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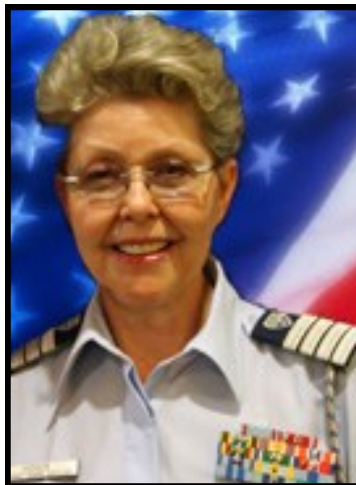


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"Connie's Comments"

"...to serve a cause greater than themselves"

**Submitted by Connie Irvin,
DSO-PA**

Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary appear to be trapped in the low morale malaise that permeates much of our society today. We are losing members in droves and those who sign up for membership are disappointed and lose interest because the lengthy security check process that drags on for months keeps them from being truly a part of the Auxiliary. We have been bombarded with numerous mandated courses. It seems that no one at the top understands that "we" are volunteers.

Yes, we all are volunteers. There is no pay except perhaps a pat on the back, an occasional award, maybe a ribbon or a certificate of appreciation. But to the real volunteers there is something much nobler that keeps them in the line of fire, in the thick of things and in continuing to be an Auxiliary member.

I have been in those valleys of low morale. I suspect that most of us have been. Each time I have hit the bottom, I look back over my eight years of service and I stop at the year 2010 and remember my time serving at the Unified Area Command Center in New Orleans as a Public Information Officer in the Joint Information Center. The occasion: Deepwater Horizon. My thirty day deployment seemed like a "life sentence" on some days, but on others, I delighted in being a part of the effort to assist the Coast Guard and the news media in getting out information on the evolving attempts to contain the oil spill. Every day was a challenge, but I was not alone. There were eight other Auxiliarists there with me. We were a small percentage out of the twenty agencies working there and we were the only volunteers. That fact gives me a sense of pride...pride in our organization. It takes me to a higher level.

On one day, we had several high ranking officials come through our building and I met them all. Former Commandant Thad Allen, former DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano, and Admiral Mike Mullen, then Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, particularly sought out the Auxiliary volunteers to thank us for our service. It was Admiral Mullen however who summed up what it means to keep your eye on the big picture...to not lose sight of why we joined the Auxiliary.

A quote from a speech he gave to graduating cadets might have been written for us. We, who give so much, for so little, for so long...

"That is where our greatness lies...in our people and in their knowledge of how critically important their duties are, and above all, in their desire to serve a cause greater than themselves."

If we keep our eye on the big picture, we will see our worthy missions and our noble cause. We are in this together. We need to help one another come out of the valley to climb to a higher level. We do serve a cause greater than ourselves. Semper Paratus



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Paperwork!

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What Mission Code to Use ????

Submitted by Sue Hastings, DSO-IS

One of the problems that the Information Services Officers get is that a member does not use the correct code on their 7030 Mission Activity report. The mission codes available for use are determined by National Executive Committee (NEXCOM) and Chief Directors Office (CHDIRAUX) with input from the various National departments. These codes get updated periodically. Check with your FSO-IS/SO-IS to see if the missions you are using are still correct.

The following are some of the common mission codes on the 7030 form:

Operations:

These are now being submitted through the AUXDATA Order Management system. If you use the wrong code in AOM, it will flow through to AUXDATA. Once a mission has been approved and sent to the Coast Guard Finance Center (FINCEN) the only way to update is in AUXDATA.

Code 01A - Maritime Observations Mission Patrol – this is the mission code that will be used for most patrols.

Code 02 – Regatta Patrol – this is for regattas that have a Marine Permit only. Any other regattas should use Code 01A

Code 03 – Navigation Systems Patrols – this is for missions assigned by CG or DSO-NS/SO-NS to check Aids to Navigation

Code 23A – Standby (Bravo Status – Hours spent as available under Coast Guard Orders with an Auxiliary Operational Surface/Air Facility with a qualified Coxswain/Pilot and Crew. For Air it is time spent on-deck for picking up passengers, fueling, lunch, etc. For Vessels it is time in-port for lunch, fueling, or standby (with Coxswain/Crew available near the facility).

Public Education: The 14 Codes are used for the different Public Education courses. Please be sure to only use the PE codes when you are teaching an approved National PE Course such as ABS, BS&S, Sailing, etc. (List can be found on National website under Public Education Department). Locally, developed courses or parts of a National Course should be listed under 10B Public Affairs (Speeches/Lectures).

Public Affairs: (On Public Affairs missions only every member is entered as Lead).

Code 10J – COMREL this code is for Community Relations missions such as boat shows, VE blitzes, etc. Many members still use 10G which is now for PA Training.

Code 10K – Other should be used by the PA officers for any work associated with their position instead of using Code 99A on the 7029 form.

Code 10L – Publications is the code to use for Publication Officers working on newsletters

Code 10D – Web Maintenance is for Webmasters for time working on Auxiliary websites.

Recruiting Assistance: 90C – Auxiliary Recruitment – this code is for the Human Resources officers to use for recruiting a member into the Auxiliary includes time consulting in person or by phone and processing of paperwork.

Marine Safety: This area has a lot of codes to reflect the MS programs available to the Auxiliarists. Remember you must be directed by the Coast Guard in using these mission codes and meet the criteria to perform them such as Commercial Fishing Inspection, Command Post, Container inspections, etc.

Code 70K – Is to be used by Marine Safety officers for administrative support instead of 99A.

The online 7030 pdf file on the National Forms Warehouse has a listing of all the current codes and information on them. If you are not sure what code to use please check with your FSO-IS or SO-IS for help.

Please submit your information in a timely manner. The 7030 missions should be submitted within the current month after the mission. We find if you delay completing the paperwork you may forget the mission and thus do not get the proper credit.

“Remember, the job ain’t done, ‘til the data is in AUXDATA!!!”



The Webmaster

District 7 Websites

Submitted by Dave Hastings, DSO-CS

How many of you have actually taken the time to look at what is available on our District 7 website? There is much information that is helpful to both officers and members. The link to this site is: <http://www.uscga-district-7.org/index.html>. The top menu is linked to the National website and the District information is on the left menu. Many of our flotillas and divisions also have their own websites with member information.

Along with the information directed to the Auxiliarists, there is information for the boating public. Our websites are often the "first impression" they get of the Auxiliary. We need to make sure that our websites are kept up-to-date with current information.

On the District site we have a section for Public Information and Safe Boating Classes

Public Information & Safe Boating Classes

The screenshot shows the District 7 Web Site homepage. The top navigation bar includes links: AUXHOME, JOIN US NOW!, LEADERSHIP, AUX MEMBERS, DIRECTORATES, UNITS, AUX ASSOC, and COAST GUARD. The main content area features a welcome message from Commodore Bob Weskerna and Chief of Staff Judith Hudson. A left sidebar menu contains various links, with 'Public Information' highlighted by a red arrow from an external box.

Here the public can look at information about the Auxiliary, how to Join the Auxiliary, how to get a Vessel Safety Check, Float Plans and supporting the Auxiliary. The Safe Boating Classes have a form that shows the Auxiliary National Courses and they can find the nearest course through entering their zip code.

The screenshot shows the 'Auxiliary Public Boating Courses Nearby' page. It features a 'Course Finder by ZIP Code' form with fields for 'Your ZIP Code', 'Distance in Miles' (set to 100), and 'District (Not Required)'. Below the form is a table titled 'Courses Offered Nationally' with columns for CODE, COURSE NAME, LENGTH, and AUDIENCE.

CODE	COURSE NAME	LENGTH	AUDIENCE
ABS	About Boating Safety	8 hours	All boaters
B&F	Boating Fun	1 hour	4-9 year olds
BS&S	Boating Skills & Seamanship	8 to 13 lessons	Power Boaters
GPSFM	GPS For Manners	3 hours	All boaters
HRNC	How To Read a Nautical Chart	3 hours	All Boaters
NAP	NASBLA Approved Course	1 day	All Boaters
NAVAM	Navigando America	8 hours	All boaters
PSA	Paddlesports America	4 hours	All boaters
PWC	Personal Watercraft Course	1 hour	All boaters
SS&S	Sailing Skills & Seamanship	8 to 13 lessons	Sailors
SAP	State Approved Basic Course	1 day	All Boaters
SIC	Suddenly In Command	4 hours	All Boaters
WN	Weekend Navigator	8 to 13 lessons	All Boaters

News From Otto's World



Be The Predator



**Submitted by Otto Spielbichler,
Flotilla 54**

The Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC), an agency concerned with regulating the licensing of fishermen and protecting fish species by regulating the numbers of fish caught, issued an unusual order on August 3, 2012. The order *"allows (sic) citizens and tourists to take an unlimited harvest of lionfish without a fishing license. Commercial fisherman can also take as much as they like under a yearlong decree, which even waives bycatch limits for this invasive specie."* What prompted the order was realization that *"populations (of Lionfish) have exploded since they were first spotted over a year ago (and that) Lionfish are gluttonous top predators that eat everything they can fit in their large mouths, threatening to depopulate entire coral reefs of juvenile fish and small invertebrates..."* (<http://coastalscience.noaa.gov/>).

FWC met in June of 2014 to consider tougher regulations that would prohibit the import of live lionfish, ban the development of raising lionfish commercially and allow harvesting of lionfish by divers with rebreathing devices (allowing divers to stay down longer and go deeper). New regulations would encourage organizations to sponsor spearfishing events in areas where spearfishing is currently not permitted (*Palm Beach Post*, Friday April 18, 2014) Currently scuba divers, except in protected reserves, could harvest without a permit unlimited numbers of lionfish with slings, nets and spearing devices, and are not required to purchase a saltwater fishing license.(www.eregulations.com)

The proposed regulations emerged in 2015 programs that encouraged individuals to "Be A Predator". FWC also designated May 16th as *Lionfish Removal and Awareness Day* to be an annual event. FWC is encouraging individuals, organizations and dive shops to select or adopt a

reef, organize a group or act individually to see... *how many lionfish can be removed from Florida waters in one weekend.* (myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/lionfish/events) FWC now publishes a Derby Calendar with dates and locations of derbies throughout the state. An FWC Lionfish Team will conduct demonstrations on how to catch, handle and fillet a lionfish when requested, anywhere in Florida. There is more you can do. Go to the FWC for details. What you will learn is that the State of Florida is serious about disposing of the Lionfish.

The State of Florida has classified the lionfish as an invasive species and a threat to Florida's commercial fishing industry and to the marine environment. Because it is a threat to the marine environment, Coast Guard Auxilarists can use the information to educate members of safe boating classes about the threats and dangers lionfish pose to boaters, fishermen and divers.

The natural range for the lionfish are the warm waters of the South Pacific and Indian Oceans which includes waters from western Australia and Malaysia east to French Polynesia, north to southern Japan and Korea and south to the east coast of New Zealand. In its natural range, the lionfish is a top predator but has little economic value as a food fish.

