

# Chesapeake Chatter

## Division 23 5SR



OPFAC 23569 takes OPFAC 25331 in a stern tow during training on 5 August. OPFAC 23569 is owned by John Fewer and OPFAC 25331 is owned by Ray Feller. Bryan Teague , photographer



National Night Out in North Beach as seen from a drone. 23-6 new member Elaine Griffin was the photographer and drone operator.

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## A busy year for Division 23

It has been a busy year for Division 23, with excellent participation both on, and off, the water. We had good participation at boat shows, on patrols, and standing watches with the Coast Guard. There was a good response to course offerings from the public, and instructors from several flotillas shared their expertise and experience in teaching courses. New this year was paddle craft training for instructors and students, led by Ron Price and Wendy Norwitz.

As I come to the end of my term as Division Commander, I want to offer my appreciation to flotilla commanders and staff officers who have done an outstanding job in supporting the Division, the Coast Guard and the public. I especially appreciate the excellent support provided by VCDR John Fewer throughout this past year and half.

I look forward to the Change of Watch and I want to encourage everyone to come out and support your new leaders for 2018. There will be good food, door prizes and plenty of awards and recognition; along with informative addresses by Auxiliary and Coast Guard leaders. Flotillas are welcome to combine their change of watch with the Division's in January. See the invitation included in this addition of the Chatter.

We continue to face many challenges as we work to meet additional needs expressed by the Coast Guard; while seeing a reduction in overall membership and fewer facilities. These challenges will require innovative ideas and renewed dedication from all our membership.

Thank you for the honor of serving you as Division Commander.

*Dale Helms*



## Division Election Held

Division 23 held its 2018 leadership elections at the October Division meeting. It was a great honor to be elected to the 2018 Division Commander position. Willie Witters - our newly elected VCDR - shares with me the nervousness of taking over the helm of such a professional staff of leaders.

The Division's 2017 accomplishments, both on land and on the water speak for themselves. Each Flotilla achieved the goals they set for themselves in 2017 - and now we jointly look forward to enhancing our service to the United States Coast Guard and the Auxiliary in 2018. Willie and I are looking forward to supporting you as you support us.

I wish to thank our outgoing DCDR, Dale Helms, for his guidance and support. We shall continue to "lean on him" for his recommendations as the New Year unfolds.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Change of Watch on 13 January at Renditions Country Club.

*John Fewer*

Vice Division Commander

## Save the Date for Change of Watch

Division 23 will hold the annual Change of Watch on 13 January 2018 from 1400 to 1800 at the Renditions Golf and Country Club.

There is a buffet lunch which includes roasted prime rib, chicken parmesan and cheese tortellini with choice of grilled vegetables, herb roasted potatoes, rolls and butter. For dessert you will have a choice of either strawberry short cake or chocolate cake. The cost is \$40 per person.

The uniform of the day is Tropical Blue or business casual.

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## 2017 Board & Staff

**DCDR:** Dale Helms

**VCDR:** John Fewer

### 23-1 - Annapolis

Christian Converse, Flotilla Commander

Marie Squillace, Vice Flotilla Commander

### 23-2 - Solomons

Greg Askew, Flotilla Commander

Gary Smith, Vice Flotilla Commander

### 23-3 - West Annapolis

Bryan Teague, Flotilla Commander

Timothy Clarke, Vice Flotilla Commander

### 23-4 - South River

Paul Feinberg, Flotilla Commander

James Regensburg, Vice Flotilla Commander

### 23-6 - Drum Point

Willie Witters, Flotilla Commander

Mark Campbell, Vice Flotilla Commander

### 23-7 - Herring Bay

Ray Walsh, Flotilla Commander

Christopher Jensen, Vice Flotilla Commander

## Division Staff

SO-CM - Jim Welday

SO-CS - Wendy Norwitz

SO-DV (Diversity) - Margaret Butler

SO-FN - Robin Ouellette

SO-FS - vacant

SO-HR - Dave Keyser

SO-IS - Ronald Hillard

SO-MA - Theresa Gray

SO-MS - Ronald Price

SO-MT - Ray Feller

SO-NS - Robert Glenn Wright

SO-OP - Phil Wentz

SO-PA - Dale Helms

SO-PB - Connie Cosgrove

SO-PE - Kevin Davis

SO-PV - Christopher Jensen

SO-SR - Ordice Gallops

SO-VE - Kirby Garland

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### Crossing the Bar

Walter H.

