

# Chesapeake Chapter

## Division 23 5SR



Top Left : Dale Helms is honored by his Florida and Division upon his retirement. John Fewer, DCDR congratulates Dale. Top right: Ordice Gallups who crossed the bar on 14 March 2019. Bottom: Sam Tilly, DCAPT SM-NCR gives oath of office to Willie Fewers, DVCDR and John Fewer, DCDR

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Spring Time is here and it is time for Safe Boating education to be in full swing. A round of applause goes out to Flo-la's that have recently completed the Auxiliary Safe Boating Classes during the winter months. Now it is time to put full effort into Public Affairs and starting with National Safe Boating Week – May 18 -24 and the numerous Boat Shows followed by VEs get onto Vessel Safety Checks and boat crews participating in Safety and Regatta Patrols. Everyone's participation is needed so we can be a success.

The Coast Guard has recently recognized Auxiliarist that served in the Military during the Vietnam War era. Vietnam Veteran Pins are being distributed to Auxiliarist that were identified by Flo-la Commanders to have served during the Vietnam era. Any member that served in the U.S. Military, and did not receive a Pin, should contact their Flo-la Commander so they can be recognized. A list of division members who have already received their pin are listed on page 13.

Willie and I would like to thank all Flo-la Commanders, and their staffs for updating their Standing Rules and Emergency Contingency Plans. Hopefully we will not need to use them, but they are ready if we do.

Semper Paratus

*John Fewer*

Division Commander

## Auxiliarist of the Year 2018

Each year a member is chosen to be the Auxiliarist of the Year for the division and each Flo-la. For 2018 they are:

23-1 - Margaret Butler

23-2 – Gary Smith

23-3 – Paul Deafenbaugh

23-6 – Raymond (RT) West

23-7 – Paul Manicone

Division – Margaret Butler

*Connie Cosgrove*

SO-PB



## Ordice Gallups Crosses the Bar

Auxiliarist Ordice Gallups Crossed the Bar on 14 March 2019. Ordice diligently served in the Auxiliary since 11 April 2000. He worked tirelessly to teach members the many skills that Auxiliarist need to have to perform the many duties our members can participate in to assist the United States Coast Guard.

Funeral Services for Ordice began with Wake Services on 8 April at Jesus the Good Shepard Church. A celebration of Life was held on 9 April at St. Luke's at Immaculate Conception Church in Washington, D.C. followed by Interment at the Good Shepard Church on 10 April.

Auxiliarist from Division 23 attended all three days to provide support to Ordice's wife, Vivian, as Honor Guards & Pall Bearers.

The below was read, by the Division Commander, to Family and friends attending the Wake Services on 8 April.

"The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary was originally formed in 1939 to enable civilians to assist the Coast Guard to perform on the water lifesaving duties and encourage boaters to safely operate their vessels when on the water. The Auxiliary is comprised of men and women who volunteer their services to the Coast Guard and their country.

Ordice joined the Auxiliary on 11 April 2000. He took on his membership duties with a sense of personal pride that was an example for all Auxiliarist to follow.

Ordice gave to his country and fellow members the best of what the Auxiliary stands for having dedicated over 15,921 hours to the Auxiliary since joining.

Ordice was especially keen on assisting members as a public educator and diversity specialist. He

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2018 Board & Staff

DCDR: John Fewer

VCDR: Willie Wheeler

IPDCDR:

## 23-1 - Annapolis

Marie Squillace, Floila Commander

Michael Adams, Vice Floila Commander

## 23-2 - Solomons

Earl Kaufman, Floila Commander

Gary Smith, Vice Floila Commander

## 23-3 - West Annapolis

Dorothy Neiman, Floila Commander

John Wilson, Vice Floila Commander

## 23-4 - South River

Michael Whitman, Floila Commander

Bruce Petro, Vice Floila Commander

## 23-6 - Drum Point

Mark Campbell, Floila Commander

Steve Birchfield, Vice Floila Commander

## 23-7 - Herring Bay

Christopher Jensen, Floila Commander

Paul Manicone, Vice Floila Commander

## Division Staff

SO-CM - Jim Welday

SO-CS - Wendy Norwitz

SO-DV - Margaret Butler

SO-FN - Michael Taylor

SO-FS - Ron Hillarad

SO-HR - Dave Keyser

SO-IS - Ronald Hillard

SO-MA - Christopher Jensen

SO-MS - Ronald Price

SO-MT - Ray Feller

SO-NS - Robert Glenn Wright

SO-OP - Phil Wentz

SO-PA - Le Roy Culley

SO-PB - Connie Cosgrove

SO-PE - Margaret Butler

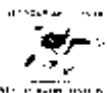
SO-PV - Christopher Jensen

SO-SR - Elaine Griffin

SO-VE - Kirby Garland

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served at both the *IIa* and division levels as a *sta* *cer* for diversity and public educa *n*.

The Auxiliary requires Auxiliarist to become cer *-* *ed* in the a *es* they are performing on behalf of the Coast Guard. The quali *ca* *ns* for cer *a* *n* are not easy and require many hours of study and tes *g* before the cer *ca* *n* is granted. Ordice spent long hours being trained and then training others to achieve their quali *ca* *ns* so they could perform their authorized a *es*.

I would like to give everyone a brief summary of what Ordice accomplished in those 19 years of membership. The list is long and I am proud to have the opportunity to read it *to* you.

At the *of* his passing, Ordice Gallups held cur *-* *ent* quali *ca* *ns* as a:

- Assistant Harbor Safety Specialist
- Auxiliary Public A *airs* Specialist
- Auxiliary Trident Device
- Finger Print Technician
- Instructor
- Marine Safety Watchstander
- Telecommunica *ns* Operator

As a result of his dedica *n* to duty, Ordice was well recognized by the Auxiliary for his accomplish *-* *ments*.