Although the lionfish has limited value as a source of food in Florida and other coastal parts of the United States, it has considerable economic value in the aquarium trade. An online search found prices for a single juvenile fish ranging from twenty five dollars to 125 dollars.

Common names for the lionfish --Ornate Butterfly Cod and Zebra fish, suggest that it is a beautiful fish. The scientific name of the lionfish, *Pterios*

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Miles or Devil, provides a clue to its character and may explain how the lionfish reached Florida. Aquarium owners who bought lionfish for their aquariums quickly discovered the real expense of owning the fish. Lionfish have voracious appetites. In the wild, the fish can consume one to two fish an hour. In an aquarium, lionfish ate other fish, some of which also were expensive. Owners could buy food for prices ranging between thirty five and one hundred dollars a month. Rather than pay the prices for owning a lionfish, authorities suspect that owners released them into the ocean. While it is not unusual for owners of unwanted fish species to release fish for humane reasons, few species that are released survive in the ocean. This was not the case with the lionfish.

Lionfish released in Florida's coastal waters survived because the waters are similar to those of its natural environment. Lionfish settled on coral reefs. Many reef fish instinctively recognize predators and avoid them. They do not, however, seem to recognize the lionfish as a predator. Most do not attempt to keep a safe distance. Therefore, the lionfish has a reliable supply of food.

The balance between male and females makes the lionfish a successful and prolific breeder. On average, females spawn approximately thirty to sixty thousand eggs as frequently as every four days. Eggs hatch within thirty six hours and turn into larvae. The larvae settle in places where they can hide. The range of the larvae, like their adult counterparts, is small, often measured in feet. (Jack Jud, Florida Atlantic University and Emily Dark, Antioch University lecture series) As a result, most larvae escape other predators. Finally, within a year, the larvae reach an adult length of eight to nineteen inches and become lethal predators (<http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/education>).

Because of its voracious appetite, lionfish are a threat to economic and ecologically important native species of fish and to the corals that depend

on the fish to maintain marine habitats in which both can survive. (Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission)

The lionfish is also a threat to people that enjoy water sports. The fins on the lionfish are both beautiful and dangerous. Eleven or more of the pectoral fins, two ventral fins and three anal fins contain venom that can be injected into anyone or thing touching them. The lionfish also have the ability to make short jabs at perceived threats with these fins (Jack Jud Florida Atlantic University). The venom creates hours of pain for the victim. Lingering effects like swelling, numbness and soreness may linger for days. Immersing the sting site in hot water is considered first aid. Medical treatment is recommended in all cases.

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, unless they die in mass from infection, disease, predation or cannibalism, lionfish are a permanent part of the marine environment. Learning to control the lionfish is the most practical way of dealing with it (FWC and oceanservice.noaa.com). Auxiliarists can help by educating themselves and using their knowledge to educate the boating public. Inform aquarium owners that pet stores may buy back unwanted lionfish. Divers should be familiar with how to report sightings of lionfish or learn how to spear them (see FWC Saltwater site). Some local fish stores buy lion fish for modest amounts of cash. Lionfish have a white flaky mild tasting flesh and is delicious.

Additional information on lionfish can be found by doing a computer search. Select objective information written by a *qualified* authority. Sources like those found on Florida's Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) web site and the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and R.E.E.F are reliable sources.





In Honor of My Son

Mourning Father Carries on Son's Legacy Julian Romero



Julian Romero had an interest in law and its enforcement. He had completed a year at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and hoped to one day become an active duty Coast Guardsman when he decided to move back to his native Puerto Rico. In a tragic irony, a year later he would be murdered, and his father, a telecommunications executive, would dedicate himself to honoring his son's love of law and public service.

In a voice hoarse with emotion, Julian's father Luis said his son had become very homesick and decided he couldn't stay in Massachusetts. "He transferred to study at Inter American University in Puerto Rico and thought about either joining the active duty [Coast Guard](#) or working with a different federal agency while trying to become a lawyer.

At 17 years old and with a love of the sea and public service, Julian joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary, an all-volunteer group that supports the larger military organization.

Julian was quiet, shy and had a kind and innocent look. By the time he was 19, he had the clean face of someone too young to need to shave everyday. His youthfulness was further portrayed by wearing his Coast Guard Auxiliary uniform in a manner that, un-deliberately, made it look just slightly too big.

"[When he joined] at 17-years-old, he was the youngest auxiliarist at Sector San Juan," said his father. "After he came back from Massachusetts he became more active and donated a lot of time to the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

On April 18, 2011, the family celebrated Julian's 20th birthday at home. Afterward, Julian went out to a tourist area of San Juan for dinner with his girlfriend. After dinner, they went for a walk and were confronted by a 14-year-old boy, who robbed them at knifepoint.

Julian's father still gets emotional when recalling the events of that night.

"After my son gave up their cell phones and money, the kid proceeded to put them in restraints - plastic shackles," said Luis. "Then the guy started to attack my son's girlfriend."

Julian, while in the plastic shackles, did all he could to get between his girlfriend and the assailant. Doing his best to fight off the attack, Julian was stabbed repeatedly, puncturing his lungs. The police responded and took the young auxiliarist to the emergency room.

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"It was terrible," Luis painfully reminisced. "I got a call at approximately 10:30 that evening where the caller said to 'get to the ER because your son has been mortally wounded."

"The unimaginable tragedy left its mark on the father. Luis' salt and pepper hair heavier on the salt - and thick dark brows magnify the emotions of the tragedy. Yet, he carries with him an air of confidence that comes from years of success in the telecommunications field. After earning a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and a Masters of Business Administration, Luis started a telecom company in 1977. His first company, shipped products to Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Africa. His next company was one of the largest paging companies in Latin America, with offices in Puerto Rico, Argentina, Costa Rica and Brazil, handling more than 15 million calls per month. Now the older Romero owns a local exchange carrier in Puerto Rico dedicated to business communications.

You could call me a serial entrepreneur in the telecommunications industry," Luis explained.

After his son's death, Luis turned to his work to find a way to respond. He decided to honor Julian's passion for public safety by providing a way to prevent other parents and family members from going through the horrors. Lui "Rather than just complaining and demanding [answers], my wife and I said 'No! We'll offer how to help,'" remembered Luis. "So, we created an app: 'BastaYa:'"

"Basta ya" is Spanish for "that's enough." It was a phrase Julian would often use while discussing crime in Puerto Rico, according to Luis

"BastaYa was the first time we worked with law enforcement to create software," added Luis. "We came out with the app in record time and made it available seven months after my son was killed."

The app allows civilians to report crime. Since its release, the app has been downloaded more than 47,000 times and has been used to send 6,800 tips, including anonymously.

"We average about ten tips per day," shared Luis. "It's helped solve a lot of crimes and save lives."

Flush with the success of the crime-fighting app, the Romero's brainstormed additional ways to perpetuate Julian's devotion to public safety. Luis remembered how much the Coast Guard meant to his son and that his son meant a lot to those in the Coast Guard.

"In the Coast Guard, Julian found a great family," said Luis. "That same family was very good to us. When our son died they came to our help, and we came together to get through it as a family."



"My favorite story was of an elderly lady in the [auxiliary]," relayed Luis. "She was physically challenged, and every time she would volunteer, my son would accompany her to her home to make sure that everything was fine. I also heard he would often be the first to volunteer when a need for [an auxiliary] arose."

"I thought to myself, we needed to do something for him as a legacy, so, that's what we did," said Luis.

In June of 2012, Luis traveled to Washington in an attempt to make a presentation about a possible Coast Guard app to the House Homeland Security Committee.

"Congressman Michael Mc Caul, Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, asked us to come back the following month," said Luis. "I met with him and showed him the BastaYa app, and said we could do something similar for the Coast Guard."

After meeting with the committee chairman, Luis met with Coast Guard representatives who thought creating a Coast Guard app was a great idea. The next hurdle was the potential magnitude of the in-kind donation of services that the Romeros were offering the Coast Guard.

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"Quite frankly, if you look at the potential for downloads here, and you put a theoretical value of one dollar per download, this could be a multi-million dollar donation to the Coast Guard," explained Luis. "The Coast Guard is not accustomed to donations of that size. Usually donations are done through the Coast Guard Foundation but never directly."

Luis and company were able to work together and settle on the value of the donation that the development of the app represented. Once that was worked out, the development of the app began.

"There aren't many [Department of Homeland Security] apps out there, so it's still a very new process," said Lt. Anastacia Visneski, the Coast Guard's digital media officer.

Development of the app was challenging because there would be 27 people representing all the different aspects: marine safety, security, and weather.

And as a government app, Luis and company went through a rigorous digital 'carwash' to make sure there are no security violations and no points of data leak.

"It was many hours of sitting with the lawyers and going over the privacy act," explained Visneski on the process of ensuring the app would not expose any geo-location or personal information.

Now complete, the Coast Guard app had its official launch May 16 and serves as a one-stop shop for recreational boaters, providing users access to a vast variety of information.

"The app is helping the Coast Guard move forward into digital technology," enthused Visneski.

Until now, the Coast Guard hasn't provided the public much of an alternate means of reaching out to the service, explained Visneski. The app is a collection of the most commonly requested boating information compiled into a single digital location, and it aids the public in acquiring vital safety and security information faster and easier.

It was an incredible group effort between BastaYa, all of the people in the Coast Guard and the people in DHS," added Visneski.

Not only did Luis and his foundation, BastaYaPR Inc., commit to developing the application at no cost, but they also committed to supporting it, including updates, for the app's lifespan at no cost.

"It's been a lot of fun working with Mr. Romero," added Visneski. "He's very passionate about this project and obviously very generous. He just has this will about him that when he decided this was going to happen, there was no stopping him. There were so many hoops we had to jump through; it was kind of a harrowing experience, and he hung in there."

The still-grieving father and technology entrepreneur attributes his tenacious patience to a debt that he owed to public safety inspired by his son.

"When you have a talent and a capability and you don't use it, it is sinful. It is wasted," explained Luis. "I believed I had the talent and the capability. I had a vision, and I thought I could help. So, I went ahead and did it."

While the loss of his son was a tragedy, Luis' work with the Coast Guard will ensure Julian's spirit of safety and public service lives on. The new Coast Guard app serves to fulfill Julian's drive to help others and save lives.



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**Story by Petty Officer 2nd Class David R. Marin
Taken from News Release—PA Detachment
Baltimore—May 21, 2015**



Award Writing Service Available



**Submitted by –Terry Sweeney, President Past
Division Captains & Commanders Association**

The Past Division Captains and Commanders Association (PDCA) has launched a new service for the members of District 7 - Award Writing. With the intent of ever improving customer service, the PDCA is committed to providing significant satisfaction to all members of the Seventh District Coast Guard Auxiliary by creating professional quality citations for all Coast Guard Auxiliary authorized awards. The need for this initiative is based on District Commodore Bob Weskerna's *Seventh District Operational Plan* in which he identified four strategic issues -**recognition** being one of those four.

