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Vicki Vose – Our new Deputy Department Chief! -- I would like to Welcome Aboard I-CS Staffers! If you're a FY05 returning staffer, THANK YOU for your continued commitment to the department. If you're new to your position, THANK YOU and welcome!

I'm also a "Newbie" to the department this year as your Deputy Department Chief. I was complimented when Jeff offered my appointment and I hope to meet the needs of our organization's leaders, members and our Team. I hail from the Eighth Western Rivers district and live near St. Louis with my husband Mike. I initially joined the Auxiliary in 1983, while living in Suffolk County New York, until moving back to the Midwest in 1986. I rejoined in 2000 and have been an FSO-IS, SO-IS and ADSO-IS for the past 4 years, as well as a certified Instructor for our AuxDATA / AuxINFO (Aux-10) C School since 2002. Please bear with me as I gain speed and become acclimated with my duties and I look forward to developing our working relationships. 2005 promises a variety of added improvements for our customers. As a team, our combined efforts, skills and resources will allow those goals to be realized.

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Welcome to our New I-CS Dept. Staffers! -- We are delighted to announce the addition of several new staffers to the I-CS Department National Team. Ellen Deutsch from D1S becomes BC-IFE in the Forms Division, Allen Fletcher from D9E becomes BA-IRC in the R&D Division, Tony Gadomski from D9W becomes BA-IWD in the National Website Division, Steve Putnoki from D11N becomes BA-IDB in the Data Management Division, Chris Ware from D8W becomes BA-IRA in the R&D Division, Bob Williams from D1S becomes BC-IRC in the R&D Division, and Mike Zweifel from D5N becomes BC-IFF in the Forms Division.

The role of Technology and Information Management is rapidly growing for the Auxiliary in the 21st Century. These new staffers will be a great help in improving our Department service levels to you our customers, and moving the Auxiliary ahead efficiently and smoothly.

Please join us in welcoming them to the I-CS organization!

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New AUXINFO "How To's" -- Trying to find some information in AUXINFO with no luck? Having trouble drilling down; finding the date of an activity; or what facility was used for a mission? To help you, new Power Points and PDF files have been added to the Department of Information and Communication Services Library page: <http://www.auxservices.org/support/B&B.htm> On that page, click on "How To" and scroll down to see the newly added AUXINFO "How To's."

These new additions include:

- How to find Instructor and Aide Hours
- How to find your Awards
- How to use the Demographics Cube
- How to find Coxswain and Crew hours
- How to find the number of VSCs and MDVs performed
- How to use the Competency Cube
- How to use the Task Cube

All are designed to give you a working knowledge of some of the "tricks" involved in finding the information you need from AUXINFO and the capability to develop specialized reports useful for determining unit and individual awards

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I-CS Dept. on the Move! -- The I-CS Department is moving to the MS Directorate! We will be joining forces with the Departments of Marketing and Public Affairs "A", Education "E", Personnel "P", and Training "T" already in the MS Directorate. Combining our efforts should yield even greater results, and improved communications.

We will see more innovative and positive improvements in the coming months, all designed to make the process more responsive and efficient! So next time you see your fellow Directorate counterpart officers, say HI! We're all on the same Team :-)

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Factoid

The Department of Information and Communication Services is placing increased emphasis on customer service! To see more about how we are organized check out the Department Organization Chart at:

<http://www.cgaux.org/cgauxweb/infoserv/2005IDeptOrgChart.pdf>

Cyber Spot of the Month

The Department of Homeland Security has set up an excellent website called Ready.gov to give Americans tips on preparedness. For additional information check out: <http://www.ready.gov/about.html>

Did you know?

For those with tons of digital images stored on your hard drive, there is now an easy (and FREE) solution to organizing them. Picasa locates all images (or just those in selected folders), and then displays them in a Windows Explorer like interface. Picasa (owned by Google) not only organizes your images, but also includes auto transfer from your camera, and has basic image editing tools as well. For additional information and the free download, check out:

<http://www.picasa.com>

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