Program material during the two and a half days of instruction. The NS Program Training Guides have been updated along with their associated forms and worksheets. The focus of the NS Program is on accuracy, quality and professionalism. You will be introduced to many new techniques that support these programs' goals at this school.

Orders

Your orders information is sent to your local DIRAUX during May for preparation and forwarding of the orders to you. Since the DVC-PN does not receive a copy of each person's orders, do not contact the DVC-PN looking for status. Your local District DIRAUX (Director of Auxiliary) staff prepares the actual orders you will receive. You should contact that office if you have questions about your orders or travel.

Travel

As your orders will state, you MUST use SATO for making reservations for your travel to TRACEN Yorktown. SATO will need a copy of your orders to schedule your travel arrangements. You should fax a copy of your orders to SATO once you make your travel arrangements. Be sure to ask for the fax number when speaking with them. Newport News, VA, airport (airport code PHF) is closest to the base. Take a cab to Cain or Lafayette Hall. You can also fly into Norfolk, VA (ORF). If so, take a shuttle to TRACEN Yorktown, as a cab will be incredibly expensive.

The ATON C-School starts briskly at 0800 on Friday, June 22, 2012, so you should plan your travel to arrive at TRACEN Yorktown on Thursday afternoon. The C-School will be completed on Sunday at 1200. You must attend all sessions so schedule your travel accordingly. Travel to and from the school will be in civilian clothes.

Uniform of the Day

The uniform for all classes (0800-1630 daily) is Tropical Blue with Garrison Cap. (NOTE: Garrison Cap, not Combination Cap, is required.) The uniform must be worn in a military manner at all times. You will want to bring extra uniforms, as it will be hot and humid in Yorktown at this time of year. TRACEN Yorktown is a training base and there are many newer Coast Guard personnel for whom you set an example as well as "old salts" who won't hesitate to educate you on your uniform. Shirts must be tucked in at all times (except the styles of women's shirts which are designed to be worn untucked). Walking around in uniform with your hands in your pockets does not show a correct military manner and is HIGHLY DISCOURAGED. While in uniform you are prohibited by order of the Commandant from walking and talking on a cell phone. Also, wearing a telephone earpiece while in uniform is not allowed. If you must answer or make a call, stop, step off to the side and speak on your cell.

Please review the proper wearing and grooming required while wearing the Tropical Blue uniform by checking the Uniform Procurement Guide or Chapter 10 of the Auxiliary Manual.

ATON C-School Schedule

The program schedule link is on the ATON C-School main page. You will receive over eighteen hours of instruction over the weekend. All four of the NS programs will be presented during the weekend.

You are required to download some forms and study guides from this site as part of this class. See the link on the ATON C-School main page for instructions. **Wait until June 20 to download these documents.** The latest revisions will be available on this website on this date. You will need to familiarize yourself with this data before arriving at the school:

- ATON – Federal Short Range Aid to Navigation Program
- PATON – Private Aids to Navigation
- BAP – Bridge Administration Program
- CU – Chart/Coast Pilot Updating Program

There will be minimal paper handouts at the C-School. It is important that you print out copies of the documents described in the C-School syllabus. Use of laptops is encouraged; however, there are limited wall plugs in the classroom. Each student will receive a CD that contains all of the new Navigation Systems program documents, forms and study guides that are presented at the school.

Expectations

As a graduate of the ATON C-School, you are expected to become a leader in the NS program in your District. You are encouraged to hold higher NS staff positions in the future. Upon completion of this course, you will have been exposed to the latest information on each of the four NS programs. It is important to the overall success of the National NS Program that you pass this information on the members in your District and that you take the lead in the implementation of the new program forms and features. You are the future of the Aid to Navigation Program.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the Division Chief at:
DVC-PN@pdept.cgaux.org.