The PDCA Award Writers continuously endeavor to maintain quality and quantity standards for award presentations by encouraging our members to recognize the extraordinary efforts of their shipmates. The PDCA is pleased to offer these services to all members of District 7 with special emphasis on Flotilla Commanders and Division Commanders to help them "take care of their people". It's an undisputed fact that we all desire to present professionally written awards to our deserving members; however some potential award originators are intimidated by the process. That's where the PDCA comes in – we'll write the award for you.

BACKGROUND

We have heard many times, "awards are the only paychecks available to members within an organization of volunteers like the Coast Guard Auxiliary." It may be a cliché, but it's also a truism. After a review of awards generated by Auxiliarists in the Seventh District for other Auxiliarists over the last several years, it looks like the trend is downward. Then, if we link member satisfaction to recognition of their efforts via formal awards, the conclusion can only be grim. The PDCA Award Writers plan to help reverse that trend.

Awards are normally developed to recognize individuals, teams or units for the following:

- Acts of heroism which may or may not have involved significant risk to the individual being recognized
- Meritorious achievements
- Meritorious service that goes beyond what is normally expected in the capacity in which the individual, team or unit is tasked
- A distinguished performance worthy of recognition
- Some act that demonstrated noteworthy extra effort, extra work, personal risk or significant financial benefit to the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary



GUIDELINES FOR AWARD WRITING REQUESTS

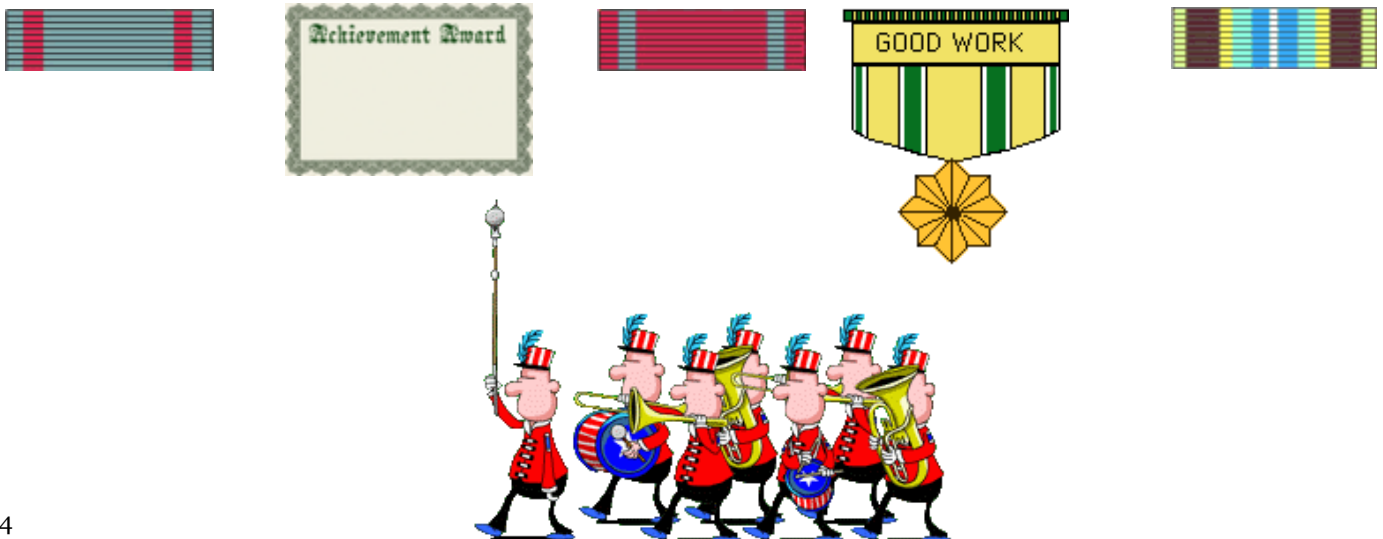
The PDCA Award Writers view our task as a kind of business, and the rest of the Auxiliary as our customer. If we help make our members feel even better about their service to the Coast Guard while fulfilling one of Commodore Weskerna's four initiatives, then we will have been successful. After all, recognition of one's peers by one's peers is a sure sign that a member's efforts are appreciated.

Award Writing Service Available

Here's all you have to do to initiate an award for a member:

- Send an email to: PDCAAwardWriters@gmail.com. This will go to fellow Auxiliarists who are working as part of the PDCA to actually generate the award citations and forms for submission to the appropriate sector. In that email include the following information:
 - ◇ Your name, title (if any), email address and preferred phone number
 - ◇ The name of the recipient, title (if any), their flotilla and sector
 - ◇ If this award is for a team, include the name and flotilla of each member of the team
 - ◇ The period for which you want to award this person or team – it can be a day, week, month, years – in other words how long they did the action or activity for which they deserve an award.
 - ◇ What this person or team did to deserve an award – there's no need to use award writing language – bullet points or a narrative will work fine – but provide lots of “meat” so the Award Writers can extract the greatness of the member's actions or activities. Numbers, dollars, etc. can help provide justification for the award and assist in dimensioning the member's or team's contribution
 - ◇ If you have an idea of which award you want to have presented to the member or team, make sure to include that. If not, that's fine. The Award Writers will determine which award is appropriate based on the actions or activities you provided in the email.
 - ◇ When you want the award presented. **Warning:** it can take the Award Writers up to 30 days to generate an award, especially during busy times like the end of the year. Similarly, most sectors require 60 or more days to review, process and prepare the awards. So, time your requests appropriately.
- That should be all we need, but we may contact you by phone or email to garner more information to flesh out the award.
- Once the award is written, you will receive via email the citation and 1650 all prepared for forwarding to your next level in the Chain of Leadership

Helpful Hint: it would be better to not let the member or team know that you have recommended them for an award. Sometimes an award is not approved and you, as well as the member or team, could be embarrassed if they were expecting it.



Auxiliary Mandated Training



Summary by Judith Hudson,
DCOS—District 7

Purpose of AUXMT. Prepares members to effectively serve as a volunteer organization that is in frequent contact with the American public, and which augments and supports a military organization. AUXMT requirements provide a basic understanding of critical human relations policies, personal safety, and organizational security topics, as well as the National Incident Management System.

Content: The table below lists the courses contained in the Mandated Training program. Courses can be taken online where results are automatically input to AUXDATA for credit. The website for all but the ICS courses is: <https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/>. Read the statement and click on *Agree* at the bottom. On the next page click on the top menu bar *Course Catalog*. On the following page click on *Auxiliary Catalog*. Then click on *Auxiliary Mandated Training*.

Course Code	Course #	Course Name	Frequency
SP	502379	Building Resilience and Preventing Suicide	Every 5 years
SETA	810030	Security Fundamentals	Every 5 years
PAWAR	810015	Privacy at DHS/Protecting Personal Information	Every 5 years
POSH	810000	Sexual Harassment Prevention	Every 5 years
SAP	810045	Sexual Assault Prevention and Response	Every 5 years
CRA	502319	Civil Rights Awareness	Every 5 years
ET	502306	Ethics 1/Personal Gifts	One time only
INF	502290	Influenza Training	One time only
ICS-100	**	Introduction to Incident Command System	One time only
ICS-700	**	National Incident Management System (NIMS)	One time only

** <http://training.fema.gov/is/nims.aspx>

Courses may also be conducted in classroom training style. Ask your FSO-MT or SO-MT to schedule the classes.

Deadlines for taking the courses-

1. All Auxiliarists who have a Base Enrollment Date (BED) prior to 01 January 2016 must complete AUXMT by 31 December 2016 to qualify, re-certify, and avoid REYR status, as applicable, in any competency.
2. All Auxiliarists who have a BED after 31 December 2015 must complete AUXMT by the end of the first full calendar year after their BED to qualify in any competency.

Failure to complete all Mandated Training Courses by 31DEC2016- Applies to all AUX members.

- Ineligible for Auxiliary Member Service Award
- Ineligible for National Commodore's Three Star Unit Award for Training Excellence
- Ineligible for Auxiliarist of the Year and the Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award
- Ineligible for initial identification card/renewal of ID card, and for change of status from Approval Pending.
- Ineligible for appointed or elected office at any unit level. Ineligible to be waived.
- Ineligible for attendance to C Schools or any Coast Guard funded travel.
- Limited participation in Coast Guard Public Affairs events, or augmented positions at any Coast Guard station, sector or unit.
- Ineligible for certification qualification in any competency; placed in REYR for all current certification competencies.

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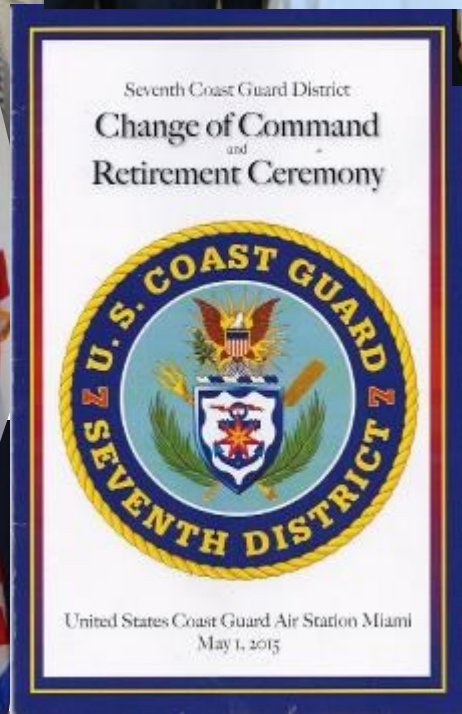
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Rear Admiral Jake Korn



Rear Admiral Scott Buchman



SEVENTH DISTRICT FALL TRAINING & BUSINESS MEETING 2015

September 17-20, 2015

Florida Hotel & Conference Center, Orlando, FL

"Informed, Engaged, Valued"



Wednesday, 16 September 2015

Uniform: Civilian Casual

Travel for EXCOM, Event Staff, DIRAUX

Thursday, 17 September 2015

Uniform: Civilian Casual

Travel for DCDRs, ASCs, DDCs, DSOs

0900-1430 EXCOM MEETING

Symposium Boardroom

1300-1700 Registration Desk

Legacy N 2

1300-1700 DIRAUX OFFICE

FW 3

1300-1700 DSO Tabletop Expo

Legacy N 2

1500 Candidate Speeches for DCAPTs
(closed session)
EXCOM, DCDRs, VCDRs, Candidates

Legacy S 2 *Uniform: Tropical Blue*

2000-2130 COMMODORE'S OPEN HOUSE
(Dessert Only)

Salon 3

Friday, 18 September, 2015

Uniform: Tropical Blue

0730-1130 Registration Desk

Legacy N 2

1630-1700 Registration Desk

Legacy N 2

0730-1130 DIRAUX Office

FW 3

1630-1700 DIRAUX Office

FW 3

0800-0850 Q & A w/District Director

FW 1

0800-1130 DSO Tabletop EXPO

Legacy N 2

0800-1150 Aux 17 – Cockpit Resource Mgmt.
(C-School)

FE 2

0800-1150 Aviation Technology

FE 4

0900-0945 1st Timers at Conference
Meeting w/Commodore Weskerna

FW 1

0900-0945 DCAPT E & DCDRs/VCDRs (closed)

