

# Chesapeake Chatter

## Division 23 5SR



L-R: Harry Scott, 23-6;  
Robin Cavallaro, Darrin  
King, Brenda King, Toys  
for Tots; Bill Smith, 23-  
6; and Col. Dave  
McDowell  
Assistant Sheriff



Cold Water Training

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As I step down from two years as the Division 23 DCDR, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Division Staff and our members for delivering the Auxiliary's mission to support the Coast Guard in the many areas that our training and skills permit. During the past two years, the Division 23 members have been fully engaged in on-the-water patrols, Recreational Safe Boating Public Education, Public Affair events, Marine Safety inspections, Watch Standing and many other activities enabling us to be truly a Force Multiplier. The support that Willie and I received enabled us all to do our job in support of the Coast Guard. I salute you and say thank you for helping us to continue the Division's success.

As we all know the Auxiliary was formed in 1939. One of the first divisions was Division 1 that included an Annapolis flotilla.

Our Division has a history that goes back 45 years wherein it was originally part of Division 7 that later became Division 15 in 1975 with Ralph Thompson being the first DCDR only to be re-numbered Division 23 in 2009 when Dave Keyser took over the helm.

Division 23 is a success today because of the leadership of its former Division Commanders, many that are still a part of Division 23 including Greg Askew, Connie Cosgrove, Dave Keyser, Dan McConnell, Ron Price, and Phil Wentz. Sadly, Marge Voith, who was DCDR in 2013 passed away last November. We give our prayers to John Cosgrove (John is in Hospice and we give our prayers and a special thank you to him and Connie for their service).

Now it is my turn to be added to the list of Past Commanders. I look forward to continuing my participation in the Auxiliary and am exceptionally pleased to have been selected as the 2020 Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC) for Sector MD-NCR. I want to recognize and thank John Galleazzi who is here with us today for his efforts as the ASC for the past three years and wish him the very best as he takes on the Division 22 DCDR duties.



So to make this short and sweet - thank you all and I urge you to give Willie and Marie the same support that you gave to me in the years ahead so we can continue to grow as a Division in support of the United States Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

*John Fewer*  
Division Commander

## Flotilla 23-1 holds picnic

On 19 September, Annapolis Flotilla 23-01 continued their annual tradition of a fall picnic at USCG Station Annapolis.

Instead of grilling, this year we had the good folks at Mission BBQ provide the food and they did a great job. About 55 members, family members, and Station Annapolis active duty attended, as well as a couple of new prospects. The highlight each year is getting to feed and interact with the active duty members working at the station that day.

Special thanks go out to Debbie Cranford, our flotilla



secretary, for introducing us to a new style of Type IV personal flotation device.

We appreciate our close relationship with Station Annapolis and look forward to a successful 2020.

*Bob Garman*  
FSO-PB, 23-01

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## 2019 Board & Staff

DCDR: John Fewer  
VCDR: Willie Witter  
IPDCDR:

### 23-1 - Annapolis

Marie Squillace, Flotilla Commander  
Michael Adams, Vice Flotilla Commander

### 23-2 - Solomons

Earl Kaufman, Flotilla Commander  
Gary Smith, Vice Flotilla Commander

### 23-3 – West Annapolis

Dorothy Neiman, Flotilla Commander  
John Wilson, Vice Flotilla Commander

### 23-4 – South River

Michael Whitman, Flotilla Commander  
Bruce Petro, Vice Flotilla Commander

### 23-6 – Drum Point

Mark Campbell, Flotilla Commander  
Steve Birchfield, Vice Flotilla Commander

### 23-7 – Herring Bay

Christopher Jensen, Flotilla Commander  
Paul Manicone, Vice Flotilla 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 - Jeffrey Conopask  
SO-OP - Phil Wentz  
SO-PA - Le Roy Culley  
SO-PB - Connie Cosgrove  
SO-PE - Margaret Butler  
SO-PV - Christopher Jensen  
SO-SR - Mark Campbell  
SO-VE - Kirby Garland

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## Awards

Since the last issue of the Chatter, the following members have received awards:

### AUX12 PA Course Completion Certificate

Roy Culley, 23-3

### Sustained Auxiliary Service Award

Mace Coleman, 750 hours, first award, Roy Culley, 2250 hours, third award - 23-3



Thomas Hardisty, 3000 cumulative hours, fourth Award, 23-6, Bill Smith, 5250 hours, seventh award

### Membership Award

15 years

John Wilson, 23-1



20 years

Paul Deafenbaugh

35 years

Don Haskin, 23-6

### Coxswain

Mace Coleman, 23-3



### RBS Program Visitation Certification ribbon

Joel Campbell, 23-3

## 2020 NATIONAL OPERATIONS WORKSHOPS

Ref: Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series), section 8.B.1.g

The 2020 Surface Operations Workshop is required for all boat crew coxswains, boat crew members, personal water craft operators, paddle craft operators, and associated trainees.

