

# THE QUARTER-DECKER OF FARRAGUT FLOTILLA 13-05

PUBLIC EDUCATION-VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS-OPERATIONS-MEMBER TRAINING-FELLOWSHIP

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**\*\*HEAR YE! HEAR YE!\*\***

**REMEMBER –**

**NEXT MEETING IS THE  
CHANGE OF WATCH**

**MONDAY**

**DECEMBER 12, 2011**

**Kaminski's Bar & Grill**

**1424 Brace Road**

**Cherry Hill, NJ**

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Please consider submitting an article for the next issue. Articles and pictures can be submitted at any time, but preferably by the first of the month so they can get in the latest newsletter. Articles ***do not*** have to relate to specific Auxiliary programs.

#### **A MESSAGE FROM THE FLOTILLA COMMANDER**

From: **Dave Martin, FC**

I was standing in the shower down in Yorktown after a long day of the AMLOC class, and I noticed a series of voids in the gaps between the shower tiles. Areas where the grout was just flat out missing. Not big, looking like black pencil lines between the white tiles. Cain Hall berthing is a

relatively new building, I would estimate it was built less than 20 years ago and recently remodeled. The rooms are much like modern hotel rooms, but with twin beds. The carpet is new and the rooms not only look clean, they smell clean. It was obvious that a lot of attention was paid in the design of the rooms, and in the daily upkeep. So what is it about the gaps in the grout that attracted my attention?

It's a small thing, but it indicates that the job just wasn't well done. Eventually, water will seep through these gaps and into the wall behind, and the tiles will loosen, and fall down.

It probably took the worker half a day to lay in these tiles, and another couple of hours a day later to properly grout them. And it would have taken just a few minutes more to inspect the job and correct the defects while the grout was still wet. But he didn't.

Maybe he thought that his boss would be by later and see the voids, and send him back to repair them, and he could get some overtime. I've worked with people like that, and I guess you probably have too. People trying to game the system for their own benefit. Maybe he thought that no one would notice and, anyway, he had another 99 shower stalls to tile so he went off to the next one.

Or, maybe he had heard that old saw, "Good enough for Government Work." I really don't know, but what I thought was that there was an indication that the worker just had no pride in his work.

Pride, one of those "big" little words that can mean a lot, and say a lot about the type of person you truly are inside. Pride isn't one of our Auxiliary cornerstones, is it? Maybe it falls under Honor? Maybe it falls under Respect? Or, just maybe, it falls under Devotion to Duty? Me, I think Pride is part of all three of them.

As Auxiliarists we don't generally set and grout tile, but we all do have our jobs in the Auxiliary. Whether it is vessel safety examinations, or public

affairs events, or even pseudo jobs like being Flotilla Commander, do you do your auxiliary duties with Pride, or do you just do enough and then move on to the next shower?

What we do is integral to the Coast Guard, especially in regards to our primary mission of recreational boating safety. Failure to do it well can have consequences including setting the table for accidental loss of life. There are very few times when a “supervisor” is going to follow behind looking for those gaps in the grout, we have to do it ourselves.

Sometimes we can see clues that tell us whether the member has Pride in his work. Pride is visible when the uniform is properly worn, when paperwork is complete when submitted, when appointments are kept and reports are timely. Ultimately, what is Pride but a reflection of our own personal integrity.

This is my last Flotilla Commander Message, my terms have ended and I want to thank all of you for supporting me these past two years, especially my Flotilla Staff Officers. I know I could have done a better job keeping you in the loop and consulting your expertise. I promise to work closer with you during my term as VFC. I also know that there were times when I would not have made it except for the great leadership and management skills of our current Vice Commander, Dan Charter. And I greatly appreciate the quiet (and sometimes not so quiet) council of Ed Rearick, Sam Pascarello, and other old timers.

But most of all I want to tell you how Proud I am that you elected me Flotilla Commander and allowed me to serve. Thank You.