Legacy S 1

0900-0945 DCAPT N & DCDRs/VCDRs (closed)

Legacy S 2

0900-0945 DCAPT W & DCDRs/VCDRs (closed)

Legacy S 3

1000-1130 EXCOM/DCDRs/VCDRs (closed)

Legacy S 2

1200 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1315-1600 OPENING CEREMONIES
& DISTRICT BOARD BUSINESS MTG

SALON 2 & 3

1830-1920 Commodore's Reception CASH BAR 2ND FLOOR

1930 COMMODORE'S BANQUET

SALON 2

1931

*DINNER ATTIRE: Dinner White Jacket, Dinner Dress Blue or
Civilian Business Attire*



SEVENTH DISTRICT FALL TRAINING & BUSINESS MEETING 2015

Saturday, 19 September 2015

0730-1200 Registration Desk
0730-1700 DIRAUX Office

Uniform: Tropical Blue
Legacy N 2
FW 3

0800-1700 Telecommunications Course (TCO)
0800-1700 HAZWOPER Course
0800-1700 Aux 17 – Cockpit Resource Mgmt.
(C-School)...continued from Friday

Salon 1
Legacy N 1
FE 2

0800-0950 Human Resources –
New Ways & Things
0800-0950 Administrative Discipline Workshop

Legacy S 1
Legacy S 3

0800-1150 2015 Surface Operational Changes
0800-1150 Getting Media Attention
0800-1150 Flight Examining Board

Legacy S 2
Salon 3
FE 4

1000-1150 Why RBS Programs Are So Important
1000-1150 Information Systems (IS) Workshop

Legacy S 3
Legacy S 1

1145-1250 PDCA LUNCHEON

Salon 2

1200 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1300-1350 How to Motivate & Get Commitment

Legacy S 1

1300-1450 Member Training Compendium
1300-1450 Photography Works!

Legacy S 3
Legacy S 2

1300-1650 District Aviation Board Meeting
1300-1650 Flotilla Leadership Nuts & Bolts

FE 4
Salon 3

1400-1550 Information Systems (IS) Workshop

Legacy S 1

1500-1550 Vessel Examiners: Put some zip in
your blitz!

Legacy S 2

1500-1550 AUX + Public Education

Legacy S 3

1600-1650 AUXPAD & Other Prevention Programs

Legacy S 3

1800-1845 COMMODORE'S Reception

CASH BAR 2ND FLOOR

1900-2200 *Fun Night Banquet & Dance*
"PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN"
w/The ORLANDO BIG BAND

SALON 2

Dress: Patriotic Costume or Casual Wear



Sunday, 20 September 2015

0800-0900 UPVs, CFVEs, & Other MS Programs

Dress: Civilian Casual
Legacy S 3

0800-1200 Anti-Terrorism
0800-1200 Diversity & Sexual Harassment
Prevention

Legacy N 1
Legacy S 2

0800-1200 TCO (continued from Saturday)
0800-1200 All Hands Aviation Forum

Salon 1
Legacy N 2



2015 D Training Class Descriptions

Anti-Terrorism – Emergency Response to Terrorist Bombing - 4 hrs. Mark & Leslie Moore

Emergency Response to Terrorist Bombings is a 4 hr program to help first responders that may arrive at a terrorist event involving energetic materials. It includes identification of energetic materials used on both land and water and procedures to help develop response actions. A DHS program (FEMA) with a 0.4 CEU certificate through New Mexico Tech. Preregistration (to order books) is required.

How to Motivate & Get Commitment— 1 hr.

Judith Hudson

A one-hour course on what motivates individuals, and why they make solid and stable commitments. Communications in all its phases is part of this puzzle and will be a main focus also. Everyone is different, so there is no formula nor one answer, but for our members to spend their small allotment of “free time” in the service of the Auxiliary, these subjects *are* very important for all of us to pursue and master.

HR – What’s New for 2015—2 hrs.

Angela Pomaro

What is now submitted in the ANSC 7001 New Member Packet! How can I become a D7 Qualified Mentor!

FC/DCDR – Having difficulty processing ANSC 7035/7056 Change of Membership Status Requests? All these questions will be answered in the “HR – What’s New for 2015”

Getting Media Attention—4 hrs.

Connie Irvin

This Public Affairs workshop is designed to bolster knowledge of Auxiliary PA Policy and Protocol with a special emphasis on gaining Media attention and coverage for Auxiliary missions and PA events. There will be a writing exercise. This is **not** a “Death by PowerPoint” presentation! Needed: Laptop, paper and pencil/pen. You will work in pairs.

Photography Works—2 hrs.

Connie Irvin

Leaving the world of automatic photography and entering the world of creative camera control Bring your camera

Telecommunications Course - TCO—12 hrs.

Don Wellons

To participate in Coast Guard Auxiliary communication programs and/or offer their radios for use as Auxiliary radio facilities, members must have completed AuxCom prior to August 1, 2008 or be TCO (Telecommunications Operator) certified. A twelve hour TCO class will be offered at D7 D-Train this year. Successful completion of this training, and exam, will result in TCO certification. All attendees are requested to pre-register with DSO-CM Don Wellons at dwdover@gmail.com and Carolyn Hooley, D-AD-7 carolyn_d7@live.com

Important Topics in Marine Safety—1 hr

Phil Goodman

Marine Safety and Environmental Protection is rapidly increasing in importance in the USCG and Auxiliary. New regulations going into effect soon will make the UPV and CFVE inspections even more important. The Auxiliary can be of significant assistance to the USCG with these and other qualifications. These will be discussed in this segment to better explain the MS role and how you can become a part of it.

HAZWOPER—8 hrs.

Phil Goodman

This basic 8-hour HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response) class is required to become a USCG Auxiliary Pollution Responder. HAZWOPER is a USCG Active Duty and Reserves required course for any one in operations. It also counts as the required annual refresher for all who are active in surface operations. You will learn how to identify various hazardous substances and the risks associated with them, basic hazard and risk evaluation and assessment techniques, the proper equipment and protective clothing needed, protection and decontamination procedures, how to control the incident and more. The USCG expects the Auxiliary to be trained in handling incidences involving hazardous material

2015 Surface Operations Changes—4 hrs.

Festus Burchfield

DSO-OP presentation of National changes to Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual COMDTINST M16794.51B April 2015; coxswain and boat crew PQS changes; Updates to Qualification Examinations program; Navigating District 7 Help Desk for surface operations requests, policy compliance and certifications. All surface operations members are welcome and encouraged to attend this session. Q & A will follow.



2015 D Training Class Descriptions

CRM (Cockpit Resource Management) (Nat'l Staff) - 12 hrs.

Wilson Riggan & Don Zinner

This course is for all Auxiliary aviators assigned to duty aboard an Auxiliary aircraft during flight. Content includes training in: flight discipline; normalizing excellence; fatigue, nutrition and hydration; stress; hazardous attitudes; error-producing conditions; communications, assertion and mutual support; situational awareness and risk management. This is an Auxiliary C-School (AUX-17, Course Code 501573). Attendees should send a Short Term Training Request (STTR) through their AAC to the ADSO-AVT for approval, in accordance with promulgated guidelines. This course is a requirement for all Pilots and Air Crew qualified members within the first year of becoming certified. It is strongly recommended for all Observers, as well.

Technology, Standardization and Mission Effectiveness—4 hrs.

Lee Bertman

The iPad, with its aviation Apps, has, at long last, provided AuxAir with an opportunity to standardize procedures including search and rescue, mission documentation and effective use of the all-important camera. This training session will demonstrate the best use of Fore Flight, GPS Tracks, PDF Expert, EZ Share HD, Eye-Fi, Bad Elf GPS and HSIN. Information and photograph sharing with Sector and the Air Stations will be discussed. This will be an interactive presentation, giving participants the opportunity to contribute their experiences: what works and what doesn't.

Open Meeting of the Flight Examining Board—4 hrs.

Chuck Fischer

The Flight Examining Board will meet to discuss relevant issues and to make recommendations for changes to District Seven policy as it pertains to the training, qualification of individuals and the standards in the aviation program. All are invited and encouraged to observe the proceedings; active participation in debate will be at the discretion of the Senior Member of the Board.

Open Meeting of the District Aviation Board—4 hrs.

Ken Plessner

The District Aviation Board will meet to take up recommendations from the Flight Examining Board as well as to deal with self-generated issues that pertain to the overall management of the aviation program in District Seven. A status report of the 2015-16 Strategic Plan will be given, as will status reports of the programs at all of the Air Stations. All are invited and encouraged to observe the proceedings; active participation in debate will be at the discretion of the Senior Member of the Board.

Aviation Forum—4 hrs.

Ken Plessner

This is an open forum for attendees to ask questions of the aviation program leadership, raise issues of concern, or make recommendations for the betterment of the program

Sexual Harassment Prevention—2 hr.

Tom Bamford

The purpose of Sexual Harassment Prevention training is to raise awareness among Coast Guard personnel of behaviors that constitute sexual harassment and to teach actions which should be taken to prevent or eliminate it.

Mandated Training Course #810000

Sexual Assault Prevention/Response—2 hrs.

Tom Bamford

This course provides all Coast Guard personnel with the basic awareness tools and the Coast Guard policy and procedures for sexual assault prevention and response. **Mandated Training Course #810045**

Diversity—2 hrs.

Tom Bamford

National Diversity Directorate - "Understanding Diversity" annual briefing for all CGAUX members. This is not the stereo typical corporate discussion just about race and gender. It is about the message that "The Coast Guard Deems Diversity as a Matter of Readiness".

Flotilla Leadership Nuts & Bolts—4 hrs.

Karen Miller

This is a "nuts and bolts" course covering virtually everything a new Flotilla Commander needs to know and do in order to properly handle the administrative aspects of flotilla leadership

Promoting PE, New Offerings, Pricing and PE Administration—1 hr

Bruce Lindsey

FL, GA and SC require some sort of boating education certification for youth over 10 or 12 to operate a watercraft. How can we tap into this market need? We have new course offerings you can use to generate advanced learning and increase revenue. Heading into the season for advanced courses, enthusiastic boaters can keep up the spirit with add-on courses. Administration is also important; what records did you receive when you took this job and could you replace a lost certificate? All of these topics will be covered in this course.

Information Systems (IS) Workshop—2 hrs./2 hrs.

Sue Hastings

28 Reviews of Information System (IS) How to Process papers & understanding Procedures

2015 D Training Class Descriptions

Why RBS Programs Are So Important—1 hr

Ron Foreman

The Vessel Examiners, Dealer Visitation, Boating Safety Education Programs, Paddle Craft Programs and Public Affairs working together to keep the boating public informed. Covering the “HWW” (HOW, WHEN AND WERE) and getting the best results using the tools we have.

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCIPLINE WORKSHOP—2 hrs.

Braxton Ezell

This workshop will present an overview of administrative disciplinary policy, and the elements of preparing and conducting an investigation.