He received the –  
Auxiliary Public Educa *n* Service Ribbon  
Marine Safety Training Ribbon  
Special Opera *ns* Service Ribbon  
Sustained Auxiliary Service Award—Eleven Times  
CG Unit Commenda *n* Award—Four Times  
Auxiliary Opera *ns* Service Award—Three Times  
Auxiliary Membership Service Award—Two Times  
Auxiliary Public Educa *n* Award—Two Times  
Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commenda *n*—  
Two Times  
Auxiliary Commandant's Le *er* of Commenda *n*  
Auxiliary Commenda *n* Award  
Presiden *I* Unit Cita *n*

As the current Division 23 Commander, I want to thank Ordice, and his wife, Vivian, (who has also

been an Auxiliarist for almost 18 years) for their service to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Ordice's service and de *on* to duty was an exam *-* *ple* for all of us to admire and be thankful for. On behalf of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, we thank you Ordice for showing us how to be b *er* Auxiliarist and we wish you to always have fair winds"

### 2018 Opera Facility (OPFAC) Awards

The bronze and silver opera *awards* for 2018 were presented at the Change of Watch (COW) that was held on Saturday, 26 January by Phil Wentz, SO-OP.

The owner of the OPFAC receives a bronze decal to adhere to the facility if the facility was on patrol for 25-64 hours. OPFACs with 64 and over hours receive a silver decal.

Bronze award winners were:

Aeryn McCoy with 25 hours, Doug Robinson  
Tinker Toy with 28.1 hours, Walt Discenza  
Gesture with 29.3 hours, Ed M *n*  
Hawk II with 34 hours, Wendy Norwitz  
Salty Dog with 34 hours, Ron Price  
26413 with 40.7 hours, Brian Teague  
Robin Marie with 50 hours, Phil Wentz

Silver award winners were:

Chessie with 65 hours, Don Parker  
Delta 4 with 68.1 hours, Jim Welday  
Galileo with 74.4 hours, Darian Pringle  
Puddle Pirate with 74.6, Marie Squillace  
Sun Room with 101.5 hours, Jim Farrell  
Liz Reese with 106.4 hours, Ray Feller  
Splash, with 126.4 hours, Gary Smith  
Family Time with 171.9 hours, John Fewer

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## Farewell, Ordice. Farewell, Fair winds and following seas forever

Ordice Gallups, Jr. was a valued member of Flotilla 23-04. During his Auxiliary career, which began in April 2000, he served the Auxiliary by performing excellently in numerous appointed and elected positions in Flotilla and within Division 23.

Ordice was an excellent and patient instructor; and, served along with his wife, Vivian who would usually accompany him. They imparted their knowledge of the sometimes-confusing topics of boating, boating laws, and boating related subjects to students in Auxiliary public education classes. Ordice presentations were always thorough, clear and understandable, which was very much appreciated by those enrolled in the classes. Ordice was a Champion for Diversity initiatives.

While we honor and cherish the memory of our shipmate, Ordice Gallups, it is for ourselves that we should mourn; for a good friend has slipped his moorings in the night and is no longer among us. We will miss his hand on the helm. We will miss his shoulder next to ours. We will miss his encouragement and counsel as we meet the storms of our life. We will miss his gentle nature and friendly persuasion.

We of the Coast Guard Auxiliary mourn our loss, but we are consoled by the abiding faith that, when the eternal watch changes for us and we too cross the bar, our shipmate will be waiting to guide us to safe anchorage. We, his fellow members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, honor his memory.

*Margaret Butler*

LayLeader, D5SR

## West chosen 23-6 Auxiliarist of the Year



Raymond T West Jr. is FSO -PE for Flotilla 23-06 - Drum Point. He has effectively communicated the vision of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program (RBS) to

ensure the public has a safe, secure recreation experience on our waterways. RT reinforces the training, outreach promotional programs to limit personal injury, loss of life and property damage associated with accidents, and accentuate the recreation boater educational awareness.

He administers RBS classes throughout Calvert County, proctoring classes with the support of fellow instructors, mentoring boaters in the fundamentals of safety and education challenges, during the year. Guiding mariners through boat plans, universal distress signals, logistics of navigation proper wear of Personal Flotation Device (PFD), identification of the parts of the boat and how to survive the elements in an accident on the water until help arrives.

He supports Public Affairs events in the State of Maryland and Calvert County such as PRAD, National Night Out, and National Safe Boating Week proclamation ceremony by County Commissioners. He prepares and sets up Flotilla displays in the Calvert County Library, etc. The common thread in the majority of his efforts is to spread the word of boating responsibly. His interest is to support the outreach missions and continually build a foundation of learning for the boating public.

During 2018, the Flotilla was requested to be one of the participants in the Summer Safety Stand-down. The stand-down was scheduled for active duty military personnel at two different venues, Joint Base Andrews and Patuxent Naval Station with the focus on boating safety management, safety equipment and operating under the influence. The goal was to reinforce the points of

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safety and present the USCG Auxiliary educational program within the allotted criteria set by the military safety program.

Auxiliarist West led the program to include relating to the following topics:

1. Goals to reduce mortality/accidents by pointing out solutions to encourage responsible boating.
2. Accident prevention by wearing proper safety equipment (Don a life jacket).
3. Take a boater safety course and follow the rules of the road.
4. Have a vessel safety inspection for equipment check and proper equipment function.
5. Risk management, boating responsibly and not operating under the influence.
6. Contributory factors of incidents are operator inexperience, improper lookout and attention.