Whilden, 23-6 crossed the bar on 21 September.

Walt joined 23-6 on 11 October 1999. Walt became FSO-CM for the Flotilla in 2002 and kept that position until his passing.

Telephone numbers and addresses of members are protected by the Privacy Act of 1974. As a matter of policy, rosters of names, addresses and telephone numbers shall not be made available to the general public or any outside organization. Privacy of all rosters shall be safeguarded and the page clearly labeled. The publication of these rosters, addresses and telephone numbers on any computer on-line service including the Internet is prohibited by the Privacy Act of 1974.



**15 December**

Articles and pictures are encouraged and appreciated. Please email to:  
cjcosgrove@earthlink.net

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Reservations are due to Connie Cosgrove by 18 December 2017. The reservation form is on the back page of this issue of the Chatter.

So, save the date and come out for an enjoyable afternoon with fellow members as elected leaders and staff take their oath of office and awards are presented.

Hope to see you there!  
*Connie Cosgrove*  
COW committee

## Auxiliary National Supply Center Phone Number Changes -014/17

The telephone contact numbers for the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC) in Granite City, IL recently changed. ANSC points-of-contact are now:

Supervisor: Mr. Randy Ernst (618) 876-1708  
Fax: (618) 876-1845

Email: randy.j.ernst@uscg.mil  
Mailing address remains: Auxiliary National Supply Center  
1301 West 1st Street, Suite E  
Granite City, IL 62040-1802

2. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and Information.

Editor's note: The above information was received in an email from the director's list server as an ALCOAST message.

## Awards

Since the last issue of the Chatter, the following members have earned awards. Congratulations to all.

### **USCG Auxiliary National Commodore's Achievement Award**

50th Anniversary Award to Flotilla 054-23-04 for service 02/01/1967 through 02/01/2017.

### **Annual Service Performance Award for service in excess of 60 operations hours**

Jeff Conopask 23-3



### **Membership Service Awards**

#### 5 years

James Jefferson, 23-6

#### 10 years

Mark Campbell, 23-6

#### 20 years

Rose Locke and Maxine Noyes, 23-6

### **Aids Verifier PQS**

Tim Pannone, 23-2

### **Vessel Examiner**

Timothy Clarke, 23-3



### **Sustained Auxiliary Service Award**

John Fewer, over 3000 hours, 4<sup>th</sup> award, 23-3

Raymond T. West, 750 hours, 1<sup>st</sup> award, 23-6

### **Century Club award (over 100 VSC and/or PV)**

Bill Smith and Tom Hardisty, 23-6

### **Retirement**

Carl Smith, 23-1

Frederick Camp, 23-2

Germaine Harlow, 23-7

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## Auxiliarist Involvement in U.S. Military Veteran Outreach Activities Constitutes Assignment to Duty

Recently there have been some questions with respect to the validity of the assignment to duty of Coast Guard Auxiliarists to engage in outreach activities involving U.S. military veterans. Captain Scott L. Johnson, the Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG -BSX), has determined that such activity is well within the scope of authorized Auxiliary activity, therefore warrants recognition as assignment to duty, and is able to be claimed/recorded as such. The Chief Director considered the following as key considerations that factor into his determination. He writes:

“Fellowship is appropriately recognized as one of the Auxiliary's four cornerstones of Coast Guard mission responsibility and support. Section 1.A.5. of the CG Auxiliary Manual (COMDTINST M16790.1 (series)) states:

‘Fellowship remains an essential ingredient in making any organization of volunteers successful. The Coast Guard recognizes the importance of this aspect of volunteer participation and encourages a close relationship between Auxiliarists and other Coast Guard personnel. Fellowship makes the team work and binds the entire organization together.’