LET’S KEEP SAFE OUT THERE—1 hr

Larry Berman

Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) is a major goal of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The technology of presenting aspects of RBS to the boating public has changed. We now can add power-point, videos, “apps,” and other modern techniques to get our main points presented to the public. The use of paddle craft (canoes, kayaks and paddle-boards) is increasing and becoming more lethal as the boaters are not trained in safety. The object of this session is to discuss the integrating of modern methods of teaching to our courses to make the lesson attractive to the boaters and paddle craft operators. We will also work together in a short forum to improve all our efforts to improve safety.

Vessel Examiner—1 hr

Chuck Keleman

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Please DO NOT MAIL AFTER September 14, 2015 – CALL Lou & Marianne 239.772.3856

	COST	# of TICKETS	\$ AMOUNT
Registration Fee (everyone attending must register)	\$15.00		
FRIDAY BANQUET - CHOICE OF ONE:			
Potato Crusted Salmon (mashed potatoes & Lemon Buerre Blanc, Asparagus & Baby Carrots)	\$39.99		
Chicken Francoise (mashed potatoes & Lemon Buerre Blanc, Asparagus & Baby Carrots)	\$39.99		
SATURDAY FUN NIGHT – “Proud to be an American”			
Chicken Marsala (fresh mushrooms w/marsala wine reduction, Broccoli and oven roasted Tomatoes)	\$39.99		
Roasted Tilapia Provencal (tomatoes, onions, garlic, capers, olives, white wine, over wild rice with Broccoli & roaster tomatoes)	\$39.99		
SATURDAY PDCPA LUNCHEON & MEETING			
Trio of Salads – Chicken Salad, Pasta Salad & Tuna Salad Garnished with Fresh Fruit	\$22.99		
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Division 1

Denjiro Rivera



Submitted by Vickie Aponte,
Auxiliary Affairs Assistant
Excerpts taken from Fall Issue of
the 2007 Breeze

The USCGAUX was organized in Puerto Rico in 1946 by Mike Colorado and Commander Downing of the 10th Naval District. After the 10th Naval District ceased to be in Puerto Rico in 1948, the Auxiliary merged as part of the 7th District in Miami. It became known as the Caribbean Area, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.

Flotilla 12 Cangrejos became the first unit under the Temporary Reserves. It's in this unit that Denjiro Rivera joined 58 years ago going up the chain to become the first elected Rear Commodore East in the Auxiliary.

Denjiro Rivera was recognized as a leader, mentor and role model as well as communicator for membership. He offered many boating courses and training to members. One of his programs was on board the USCG Cutter Sagebrush during which Auxiliarists were involved with boarding exercises at St. Croix and Buck Island. As Flotilla Commander 12 he directed an active public affairs program including TV appearances and Fourth of July parades. Denjiro was elected Rear Commodore Greater Antilles in 1968.

Division 1 is proud to have had a member with 58 years of dedicated service and commitment to excellence. He was always a great gentleman, approachable and willing to help members. He will be surely missed by Division 1 and the USCG Auxiliary.





Division 1



Submitted by Wilson Irizarry_dehoyos, SO-HR
and Imanuel Nunez, Marine Safety Officer

https://youtu.be/z9fg_2mJQeU

Mass Rescue Operations May 6 & 7, 2015 Ceiba, Puerto Rico





Division 2



Recognition of National Safe Boating Week



Mayor Tommy Allegood presented a proclamation in recognition of National Safe Boating Week, May 16 -22, 2015, to Dave and Nan Ellen Fuller from the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Fullers, along with Mayor Allegood and Alderman Butch Price, assisted in demonstrating the importance of wearing life vests. The Fullers advised on the importance of safe boating, especially with the City being the proud home to Lake (s) Allatoona and Acworth, as well as four beaches and various parks that border lakes. Mayor Allegood thanked the Coast Guard Auxiliary for all that they do to improve the City's quality of life. Mr. Fuller thanked the Council for the great partnership.



Excerpts taken from City of Acworth Website



Division 3



GREAT STORY! AT&T Honors Boca Raton Volunteer



BOCA RATON, FL (BocaNewsNow.com) (From AT&T) — With this being [National Volunteer Week](#) (April 12-18), AT&T is proud to recognize that **AT&T employee Bill Bartley of Boca Raton** is among 14 Palm Beach County AT&T employees to be honored with the prestigious [President's Volunteer Service Award](#) (PVSA), an award given by our nation's president for being active citizens.

There are three PVSA categories: Gold for 500+ hours of volunteer service; Silver for 250-499 volunteer hours; and Bronze for 100-249 hours of service.

Bartley received the Gold PVSA for donating nearly a 1,000 hours with Division 3 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

When asked why he donates so much of his time, Bartley responded, "To give back to the country, military and local community."

The 14 Palm Beach County employees are among 82 South Florida AT&T employees to be recognized with a PVSA. Statewide, 214 AT&T employees received the award; nationwide more than 4,500 AT&T employees were honored with a PVSA.

"People matter – to each other, to our communities, and to our company," said AT&T Florida President Joe York. "This has been one of our core beliefs since AT&T was founded. We're proud of our South Florida employees for investing their time in our communities to make a difference. We believe our work-force, our business and the communities we serve are all stronger because of volunteerism."



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Sixty Years of Service



Tom McKee - Flotilla 34

Tom McKee has had an exciting and rewarding life as a teacher, school principal and volunteer in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. McKee is still teaching but now his subject is boat safety and his students are mainly adults. He has patrolled the waterways helping boaters in trouble for over 800 hours. Now he is a VE (Vessel Examiner) who checks the flotilla boats to be sure they have everything required before they begin their four-hour shifts on the water.

"My wife, Doris, who passed on last year, and I became boaters early in our marriage when we were living on Long Island Sound in New York. As a new boater, I realized I knew nothing about boating so I joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Massapequa, Long Island on April 5, 1955. I've been a volunteer ever since. Doris and I did a lot of patrolling of waters there every weekend during boating weather and we continued to do the same when I retired and we moved to this area in 1977. We lived on a canal in Deerfield Beach and there I bought my second boat. All in all, I patrolled the waterways for 30 years. I stopped two years ago when I sold our boat. Now I teach boating classes at Imperial Point Hospital and I also examine the flotilla boats that go out."

Now, a Pompano Beach resident, he can see the ocean, but he'd rather be out on it. He says, "When you rescue a sinking boat with people aboard, you know the value of your service and that alone motivates you to keep on doing it. If it's a dire situation, we are authorized by the Coast Guard to take the boat in tow to safety."



Asked if he ever got a thank you from one of the boaters rescued, he recalls, "Every once in awhile we heard from a boat owner, but we don't need thank you letters for the service rendered. Our personal satisfaction at having done what needed to be done is reward enough."

McKee was the Commander of the flotilla in Long Island and again here in South Florida when he took command of Flotilla 34 in 1979. "That job," he defines, "as a lot of paper work and record keeping. I preferred being on the water."

His career in the school system included being a Spanish teacher, a guidance counselor and a secondary school principal. Asked if he talked to his class about his personal boating experience, he laughs and says, "My students were spellbound listening to accounts of my hands-on rescues."

Now 91 and still sharing his time and talents, McKee volunteers about 10 to 12 hours a month. He took center stage for the event recognizing his service to the Auxiliary. On June 3, The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 3—Flotilla 4, honored him with a 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner that was held in the East Banquet Room of the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center.

Although his wife of 66 years, Doris, will again be missed, their son and daughter will be on hand with their families to share the honor and recognition given to their father for his amazing 60 years of volunteering in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Thank you, Tom McKee, for being a perfect example of how one person can make a difference.



Taken from "The Pelican"
Written by Phyllis J. Neuberger, Pelican



Celebrating 60 years of Service





Tom McKee 60 Year Member



Date: 3 JUNE 2015
Time: 1800 - 2045
Where: Emma Lou Civic Center
1801 NE 6th Street
Pompano Beach, Florida 33062





Division 4



Geronimo & TUNA-MAN

Submitted by Bill Griswold, SO-HR,
District Staff Officer-SLO7

The mission

On Friday, 5 June 2015, Lake County Flotilla 43, District 7, would conduct a night time Aids to Navigation patrol on the upper St. Johns River in Central Florida, checking day markers and lighted aids.

The environment

The St. Johns River stretches 300 miles from a swampy area west of Melbourne, Fla to its mouth east of Jacksonville. The navigable part of the river begins with Lake Monroe, just north of Sanford. The patrol would launch at Monroe Park on the north edge of the lake, where the I-4 bridges cross. Another bridge, US 17/92 also crosses there, as does a CSX railroad bridge, which has an 8 foot clearance. The patrol area extends north on the river, downstream, bounded by cypress swamps, a few riverside homes. It's width is about 100 yards for the most part, and borders several coves, canals, tributaries and lakes. It's depth is roughly 15 feet in the center, and the edges are clogged with lily pads. The navigation aids are mostly day markers mounted on pilings with some at the many turns and bends lit. Ospreys and egrets were all over, gators looking for mates were seen, and manatees create warnings not to speed.

The facilities

TUNA MAN - A 26 foot cuddy cabin inboard, fitted with a top of the line set of towing lights, communications and navigation equipment.

GERONIMO - An 18 foot center console outboard, also well equipped and recently acquired by its owner and on its first patrol with him.

The Crew

TUNA MAN - Owner/coxswain John Bennett, FSO-OP 43 - energetic Auxiliarists highly qualified and experienced. Jose Villafana, retired banker, John Lockwood, retired Naval officer and fairly new to the Auxiliary, and David Litwack, an experienced Auxiliarist in the process of transferring into 43.

GERONIMO - Marty Goodwin, owner and current FC 43. Don Proscia, coxswain and current DCDR 4. Bill Griswold, retired CG officer and past Chief Director.

The Launch

Both facilities launched at the boat ramp and the crew assembled. John Bennett conducted a mission brief and the crews boarded their craft for the briefing on where everything is. At 1500, the boats entered the river and circled waiting for the train bridge to open. Two brand new Sun Rail commuters passed, and one Auto train which was as long as a freight. Radio comms established and we were underway. The first hour and a half was uneventful and as we neared High Bluff, storm clouds were building.

High Bluff

High Bluff is a small marina with a fuel dock, a boat ramp, a small store and on the second deck a large bar and restaurant. We docked the vessels and checked out for dinner. *TUNA MAN* had isinglass curtains which were installed, *GERONIMO* has an excellent T Top, but no curtains. Entering the establishment, we found a huge private party in progress, with about 50 or more diners, whoopin' it up. Quickly our seven Auxiliarists were seated and several former Navy guys came over to greet us - Semper Paratus - thanks gents. A dozen or more servers bustled around, hauling burgers, seafood, salads and drinks to everyone. Some of these youngsters sported tattoos galore, which became a topic of our conversation. Our server, whom I called "No Problem" took our orders and brought drinks. No Problem seemed to be the answer to anything anyone said to her.



Division 4



The monsoon hit as the food reached the table, gusts of wind hammered the isinglass used as windows on the riverside and squalls came down in buckets. We were air-conditioned, fed, hydrated and had many TVs on the walls to watch sports. The party raged on. As we paid the bills, the storm passed and a steady light rain fell as we returned to the boats.

