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Commander's Corner:

Happy New Year fellow Auxiliarists.

As we have taken time to look back at the past year and take pride in what we accomplished in 2017, (4 new members, no cancelled missions due to crew shortages, continued training support for Station Oregon Inlet [SOI] and Air Station Elizabeth City [ASEC] along with numerous public presentations and public education programs) we must now embark on continuing with this mission in 2018.

During 2017 there was a push for increased paddlecraft safety awareness. I would like to see more of these paddlecraft safety programs offered in 2018. The use of paddlecrafts such as kayaks, canoes and paddleboards is rapidly increasing. As with any increases in users there are also increases in accidents. Hopefully with awareness of the dangers associated with their use we will be able to cut down these accidents.

Let us engage the boating public to educate them about Boater Safety through our public education classes offered at multiple times throughout the year. Our presence at events such as SOI open house, National Night Out, Kids Fest and other events throughout the upcoming year are great opportunities to educate the public about Boater Safety. These events are also an excellent time to make the public aware of the Auxiliary and its function as a part of the Coast Guard but to also offer them the chance to become a part of the Auxiliary and join us as we work alongside members of the Coast Guard to help prevent boating accidents and make our waters safer for all.

Be safe out there.

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Speaker Explains C-27J Program at Air Station Elizabeth City

Retired from a career in the Coast Guard repairing, maintaining, and serving in C 130s, Cory Salamon, civilian contractor for C-27J at Air Station Elizabeth City, brought knowledge, affability, and insight in his presentation at our General Meeting in January. The two engine, medium range aircraft he helps maintain will be standing in the "gap" while the Coast Guard awaits new C 130's.

Cory was asked a lot of questions. His answers demonstrated that the crews care deeply about getting the aircraft away on their training missions and are aware of our efforts and desire not to waste our time. He described his service in the Coast Guard going on various SARs (Search and Rescue) and hurricane missions. On the SAR involving "The Bounty" he described looking out the window and seeing that the plane was flying sideways. He spoke of how the crew does their GAR scores. (The letters stand for the result range of the Risk Assessment Worksheet, Green, Amber, Red) We are told we are trained like the active duty, Cory's candidness demonstrated the accuracy of that statement.

Your Flotilla Staff Officers (FSO)

Communications Services (CS) Holton Bond. Holton manages our website. Your assignment is to go and look at it. <http://a0541607.wow.uscgaux.info>

You can click the above link or you can go to your search engine and type 054-16-07 (our district, division, and flotilla numbers). The scenic route to get there begins at CGAUX.Org and select Aux Members drop down menu, select Auxiliary Directory, Log In, scroll down to Districts and select Fifth Southern. Scroll down, following the numbers in the second column to 054-16-07 and select that number. (The other choices in that line give you other information.) Scroll down to Website URL and select. You are there.) The scenic way takes you through a lot of interesting pages all of which you should know. Keep track of how long it took you to enjoy this journey. Then, read about Information Service.

Diversity (DV) Pete Markland. Pete's goal is to help us earn the Award for Diversity Excellence. It's given to Flotillas that demonstrate distinction in understanding that our community is resourced with a lot of different people each of whom can offer value to our mission and making sure we are actively trying to reach them.

Finance (FN) Dave Butscher. Dave keeps the books according to the accepted practice of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Human Resources (HR) Jay Dunlap. Jay takes you from thinking about joining the auxiliary to the point where you raise your hand and commit to serving. That means understanding who we are and what we do, being finger printed and photographed so the Coast Guard knows who you are and what you did, and helping you find the experience you are looking for as a member.

Information and Communication Services (IS) Holton Bond. **Your time counts!** Holton keeps track of it when you fill out your 7029 Activity Report. Remember the tour you took of the Web Site? Did you notice it took time? You can report that and actually almost countless other activities associated with your volunteer efforts. Government appropriations, we are talking real money here, to the United States Coast Guard increase as our hours increase. The Coast Guard helps pay for our expenses, including the cost of our personal protection gear, subsidy of our vessel costs, and for much of our training. Holton has been a voice in the wilderness calling us to dive into the 7029. **Fill out your 7029 each month. It isn't about you, it's about the Coast Guard Team.**

Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program (PV) Peg Koenig. Peg heads up a team of folks who make regular visits to businesses that share our concern for Recreational Boating Safety. We leave brochures about boating safety if the store will allow us and keep them stocked. This is one of the ways we market our mission to the community.

Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (MS) Bill Trimyer. Bill passionately cares about our environment. His work with the Flotilla has been a spring board to interact with the North Carolina Coastal Federation. One of his efforts is collecting oyster shells for recycling as oyster reefs. The official mascot for Marine Safety is Sammy the Sea Otter. Bill has brought Sammy to life both as an animator and as a buddy when others, like Ron Campbell and Dave Connaughton wear the costume.

Marketing and Public Affairs (PA) Al Douglass. Press releases, radio public service announcements, and events are supported by Public Affairs. Because to tell the story you have to know the story, it's a great way to learn all about the Auxiliary.