Although not specifically stated, the implication is clear that such engagement between Auxiliarists and Coast Guard personnel does not end at the boundary of active duty status for the latter group. A close relationship is encouraged and expected between Auxiliarists and all Coast Guard personnel...active duty, reserve, civilian, retirees, and all veterans of such service. Moreover, such relationship is not even expected to end there, but rather also extends to those of us who serve, and who have served in, our fellow U.S. military services. Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Paul Zukunft, wrote an article entitled, ‘A Duty to People, A Duty to Veterans,’ in the

November 11, 2016 edition of the Coast Guard Compass, <http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/11/a-duty-to-people-a-duty-to-veterans>):

‘As we unite in honoring our military men and women and their families, we must recognize our commitment to them does not end when their service in the Armed Forces ends. While only one day out of the year is specifically designated to honor our veterans, our commitment to our veterans should be limitless.’

Coast Guard engagement with U.S. Military Veterans is clearly consistent with the guiding principle, Duty to People, to which the Commandant has pledged our service...Auxiliarists included.”

Editor’s note: the above information was received in the Auxiliary Leadership Link that is distributed through the Auxiliary messaging system.

## 23-6 Supports National Night Out

Unlike previous years, August 1 was a warm but pleasant evening for National Night Out. Members from Flotilla 23-6 represented the Auxiliary in two different communities.

Connie Cosgrove, Dave Keyser and Harry Scott represented the Auxiliary at the Long Beach/Calvert Beach event. Coloring books and Frisbees were a hit with the children while oil pads and orange stickers to help find lost or stolen boats were a hot item with the adults.

Ray Feller, Willie Witters, Mark Campbell and our newest member Elaine Griffin were at North Beach. Elaine is a professional photographer. She not only had her camera, but also a drone which drew a lot of attention and people to the booth. Lots of coloring books, crayons, oil pads, and RBS pamphlets were handed out.

*Connie Cosgrove*

FSO-PA

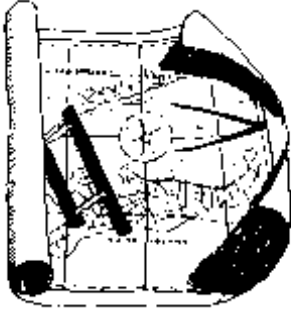
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## Auxiliary Search Coordination & Execution Course scheduled for December

Auxiliary Sector Maryland-NCR will sponsor an Auxiliary Search Coordination & Execution (AuxSC&E) course for all interested Auxiliarists in December 2017. AuxSC&E was developed specifically for Auxiliarists by the Coast Guard's National Search and Rescue School. In addition to the course materials, Sector and District specific surface operations requirements will be reviewed. This course is strongly recommended for all Coxswains and Coxswain trainees and will also be most useful for all Surface Operations Crew and Crew trainees. The course will be open to any Auxiliarist interested in improving patrol and Search & Rescue (SAR) knowledge and skills on a space available basis. All attending must already have good navigation skills since they are an important component of SAR planning and execution.

AuxSC&E completion is a 2-credit elective course toward the Operational Auxiliarist (AUXOP) designation. See the course outline below.

AuxSC&E course at Curtis Bay Coast Guard Yard, Berry Hall, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Curtis Bay, MD 21226

Saturday, 02 Dec, 0900-1730

Sunday 03 Dec, 0900-1730

Saturday, 09 Dec, 0900-1730

Sunday, 10 Dec 0900-1600

Classes start at 0900 to allow time for optional breakfast at the Curtis Bay Yard galley beforehand.

If you want to participate, please do the following:

- 1) Reserve the days on your calendar.
- 2) Send an email to [johnesill@verizon.net](mailto:johnesill@verizon.net) with your name, flotilla, ID # and Cell #. Also indicate if you are a Coxswain; if not a brief note on your

prior navigation experience or training is required. 3) If you are an SC&E qualified instructor, please indicate your availability to help teach and your area(s) of interest.

This course will make you better at routine patrols and SAR emergencies!

### AuxSC&E course outline

Day 1: Welcome and Course Introduction, SAR System & Organization, SRU Duties, OSC Duties, General SAR Policies and Legal Aspects of SAR

Day 2: Review / Quiz, Maritime Drift, Search Plan Variables, Variables Lab, Search Patterns

Day 3: Review / Quiz, SAR Communications, Surface & Aviation Resources, Flare Incidents, AUXFAC Lab, Rescue Planning, Review

Day 4: District & Sector Requirements Review, Final Written Exam, Final Practical Exam

## National Night Out in Shady Side

On Tuesday, August 1, flotilla members Chris Jensen along with Sherry and Patrick Marnell helped to support the National Night Out in Shady Side, MD.