Hontoon Island

Back on the water, we headed north in no wake zones, bound for Lake Beresford and Hontoon Island. The rain began to slack but it had chased other boaters from the river. Lake Beresford was empty, shallow with a zillion no-see-ums or blind mosquitoes which greeted us. They don't bite, but are very annoying. Hontoon is just a short ways away, has a State park and restrooms, the iced tea needed attention. We stood around the dock, talking to the ranger who was organizing rental kayaks. Waiting for official night time, 1841, we saw a nearby nav. aid light its light - time to patrol. *GERONIMO* cranked up but *TUNA-MAN* couldn't. Bennett began troubleshooting and found electrical problems that went way beyond his pay grade. CG Station Ponce, our order issuing authority was advised, and we elected to take *TUNA-MAN* in tow. *TUNA-MAN* took over the position reports, now every 15 minutes, as well as recording nav. aids discrepancies. Quickly the tow and towed moved into the river at 4 knots. Darkness fell, the rain just about stopped and a high overcast hid the stars. *TUNA-MAN* had no power or lights, but Bennett fashioned a battery operated combination light, and manned a spot light, checking day markers. Marty worked at keeping *GERONIMO* in the center of the river, checking engine temps, and avoiding grassy islands floating with the current. We startled a couple of gators and passed a few boats anchored or nosed into the shore spending the night.

The long, slow tow and end of mission

The crews had time to share experiences, lookouts were alert and soon we passed Blue Springs State Park, wintering grounds for manatee, High Point with the party over and very bright lights illuminating the river, and back to the railroad bridge which opened for us after a call on channel 9. *GERONIMO* made a great landing at the dock by the ramp and soon both facilities were on their trailers. It was midnight and the patrol ended, but covered many bases. Nav. aids checked, area familiarized for the newcomers, towing procedures employed and completed, and a large lesson learned, two facilities are probably a great idea for night missions on the St. Johns River, where assistance is few and far between. The long evening ended as the Longest Day (June 6—71st anniversary of the Normandy invasion) dawned.



Geronimo & TUNA-MAN



Division 4



Interesting New Member



**Submitted by Walter Franek, FSO-HR
Flotilla 48**

Aidah Buyondo

The following is a bio of a new member to Flotilla 48 - New Smyrna. She has a very interesting story that I wanted to share with the USCG Auxiliary.

I recently had the occasion to assist a USCG Auxiliary candidate with her paper work to become a member of Flotilla 48 - New Smyrna. As part of my FSO-HR and Flotilla Commander duties, we spend a great deal of time discussing the Auxiliary, but I was most fascinated by her "story". Permit me to introduce Aidah Buyondo, the newest member to Flotilla 48, and here's some of the highlights of our conversations.

"I was born in Uganda, a small landlocked country in East Africa, also known as the 'Pearl of Africa' because of its touristic value. Uganda takes its name from the Buganda Kingdom, which encompasses a big portion of the country in the south, including Kampala, the capital city where I was born. Kampala city is one of the fastest growing cities in Africa, with a population of over 2 million, and an ever growing population due to flourishing business, social life and a relatively secure city compared to most African capital cities.

Uganda is a former British colony and like most African colonies Uganda follows many British customs, like driving to the left of the roadway, the educational system and the metric system of measurement. Uganda has over 50 tribes with individual languages and cultural practices for each. I speak six of the languages which is quite common, however English is Uganda's official language. Luganda is the language of my tribe, and Swahili is also widely spoken throughout East Africa.

I first came to the USA in 2008, with the intention of continuing my education. I had the opportunity to work with various US donor funded projects in Uganda, so I was very interested in International Missions in the United States. I saved my money and in a few years was able to get a start in New York. Since then I have lived in New York City, New Jersey, Maryland and now make my home in Florida. I particularly enjoy Florida because the weather is quite similar to what I'm used to in Uganda.

I started my own business here in Florida as a travel specialist with Precious Tours Africa. I showcase the best of Africa to intended clients or those interested in traveling to Africa for leisure or adventure. Typically, my business started as a hobby and is growing to where it now consumes a great deal of time.

A few years ago I had the opportunity to work with a company that distributed boaters directories nation wide and as a result I attended a number of boat shows as an exhibitor. At the shows I had the occasion to meet some dedicated members of the USCG Auxiliary, but I didn't have time to do any volunteer work. Guess life was just too complicated at the time. Anyhow, fast forward, now in the New Smyrna area, I have some volunteer time and decided to join the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary."

Flotilla 48 has welcomed me with open arms and I felt welcome from my very first contact. I'm currently assisting the Flotilla Vice Commander with her duties as FSO-DV and hope to get more involved as I learn more about the Auxiliary mission.



Division 5



George Piciullo

Submitted by Robert DiPaolo, FC - Flotilla 52

On June 04 2015 a private burial at sea ceremony was conducted for the late George Piciullo, USCG Auxiliary Member, and past Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 52 Jupiter, Fla. George was very active in the USCG Auxiliary Air Wing and spent many hours devoting himself to the missions of the USCG Auxiliary. He will always be remembered for his achievements and missed for his fellowship. It was George Piciullo's desire to have his ashes spread at sea and at the request of the Piciullo Family to the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 52, a burial at sea ceremony was made possible through the efforts of Greg Barth, Division 5 Commander, and with the approval of Gene Gibson, Commanding Officer, USCG Station Lake Worth as well as USCG Sector Miami. A 45' Response Boat - Medium (RB-M) and USCG crew was also made available to participate in the ceremony and to transport the ashes and members of Flotilla 52 beyond the 3 mile limit where the ceremony took place.

Words of comfort honoring George were spoken by each member of Flotilla 52 who all held George in the highest esteem.

Seas were calm with clear skies and George Piciullo's ashes were released into the sea, along with a bouquet of flowers while taps was solemnly played by USCG E-3 Jessica Plante.

Immediately following the ceremony, the Coast Guard RB-M returned to the Station, dropped off the Flotilla 52 Crew, returned to sea and resumed their normal duties.

We wish to thank all members of the USCG, Station Lake Worth Inlet and members of Flotilla 52 who participated in this event. Our condolences go out to the Piciullo family.



Above L to R: Robert DiPaolo FC, Ed Schiffbauer VFC, Carol Floyd FSO-DV/PV, Gregory Barth DCDR5.

Photo by Ed Schiffbauer



Taps played by USCG E-3 Jessica Plante. Photo by Ed Schiffbauer



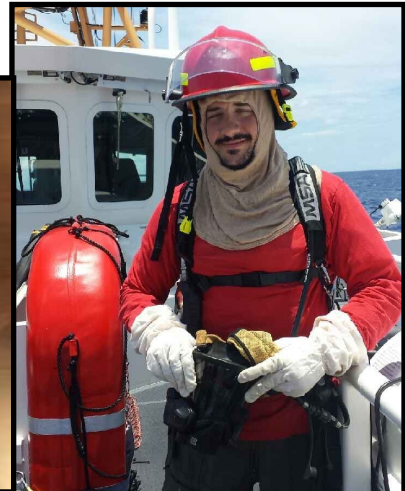
Division 6



Air Crew and Cutterman — Bravo Zulu



Isaac Rosenberg



Isaac Rosenberg, known as Yitzzy to friends and family and Rabbi Isaac to his Coast Guard buddies, is an exceptional individual. Although Rosenberg has a mobility issue, he never lets it get him down. In fact, he is an accomplished licensed pilot, has flown as a Coast Guard mission pilot, and is about to begin his third deployment on the Coast Guard Cutter, Margaret Norvell WPC-1105 in a grueling maritime patrol.

Isaac joined the USCG Auxiliary in 2011. Along with being Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 69, he holds the following certifications — Air Crew, CPR Provider, Interpreter, Telecommunications Operator, Vessel Examiner and Fingerprint Tech. He also has the distinction of being the only Auxiliarist to be Air Crew and Cutterman in District 7.

Rosenberg's challenges are met head on. His only accommodations usually involve kosher food and adherence to various *halachot* he needs to deal with while at sea. He is grateful for the Coast Guard's cooperation in these matters. A recent deployment coincided with Chanukah and "Rabbi Isaac" lit a menorah through the eight nights.

Flotilla Commander Rosenberg says, "It is an honor to give back and show that Jewish-Americans participate and appreciate America."

Excerpts from "The Jewish Press.com"



Division 9

“HONOR ★ RESPECT ★ DEVOTION TO DUTY”



Submitted by Connie Irvin,
DSO-PA D7— Excerpts from
“The Hatchcover” Flotilla 9-10

Ann Macmillan of Donna Stull, Macmillan of Flotilla 9-10



Photo by Tom Hart

Shown: Pat McCann, member of Flotilla 9-10, participating in the honor guard at Donna Stull's memorial service.

As a QE Examiner, Donna certified many boat crew and coxswains in Flotilla 96, and was known for her knowledge, wit and willingness to accommodate last-minute requests for qualification exams. We will miss Donna's friendship and loyalty to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Several members of Flotilla 96 attended the burial at sea for Donna Stull. On board Annabelle (vessel to right), owned by member John Gaston, were Richard Booth, Nicolas Owen, Mary Carr, Paul Thompson and John Gaston.



Photo by Constance O. Irvin, USCG Auxiliary



Division 11



Live Fire with the Coast Guard Auxiliary

Submitted by Tom Loughlin, 11-10
Connie Irving DSO-PA

GULF OF MEXICO--Thirteen members of the Dunedin Coast Guard Auxiliary (Flotilla 11-10) had a unique opportunity recently to support the US Coast Guard---with their annual live fire exercises. It was an extremely rare opportunity for the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard, to participate in this type of training.

The event took place over a three-day period. The first day began at 9:30 a.m. when four Dunedin members reported to the Port Security Unit 307 (PSU 307) headquarters at the Coast Guard Air Station in Clearwater, Fla. They were then transported to the Clearwater Marina where they boarded, "Rovon", a 60-foot vessel owned and operated by Auxiliarist, Harvey Prior. Prior had volunteered his vessel as the command and control platform after learning that all appropriate size Coast Guard boats were already committed to other operational requirements. After bringing the vessel to a marina near the Coast Guard Station Cortez near Sarasota, the crew (Harvey Prior, Elaine Clark, Bill Clark, Walt Murray and Tom Loughlin) were transported back to the Air Station to retrieve their vehicles and get ready for Day 2.

The second day for the Auxiliarists began at 6 am. when they boarded a government van and were transported back to Station Cortez. Once there, the four Auxiliarists and four Coast Guard members got underway and headed for the restricted live fire target range 17 miles off-shore. Despite heavy seas and a stiff wind, the four 32 foot Coast Guard Transportable Port Security Boat (TPSB) successfully conducted live fire training exercises using not only the 50 caliber machine gun on the front but also the 7.62 machine guns mounted on each side behind the cabin. U.S. Coast Guard LT Brian Dudley was aboard as the Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE) and made several positive comments about the professionalism of the Auxiliary crew. A heavy rain storm hit them just as they arrived at the Station docks to off-load the Coast Guard members. Prior stayed with the boat while the rest of the crew was transported back to Clearwater. Crew on this day were: Harvey Prior, Walt Murray, Sam Walker, Guy Warner and Roger Montembeault.

