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Cape Cod and Islands Chapter Introduces New Board Member Elizabeth Young

Hyannis, Mass., August 19, 2009 — The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter is pleased to introduce new board member, Beth Young of Marstons Mills.

Commander Elizabeth Young, U. S. Coast Guard, joins the Board of Directors of the Cape Cod and Islands American Red Cross with a distinguished career of military service to the nation. Beth is currently the Deputy Executive Officer at Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod on the Mass Military Reservation. A career Coast Guard HU-25 Falcon pilot, Beth has flown over 3,700 hours and continues to fly missions at Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod. During her career she has been a first responder from the air, often conducting life threatening medical evacuations and searching for vessels in distress during the worst of storms, and taking her crew into harm's way to save the lives of others in distress. In her last assignment Beth managed a 3,300 member Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteer force spanning 4 states. She oversaw the operation of over 300 vessels and 47 aircraft in support of Coast Guard missions.



A graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, Beth received a BS in Mathematics and Computer Science and earned an MBA from Western New England College. She completed Naval Flight training in 1995 and holds a Certificate in Aviation Safety from USC.

Beth says, "As a Coast Guard member I have moved frequently and I have been stationed in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Virginia and Florida. When I arrived on Cape Cod in the mid '90s, I knew I had found 'home.' Service to others has always been part of my inner compass.

Now that I am back on the Cape, I look forward to serving the community; I chose the Red Cross because, like the Coast Guard, the Red Cross trains first responders. It's vitally important that the community has access to the services the Red Cross provides such as CPR, lifesaving training and disaster response. I am excited about facilitating this relationship with the community using the skills I learned throughout my career as a first responder. Coming from a military background I look forward to expanding relationships with our military community and their families to ensure their needs are met."

To find out more about volunteering for the Red Cross or for class schedules, or to donate, please contact the American Red Cross, Cape Cod Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, call (508) 775-1540 ext. 21 or visit www.capecodandislandsredcross.org

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