This annual event, which takes place in thousands of communities across the nation, typically draws a large crowd of residents from the Shady Side and Cedarhurst neighborhoods. It can best be described as one, giant block party!

National Night Out is also a great opportunity for police and community partnerships to join together in a positive way and enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement.

*Frank Voltaggio*

Editor of the Life Lines, 23-7

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## Flotilla Commanders Academies Scheduled

Dates and times for this year's Sector Maryland-National Capital Region Flotilla Commander Academies are now set. Flotilla Commander Academies are one-day workshops focused on teaching how to be an effective flotilla or division leader. The focus is on practical skills, predictable challenges, building staff, and recruiting and developing new members. Although Flotilla Commanders and Vice Commanders are strongly encouraged to attend, all members interested in serving in any leadership capacity (either now or in the future) are welcome.

The workshop will be held from 0830-1600 on the following dates and locations:

**Saturday, November 11**, Berry Hall, Curtis Bay Coast Guard Yard, 2401 Hawkins Point Rd, Curtis Bay, MD

**Sunday, November 12**, Meba Engineering School, 27050 St Michaels Rd, Easton, MD

Uniform of the Day: Tropical Blue  
Cost: Free

Pre-registrations are strongly encouraged as space is limited. Pre-register with John Sill, ADSO-MT, [johnesill@verizon.net](mailto:johnesill@verizon.net).

Questions? Please ask.

*John Sill, A DSO-MT*

Sector Maryland-National Capital Region



## my.cgauX Update

The my.cgauX member portal was launched in August 2016, part of a long-term plan to make it easier for members to collaborate, communicate, and lead our organization. We are continuing to progress towards that goal.

The Auxiliary Communities of Interest are active, and members have taken advantage of features such as private messaging to collaborate and conduct business. Additionally, members have begun using my.cgauX on their mobile devices, a capability that was added in January 2017.

We are enhancing the member communications and information resources available in my.cgauX. Now available are:

A link to the Currents digest under the National drop-down menu on the dashboard. Additionally, recent ALAUX and L2 Leadership Link messages are in the National Documents menu, under Directories. These messages provide information and announcements such as policy changes and new programs. Topics of interest can be found using the powerful my.cgauX search engine. A link to a more complete ALAUX archive is on the main dashboard page.

The Help Desk Knowledgebase is a link under the Resources menu. The Knowledgebase provides answers to common questions received by the IT Help Desk. You may be able to find the answer to your question here without the need to submit a Help Desk ticket.

Mission Descriptions are under Directories. This is a stepping stone in our goal to enable mission activity visibility, and then reporting, directly through my.cgauX.

As you can see we are continuing to make progress in our plan to make my.cgauX the place to go to find and share information, thoughts and ideas. To explore my.cgauX visit: <https://cgauX.org/swl/login.php> and login with your Member Zone user ID and password.

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Thank you all for your  
dedicated service to our  
great Nation!

Our nation has just experienced a series of natural disasters that tapped the resources of the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security, as well as those of our partner agencies at the State and local levels, to launch an immediate and effective response. Your role as qualified members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary was to provide mission support on an as-needed basis according to specialty.

In August 1998, the Coast Guard/State Support Directorate, Department of Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, Department of Operations, issued a document prepared by a committee of the Auxiliary National Staff, in close cooperation with the Coast Guard, entitled "Guidelines for Emergency Response Planning for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary." This document states that the *"Coast Guard Auxiliary unit emergency operations do not exist in a vacuum. In practically all circumstances, the role of the Auxiliary will be to support an emergency response led by others. The lead organization may be a Coast Guard command. In other cases, it may be a State or county agency....."*

You fulfilled that role and mission by making yourself available for deployment to the areas affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. You altered your personal life to "stand by," if needed, thus providing the Coast Guard with a valuable resource, for which I am personally grateful.