He navigated the outline as well as a mariner on the sea. Pointing out situational occurrences commonly referred to in Team Coordinated Training, excessive speed, wake restrictions, operator errors/inexperience, overloading of vessels, sharp sudden/turns, etc. Other factors such as fatigue, weather or health issues.

He was the main liaison for the mission, the primary point of contact, scouted and surveyed the presentation area, and help build an effective presentation.

His emphasis was direct but clear, polished but concise. He challenged the crews to review and follow Maryland guidelines for safe boating, manage their risk but understand circumstances to prevent accidents and their causes.

I am honored to present to Auxiliarist West the Floila 23-6 2018 Auxiliarist of the Year award for his fortitude and responsiveness to be a complimentary educational resource for the Floila and the Auxiliary.

Bravo Zulu

*Mark Campbell*

Floila Commander, 23-6

## Awards



**AUXOP**

Marie Squillace, 23-1

### Membership Service Awards

5 years

Adam Yearwood, Shane Bartus  
and Irving McConnell, 23-1

Anthony Wieniewski, 23-3

10 years

Margaret Butler, 23-1

15 years

Ray Feller and Valerie Rountree, 23-6

20 years

David Keyser, 23-6

Travis Ball, 23-7

45 years

Phil Wentz, 23-7

55 years

John Johnson, 23-2

### Program Visitor

Ron Hillard and Lawrence Buss, 23-2

### Instructor

Mark Bertacchi & John Wilson

— 23-3

### Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Awards

60 Operational hours or more

Ray Feller and Harry Scofield, 23-6

In excess of 200 Operational support hours

Harry Scofield, 23-6

In excess of 60 Vessel Exams or Program Visits

William E Smith Jr. & Peggy Whilden, 23-6

### 2018 Three Star Diversity Award

23-6 (third time winning)

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## Farrell receives Auxiliary Achievement Award

On 17 April 2019, CDR Eric May awarded the Floila 23-01 medal to give the Floila members an oversight on Opportunities for Auxiliarist. Before making his presentation, Commander May presented the Auxiliary Achievement Medal to Aux. Jim Farrell for his many years of service as Auxiliary Unit Coordinator to Station Annapolis. The citation read:

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL  
TO: MR. JAMES B. FARRELL  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Mr. Farrell is cited for superior performance while serving as Auxiliary Unit Coordinator, Coast Guard Station Annapolis, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region from January 2008 to December 2018. Demonstrating exceptional competence and skill, he coordinated multiple high-profile missions, including the U.S. Naval Academy Blue Angels graduation, the Great Chesapeake Bay Bridge Swims and Paddles, and Schooner races. Exercising keen managerial and organizational abilities, he controlled assets for various Auxiliary Divisions, in close coordination with key State and Local agencies stakeholders to accurately monitor and secure critical safety zones. Thanks to his efforts, the Blue Angels events ensured hundreds of spectator boats remained clear of designated exclusion zones. Similarly, during the Bay Bridge Swims and Paddle events, he helped ensure the

safety and security for hundreds of swimmers and paddlers, while minimizing impacts to commercial and recreational boating traffic. Finally, Mr. Farrell is commended for his operational and administrative excellence. During his tenure, he led the Boat Crew Qualification training program, personally devoting hundreds of hours ensuring coxswain and boat crew candidates received optimal training and on-water experience. Thanks to his tenacity, over 250 members earned their qualification further serving as a force multiplier to Station Annapolis. Mr. Farrell's diligence, perseverance and devotion to duty are most highly commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Congratulations!!!!

*John Fewer*

DCDR

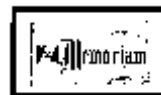


## New Members

Since the last issue of the Charter the following have joined Division 23 as new members. Please welcome these members and offer to be of any assistance you can.

Shannon Woods – 23-1

James Fay, 23-2



Levesque, Flaila 23-4

Crosses the Bar

Joseph Roland Eugene Levesque, 81, of Harmans, Md. passed away on April 6, 2019 at the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center. Joseph was a member of 23-4 and in 2014 he was named Auxiliarist of the Year. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Keough Council #5263, and American Legion Post 0297.

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## Annual Change of Watch (COW) held

Division 23 held their annual COW on 26 January at the Rendons Golf and Country Club in Davidsonville. Unlike some years, it was dry and sunny.

After a social hour Jim Welday, Master of Ceremonies called the event to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Margaret Butler explained the missing man table and led us in an invocation. Jim Welday introduced Sam Tilley, District Captain (DCAPT) – Sector MD National Capital Region (SMNCR) and Mr. John Galleazzi, Auxiliary Sector Coordinator SM-NCR. Members enjoyed a buffet luncheon of prime rib, chicken parmesan and ravioli.

The program began with the oath of office to the Division Commander (DCDR) and Division Vice Commander (DVCDR). John Galleazzi read the prologue and DCAPT Sam Tilley swore in John Fewer, DCDR and Willie Peters, DVCDR. The DCDR and DVCDR then swore in the Floila Commanders and the Division Staff.

Division awards were presented following the oath of office. Division awards went to:  
Public Education – Margaret Butler  
Publication – Connie Cosgrove  
Vessel Examiner – Tom Hardisty  
Marine Safety – Wendy Norwitz  
Crewmember of the year – Robin Ouelle  
Coxswain of the year – John Fewer  
Aids to Navigation – Ed Ma  
Public Affairs – John Johnson  
Marine Dealer Visits – Chris Jensen

Phil Wentz presented the OPFAC bronze and silver awards. Marie Squillace was presented her AUXOP pin.

John Galleazzi, on behalf of Sector MNCR, presented Chris Jensen with the Sector Maryland-NCR Command Challenge Coin Recognition.