This workshop must be completed by June 30th, 2020. Those who fail to complete the workshop by the deadline will not be authorized to be assigned to duty to perform surface operations patrols or

activities and will be placed in Required Workshop Not Met (REWK) status. Those placed in REWK status will have until December 31st, 2020 to complete the workshop without further consequence to their competency certification status. The 2020 Operation Workshop presentation is located at the National Response Directorate web page at: <http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=R-DEPT&category=WHATSNEW>

The 2020 Air Operations and Telecommunications workshops are optional. Those members certified or training to become certified in aviation and telecommunications competencies are strongly encouraged to complete their respective program workshop.

These workshops may be delivered by any Auxiliarist qualified in the respective operations program as long as they are either a certified instructor or are under the supervision of a certified instructor.

Editor's note: The above was received by email

## Establishment of a HF Amateur Radio Net



We are establishing an HF Amateur Radio Net to support our contingency plans in times of natural disaster or intentional disruption of civilian

communication systems or when those systems are overloaded with traffic. If you hold an Amateur Radio License, general class or higher, have HF equipment, and want to participate in this program: Email Nick Lomangino at [AUXLOMAN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AUXLOMAN@GMAIL.COM), Put "D5SR HAM NET" in the subject line. Nick will contact you regarding next steps.

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## Col John Albert Cosgrove crosses the bar

Col John A. Cosgrove crossed the bar on January 19, 2020 at the Burnett Calvert Hospice House .

He was born on October 28, 1929 to Michael and Florence Garetta Cosgrove in Brooklyn, New York. John graduated from Jamaica High School, attended New York University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1953.

He entered the Air Force on May 17, 1954 as a Second Lieutenant and rose to the rank of Colonel. While in the Air Force, he received the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Ribbon with Five Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. He had assignments in Florida, Alabama, Colorado Springs, Ohio, France, Germany and several tours at the Pentagon. This is where he met his future bride Connie Lynn Bowen. They were married on 19 April 1975 at Trinity Church. They lived in Dayton, Ohio until July 1977 when they moved to Prince Frederick, MD where they made their permanent home. They had a son on 10 November 1977. John retired from the Air Force on February 29, 1980.

John loved boating and being on water. He was a member of Solomon's Yacht Club and Corinthian Yacht Club over the years. He held the position of Commodore in both. He held this position at the same time he was the Rear Commodore—Northern Area (RCO-NA) now known as District Captain Sector Maryland National Capitol Region.

Auxiliarist John Cosgrove began his service to the Auxiliary on 15 July 1987. He began his member training and became boat crew qualified on 24 May 1988. He continued on to be a coxswain qualified later than year. At that time, members had to log 100 hours to become coxswain qualified. During the same time period Auxiliarist Cosgrove completed the training to become a Courtesy Marine Examiner in July. He continued his training and became certified as an instructor

in April 1989 becoming qualified in the three major cornerstones of the Auxiliary.

Auxiliarist Cosgrove has held the offices of Flotilla Commander in 1989 and the again in 2005. He was elected to be Vice Division Captain and served in that position in 1990 and 1991. He moved up to Division Captain in 1992 and served until 31 December 1993.

Following his term as Division Captain, Auxiliarist Cosgrove moved to an appointed position with the District and served as District Staff Officer for Member resources from 1994 to 1995. During his tenure, he received the Award of Administrative Merit for promoting the "buddy" system of pairing a new member with a mentor.

John was elected to be RCO-NA and served two years in that position from 1996 until 1997. During that time he became the first Auxiliarist to attend staff meetings at what was then Activities Baltimore. While in this position he served as the Auxiliary Planning Officer and Event Coordinator for the Whitbread Race. His coordination included oversight of the Auxiliary into the Activities Baltimore Operations Order. Over 100 boats and 350 Auxiliarist took part in this event which included logistics for berthing and messing.