Your steadfast support of the Coast Guard is a significant source of strength which lies within the auxiliary membership and is a continuing source of pride to the Coast Guard and the public. You were "Semper Paratus."

The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed reflect credit upon all our members and

is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Bravo Zulu!

*Richard Washburn*

National Commodore

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## Paddlers Wanted

Participation in paddle sports has grown dramatically in recent years. Low entry cost, easy storage, less maintenance and flexibility are reasons many have decided to become paddlers, compared to power or sailing craft. In the past, would-be paddlers often went to specialty stores to get information and advice from retailers who were paddlers themselves. The majority of boats sold now come from general merchandisers and "big box" outlets whose staff may not be knowledgeable about the details of the sport. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Paddlecraft Safety program AUXPAD helps fill this gap for novice paddlers.

If you are a paddler and would like to participate actively in AUXPAD, we would like to hear from you about your skills and training. You can make a major difference in helping to reduce fatalities and serious incidents among paddlers.

If you are interested in the AUXPAD program, please contact Don Goff at [don.goff@cgauxnet.us](mailto:don.goff@cgauxnet.us). Send a brief, one page bio outlining your Auxiliary and paddling experience and particularly whether you hold any paddling certifications and from what body. If you have experience but no certifications, please don't hesitate to step in. There may be opportunities ahead this year for you to become further qualified.

Please contact me as soon as you can so that we can get going this boating season. You will receive further instructions following receipt of your email. Thanks and please Paddle Responsibly.

*Don Goff,*

N-PC



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## RESULTS OF UNIFORM BOARD 47

1. This ALCOAST issues new guidance and reports the results from Uniform Board No. 47. These policy changes have been approved by the Commandant and are effective immediately. These changes will be incorporated into the next revision of REF (a), to be released within the next year.

A. AUTHORIZE THE WEAR OF UNIT T-SHIRTS: Operational unit commanders may authorize unit T-shirts to be worn in lieu of the standard blue crew neck t-shirt when worn with the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) and with the blouse removed. Unit t-shirts may be worn after the standard workday, but not while on watch or when engaged with the public and/or with other units outside the command. The Unit t-shirt must be of the same color, fabric and style as the standard ODU blue crew neck t-shirt. All logo(s), names, symbols, etc. must not be visible when worn with the ODU blouse. Unit t-shirt designs must be command approved, and shall be in good taste as to not offend others or bring discredit upon the Coast Guard (CG) or its people. In order to maintain exacting quality standards and uniformity of product specifications, unit t-shirts are required to be procured via the CG Exchange System (CGX).

The CGX Point of Contact is Ms. Terri Holman who may be contacted at (757) 842-4945 or via e-mail [terri.holman@cgexchange.org](mailto:terri.holman@cgexchange.org).

B. AUTHORIZE THE WEAR OF UNIT CREW NECK SWEATSHIRTS: Operational unit commanders may authorize a Unit crew neck sweatshirt to be worn in lieu of the ODU blouse. Wear is limited to onboard operational units after the standard work day, but not while on watch or when engaged with the public and/or other units outside the command. Unit sweatshirt designs must be command approved, and shall be in good taste as to not offend others or bring discredit upon the CG or its people. In order to maintain exacting quality standards and uniformity of product

specifications, unit sweat shirts are required to be procured via the CG Exchange System (CGX). The CGX Point of Contact is Ms. Terri Holman who may be contacted at (757) 842-4945 or via e-mail [terri.holman@cgexchange.org](mailto:terri.holman@cgexchange.org).

C. STANDARD BLUE ODU T-SHIRT WITH EMBROIDERY OR PRINTED LETTERING: The requirement for embroidery or printed "U.S. COAST GUARD" lettering on the standard blue ODU crew neck t-shirt is removed. Embroidered or printed t-shirts are authorized until no longer serviceable or otherwise directed by higher authority.

D. ODU TROUSER USCG EMBROIDERED EMBLEM: The requirement for ODU trousers to have the CG emblem embroidered on the leg pocket flaps is removed. Embroidered ODU trousers are authorized until no longer serviceable or directed by a higher authority.

