

Anchored by Division 20's Commander, Barbara Pohlman, the Auxiliary sent a team of 8 to assist in the ceremonies to the Commissioning of The USCGC Richard Snyder.

Our Flotilla was well represented with Past FC, Vern Scott; Past VFC, Dave Tolley; and present VFC, Mark Sonder working the ceremony, while IPFC Heinz Rister and his wife plus Bob White, FSO-FS and his wife took their seats in the audience.

**Members of the Auxiliary team who worked the event were:**

- Barbara Pohlman, DCDR
- Wayne Mulligan, IPDCDR
- Fil Pagano, VCDR
- David Fort, SO-SR
- Vern Scott, SO-MS
- Mark Sonder, SO-CS
- David Tolley, former VFC, FSO-PB, 20-02
- Steven Mathusek, FSO-PE, 20-10



*Photo by Dave Tolley, FSO-PB 20-02*

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*Former FC Vern Scott (c) with Dave Tolley, FSO-PB (l) and Mark Sonder, VFC (r), working at the ceremony for the Commissioning of the USCGC Richard Snyder on 4/20/18  
--photo by Lieutenant Colonel Maurice A. Marshall Jr.*

The 500 invited guests, including both NC US Senators, the NC Governor, witnessed:

- Placing USCGC Richard Snyder in Commission
- Lieutenant Norberg assuming command of the USCGC Richard Snyder
- The setting of the first watch
- Manning the ship and bringing her to life
- The entire crew reporting for duty, and
- The Breaking of the flag