In 1998, Auxiliarist Cosgrove served as Liaison to the Power Squadron. He continued to be the liaison in 1999. In 1998, he also accepted the Division Staff Office for Communications (SO-CM). He continued to hold this position until July of 2017. In 1998 after taking the SO-CM position, he organized a team of Auxiliarist to work with Station St. Inigoes personnel to renovate the radio room at Cove Point. At the time the facility consisted of one small radio and stand. When completed there was panel of radios to include a radio direction finder, and three marine radios, a large floor to ceiling chart of the AOR, a work desk, air conditioner, and other items to enhance the radio room for quality reception as well as making watchstanding something that a member would

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enjoy doing. Auxiliarist Cosgrove kept a watch schedule for every weekend and holiday from 1 May to 31 October. If a watch was not filled he made sure either he or his assisted Walt Whilden filled that spot if at all possible.

Auxiliarist Cosgrove has served in many other appointed positions in his 32 year service. They include FSO-VE: 1992-1993; FSO-MR: 1994-1995; FSO-MT: 1999-2001; FSO-PS: 2002-2003 and half of 2004. He served as ADSO-PS in 1998 and 1999 and as DSO-PS in 2001. Auxiliarist Cosgrove served as Chief of Logistics from 2005 to 2008.

Auxiliarist Cosgrove has received many awards during his 32 years of service. They include the CG Award of Merit in 1999 – for serving on the taxation committee during the legislative seasons of 1998 – 1999. He and Bob Birrane were instrumental in getting the taxation reduction we now enjoy.

Auxiliarist Cosgrove earned the CG Meritorious Unit Commendation for his participation in the four events during the Whitbread Round the World Race from Dec 1997 to May 1998. Auxiliarist Cosgrove received the CG Meritorious Team Commendation for his participation from 27 July – 1 August 1999 in the International Special Olympics Sailing Event held at St. Mary's College, MD.

Auxiliarist Cosgrove received the Meritorious Team Award for serving on Activities Baltimore Change of Command Team from – 8 March 2000 to 12 July 2000. The Team was responsible for coordinating the Change of Command of Activities Baltimore in the Inner Harbor during a time with heightened port activities such as the NAACP National Conventional and Vice Presidential visit.

He received the Letter of Commendation for Baltimore Leg of OPSAIL 2000 while serving as Auxiliary Liaison to the Operations Section of the Integrated Support Command from March 2000 to July 2000. Auxiliarist Cosgrove attended and

contributed to planning meetings throughout Maryland representing the Auxiliary. Auxiliarist Cosgrove coordinated the establishment of the Auxiliary contingent of the event task force.

Auxiliarist Cosgrove received the CG Auxiliary Commendation Medal- for serving as DC-L from Jan 2005 – Dec 2008. To improve the Districts training program, Auxiliarist Cosgrove influenced the reestablishment of the District Specialty Course Weekend at Training Center Yorktown.

Other awards include the Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation Award in the wake of September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Presidential Unit Citation, Department of Transportation Secretary's Outstanding Unit Award, Division Auxiliarist of the Year –for 1998 for leading the major renovation of Cove Point Radio Room, Flotilla Auxiliarist of the Year in 2012, and Flotilla Surface of the Year to Sunshine in 1992. In 2017 John was awarded the District Lifetime Achievement Award.

John is survived by three daughters, two sons, 14 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren with number 15 due to arrive in July 2020.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

*Connie Cosgrove*

SO-PB



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## Sector Training Scheduled for 7 March

Sector Training (S-Train) is being held at Southern High School on 7 March 2020 from 0800-1630. Southern High School is located at 4400 Solomons Island Road (Rt 2) in Harwood MD. This training is an excellent opportunity for the new member to get a jump-start on their core training.

The uniform of the day is Tropical Blue or winter dress blue. No other uniform. If the uniform does not make the Auxiliary look good don't wear it. Instead, wear slacks and collared shirt – no jeans, t-shirts or athletic shoes.