Dale Helms retired from the Auxiliary at the end of 2018 with 15 years of service. Dorothy Neiman, FC

23-3 presented Dale with his retirement certificate and picture from the Floila. John Fewer presented Dale with a compass from the Division.

The final award of the evening went to Margaret Butler, Division Auxiliary of the Year.

John Galleazzi delivered the remarks from Sector Baltimore. He said, "The division had impressive numbers in patrol stats. Your division supports four areas of responsibility (AOR) and you had 23,000 hours of patrol time. You supported Sector MD in major events like to Bay Swim and Fleet Week." John also said, "In 2019 the CG wants us to focus on recreational boating safety missions and reach as many people as possible. Each of you find your talents for support the CG. I look forward to your continued support in marine events and all our missions.

DCAPT Sam Tilley told members that the Floila is at the ground level and recreational boating safety is a priority #1. Sam said, "If they wind us up and send us in the right direction we get the job done."

The District Commodore's watch words are:

**Recruitment** – find a way to get new people. After we bring them in mentor them.

**Spark** – we are the spark

**Connect** – help our new people find their spark

John Fewer thanked Sam and John for a ending. DCDR Fewer said, "you are the leaders in our boating communities. I look forward to working with everyone in 2019. We never know whose life is saved through our PE classes."

The program ended with door prizes and the 50/50 drawing. Proceeds from the raffle were donated to those at Station St. Inigoes and Station Annapolis who had been affected by the government shutdown. John Galleazzi won the raffle and donated his position back for the Station.

*Connie Cosgrove*

SO-PB



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## Stations Annapolis Open House Scheduled

To launch National Safe Boating Week, 18-24 May, Auxiliary from Division 054-23 will support the Stations Annapolis Open House on Saturday, 18 May from 0900 to 1500.

The goal of the open house is to introduce the community to first responders on the water. The Stations are going to have:

- A CG helo as well as a state helo
- NRP vessel station display
- NRP canine
- CG recruiting booth
- CG Auxiliary safety booth
- Boat crew training i.e. line heaving etc.
- Boat rides out to Thomas Point
- A video about the Stations
- Drinks and refreshments will be available
- They are working with the Annapolis FD to get some of their vehicles/vessels and stations to participate.
- The Anne Arundel blood mobile will be on site from 0900 to 1500.

The event will provide opportunities to schedule vessel safety inspections and an opportunity to sign up for the Maryland State Safe Boating courses.

Vessel Safety Inspections will be available by land or by water. Inspections will be first come first serve on a reservation only basis starting at 9am and concluding at 2:30 pm. Reservations will be available every 30 minutes and can be made by calling the U.S. Coast Guard Station Annapolis.

The HH-65 Dolphin will be on display from 1300-1500.

We are looking for Coast Auxiliary FSOs, PE, VE, OP, MA and MS in the Annapolis AOR to participate in the open house. For more information on how to get involved, Auxiliary staffing rotation during the event, conduct vessel examinations and general information contact Lt Roy (Roy) Culley (culleyroy@gmail.com), Public Affairs Station

or Margaret Butler, (Mbutler@usa.com) Public Education Station or Jim Beyea, (J.S.Beyea@gmail.com).

*Margaret Butler*

SO-PE

## IS YOUR "GO BAG" READY TO GO?

Go Bags are a necessary part of being ready for an emergency. The Coast Guard Auxiliary wants all Auxiliaryists to prepare for when we may be needed for an emergency or assigned to duty.

The following will allow you to have your Go Bag ready to go:

Extra set of ODUs with black boots  
Black socks, T-Shirt, Underwear  
Toilet kit (Shower supplies, Toothpaste, etc.)  
Roll of toilet paper in a zip-lock bag  
Pack of wet wipes  
Head Lamp (Petzi or Princeton-Tec)  
3 days of food (MREs, Energy Bars, Trail Mix, etc.)  
3 1-Liter bottles of water  
First Aid Kit  
Roll of duct tape  
Folding knife  
Writing pad and pens  
Work gloves  
Personal medicines  
Extra batteries for any personal electronics

### If being assigned to a boat, add the following:

Life jacket with SAR vest and all PPE attached  
Rain suit  
Bug spray  
Sun Screen  
Baseball style cap, Boonie or Tilley Hat  
Safety glasses/Sunglasses  
Small backpack items you will carry onto the boat.

*Sherry Spillman*

Public Affairs Officer

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## Diversity

The Fabulous 5<sup>th</sup> District Southern Region (D5SR) is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment, a journey guided by the deeply held values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. As America's Guardians, we understand that diversity is not a problem to be solved, but is an asset to be developed.

The D5SR 2018-2020 Vision Statement is *"The Fabulous 5<sup>th</sup> is the best trained, most diverse, reliable and steadfast maritime volunteers available to support to the U.S. Coast Guard, its mission and the recreational boating public."* District Commodore (DCO) Michelle M. Thornton.

In an effort to equip the D5SR Floillas diversity goals and support participation in NACO 3 Star Award for Excellence in Diversity award for 2019, the District Staff Sergeant-DV, Kenneth Chandler and Assistant District Staff Sergeant-DV, Margaret Butler have launched a series of monthly Diversity Workshops. The D5S Diversity Workshops are an interactive collaboration held the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month** from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. This forum serves as an additional aid to Floillas, Division leadership, and its membership to equip the Fabulous 5<sup>th</sup> with:

- Training/Best practices of Diversity topics impacting USCG AUX operations
- 2019 NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity goals, objectives, and ideas for achievement
- Round table discussion addressing barriers deploying a successful DV-Program

As a reminder, the NACO application period for the next award period covers diversity activity from 1 January through December (2018). D5SR Floillas should be documenting the accomplishments for that period in order to submit the NACO 3 Star Award for Excellence in Diversity award for the 2019 application by the 30 June 2019 deadline. Comparably, 30 June marks the halfway point for the NACO 3 Star Award for Excellence in Diversity award reporting period for 2020. You are cordially invited to join us to learn how to integrate the

NACO 3 Star Goals for creating a positive environment, value all members, promote individual success and carrying out diverse outreach values in the community in all your Recreational Boating Safety Programs.