E. AUTHORIZED FEMALE HAIR ACCESSORIES: Uniform policy authorizing female hair accessories is revised to include the hair claw. The hair claw shall be wingless; not to exceed 3 inches in length and 1 inch in width. The hair claw shall be black, navy blue, brown or a color similar to the individual's hair color and shall not interfere with the proper wearing of head gear (and/or safety gear). Commanding officers may restrict the wear of hair accessories while engaged in operational environments where there is a risk for foreign object damage (FOD) hazards or for personnel safety.

F. FEMALE HAIR GROOMING STANDARDS (BUN SIZE REQUIREMENTS): Uniform policy revises the current hair bun size limitation from 2 inches and is increased to a maximum of 3 inches. The bun may touch the collar, but may not fall below the bottom edge of the shirt collar or jacket collar, with exception to the foul weather parka.

G. FEMALE HAIR GROOMING STANDARDS (AUTHORIZED HAIRSTYLES): Uniform policy

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regarding authorized female hair styles is revised to add the term “locks” to section 2.B of REF (a) as an authorized hair style. Commanding officers shall insure all haircuts and styles present a balanced, neat, professional and well groomed appearance.

H. FEMALE HAIR GROOMING STANDARDS (HAIR STYLES REQUIREMENTS): Uniform policy authorizing female hair styles is modified to increase the diameter of braids, cornrows, locks and twists from ¼ inch to ½ inch with no more than a ¼ inch space between rows.

I. FEMALE HAIR GROOMING STANDARDS (PONYTAIL REQUIREMENTS): Uniform policy regarding the female ponytail is revised to clarify that the ponytail end shall be neatly and inconspicuously fastened, pinned or secured to the head at all times.

J. ODU BLOUSE SLEEVES: The ODU blouse is authorized to be worn with sleeves up or down based on individual preference, unless greater uniformity is required by the command, i.e. uniform inspections, boarding teams, official visits, etc.

K. U.S. COAST GUARD FITTED BALL CAP: An optional U.S. Coast Guard fitted ball cap (standard or unit) is authorized for wear in lieu of the standard U.S. Coast Guard hook and loop adjustable ball cap. A product specification is under development by the Clothing Design Technical Office (CDTO), which will be provided to the Coast Guard Exchange System (CGES) for future production and standardized procurement. Fitted ball caps shall only be purchased from the Coast Guard Exchange System (CGX) in order to maintain uniformity and adherence to the design specification. The CGX Point of Contact is Ms. Terri Holman who may be contacted at (757) 842-4945 or via e-mail [terri.holman@cgexchange.org](mailto:terri.holman@cgexchange.org).

L. BOONIE CAP: Uniform policy regarding the wear of the Boonie cap is revised to authorize

wear as either optional or organizational clothing item while conducting operations in adverse environmental conditions, unless the command determines a greater degree of uniformity is required. The Boonie cap is only authorized for wear with the ODU.

M. COLD WEATHER CAP INSIGNIA: An appropriate rank specific combination cap insignia as listed in 4.A of REF (a) is now mandatory for placement on the Cold Weather Cap visor. The visor shall remain snapped in the up position to allow full visibility of the rank insignia. The insignia shall be centered on the forward facing portion of the cap visor.

N. KNIT WATCH CAP: Uniform policy regarding wear of the knit watch cap is revised to authorize the wear of the knit watch cap with the ODU during operational activities or as authorized by the command due to inclement weather.

O. ENLISTED SERVICE DRESS BLUE COAT (SDB): Uniform policy regarding the placement of the CG Shield on the enlisted SDB coat sleeve is changed from its current placement, “midway between the elbow and cuff” to the new authorized placement, “bottom of the shield being located 4 inches up from the sleeve cuff”, to allow for greater uniformity. Current SDB coats with attached shields are authorized until no longer serviceable, or until October 1, 2025, or as otherwise directed by higher authority.

