

The Gazetteer



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Effective Communications and Mission Success

Shipmates – never underestimate the importance of fluid communications! You must be able to convey your ideas concisely and effectively. Practice writing, and if all else fails use your phone! You can find every AUX member's phone number on AUXOFFICER (online), or you can ask your shipmates to help find their phone number. Without fluid communications, we are not being as proficient or professional as we can be! We are working for the Coast Guard, and we need to serve them well by being proactive, engaged, and responsive Auxiliarists. When you receive an e-mail, let the sender know. If you don't know an answer, let the asker know. If you need help, ask!



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THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD Washington, DC 20593

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY POLICY STATEMENT

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed volunteer component of our Service. The Coast Guard's guiding principles of SERVICE TO NATION, DUTY TO PEOPLE and COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE are only achievable through the combined efforts of all Coast Guard forces. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a valuable, dedicated and indispensable part of the Coast Guard team.

Established by Congress on June 23, 1939, as the Volunteer Reserve, the Auxiliary conducted many of the Coast Guard's domestic missions while the Active Duty and Reserve components were forward deployed during World War II. The Auxiliary has continued its great service to our Nation ever since.

The spirit of volunteerism and patriotism that called the first Auxiliarists to duty continues today in the more than 30,000 professional men and women who faithfully execute assigned Auxiliary missions throughout our Nation, its territories, and in foreign countries where U.S. engagement is enhanced by Auxiliary services. Upon enrollment, Auxiliarists pledge to support the Coast Guard Auxiliary and to faithfully execute assigned duties, and to abide by the governing policies established by the Commandant. They are a crucial force multiplier for the Coast Guard's sustained mission excellence.

Auxiliarists enthusiastically provide experience, talent, and platforms for a wide range of activities, including, Maritime Safety Outreach, Search and Rescue, Safety and Security Patrols, Disaster Response, Pollution Response and recruiting. These activities enable the Coast Guard to successfully execute all its mission, and they do it without compensation!

The Auxiliary missions are:

- To promote and improve Recreational Boating Safety;
- ■To provide a diverse array of specialized skills, trained crews, and capable facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways and coastal regions;
- •To support Coast Guard operational, administrative and logistical requirements.

I charge all Commanders, Commanding Officers and Officers in Charge to continually strive to include the Auxiliary in mission execution and support so that we can maximize sustained excellence across all mission areas.

Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard

Division Leadership

Division Leadership Roster

Division Commander: Michelle Thornton

Vice Division Commander: Alfred Coke

Navigation Services: Stanley Miley

Communications: William Photinos, III

Communication Services: Rawl Gelinas

Diversity: Gerard Williams

Finance: Colleen O'Neil

Human Resources: Michelle Thornton

Information Systems: George Langdon

Materials: Alfred Coke

Maritime Safety: Richard Mayes, Sr.

Member Training: Russell Brawsell, II

Operations: Richard Dunnington

Public Affairs: Francis Hilliker

Publications: Garrett Hendrickson

Program Visitor: Peter Faleski

Secretary: Maurice Fligton, III

Vessel Examinations: Michael Hanson

If you need to contact a division officer, please route your request through the appropriate chain of leadership!







August 8 - 9: District Search and Rescue Event at Training Center

Yorktown.

August 16: Old Coast Guard Station Family Fun Day. From

9am - 4pm at 24th and Atlantic Ave. in Virginia

Beach.

September 25 - 28: D-TRAIN at the Weston Richmond Hotel in

Richmond.

September 27: Wings, Wheels, and Keels event at Hummel Air

Field in Middlesex.

Flotilla 53 Boating Safety Class: Join Flotilla 53 from 0800 – 1700 at the Towne

Bank Conference Room in Chesapeake for their boating safety class on the fourth Saturday of each month. Cost is \$35.00. Register by contacting Colleen O'Neil at 757-482-1931 or Ed Cart at 757-

482-2942.

Division Meetings: The second Tuesday of each month at 1900 in the

Wheelhouse Facility on USCG Base Portsmouth.

Next Issue of The Gazetteer: Expect the next issue of The Gazetteer to be made

available around November 2014.





Nautical News:

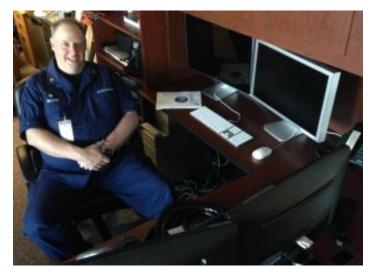
Auxiliarists Support Active Duty During Hurricane Arthur, By AUX Charles McLeod

This was not a drill. Auxiliarists Charles McLeod and Trey Clifton answered the call for assistance to be spokespersons and watch standers for USCG District Five Public Affairs Office as Hurricane Arthur barreled up the East Coast. The Auxiliarists acted as a force multiplier for USCG Public Affairs during a critical "all-hands on deck" situation.