*Margaret Butler*

ADSO Diversity Staff Sergeant,

## Model the Way

In the event of Lapse of Appropriations, the United States Coast Guard and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has demonstrated a willingness to reach out and lend a hand. What a wonderful opportunity we share as Auxiliarist to belong to an organization which dedicates itself to a theme/motto of Semper Paratus. We continue to shoulder many burdens and commit to areas of responsible boating, education and safety to the public. **But we are much more!**

Day to day, as we move through our daily routines and obligations this theme reminds me of another theme I remember. A song, **"Reach Out and Touch (Somebody's Hand)"** was the debut solo single of Motown singer Diana Ross, released in April 1970. What a wonderful opportunity we share today during the many up's and down's people in our community struggle with just to render a sample of dignity and sense of respect to get out and help in a time of crisis.

I am proud to stand behind a nation that fights for the individual rights and freedom of all citizens no matter what their current status, economic class, race, religion etc., We live in the United States of America a country that has always been open to lending a hand, establishing governance to rule in war and peace. No crisis has ever been too large or shallow for us to work through. **This is no different!**

What a wonderful opportunity to show ourselves to the nation and our communities than to wear our colors (ODU's), go out, and lend a hand. We have lived through many eras of history of culture

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that has not always been pleasant or just, but we always demonstrated our resolve to stand as citizens united in common goals as humanitarians. Diversity is a common thread that builds our ladder to a higher calling.

I recall the Hands Across America movement that showed when we stand together hand in hand we bring an understanding and willingness to demonstrate our resolve to build bridges and communicate as one body, one nation, one cause, a willingness to stand up for one another without uttering a word, in silence because we care. **This is no different!**

History has always offered us a view that we can overcome our greatest threat to our nation as long as we remain civil and relate to the pledge of allegiance that we share as citizens, to stand as one Nation a republic with liberty and justice for all. What an opportunity we have to demonstrate our resolve, this is why we join, to make a difference, to inspire the heart, to take the mantle and challenge the status quo. **This is no different!**

We will be faced with many challenges as we live. We will be faced with many situations & obstacles as we grow. We have never turned our backs or surrendered to a cause/challenge, no matter how ominous it may seem, no matter how impossible it may appear. We have an impulse to make an impression as an organization to be the difference.

As we go through our daily routine, remember your resolve. We have been given many tools to model the way through our educational opportunities, to demonstrate our character & sense of purpose. We are to gauge the instruments that will foster a culture in preparedness in times of distress. Every moment you stand, you stand for what is right, your uniform is pride, your mission is service, your cause is just, you are the "man in the mirror" a mirror of responsibility that needs you more now than ever. Take up the mantle of Semper Paratus, Model the Way.

*Mark Campbell*

FC 23-6

## Boating Safety Expo Held



The Auxiliarists of Solomons Flo-la 23-02 successfully supported the annual Southern

Maryland Recreational Fishing Organization's Boating Safety Expo on March 23rd and 24th at the St Mary's County Fairgrounds.

This was the second year that the Flo-la had supported this event. However, it was the first year that the event was held at this expansive venue and the event's success was based solely on the dedication of a few good Auxiliarists who graciously gave up parts of, and in some cases, their entire weekend in support of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The Flo-la's safe boating booth had displays of the Coast Guard's Boating Safety App, listing electronic boat plans, responses to on the water emergencies and water rescues, as well as providing courtesy vessel safety examination. Our Auxiliarists also demonstrated an emergency Marine Radio simulator. For the children in the crowd, we had on hand the "Scatter Snook Trash Pollution" game where you try to guess how long trash will remain present in the environment. One of the new attractions at this year's event was an event passport, which when stamped by our Auxiliarists and other boating safety representatives, allowed the public to enter in a raffle on device giveaway sponsored by the event organizers.

Our boating public was able to interact with our dedicated Coast Guard Auxiliary professionals and without a doubt, many walked away with a new appreciation of recreational boating safety, and the members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

*Lawrence D Butts*

23-2 FSO-PA



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## Recreation Boating Safety (RBS) for Boating Season launches!

Plans are underway for the RBS Public Education (PE) Program for the 2019 Boating Season. Division 23 has a robust PE program that includes joint collaborations with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Sandy Point State Park and the Prince George's Stadium, home to Bowie BaySox again this year. Our partnership expanded recently with "Es Mi Parque" which focuses on Conservation, Regulation and Safety in partnership with the Maryland DNR. The program keeps the conversation going with the growing Hispanic population at state parks with the start of this FY19 season's Es Mi Parque or "This is My Park" program. Sandy Point State Park is hosting a series of events this year beginning in the June timeframe. Family friendly events will include aqua wildlife passes, watershed protection games, interactions with "Splash, the Water Safety Dog," Scales and Tales live animal presentations and programs, Junior Rangers photo booth with props, and hands-on sailing lessons. "Es Mi Parque," a program organized and managed by department staff and volunteers, aims to provide information and services to Spanish-speaking patrons and visitors in an effort to increase awareness of boating, sailing and water safety as well as state conservation laws and regulations.