P. EYEWEAR RETAINERS WHILE IN UNIFORM: Eyewear retainers (strap, cord, etc.) are authorized to be worn with the ODU, Tropical Blue and Winter Dress Blue uniforms in a work environment. Retainers shall be either plain black or dark blue, and may be worn loose or tightly fitted to the head. The hanging of eyewear loosely around the neck for short periods of time is authorized; eyewear shall not be worn on the top or back of the head or cover when not in use. Commands may restrict the wear of eyewear retainers, when greater uniformity is required except for tight fitting retainer straps as required for safety. (continued on page 11)

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Q. AUTHORIZED WEAR OF SPIRIT ACCESSORIES FOR CG ACADEMY CADETS: The CG Academy Commandant of Cadets or as directed by the chain of command may authorize the optional wear of “Spirit Accessories” by Coast Guard Academy Cadets while in uniform during significant varsity and club level events. Spirit accessories include but are not limited to: a single button not larger than four inches in diameter, scarf, pennant, or foam hand. Spirit accessories shall conform to a conservative nature and shall not overtly distract from a sharp military and professional appearance. Spirit accessories are not authorized for wear during the national anthem or when formal military decorum is appropriate.

R. BACKPACKS: Backpacks may be worn while in the ODU uniform with the straps over both shoulders (fore to aft) or with the left shoulder carrying strap over the left shoulder when using a single strap. Training Commands and the CG Academy may authorize the limited wear of backpacks in the same manner as specified above with the Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue and Winter Dress Blue uniforms and while onboard the training facility only.

2. In addition to the above items, a work group will be established to further evaluate a number of female specific uniform proposals. These proposals will be developed and researched with the assistance of the COMDT (CG-12B). Diversity Staff and will be considered for uniform board vote at a future date.

3. The Uniform Program is also engaged in several new initiatives. In partnership with the U.S. Air Force, we are conducting a limited user wear test to evaluate design enhancements to the Light Blue Dress Shirt portfolio. Design enhancements include a change in fabric to a softer more flexible fabric along with addressing modesty concerns. The pattern has also been modified to provide a more modern tapered fit in the shirt body. There is also a limited user wear test evaluation of the Maternity ODU Uniform.

Design modifications include addressing concern over sleeve tightness, belly panel discomfort, pocket locations, size issues and length of the Maternity ODU blouse. Uniform Board 46 authorized review of the current ODU uniform to look for ways to improve the overall comfort. Our CDTO office worked with DOD and industry to develop a material that is lighter in weight, has improved air permeability, dries quicker and allows for increased comfort when worn in hot/humid environments. The wear test evaluation for this ODU variant will begin in the next few months to determine if the desired characteristics have been achieved while maintaining durability in an operational environment. All limited user evaluations should be complete, reviewed and final determinations made by spring of CY18.

4. As a reminder IAW REF (a), uniform items presented to and disapproved by the Uniform Board require a two year wait or the passing of two uniform boards before they will be reconsidered. Items presented to the board, disapproved, and within the two year/two board period may be considered pending new and relevant information.

5. The Uniform Program relies on field level input to enhance our uniforms and wear policy. All submissions provide value to the uniform program and even though a submission may not have been approved, policy clarifications, quality assurance, and other program elements may have been enhanced during the evaluation of the submission. A listing of submissions that were not approved can be found on the Military Uniforms Branch (PSC-PSD-MU) website at <http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Human-Resources-CG-1/Personnel-Service-Center-PSC/Personnel-Services-Division-PSC-PSD/Military-Uniforms-Branch-PSC-PSD-mu/Military-Uniforms-Program-Office/>.

6. Thank you to the members of Uniform Board 47 and to those who submitted suggestions.

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Suggestions can be submitted at any time to the uniform program. Members and commands should refer to REF (a) for official guidance on uniform matters. The contents of this ALCOAST are intended to augment existing policy in REF (a). For questions regarding uniform policy and/or board submissions, please contact CWO Alex J. Acevedo at [Alex.J.Acevedo@uscg.mil](mailto:Alex.J.Acevedo@uscg.mil) or (703) 872-6659. Uniform availability and ordering questions can be directed to the Uniform Distribution Center at (800) 874-6844.

7. Released by RDML M. T. Bell Jr., Commander, CG Personnel Service Center.



L to R: Dale Helms, DCDR 23, Al Springer 22-05, Ed Martin 23-01, and Earnie Stevens 5th Northern. This was a great example of different divisions and Districts getting together



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