



Important Dates to Remember:

- Feb. Flotilla Meeting 02/20/2017
- Mar. Flotilla Meeting 03/20/2017

**Flotilla 87 Change of Watch
Patrick McConnell**



2017 Flotilla 87 Commander Ray Clary (right) and Vice Commander Eric Hartwig

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Seasons change as so do Flotilla Bridges and staff officers. Flotilla 87's Change of Watch took place on December 4, 2016 at The Cove at Hunter's Landing. Along with our wonderful spouses, significant others and great friends, special guests at the well-attended event included United States Coast Guard Bosons Mate Second Class David James, Jr. from Station Milford Haven and Todd Egnor, newly elected Auxiliary District Captain for Sector Hampton Roads.

The old Bridge and 2016 staff signed off after awards were given out. Speaking of awards, the following members earned special Flotilla recognition for their 2016 efforts: (See Page 2-5, Flotilla Change of Watch)



Flotilla 87 Change of Watch (Cont'd)

Auxiliarist of the Year – Jean McCormick

2016 Flotilla Sparkplug Award – Ron Sims

Coxswain of the Year – Gena Kunz

Radio Watchstander of the Year – Phyllis Lindmeier

RBS Program Visitor of the Year – Maureen Daniels

Vessel Examiner of the Year – Gena Kunz

Member Training Award - Ron and Ginger Ellis

Public Education Award – Jean McCormick

After presentation of the awards, Todd Egnor helped swear-in the Flotilla's new Bridge of Ray Clary as Flotilla Commander and Eric Hartwig as Vice Commander. Then the new Bridge swore-in the 2017 Flotilla staff officers.

A huge thank you to Jane Haley for setting up the event with The Cove. The food was good and the company even better!



Flotilla 87 Auxiliarist of the Year, Jean McCormick



Todd Egnor, District Captain
Sector Hampton Roads



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Fore and Aft, 2017

FSO-PB Craig Olson

As we start a new year of the *Fore and Aft*, we would like to provide you with information regarding a couple of changes, and ask for your help in making the Flotilla 87 newsletter a quality product serving the needs of the flotilla membership. The *Fore and Aft* will be published eight times during the year, as follows:

January, 2017
March, 2017
May – September, 2017 (monthly)
Nov, 2017

Rather than publishing the newsletter prior to the flotilla meeting, we will publish it mid-way between flotilla meetings so that we can include important information disseminated at the meeting in a timelier manner.

Finally, in an effort to ensure the *Fore and Aft* remains relevant, we want to again encourage submissions from the flotilla membership. The newsletter is an excellent platform for Flotilla Staff Officers to use to keep the membership updated on their specific programs. Articles should be submitted to FSO-PB Craig Olson at cdolson2010@gmail.com.



USCG Flag Presentation

Patrick McConnell

Last Spring, Flotilla 87 had the honor of attending the Military Ball sponsored by the Orange County High School's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Montpelier Rifle Battalion. One thing that was missing during the festivities was the Coast Guard flag; flags from the other armed services were displayed. During the remaining year, Flotilla 87 acted to correct this situation!

On Tuesday January 10, 2017, Flotilla 87's Eric Hartwig, Flotilla Vice Commander, Ron Sims, Human Resources staff officer, and Pat McConnell, Public Affairs staff officer, visited the school's JROTC, the Montpelier Rifle Battalion to present the Coast Guard flag to the cadets. Getting a break from their Standards of Learning tests, roughly 30 cadets participated in a ceremony during which they saw a Coast Guard video and heard from the Flotilla trio about the Auxiliary's mission and people. The group also heard from Coast Guard Reserve Chief Petty Officer Wright, a teacher at the school.

The Montpelier Battalion is commanded by Major Kent Daniel (U.S. Army, retired) and First Sargent Charles McIntyre (U.S. Army, retired). Under their guidance, cadets are instilled with a sense of accomplishment while building self-esteem, teamwork, and self-discipline in each of the students. The Montpelier Rifle Battalion Cadet "mandate" of leader character is defined as: "one that is Skilled, Tough, and Ready around the Clock (STRAC)-academically, physically and mentally; one that is Caring, Competent, and Committed to those they lead; one who can Think Critically about consequence of decisions and actions; a quiet professional held in high esteem out of respect of character because they can always be trusted to Tenaciously Lead by Example with Zeal - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

The Orange County High School JROTC program was established under the authority of Public Law 88-64, in the ROTC Vitalization Act of 1964 and Army Regulation 145-2. It was formally brought into service by Paragraph 1 of General Order #9 Headquarters, Department of the Army, dated 20 May, 1985.

Since its' beginning on the 20th of May 1985, the Cadets of Orange County High School have taken historic pride in referring to themselves as the Montpelier Rifle Battalion (MRB) JROTC. According to legend, during the Revolutionary War, some of the local militia referred to themselves as the "Montpelier Rifles". This was in association with the Montpelier Estate and its owner James Madison who is known as the "Father of our Constitution" and later, 4th President of the United States.



USCG Flag Presentation (Cont'd)

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Flotilla 87 January Awards

- Jean McCormick/ Maureen Daniels – PE 402 hours
- Jean McCormick – Member Training – MT 207 hours
- Jean McCormick – PE – 30 hours
- Patrick McConnell – PA 201 hours
- Ginger Ellis – Support Food Service – 291 hours
- Ginger Ellis – MT – 83.5 hours
- Ron Ellis – Support Food Service – 291 hours
- Ron Ellis – MT – 83.5 hours
- Richard Bednarksy – 5 years of service
- Ray Clary – 3000 hours of service since 1992
- Various Members – On Water Operations – 366.5 hours
- Member Growth Award: *Kicking Boat and Taking Name Awards* presented to the following members:
 - Carol Shutt
 - John Flood
 - Richard Bednarsky
 - Ray Clary
 - Tom Sheppard
 - Ron Ellis
 - Jeffrey Moscicki
 - Jean McCormick
 - Patrick McConnell
 - Gena Kunz
 - Donna Kanary
 - Marvin Hollowell
 - Jane Haley
 - Andy Gibson
 - Maureen Daniels
 - Ray Clary
 - Robert Rorick



Flotilla 87 January Awards (Con't)



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