On March 16, 2019, we were invited to attend and facilitate two safe boating workshops at the Singles on Sailboats (SOS) annual training day for a full day of sailing skills and sharing knowledge to sailors, boat owners, crew new to sailing. The annual training day attended by over 150 (SOS) registrants included topics ranging from navigation apps to first aid. Margaret Butler (23-01), Steve Gershman (23-07) and Paul Manicone (23-07) facilitated two workshops based on the Auxiliary Suddenly in Charge (SIC) course. We distributed safe boating literature, demonstrated proper wear of life jackets and we were on hand to answer questions throughout the day to those who participated in the annual training day.

*Margaret Butler*

SO-PE



## 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

Two years ago, President Trump signed the *Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act* into law. That Act designates every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. It was March 29, 1973, when the last of our combat troops left Vietnam.

It was on that day that the last American prisoners of war held in North Vietnam came home. Vietnam War Veterans Day is part of our nation's ongoing commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

In support, Virginia and more than 10,000 local, state, and national organizations join the Department of Defense as Commemorative Partners.

We honor the nine million American men and women who served on active duty from November 1, 1955, to May 7, 1975. We solemnly remember more than 58,000 whose names are etched into the Vietnam Memorial's polished black granite—constant reminders of the price of freedom.

Take advantage of the opportunities this commemoration encourages and show your gratitude to this noble generation of American service members. Say, Thank you. Welcome them home.

Members of Division who received this pin to are:

23-1

Robert J Welday Jr – US Army 1969-1984 - Vietnam 1971-72

Douglas Norton – USN – 1965 – 1991 - Vietnam – 1966 – 1975 (5 deployments)

Jim Farrell – USN 1963 – 1966

Douglas Casler – 1968 - 1970

Ronald Price – USAF – 1973 – 1979

Darian Pringle – USAF – 1970 – 1975

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## 23-2

John Johnson - USN - 1968 Vietnam -

## 23-3

James Fay - USAF Active Duty, 1966-1970  
John Fewer - USN Reserve, 1967-1982 (In Vietnam 1967)

Kirby Garland - USN Active Duty, (In Vietnam September 1969 to October 1970)

Dick James - USN Active Duty, 1957-1964  
John Wilson - DC National Guard 825th Military Police Company, 1971-1977.

## 23-4

Bruce Petro - US Army Reserve, 1966-1969

Mike Whitman - US Army, Vietnam 1967-1968

Philip Goldberg - Maryland National Guard, 1961 - 1968

## 23-6

Bill Smith - USMC- 1964-1968 (in Vietnam in 1967 -1968)

John Cosgrove - USAF, 1954-1980

Ray Feller, Ray - USN, 1963-1996

James Jefferson, USCG, 1968-1972

William Noyes, USN, 1948-1952

Ron Sauer - USAF, 1966-1973

Tracey Peters, USN

Reid Sprague - USN, 1965-1969

Raymond T West - USMC

Harry Scott - US Army, 1965-1971

Coral Holman - USN

Dan McConnell - USN

## 23-7

Phil Wentz - USN, 1955 - 1957

Ray Walsh - USN, 1961-1992, Vietnam - 1964-1966

Mike Prokopchak -USMC, 1966-1967

Robert Peters - USCG, 1957-1959

Frank Voltaggio -USCG, 1970-1978



Members of Flotilla 23-6 who received awards at their February meeting. Left or right: Ray Feller, RT West, Connie Cosgrove, Willie Witters, Bill Smith, Dave Keyser, Harry Scott and Mark Campbell



District Staff Officer for Diversity Kenneth Chandler and Division Staff Officer for Diversity Margaret Butler



Margaret Butler teaching boating safety

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## Photo Contest for 2018

Photos must be in digital .jpg format. Cropping is permitted. No color changes are allowed. Refer to CG Auxiliary Public Affairs Manual (2014) for photo and video information. Photos may be color or black and white. Each Coast Guard Auxiliary member may submit up to two photographs per category.

Eight categories are judged:

Public Affairs, Fellowship, Marine Safety, Member Services, Operations, Public Education and Vessel Safety Checks.

The following outlines each category: *Make sure that Auxiliarists are in proper uniform for the event. No mixing of various uniforms.*

**Public Affairs:** Auxiliarists spreading the Auxiliary message to external and internal audiences.

**Fellowship:** Auxiliarists having fun in a social setting. *Beware of alcohol, cigars or cigarette photos.*

**Marine Safety:** Auxiliarists engaged in proctoring marine license exams, assisting in inspecting containers, vessels, etc. Auxiliarists engaged in beach cleanup and other environmental issues.

**Member Services:** Auxiliarists recruiting and/or providing information or services for members (fingerprinting, ID photo taking, etc.)

**Operations:** Auxiliarists operating boats, aircraft, radios, etc.

**Public Education:** Auxiliarists providing information to the public.

**Vessel Safety Checks:** Members performing VES's.

**Team Coast Guard Events:** Auxiliarists assisting or interacting with active CG or Reservists in any approved mission except law enforcement.

The photography contest will be judged on the following criteria: captions must conform to Associated Press Style (Dateline/caption) criteria. Consult Coast Guard External Affairs Manual, 2014 Edition, and study photos with correct datelines. Photos of anyone under the age of 18 (if recognizable) must be accompanied by a signed

parental release form ANSC 7020. The judging criteria will be based on:

- Use of **IMAGINATION** and **CREATIVITY**.
- Promotion of CGAUX programs and (public) image.
- Clarity of lighting and ease of replica
- Attracting the attention of the media and the boating public.
- Style with which the photographer has met the requirements of the category Digital Photos
- must:
- Be a minimum of 5 megapixels.
- Note the category to which the entry is being submitted.
- Include a concise descriptive caption contained in the email and/or in the Metadata.