See you December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1830, at the CHANGE OF WATCH, Kaminski's Bar & Grill, 1424 Brace Road, Cherry Hill.

### **COMMODORE'S CORNER**

By COMO Edward Rearick.

### ***Let's make a New Year's resolution:***

*Let's boost our odds for growing a successful flotilla. Let's set our goals and get growing!*

Did you notice our attendance at the last meeting and like what you see? Same people teaching

courses? Low success rate at recruiting? Need a better PR campaign to promote your course offerings?

Are you ready to do something about it? O K. But, where do you start?

Mary Elston, author of “*Master your Middle Management Universe*” suggests you start where you want to end up. That is your first goal. *Determine what you need to see happen (goal) and set a timeline to get it done.*

As a flotilla commander you always have plenty to do. However, at the end of the week, can you quantify what you and your flotilla staff have accomplished? It is easy to fall into a “git'r done” attitude; but even better, is to make sure you and your staff officers work toward a common goal. To do that, you have to consciously set goals.

Elston says that you “will boost your odds of success by setting goals and then, by reviewing and measuring them on a regular basis. Goal setting is good business for any leader or manager. Look at it as starting a fitness program for our flotilla's health. At first it may seem overwhelming but follow Elston's steps and get going.

#### **Step one:** *Hold a flotilla goal-setting session.*

*Select goals, set priorities.* This is a critical step. It's great to do it at the beginning of the year with the next 12 months in mind. But don't let that stop you. Select no more than five or six accomplishments that are needed to improve your flotilla for the next six to eight months.

**Step two:** *Write down goals, prioritize them and establish a timeline for accomplishing them.* Think of these priorities and timelines as waypoints to plot a course. Simply talking about goals is not enough. Keep them simple, realistic and to the point. Elston says that studies have proven that writing them down makes it more likely they will be achieved. Team goals are also helpful to determine goals for the individual leaders in the flotilla.

**Step three:** *Assign timelines for review, updating and measuring results.*

**Step four:** *Celebrate and award recognition for successful accomplishments.* Create a wall of success and honor those members engaged in accomplishing the goals at every opportunity.

**Success breeds success and will stimulate further growth in your flotilla. Remember, Being Number 1 isn't everything, it's the only thing!**  
**COMO Ed Rearick, FSO-VE/PV**

## **CHANGE OF WATCH**

Our Change of Watch this year will be at **Kaminski's Bar and Grill**, 1424 Brace Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Each member can bring one guest, the COW notice is attached to this newsletter and contains information on menu selections and other details. Thank you Sarah for making the arrangements.

## **FLOTILLA BRIDGE FOR 2012**

**Flotilla Commander** – Joseph Perchetti  
**Vice Flotilla Commander** – Dave Martin  
**Immediate Past FC** – Dave Martin

### ***Flotilla Staff Officers***

CM (COMMUNICATIONS)	DAVID MARTIN
CS (COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES)	PATRICIA MARTIN
FN (FINANCE)	DAN CHARTER
HR (HUMAN RESOURCES)	DAVID MARTIN
IS (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)	DAN CHARTER
MA (MATERIALS)	SAM PASCARELLO
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SPO (SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICER & 4 <sup>TH</sup> CORNERSTONE)	DOLLY PASCARELLO

## **COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

From **Pat Martin, FSO-CS**

Looked at examples of flotilla websites this week, I am pretty sure I can do this. All the training in November has kept me busy, but this is the next thing I will be working on. Content is the most important thing to keeping a web site fresh and drawing visitors, so if you all send me pictures of us in action the site will be great.

## **FINANCE**

From **Dan Charter, FSO-FN**

The November financial report is attached.

