## Independence Day "Always Ready"

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From North and South and East and West,

The Coast Guard's in the fight.

Destroying subs and landing troops,

The Axis feels our might.

For we're the first invaders,

On every fighting field.

Afloat, ashore, on men and Spars,

You'll find the Coast Guard shield.

We're always ready for the call,

We place our trust in Thee.

Through howling gale and shot and shell,

To win our victory.

"Semper Paratus" is our guide,

Our pledge, our motto, too.

We're "Always Ready," do or die!

Aye! Coast Guard, we fight for you.

From Aztec shore to Arctic zone,

To Europe and Far East.

The Flag is carried by our ships,

In times of war and peace.

And never have we struck it yet,

In spite of foe-men's might,

Who cheered our crews and cheered again,

For showing how to fight.

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SURVEYOR and NARCISSUS,

The EAGLE and DISPATCH,

The HUDSON and the TAMPA

The names are hard to match;

From Barrow's shores to Paraguay,

Great Lakes or ocean's wave,

The Coast Guard fought through storms and winds

To punish or to save.

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Aye! Coast Guard, we fight for you.

Aye, we've been "Always Ready"

To do, to fight, or die

Write glory to the shield we wear

In letters to the sky.

To sink the foe or save the maimed

Our mission and our pride

We'll carry on 'til Kingdom Come

Ideals for which we've died.

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