Entries should be e-mailed to the Photo Contest Coordinator at [robin.s.priestley@cgauxnet.us](mailto:robin.s.priestley@cgauxnet.us) no later than 15 June 2019.

The winning entries will be announced at NACON 2019.

### Video Contest:

Videography: Entrants must submit via YouTube (conforming to YouTube's technical requirements).

Create a YouTube account and upload the video (set as private). Email the video URL to:

[sherrod.uscgaux@gmail.com](mailto:sherrod.uscgaux@gmail.com)

Include a video slate and provide the best scene (selection of a few related shots from one event or story).

Maximum length per submission is **4 minutes**. Video should visually convey an intended story or event that promotes some aspect of the Auxiliary's four cornerstones. Please include a short synopsis of the story. Videos can be with or without sound.

Any CGAUX cornerstone activity may be covered. Entries must be submitted by 15 June

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2019. Winners of the Publication and Photography Contests are located on the homepage of the Public Affairs webpage.

## Public Affairs Contest for 2018

Entrants will e-mail a synopsis of their project, etc. to the PA Contest coordinator (listed below). These will be presented for the best district, division and overall projects.

There are four judging criteria:

- Use of imagination and creativity.
- Promotion of CGAUX programs and (public) image.
- Clarity of writing and ease of replication.
- Attracting the attention of the media and the boating public.

The contest is designed to identify the overall, division, and district with the most creative, imaginative, and effective public affairs event from 01 May 2018 to 31 May 2019. The event should promote a positive public image of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, generate public awareness in an area of recreational boating safety, and foster community relationships. Entry submissions should include a brief description of the following items:

**Planning** – identify your target audience, message, and media.

**Execution** – put the plan into action.

**Analysis** – determine the impact the event had on advancing the Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs program.

**Follow-up** – adjusting the program for improvements and ease of replicating the event by other members of the Auxiliary.

Entries must be e-mailed to Lourdes Oliveras, Division Chief of Public Relations at the following email: [loliverasuscgaux@yahoo.com](mailto:loliverasuscgaux@yahoo.com) no later than **15 June 2019**.

## USS TAMPA PURPLE HEART MEDAL CAMPAIGN

The U.S. Coast Guard needs your help with locating and contacting descendants of the USS TAMPA, which was tragically sunk during World War I with all hands lost. The Service has yet to present 84 of the outstanding Purple Heart Medals awarded posthumously to the crew. We intend to recognize as many of the descendants as possible this Memorial Day. We need your help to do this.

Background:

A. USS TAMPA, a Coast Guard ship and crew serving under the Department of the Navy, was lost with all hands after being torpedoed by a German U-boat off Wales on 26 September 1918. This tragic loss occurred just weeks before the end of World War I. It was the single largest loss suffered by the Coast Guard during that conflict.

B. At the time of TAMPA's loss, the Purple Heart Medal was not in use. In 1942, eligibility was extended to include the Coast Guard, but it was not until 1952 that the awarding of the Purple Heart Medal was made retroactive for persons after 5 April 1917. However, TAMPA was overlooked until 1999, when a retired Coast Guardsman submitted a proposal to award the Purple Heart to her crew.

C. In 1999, then-Commandant Admiral James Loy authorized the posthumous awarding of the Purple Heart Medal to the crew of USS TAMPA. Today, over one hundred years after TAMPA was lost and twenty years after the first TAMPA Purple Heart was awarded, the Coast Guard is still attempting to identify those families who have yet to receive their ancestors' Purple Heart.

The purpose of this ALCOAST is to raise awareness of the Purple Heart award program and to continue to identify those families who have yet to receive their ancestors' medals. You can help.

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## Summary of USS TAMPA Purple Heart Medals awarded:

A. There were 130 men on TAMPA, including 111 Coast Guardsmen and 4 Navy men.

B. 26 TAMPA Purple Heart Medals have been claimed since 1999.

C. 3 TAMPA Purple Heart Medals are presently in progress.

D. 84 TAMPA Purple Heart Medals remain unclaimed.

The names of the 84 TAMPA crew whose Purple Heart Medals remain unclaimed are listed here: <https://www.history.uscg.mil/tampa/>.

To submit application for TAMPA Purple Heart Medals, please contact Ms. Nora Chidlow, Coast Guard Archivist, at [Nora.L.Chidlow@uscg.mil](mailto:Nora.L.Chidlow@uscg.mil) or 202-559-5142. She has served as the primary point of contact between the Coast Guard and many TAMPA descendants, and also with the Medals & Awards branch.

To apply for their ancestor's Purple Heart Medal, descendants are required to provide documentation showing the descendant's relationship to the TAMPA crew member, such as family trees, pages from family Bibles, birth/death certificates, and/or pages from Ancestry or other genealogical applications. Please expect about 4-6 weeks' time for processing.

I encourage all members of our Coast Guard family to share this ALCOAST with the widest possible audience. We owe it to our shipmates in USS TAMPA and their descendants to ensure their heroism and deeds are recognized and remembered.

Editor's note: the above was received email through the chain of communication

## Marchers Needed - National Memorial Day Parade, 27 May 2019.

*The below is copied from an email received through the PA chain. If you have questions or if you are interested in participating please contact Roy Culley SO-PA at 301-526-5827 (C) or Email: [culleyroy@gmail.com](mailto:culleyroy@gmail.com)*

The 2019 National Memorial Day Parade will be taking place Monday, 27 May 2019. As in previous years, we are being invited to march in the parade rear guard as a contingent of active duty, reserve, and Auxiliarist USCG members. We have had great showings at the parade over the last several years, thanks primarily to all of you, and I hope 2019 will be another outstanding experience.