Materials (MA) Larry Ashton. Larry is our stuff guy. We have lots of stuff, from paper pamphlets to incredibly expensive personal protection gear. Since he is in charge of stuff, he gets turned in stuff from retiring members. Larry keeps track of the stuff and makes sure that you have what you need. He is not responsible to be your tailor, seamstress, delivery person, or Santa Claus. If you need stuff, talk to Larry, nicely.

Member Training (MT) (To Be Announced) In order to function like a team, we have to be trained, continuously and appropriately. This officer keeps track of what we have achieved and what we have to do to keep it fresh and sharp. Approximately January 15th, all Auxiliarists who are missing required tasks or hours in AUXDATA (from the previous year) will be set to, "not certified due to failure to complete required tasks or hours" (REYR). After that date, all Auxiliarists listed as REYR are required to recertify before receiving orders or conducting Auxiliary missions. It's easier to stay sharp than to have to hone a dull blade.

Navigation Systems (NS), Tim Baker. We have a busy Flotilla supporting the Coast Guard directly. Tim is our officer who helps us support the Coast Guard Aids to Navigations Team Wanchese. All those day boards and buoys are regularly checked and right now some of them are no longer there.

Operations (OP), Keith Bernsten. We do things as an Auxiliary that achieve our mission to increase recreational boating safety. Things like go on patrols, support training of Coast Guard personal, train ourselves, and check aids to navigation. Somebody has to schedule these missions and make sure they have the right crew for the job. Keith does that.

Public Education (PE), Sharon Lewis. Few Flotillas reach as many people as 16-07. Our most significant education program is our teaching of a one session boating safety course to second and fifth graders in elementary schools in

Currituck and Dare Counties. Over a thousand students are educated every year. Sharon schedules these classes, crews the classes, teaches the classes. She also organizes and supervises our Boating Skills and Seamanship Course.

Publications (PB) Al Douglass. For our Flotilla, this means organizing and getting out Flotsam and Jetsam, this publication. Why the guy who does Public Affairs also does Publications is probably because the rules are the same for both. It wasn't always this way and doesn't have to be. Elizabeth City has separate Public Affairs and Publication officers. I'm just saying.

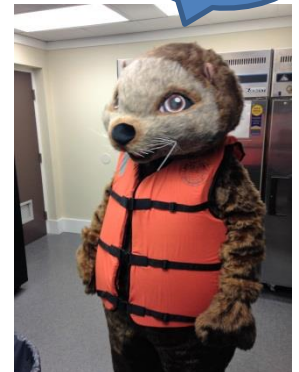
Secretary/Records (SR), Vic Vogelsang. Precision is important for Vic's job. There's a Coast Guard way to do minutes, submit them, get them approved, and forward them to the correct place. Vic does this.

Vessel Examination (VE) (To Be Announced) If a position isn't filled the Commander and the Vice Commander have to make sure the job gets done. Met is qualified as a Vessel Examiner so he's in charge of organization and leadership of the team of Auxiliarist that do this important job.

Division Training

You commit your Saturday, February, and we will help you achieve some required training and share a lot of useful information. It will cost you nothing. You'll get a free lunch. You'll work with other members of our division. What you need to do is commit to going, tell Met ASAP what you want for lunch from the menu, wear your tropical blue uniform or appropriate civilian attire if you don't have a uniform yet, and come expecting to learn and enjoy your fellow crew members. Officially it's too late to order your sandwich, but you can still come! (And if you ask nicely, you might get fed.)

See you at
Division
Workshop



The Next General Membership Meeting Is At the Black Pelican

We always have some meetings with a dinner venue. It's good for fellowship, it sometimes allows us to bring our significant others, and it is fun. To make this General Meeting interesting for all we have a speaker, Shannon Ricles, Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary. She will give a presentation about the work we do here at the sanctuary.

For over 40 years, her office has worked to protect and conserve the Civil War ironclad, USS Monitor. And since 2008, they have also worked to honor the valor and sacrifices of the men who served during World War II. They have documented over 40 WWII shipwrecks off the North Carolina coast, including merchant ships, Allied vessels, and German U-boats. In 2014, they discovered the fourth German U-boat, U-576 and the SS Bluefields, lying just 200 yards apart in 700 feet of water. In 2016, they got the first images of the two since they sank on July 15, 1942. Shannon's presentation promises to be a highlight of our meeting.

Have you decided to go to D-Train?

The last weekend in February, our District will offer a weekend gathering called D-Train. Here are some reasons to attend.

They have a training session you want to take.

You enjoy meeting people in the Auxiliary from all over the three states and District of Columbia that make up our Fifth Southern District.

You find it meaningful and inspirational to hear about what the Auxiliary is accomplishing from regional and national leaders.

You want to spend a weekend in Williamsburg.

Al Douglass and Roland McDevitt are going up Saturday for the morning sessions and leaving by lunch time. If you want to join them give them a call. Wayne Earley and other members will be there for the entire event and make you feel at home if you choose to do the entire experience. Look over the training to see what interests you.