According to Lt. Krystyn Pecora, USCG Public Affairs Officer, "Having trained Auxiliarists available at times like these allow for expanded mission capabilities. Their service and training especially with local contacts and resources is very helpful." Auxiliarist Clifton maintained watch over the several miles of port operations, surveying for damage or hazards that might have been left in the aftermath of the Category 2 storm. Clifton stated, "While some were checking the damage to their property and starting to fire up the grill, I felt very fortunate to be a part of this crew today."

USCG Sector Hampton Roads fared quite well considering a Category II Hurricane had just passed. At the end of the 4 hour patrol, no discrepancies to aids to navigation were found. USCG Auxiliary Photo by Auxiliarist Trey Clifton.

Meanwhile, Auxiliarist McLeod served as a media coordinator for the Coast Guard. While serving in the capacity of a spokesperson for the Coast Guard McLeod spoke to reporters and producers from CNN, The Weather Channel, NBC, FOX and ABC along with several radio and newspaper outlets, such as the LA Times. His support helped free up several Active Duty positions to concentrate on other tasks. A Public Affairs Specialist from the USCG Virginia office was able to travel to the harder struck North Carolina areas due to McLeod's support.



Auxiliarist Charles McLeod assists Active Duty during Hurricane Arthur. U.S. Coast Guard Photo.





In the Cockpit

On Thursday, June 26, Captain Scott Craig relieved Captain Joseph Kelly as Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City Commanding Officer. The Change of Command ceremony was also a retirement ceremony for CAPT Kelly, who ended a 27-year career in the Coast Guard. CAPT Kelly stood a taught watch over the ECITY, which is one of the busiest air stations in the Coast Guard. Elizabeth City attracted significant attention in October 2012 when the HMS Bounty and her crew of 16 were in distress 90 miles off the shore of North Carolina. ECITY, under the command of CAPT Kelly, responded.

CAPT Kelly's relief – CAPT Craig – comes to ECITY from Washington, D.C., where he served at the Executive Assistant to the Assistant Commandant for Resources & Chief Financial Officer. CAPT Craig earned his wings in 1994, and he first flew HH-65s at Coast Guard Air Station Savannah, Georgia.

Our division aviators wish fair winds and following seas to CAPT Kelly, who was truly an amazing leader. Likewise, we welcome CAPT Craig and wish him nothing but the best with his command!



Division AUXAIR aviators Jenny and Jim Stack welcome Captain Craig to Air Station Elizabeth City. Coast Guard photo by Auxiliarist Charles McLeod.



D5SR DIRAUX, Commander Fachko – an aviator himself – greets the new air station commanding officer. Coast Guard photo by Auxiliarist Charles McLeod.

DCDR Review of AUXFS Class

I recently had the pleasure of witnessing Team Coast Guard in its purest form at an Auxiliary Chef (AUX-FS) class graduation. Auxiliarists from different Flotillas, Divisions and Districts came together with Active Duty and Reserve Coasties and prepared a delicious meal. What started as two teams of individual chef trainees on Friday night became one cohesive team unit by Sunday morning. The combination of communication, commitment, attitude, fun and TCT – team coordination – made each participant successful.

The cohesion demonstrated by this class is an example for all Auxiliarists.

I encourage every Auxiliarist to choose the Auxiliary mission that is their passion and become a subject matter expert in that mission.

Robust communication between all members is essential to accomplishing our goals. No matter how each member likes to receive information, we must do everything we can to ensure every member feels included and informed.

Today's constant in the Coast Guard is change. Communication is the most important piece of what each member needs to stabilize the changes that will keep coming our way.

Division Five Elected Officer Candidates

Be sure to vote in your Division elections! Here is who's running:

Division 5 Commander (DCDR)

Al Coke Mike Hanson

Division 5 Vice Commander (VCDR)

Richard Mayes, Sr. Andy Winz

Wise Words from the DCDR

Our improved COMMUNICATION throughout the Division is coming along but still has room for improvement. Due to a recent miscommunication I have some advice for ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS. If you receive an email or letter or phone message that your do not understand or doesn't sound right to you – CALL THE PERSON that sent it and ask for clarification. I have not encountered any Auxiliary member that will not take time to explain a process or meaning or what their thoughts were at the time they sent the email. This direct communication can wipe out most misunderstandings and keep us all focused on the safe execution of our missions. If you do contact a member with a questions and you are met with anything other than helpfulness then I WANT TO KNOW IMMEDIATELY.

We are all on the same team and working toward the same goals – Honor ~ Respect ~ and ~ Devotion to Duty. Please take the time to read your Commandants Mission statement for the Auxiliary.



District Patch Information

We have a great looking Division patch thanks to our own Alan Werdehoff! Show your Division pride by ordering one – they're only \$2.00! Contact DCDR Michelle Thornton (seachele00@gmail.com). The VICTOR and ALPHA flags represent our VA (Virginia) pride! The three stars represent the three major command located in our Division!

