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ALMOST TIME FOR OFFICER ENTRY --It's almost that time of year for IS folks to start receiving the new officer lists for 2004, and entering them in AuxData. Note that a present office holder who continues, DOES NOT have to be re-entered nor does the start date have to be changed. The list as displayed on the screen is considered to be the current office holders. If someone is NOT continuing or an office is not being filled, a 'vacant' must be entered to terminate the previous term. When to enter? Generally late December/early January is a good time frame. Remember that electronic mailing lists and labels are determined by the current office holders, so too early or late should be avoided.

Missing a unit list? If a unit list is not received in a timely manner, contact the unit leader. Often these forms are held waiting for one or two offices to be filled.

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New Home for eDirectory -- The National eDirectory has just moved to its new home on our brand new high speed National server. Robert Munroe BC-ICS has packed it with new innovations. The response time has improved, and made this very useful resource even better. You'll want to make a note of the new address www.auxedirectory.org and change your bookmarks to the new address. Security has also been enhanced using the same encryption technology which protects your credit card information when making online purchases.

If you haven't already activated your eDirectory access to check your entry, do so today! It's also very important to remember to keep your eMail address current in AUXDATA by submitting a completed Form 7028 Change of Member Information <http://216.167.73.185/~forms/archive/a7028f.pdf> to your FSO-IS.

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ALERT ALERT ALERT --We have published this previously; however, just this week another rash of hoax messages have been spread and members are deleting files required by their operating system which is used in JAVA. The message was sent through the PA list server stating that jdbgmgr.exe (alias Teddy Bear) was a virus and to delete this file. It was followed up with a message that it was a hoax, do not delete this file.

Before deleting an .exe file from your computer, verify that is truly a virus or worm. Here are some sites to look at to verify a virus from a hoax:

What you need to know about viruses:

<http://antivirus.about.com/library/weekly/aa050702a.htm>

Hoax Busters: <http://hoaxbusters.ciac.org>

Symantec: <http://symantec.com/avcenter/hoax.html>

Hoax Warnings: <http://www.datafellows.com/news/hoax.htm>

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Aux-eNews -- A brand new national service is soon to be launched, aimed at keeping our members better informed. Aux-eNews will be a news service (at least monthly and depending on need biweekly) with important information direct from National to all members with an email address in AUXDATA.

You will be hearing more about Aux-eNews in the coming weeks!

To receive direct National information, members *must* have their correct (and current) email address in their AUXDATA record. Updating member records is easily accomplished by using Form 7028 Change of Member Information available online at: <http://216.167.73.185/~forms/archive/a7028f.pdf> and submitted to their FSO-IS. Your help in informing your fellow Flotilla members about the importance of getting their email address into AUXDATA, and keeping it *current* will be greatly appreciated!

Members can easily check their AUXDATA record for their *basic* information by using the new National eDirectory: www.auxedirectory.org

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Factoid At the end of 2002, 59% of American adults were online according to a study by the Pew American Life Study. The Pacific Northwest (Wash., Ore) led with 68%, while the South (W.Va, Ky, Tenn, Ala, Miss, La, Ark) still had a very respectable 48%. Americans are getting "connected" by the millions!

Cyber Spot of the Month

There are over 650 training presentations available online!

For listing by subject matter :

<http://www.auxetrain.org/eTrainingPPT.htm>

The PowerPoint Presentations may also be downloaded at:

<http://www.cgauxpresents.info/eTrain/search.html>

For additional courses:

<http://courses.cgauxed.org/>

Did you know?

Want an accurate time and date from your desktop clock? If you're using XP, double click the clock in your system tray (it's just to the right of the taskbar). Next select Internet Time, and then check: Automatically Synchronize, then Choose: time.nist.gov You'll then have the most accurate clock in the house :-)

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