This year there are several new offerings. They are Risk Management Refresher, Past DCDR's Association, Paddlesports, Intro to SeaScouts/AuxScout, Commercial Fishing Examiner, NOAA Weather Services, Staff Officer Orientation. For anyone interested in the Risk Management Course you need to send an email with your name, member number, Flotilla, and cell phone number to John Sill at [johnesill@verizon.net](mailto:johnesill@verizon.net). Class size is strictly limited so first come, first served. This course is required annually for all Auxiliarist involved in Operations.

Other operation classes are Surface Operations which is required for all coxswain, crew and trainees who want to participate in surface operations. This will be given twice during the day – 0940 and 1330. A Communications workshop will be presented which covers an introduction and radio facility qualifications as well as Air Operations, Paddlesports—what it takes to properly equip and qualify for Paddle operations, and the Operations Mentoring Workshop.

Under Ops and Outreach there will be a Past Commanders Association, Introduction to Sea Scouts, and AUXSCOUT Standard Operating Procedures.

Workshops in our major programs include Marine Safety—how can you contribute and what does it take to get qualified, Public Affairs, Public Education, Program Visitor—will cover the new Program Visitation manual, the PV's role in the

Paddlecraft initiative, Marine Weather Services—presented by NOAA personnel and Vessel Examiner. Staff officer courses will be Member Training, Finance and Materials, Publications and Communications Services, Human Resources and Diversity, Navigation Systems and Automating ATONS & SAR. There will also be a session on Aux Food Services where you will learn what is involved in the program.

There are several classes geared to New Members. They are New Member Orientation, Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiners, Response Programs, Prevention Programs, Logistics Missions, and Uniform requirements. This workshop will answer questions about what to get, where to get it, and how to wear the uniform properly and proudly.

Core training that is required every five years will be taught. These classes are Privacy Awareness, Prevention of Sexual Harassment, Civil Rights, Security and Workforce Resilience.

Auxiliary on Line - is an opportunity to sit with an experienced user to tour various Auxiliary websites and to use the on-line forms for reporting your activities. There will also be an opportunity for ID pictures and fingerprints.

Donuts and coffee will be served for \$2.00. Lunch will also be available. Contact Lorraine Colletta ADSO-AUX FS at [Lwc251@hotmail.com](mailto:Lwc251@hotmail.com) to reserve lunch. Choices are Pork BBQ or Baked Fish filet, Cole Slaw, hamburger bun and/or Rosemary potatoes, Salad bar includes mixed greens, cucumbers, grape tomatoes, carrots, berries, apples, bananas and oranges and baked apple. Cost is \$8.00.



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## Annual food drive for Chesapeake Cares Food Panty

Flotilla 23-6 members once again gave generously to the Chesapeake Food Panty food drive at Thanksgiving.

James Jefferson, Harry Scott, Bill Smith and myself delivered the food and checks to Chesapeake Cares on 9 November. Debbie Weber, Chesapeake Cares Director, talked with us and updated us on what was happening with the Panty. Debbie told us that during the week ending on 9 November that they had provided 46,000 pounds of food to needy in Southern Maryland. They gave out 700 holiday meals of a turkey and all the trimmings.

She told us the largest portion of the clients are the working poor. They tell the clients they have done nothing wrong. All the clients have to do is walk through the door and ask for help. Most find asking for the help is the hardest thing they have to do.



Between the donations of non-perishable food items and monetary donations Debbie said, "Your donation of 792 pounds of assorted grocery items will be a

blessing for families living throughout the Southern Maryland region.

Debbie also said, "Your donation helps to ease the stress and pain for the increasing number of seniors, provides the young with energy to grow and gives all who are served a brighter day. When many of our neighbors have to choose between purchasing food or paying for rent, utilities and medicine – your donation supplies a family with the opportunity to stay in their home and feed their family."

She told us that this year was the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Panty opening. This year they broke

ground on the End Hunger Warehouse. It will have three levels and plans to open in May 2020. It will be on the property of Chesapeake Church.

They have also been participating in the HEARTfelt backpack program this year. This program was started through a vision of Jack Woodford, a member of Trinity Church. They are supporting the three high schools in Calvert County. They have a team that fills the backpacks and delivers them to the high schools on Friday for the children to take home. They serve about 50 students.

*Connie Cosgrove*

FSO-PA

## 2020 SPIRIT OF HOPE AWARD - ANNOUNCEMENT AND GUIDANCE ON NOMINATION PROCEDURES

1. The Office of Governmental and Public Affairs is soliciting nominations for the 2020 Spirit of Hope Award. Applications are due no later than 15 April 2020.