It is once again dues time, and a number of members have already paid. Dues notices are in the mail for those who still have not paid. For those who have already paid, please disregard. For the rest, please bring your check to our Change of Watch. If you will not be able to attend the COW, please mail a check to:

Dan Charter  
42 Hamilton Road  
Marlton, NJ 08053

## **INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

From **Dan Charter, FSO-IS**

All the IS reports that I received will be mailed to the SO-IS on 2 December. I will advise when the data is up to date. I believe this mailing includes all the forms previously identified as missing. When I notify you this mailing is posted, please check to make sure all your data is entered. It will be easier to make corrections in December than sometime next year,

*[Commanders Note: The time to turn in your 7029 Hours and any remaining 7030 activity sheets is now. If you wait until the end of the month and there is any problem with inputting into AUXDATA you will end up in REYR, at least temporarily. Dave]*

## **MEMBER TRAINING**

From **Joe Perchetti, FSO-MT**

1. Two members of the flotilla attended AMLOC @ Yorktown 18 - 20 November.
2. One member of the flotilla attended the FLC @ Yorktown 18 & 19 November.
3. Two members attended ABS on 3 Dec.
4. We need a final count as to who will be attending AOT @ TRACEN on 01/14/12 (list below):

Martin, D	Hayes, H
Martin, P	Young, S
Perchetti, J	McDowell, K
5. It is anticipated that AUXSEA (1 day), AUXPAT (1 day), AUXWEA (2 days), & TCO (1 day) classes will be scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, a TCT refresher during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, & possibly

AUXCOM (1 day) class will be scheduled for the 4th quarter CY2012.

- 6. The Flotilla Event / Training Calendar is published separately.
- 7. The E-Learning Website is "up".

I am again soliciting a few members to conduct MT during flotilla meetings during 2012. Let me know immediately. You may recommend a subject or I can assist you in selection.

**OPERATIONS**

From **Kristen McDowel, FSO-OP**

The Division should have 4 Operational Facilities next year, so there is going to be an increased need for crew. More information on the crew program will be in next month's newsletter.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

From **Dan Charter, FSO-PE**

There is a one day course scheduled on Saturday 3 December at Clearview High School, Mullica Hill. It will start at 0730. We have 16 people enrolled in the course plus several members of the Auxiliary who need a boating safety course. There will also be a winter weekend course for the sea cadets on board the *New Jersey* on 21 and 22 January 2012. A four evening course is scheduled for Haddonfield Memorial HS for the end of February 2012.

**Station Atlantic City Mascot**



Nucky, USCG Station Atlantic City Mascot. Photo by Auxiliarist Arthur Zack

*This article was posted into the Auxiliary blog on Nov 23 by: [R.Wilson](#) and previously sent out by the FSO-CS. I have added some comments from the flotilla commander.*

Meet Nucky, the Coast Guard Station Atlantic City mascot. He fits right in with his custom fitted uniform (ODU). He is posing with his friends **SN Feller** and **FN Payne**, but the truth is, everyone is his friend.

The care and feeding of mascots is not included in the Coast Guard budget, so Nucky must depend on the generosity of friends to survive. He is still a puppy and when he is full grown, he is expected to weigh 175 pounds, that is a lot of dog food. Nucky is part of our Team Coast Guard family and the Auxiliary helps out with his care and upkeep.

*(Following up on the above news story and a request for information on where to send contributions the flotilla commander received the following email from the Auxiliary Liaison Officer for Station Atlantic City)*

Thank you for you very generous offer of sending in a donation to the "Nucky Fund". He is the station Mascot and is supported completely by the station digging into their own pockets, so any help by the Auxiliary would certainly be appreciated. (Our flotilla made a donation to him last month)

Checks can be made payable to : **US Coast Guard Station Atlantic City** (with a notation for the Nucky Fund) mail to:

Att: Commanding Officer LDCR Jeffrey Craig  
US Coast Guard Station Atlantic City  
900 Beach Thorofare  
Atlantic City NJ 08401-1942

thanks again and best wishes for Happy Holidays

Walt Alsegg-ASO-OPS  
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*It isn't appropriate to use PE money for this sort of thing, but I would like to do something at the COW to help out. I would like to see if we could pass the hat and get enough money for a PetSmart gift card. Let me know what you think when you see me at the COW. Dave*