Day 3 was much like Day 2 except that, upon completion of the firing exercises, again in heavy seas, "Rovon" transferred most Coast Guard members to their boats, except two who stayed aboard for the return trip to Clearwater. While bringing in the 600 feet of anchor line, an emergency call was received regarding a civilian boat taking on water 17 miles to the south with 4 people on board. Upon securing the anchor line, the Auxiliary boat immediately headed south to assist. LT Dudley skillfully conducted most of the communications with the Coast Guard. Despite going directly into heavy seas "Rovon" made good time. However, when they were about 2 miles from the scene, they were told to stand down; the situation had been resolved. Prior reversed "Rovon's" course and headed north arriving at home dock at 6 p.m. with a very tired, but excited crew. Because of crew time requirements, two full crews, consisting of Harvey Prior, Walt Murray, Bill Clark, Tom Loughlin, Ed Burgess, Larry O'Brien, Joan Gutek, Jon Nicholls and Larry Gilbert, were aboard.





Division 11

Making Lemonade - A Recipe for Success



Submitted by Karen L. Miller,
IPDCDR, Division 11

Yes, it's an oft quoted cliché, "when life hands you lemons, make lemonade." And, while clichés can make you cringe because they're trite and banal, they're called clichés because they're usually truisms, proven over and over again through time.

When presented with a basketful of lemons, in terms of the interminable PSI (Personnel Security Investigation) and long-term member AP (Approval Pending) status, Division 11 decided to make the proverbial lemonade via member training. Although the division seemed to have an extraordinarily long list of AP members, with more and more of them exceeding one year of AP status, these members also seem to be especially active. In other words, despite the deleterious effects of waiting and waiting to be a full-fledged member, the AP members of Division 11 haven't let that stop them.

As of the beginning of May, the division has 47 members in AP status with the oldest going back to 13 Feb 14 and the newest from 28 Apr 15. Of those, only 30% have not done anything as recorded in AUXDATA. And of that 30% (14 members), half are from 2014 and the other half are from 2015.

There are members who are certified as crew, TCO (Telecommunications Operator), VE (Vessel Examiner), PV (Program Visitor), First Aid and/or CPR providers, etc. One member has already finished all the courses required for AUXOP and several of the members have completed all the mandated courses. Although not listed on the table included with this article, several have gotten waivers to become flotilla staff officers and even one is Flotilla Vice Commander. Many others are serving in unofficial positions of (A)FSO – Assistant Flotilla Staff Officer – learning the ropes to be appointed to that position once they achieve a Favorable determination from the Security Center (SECCEN).

The following table shows what these members have done along with their Auxiliary start date. The names, flotillas and member numbers have been removed to prevent any embarrassment to these highly motivated members.

Start Date	Certification (s)	Exams/Training
13-Feb-14	VE CPR BCCREW	VE COM 1 HR TCT 4HR TCT ICS100 ICS700 ALL GMT
3-Apr-14	MDV VE	FLC IT PV VE IMSEP IHR TCT Air Safety Seminar FPT ICS100 ICS200 ICS210 ICS700 ICS800 PILTestB PIL OBS GMATE ALLGMT VE W/S
8-Apr-14	TCO	COM FLC ICS100 ICS200 ICS700 ICS800 ALL GMT
29-Apr-14	APC	ICS 100 ICS700 ALLGMT
29-Apr-14		6/8 GMT
29-Apr-14		7/8 GMT VE W/S
1-May-14	BCCREW VE APC FIRSTAID CPR TCO	VE COM GMATE APC IMSEP 1HR TCT 1HR TCT ICS100 ICS200 ICS210 ICS700 ICS800 ISS FLC ALL GMT VE W/S
8-May-14	TCO	COM IT ICS100 ICS700 All GMT
8-May-14		ICS210 1/8GMT
13-May-14		PV VE 4HT TCT ICS100 ICS700 ISS ALL GMT VE W/S
7-Jul-14	FIRSTAID CPR	4HR TCT ICS100 ICS200 ICS700 ALL GMT
8-Jul-14	CPR	1HR TCT 4HR TCT ICS100 ICS700 ALL GMT Crew Class
8-Jul-14	IT FIRSTAID CPR	IT APC FLC GMATE 1HR TCT 4HR TCT ICS100 ICS200 ICS210 ICS300 ICS400 ICS700 ICS800 ALL GMT VE W/S
8-Jul-14	TCO	ICS100 ICS700 ALL GMT
20-Jul-14	BCCREW VE TCO	VE FLC 4HR TCT ICS100 ICS700 ALL GMT
21-Jul-14	FIRSTAID CPR	4HR TCT ICS100 ICS700 ALL GMT Crew Class

Start Date	Certification (s)	Exams/Training
21-Jul-14	VE FIRSTAID CPR	IT FP 4HR TCT ICS100 ICS200 ICS 210 ICS700 ICS800 ISS FLC 7/8 GMT Crew Class
21-Jul-14		4HR TCT ICS100 ICS700 ALL GMT Crew Class
28-Jul-14	FIRSTAID CPR	4HR TCT Crew Class
30-Jul-14		4HR TCT ICS100 ICS700 Crew Class
21-Aug-14	IT	IT VE ICS100 ICS700 7/8GMT
21-Aug-14	MDV VE FIRSTAID CPR	PV VE NAVA NAVB SEA WEA PAT COM FLC ICS100 ICS200 ICS210 ICS700 ICS800 All GMT VE W/S Crew Class
21-Aug-14		FLC Air Safety Seminar ICS100 ICS200 ICS700 ICS800 PiLTestB PIL OBS 6/8GMT Waiver to “work” at Air Station Clearwater
13-Nov-14	MDV	VE PV
13-Nov-14	MDV VE FIRSTAID CPR	PV VE FLC 4HR TCT ICS100 ICS200 ICS210 ICS700 ICS 800 ALL GMT VE W/S
13-Nov-14		4HR TCT
16-Dec-14		4HR TCT
14-Jan-15		4HR TCT FLC Crew Class
14-Jan-15		4HR TCT ICS100 ICS700 ALL GMT Crew Class
22-Jan-15		4HR TCT FLC
12-Mar-15	FIRSTAID CPR	4HR TCT
14-Apr-15		FLC
28-Apr-15	TCO	ICS100 ICS200 ICS700 ICS800 FLC
8-May-14		
21-Aug-14		Reporting to Active Duty CG in 2015
21-Aug-14		
16-Oct-14		Reporting to Active Duty CG in 2015
16-Oct-14		
16-Oct-14		
30-Dec-14		
8-Jan-15		
27-Jan-15		
12-Mar-15		
31-Mar-15		
21-Apr-15		
28-Apr-15		
28-Apr-15		

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Analysis of Member Attrition in 2014
November 2015

There is an excellent article on the Coast Guard Auxiliary National website titled, “Analysis of Member Attrition in 2014”. To quote from the write up on the website, “During calendar year 2014, 2,788 Auxiliarists voluntarily disenrolled. Half of them had been members for less than five years.

“Members in their first few years as Auxiliarists who have not been elected or appointed to an office or attained any qualifications are at greater risk of leaving the Auxiliary. 88% of those who left in 2014 held no office (compared with 64% of those who did not drop out). 81% of the dropouts had no program qualifications (compared with 75% of those who did not drop out).”

Division 11 is earnestly trying to keep its members “engaged” (one of COMO Weskerna’s watchwords) and ensuring they’re “growing our corps” (one of COMO Weskerna’s strategic issues). This way, active recruitment and realistic expectations coupled with engagement through member training, the division plans to avoid becoming a statistic for the Member Attrition study for 2015.

So, clichéd or not, the flotilla commanders in the district can bemoan the lemons they have been served because of the PSI/AP issue or they can make lemonade and help and encourage those new members earning qualifications and certifications and getting the mandatory courses behind them.

Lemons or Lemonade – the choice is yours!



Division 13



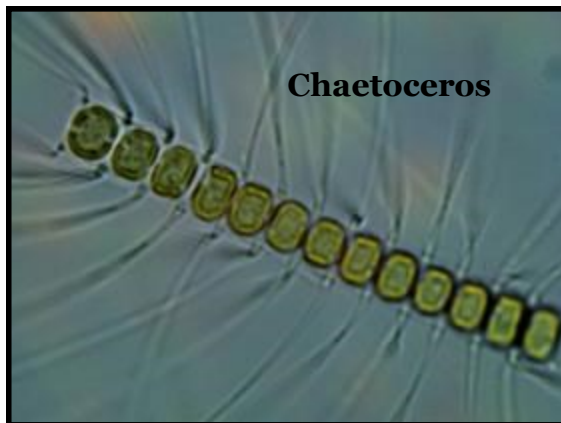
New Partnerships in the Florida Keys Strengthen Early Warnings of Harmful Algal Blooms

Submitted by Dewey Jackson,
ASC , Sector Key West

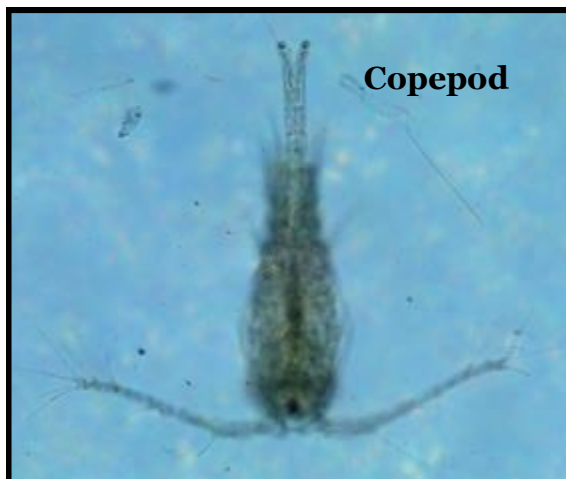
Upper Keys Flotilla has been assisting marine scientist at Marine Resources Development Foundation with water samples. The scientist are tracking and documenting plankton, acidity and temperature. We are seeing the beginning of red tide in the water from our samples. See attached photos of things in the water.



Bristleworm



Chaetoceros



Copepod

A grant from the [Ocean Reef Conservation Association](#) (ORCA) to the [Marine Resources Development Foundation](#) enabled expansion of [NOAA's Phytoplankton Monitoring Network](#) (PMN) monitoring sites in the Florida Keys. The Marine Resources Development Foundation has been an active volunteer group with PMN since 2012. With this ORCA grant and technical guidance from PMN, the Marine Resources Development Foundation was able to purchase five advanced digital microscopes. These digital microscopes allow faster communication between volunteer groups and the PMN office providing quality assurance of identification of potentially harmful algae, which will result in stronger early warnings of harmful algal blooms.

The community members involved in this project include local students ranging from 4th grade to high school and Coast Guard Auxiliary members. Fifty volunteers now participate in the Florida Keys increasing monitoring capacity from 1 to 16 sites.