I am reaching out to you, members who have marched in previous years, to both gauge interest and to get the word out about the event itself. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in this year's parade, or if anyone you know may be interested. I am hoping to produce a printable flyer to disseminate by early next week that you can hang in your offices and common areas.

Please let me know if you have any questions whatsoever. I have linked the parade's official website below, and will reach out with any new information as I receive it. Thank you all for your support and have a great day.

<https://www.americanveteranscenter.org/avc-events/parade/>

Very Respectfully,  
- IS1 Kirk Brunster

Connie Cosgrove  
SO-PB

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## Floilla Change of Watch

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, members of Floilla 23-7 joined together to conduct their annual Change of Watch ceremony and festivities. This year, the COW was held at the recently renovated Pirate's Cove Restaurant in Galesville, MD. Also in attendance was Division 23 Commander John Fewer who swore in the new and returning Floilla staff officers for the New Year.

The Floilla Auxiliarist of the year award was presented to Paul Manicone by outgoing Floilla Commander Ray Walsh with the following citation:

***I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty as the Auxiliarist of the Year of Floilla 23-07 for the year 2018. You joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary and this Floilla on March 29<sup>th</sup> and within a month had completed the Basic Qualification Course and Core Training. You participated in every Floilla Meeting and Training Session, marched with the Floilla in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and helped man the Community Relations Information Booth at National Night Out. You volunteered to be the Floilla Staff Officer – Member Training (FSO-MT) and have served your fellow members of the Floilla in that capacity. In November, you completed the Floilla Leadership Course and volunteered for the Office of Vice Floilla Commander and were subsequently elected to that office by your fellow Floilla members. By your steadfast dedication to duty and participation in Floilla Activities you have upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.***

Ray also gave a moving speech about appreciating the support of his fellow Floilla members and their contribution to the success he had in leading the Floilla over the last two years.

*Frank Voltaggio*

FSO-PB

## Sector MNCR Challenge Coin Rec

Auxiliarists Christopher Jensen disguised himself while serving as Division Staff Officer, Program Visitor. On 17 May 2018 the District Captain requested immediate assistance to distribute an Emergency Notice to Mariners regarding severe shoaling that required temporary emergency changes to the aids to navigation in St. Patrick Creek and St. George Creek West Channel, both off of the Potomac River. Auxiliarist Jensen quickly reproduced the Notice to Mariners and personally distributed to 15 local marinas and marine suppliers ensuring that this sensitive document was distributed expeditiously to local waterway users.

In July 2018, to meet a Division Initiative to stave the increased number of drownings in the D5SR AORs, Auxiliarist Jensen reproduced and distributed Spanish Language Life Jacket Pamphlets to 16 marine suppliers and Spanish outlets to get the widest distribution of this important message in a timely manner.

On 26 August 2018 The Coast Guard again requested assistance with getting notice to the public for changes that were needed to Slaughter Creek in relation to shoaling conditions. Over the following few days Auxiliarist Jensen reproduced the Notice to Mariners and distributed it to 26 local marinas and suppliers.

On 30 September 2018 the Coast Guard requested assistance in notifying the public about proposing to discontinue the light signal for Sandy Point Shoal Light. Over the following two days Auxiliarists JENSEN notified 29 local Marinas and Suppliers.

Auxiliarists JENSEN's devotion to duty is deeply appreciated by the Sector MNCR command as well as the Fifth Coast Guard District's Waterways Management Branch. Through his efforts we have been able to keep mariners informed of planned projects and better provide them the opportunity to comment prior to project finalization.

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## Ospreys on the Bay

The familiar sight of ospreys soaring over the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers and creeks is a sure sign that spring has arrived. Feeding mainly on fish, these migratory birds are highly adaptable and can be found on every continent in the world except Antarctica. Here on the bay, their story has not always been a successful one. About forty years ago, their population had dropped to a mere 1,450 nesting pairs along the Chesapeake primarily because of the use of DDT, a toxic chemical which was nationally banned in 1972 by Congress. Up until then it was used by farmers who sprayed it on their crops to keep the bug population down. The chemical found its way into the surrounding waters and destroyed a number of aquatic and bird species.

Ospreys are referred to as sea hawks, river hawks or fish hawks and are a *sitio delic* species meaning that once they find a place that they like, they will return to it year after year. To give themselves a protective 360 degree view, they typically make their nests on navigational markers which is considered a nuisance primarily because of the size of the nest and its ability to obscure lights and signs. However, wildlife officials have found that by providing artificial platforms, more ospreys could be accommodated with less of an impact to navigation.

Ospreys are also considered an indicator species. Existing on a seafood diet, problems arising from issues with the local marine environment show up in the health of the local bird population rather quickly and can serve as a warning device as to the health of the Bay. Unfortunately, an increasing number of them are being strangled and choked by the plastic debris that people toss into the water.

Ospreys have nest predators like raccoons and snakes which are attracted to their eggs. Aerial predators such as owls and eagles are also a constant threat to their environment.

Despite the fact that ospreys can be overly aggressive, especially if you approach their nest, they are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and their nests can only be removed if uninhabited.



Baltimore Gas and Electric has even adopted a new program called Osprey Watch for the purposes of customers notifying the company of osprey nests on utility poles. If you spot such a condition, notify BGE at [OspreyWatch.com](http://OspreyWatch.com) and provide them with the pole number located on a placard near eye level on the pole. If the pole is not accessible, take photos and send them instead along with a location. BGE will remove the nest if no birds or eggs are present or will place a deterrent to shield the birds and nests if it is inhabited.

Ospreys will continue to be a common sight on the Bay and we will all both just have to learn to live together.

*Frank Voltaggio*

FSO-PB



*Happy  
Memorial  
Day  
Never  
Forget*