The volunteer monitoring sites are located on both the Atlantic Ocean and Florida Bay side of the island chain to allow comparisons of mangrove and coral reef ecosystems. The expansion of NOAA's Phytoplankton Monitoring Network into the Florida Keys will also provide early warning to the movement of *Karenia brevis* blooms from the Gulf of Mexico into the Atlantic Ocean by way of the Florida Current.

Taken from NOAA NCCOS News and Features dated April 30, 2015

Recruiting Awards 2014



Auxiliary Recruiting Service Award

Ray O'Connell 15-8

D7 Auxiliary Membership Growth Award

Rosa I. Feliciano	18
Jorge Fontanez	1-12
Kenneth Bruning	25
John D. Sprague-Williams	27
Bruce Hinman	41
Daniel J. Reaume	45
Walter Franek	48
Robert DiPaolo	52
Stu Landau	54
Valerie Pleasanton	54
Jerald Henderson	57
Eleanor Zinner	7-16
Karla Owens	81
John Kandes	86
Thomas Bruno	91
Bernard L. O'Grady	92
Douglas Johnson	96
Roger Anderson	11-6
William Kelly	11-7
Thomas Timberlake	12-4
Duncan Hutchinson	12-8
Barbara Dunn	14-1
Gerald R. Patton	15-3
Larry Berman	15-5
Robert Bonnett	17-6
John Kachenmeister	17-6
Dan McIntyre	17-6
Jack Miller	17-6
Ray Rivera	17-6

NACO Membership Growth Awards

Carlos Rios	13
Luis E. Cribeiro	22
Anthony Anastasio	32
Christopher Von Zwehl	32
Robert Sherman	38
John E. Moore	56
Diane Riggan	59
Frank White	69
Gilbert Thomas	74
Stanley Blumenthal	82
Robert Johnson	84
Bruce J. Donegan	85

NACO Membership Growth Awards

Sanford A. Bilsky	87
Steven Kapin	98
Maurice Sabourin	99
Jeffrey Dedecker	9-10
Don Wellons	10-10
Edward Burgess	11-10
Kim Davis,	11-1
Rosario Greco	11-1
Edward J. Worzniak Jr.	12-10
Dewayne Roos	13-8
Jonathan A. Hunt	14-4
Don Mooers	14-4
Kevin Dunne	14-7
Rebecca Habermas	14-8
Kathleen M. Dolan	15-8
Michael Wells	15-8
Sharon Breece	17-11
William Giers	17-6
Dan McIntyre	17-6

NACO Membership Growth Awards—Net Gains

18	Cabo Rojo
23	Northeast Georgia
25	Hartwell Lake
27	Lakes Oconee—Sinclair
32	Ft. Lauderdale
38	Plantation
41	Palm Coast
79	Tampa
84	Sarasota
85	Palmetto
95	Marco Island
98	Charlotte, Harbor
10-10	St. Simons Island
11-1	Clearwater
11-10	Dunedin
12-8	Charleston
12-10	Georgetown
13-8	Upper Keys
14-4	Jacksonville Beach
15-1	Crystal River
15-8	Hernando Beach
17-6	Central Brevard

Division 11 - Division Award



Welcome



April 1 to June 30, 2015

Division 1

Almenas_Sosa, Francisco
Beachamp_Roche, Jaime
Capo_Diaz, Jorge
Del_Torro, Emma Y
Feliciano_Santana, Steven
Feliciano_Torres, Eddie
Nieves,_Cortes, Leocadio
Nieves_Feliciano, Leocaio
Paredes_Rodriguez, Luis
Perez_Escobar, Agustin
Ramos_Rodriguez, Moises
Rivera_Cordero, Hector N.
Ruiz_Placido, Jaime A.
Sanchez_Tirado, Samuel
Santana_Lopez, Jose L.
Velez_Jimenez, Raul
Zach, Richard

Division 2

Baron, Rush L.
Barreto_Cruz, William
Cole, Larry O.
Cozier, James
George, Robert F.
Newsome, Thomas C.
Pruszenski, Keat D.
Valentine, Matthew J.
Yi, Rick I.

Division 3

Cassidy, Jodie L.
Gallagher, John M.
Repo, John D.
Ribeiro, David J.

Division 4

Perkinson, Richard

Division 5

Dunham, Shari
Kneer, Jerry L., Sr.
Meridy, Sandra
Stripling, Jack L.
Wisner, William

Division 6

Alvarez, Jose
Arca, Rene K.
Benavente, Rafael
Fernandez, Antonio
Pacheco, Engelbert H.
Schurr, Robert

Division 7

Barzaga, James D.
Boschetti, Michael C.
Chase, Harold
Chattin, Thomas R
Eitt, Lucille A.
Folds, Maresa H.
Garland, William P.
Helou, Daniel J.
Judge, Joshua C.
Luckey, Skyla D.
Marlowe, David K.
Mills, Charles E.
Mueller, Joseph R.
Pinkowski, James A.
Pruce, Jan T
Salzman, Augusta
Wasserman, Anthony G.

Division 8

Atz, Deedra J.
Braunig, Robert M. Burke,
Noel D.
Faris, Kandi
Luchansky, John F.
Lunin, Elina A.
Olszyk, Dorothy
Sutton, Neill K.



Welcome



Division 9

Brown, Charles
Cadorette, Jeannine
Cadorette, Ronald
Chomyszak, Floyd B.
Flinn, Claire W., Jr.
Fletcher, Brandon
Harville, Lauren
Hutchinson, Patricia
Kennen, Scott B.
Malave, Francisco
Slowey, Paul
Soetbeer, Michael

Division 10

Costantino, Ryan C.
Handfield, John C.
Kendrick, Stephen D.
Leroux, Caroline
Leroux, Charles
Ohayer, Edward J.
Ruth, Tim
Witkowski, Matthew

Division 11

Fansler, David A.
Giles, Christopher H.
Mevers, Thomas A.
Raskin, Stephen M.
Reynolds, Donna
Roberts, Rhiannon D.
Thomas, Gordon R.

Division 12

Bailey, Cody C.
Fuller, Lea M.
Fuller, Norman E. Jr.

Division 13

Adams, H. (Carlton)
Broton, Janis L.
Gaillard_Baussan, Bernadette
Harrington, Jason D.
Sein, David

Division 14

Huwel, Richard A.
Kalil, Kevin
Maneely, Alexandra
Meinert, Mark A.
Murray, Larry D.
Shlosse, Jonah A.

Division 15

Bolanos, Ashley N.
Dagata, Neil J.
Franchi, Joann B.
Goode, Gloria
Hof, Frank
Moore, Edwin A.
Moore, Mary A.
Segarra, Victor I.
Segarra, Victor S.

Division 17

King, Eustace D.
Myers, Frederick E.
Moise, Garrett K.
Quinones_Santi, Rafael
Sheehan, Timothy J. Sr.
Williams, Alice M.



Thank You

A special thanks is extended to Rebecca Habermas, SO-HR Division 14 for her dedication and service in promoting the growth of District 7.

Good luck in your future endeavors in the USCG Auxiliary.



<i>Thomas F. McKee</i>	<i>Flotilla 34</i>	<i>5 April 1955</i>
<i>Barry Porter</i>	<i>Flotilla 72</i>	<i>13 November 1959</i>
<i>Harry Bonilla</i>	<i>Flotilla 41</i>	<i>19 February 1963</i>
<i>Robert Strong</i>	<i>Flotilla 14-8</i>	<i>23 June 1964</i>
<i>William Benson</i>	<i>Flotilla 44</i>	<i>26 June 1964</i>
<i>Mary Lipstate</i>	<i>Flotilla 93</i>	<i>7 July 1964</i>
<i>Commodore Henry Pratt</i>	<i>Flotilla 10-11</i>	<i>9 September 1964</i>
<i>Mary Pratt</i>	<i>Flotilla 10-11</i>	<i>9 September 1964</i>

Thank you





2015 Retirees

April 1, to June 30, 2015

Department of Homeland Security United States Coast Guard

Takes pleasure in conferring

<u>Member</u>	<u>Flotilla</u>	<u>Service Year</u>
Chardon, Allan	16-1	28
Govani, George	13	27
Jeffrey, William	16-2	23
Lowry, Wally	74	23
Baez, Betzaida	13	22
Bernabe, Javier	1-10	21
Kermode, Delores	85	21
Pearce, Robert B.	52	19
Rodriguez, Carmen	13	17
Bowers, Lawrence D.	96	16
Liddell, Darlene	96	16
Thorn, Alba D.	52	16
Thorn, Ron	52	16
Lawson, James	96	15
Susko, Robert	41	15

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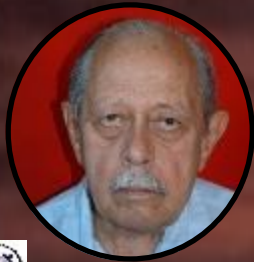
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United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

*In recognition of significant contributions and devoted service to the organization and
its boating safety programs.*

Crossing the Bar

April 1, to June 30, 2015



Denjiro Rivera
Division 1

*Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.*



Edward Murray
Division 3



Isadore Weinstein
Division 3

*Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;*

*For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.*

By Alfred Lord Tennyson



Robert Phelps
Division 5



Please submit photos for the
"Crossing of the Bar" Ceremony
to d7happyrecruiter@gmail.com



Leland Deck
Retired
Division 8



Robert Sundmaker

Division 8



Warner Heinrich
Division 9

Crossing the Bar

April 1, to June 30, 2015



John S. Sleichert
Division 9

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Donna Stull
Division 9

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Frank G. Willis
Division 9



Barbara Thien

Division 11



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James Farrow
Division 15



Lavonne Robinson
Division 15



Celso Solis-Perez
Division 17

Division 17

William Oberley

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4th of July Trivia



Congress recognized the Pledge of Allegiance in 1942

New York Yankee, Dave Righetti, threw a No Hitter on July 4, 1983

The United States received the largest physical birthday present on July 4, 1884 when the French presented it with the Statue of Liberty

The Statute of Liberty is 151 feet high

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on the Fourth of July

High school student Robert G. Heft of Lancaster, Ohio was assigned to create a new “national banner” for America that would recognize the statehood of Alaska and Hawaii. Heft simply added two extra stars to the flag to give it an even 50 and stitched his own design. His teacher only gave him a “B-minus” for his effort, so he sent his project to President Dwight D. Eisenhower for consideration and a change of grade. Eisenhower chose his design personally and the new flag was officially adopted in 1960. His teacher then gave him an “A” instead.



During the Revolutionary War, Fourth of July was celebrated with greenery and not red, white and blue

John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence with the largest signature

The oldest, continuous Independence Day celebration in the United States is the 4th of July Parade in Bristol, Rhode Island; it began in 1785.

Two of our nation’s great national symbols were made overseas. The Liberty Bell was cast in England, and the Statue of Liberty in France.

To avoid cracking it, the Liberty Bell has not been rung since 1846. To mark the quintessential day, every fourth of July it is symbolically tapped 13 times.