### 2. Eligibility:

a. The Spirit of Hope Award is presented for outstanding service to the United States of America. It is awarded to men and women of the United States Armed Forces, entertainers, and other distinguished Americans and organizations whose patriotism and service reflect that of Mr. Bob Hope. For his decades of entertaining troops, both in peacetime and in combat zones, Mr. Hope was designated the first honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

b. The Spirit of Hope Award is awarded to any active duty, reserve, auxiliary, former military service member or civilian who embodies the values of freedom, the Constitution of the United States of America and the military.<sup>01</sup> For military personnel and civilian employees, the awards are part of the bona fide, regularly established program of recognition.

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c. The award is presented annually to one recipient (either an individual or an organization) from each of the following: the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Air Force and the Coast Guard. The recipients must satisfy the following criteria: epitomize the values of Bob Hope (courage, honor, duty, commitment, integrity and selfless dedication), significantly enhance the quality of life of service members and their families serving around the world, and selflessly contribute an extraordinary amount of time, talent or resources to benefit members of the United States Armed Forces.

d. The U.S. Coast Guard's recipient for 2019 was the Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Foundation (The Foundation). The Foundation was nominated by CDR David B. Vicks, Acting Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Team South. The Foundation is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization created to provide emergency assistance funding and scholarships to Coast Guard members and their families. The Foundation's emergency assistance fund has helped families offset travel and lodging costs to be near sick or injured loved ones. The Foundation scholarship fund has awarded up to \$50,000 in scholarships to 11 Coast Guard dependents, helping them achieve their educational dreams. The Foundation has become a beacon of hope for Coast Guard families around the world. This unique organization, founded and led by prior Coast Guardsmen, epitomizes the values of Mr. Hope.

3. Nomination guidelines: Nominations must be submitted no later than 15 April 2020 and shall include the following, as appropriate. a. Name of nominee, nominee's address, present position and/or status, and name and address of nominee's employer during the period of service.

b. Summary of the act or service rendered, and how it epitomized the values of Mr. Hope outlined in paragraph 2.C. (not to exceed two double-spaced pages, at least 12 pt. font).

c. Supporting documentation (optional).

d. A proposed citation that provides specific examples of the act or service performed (not to exceed 200 words).

e. Name, address, and telephone number of the point of contact for the nominating organization.

f. For foreign nominees, a statement of concurrence by the U. S. Chief of Mission and the U.S. Defense Attaché (if one is assigned) to the country of the foreign nominee and, a statement of concurrence from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA).

g. Scanned copies of signed nomination packages may be sent by e-mail to [Gwenda.E.Bradford@uscg.mil](mailto:Gwenda.E.Bradford@uscg.mil).

h. A selection panel will review the nominations and make recommendations to the Commandant for approval.

i. Sample nomination packages are available upon request.

4. The Spirit of Hope award will be presented in an appropriate ceremony and reception, hosted by the designated award presentation authority in the Pentagon Hall of Heroes in September 2020, the exact date will be announced later this year.

5. Funding: COMDT (CG-0923) will fund travel and per diem costs for the selected recipient to attend the awards ceremony and provide official transportation between lodging facilities and the place of the ceremony.

6. Questions should be directed to Ms. Gwenda Bradford, COMDT (CG-0923), at 202-372-4625 or [Gwenda.E.Bradford@uscg.mil](mailto:Gwenda.E.Bradford@uscg.mil).

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## AUXPAD Operator training

AUXPAD Operator training will be offered in two locations this year: Galesville Maryland, May 28-31 and Colington Island North Carolina, June 11-14

This training will teach and evaluate on-the-water skills required for American Canoe Association (ACA) Level 2 Coastal Kayaking proficiency. The agenda includes full days on Friday and Saturday, and half days on Thursday and Sunday to allow for travel on those days.

We plan to offer excellent instruction and affordable group housing in both locations. For now, please answer these two questions

Which training session to you plan to attend?

☐ Galesville Maryland May 28-31  
☐ Colington Island North Carolina June 11-14  
☐ I do not plan to attend either.

Would you like to share a house with other participants?

☐ Yes  
☐ No

Additional information about the program and training is available at the following website:  
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=054-16-07&category=auxpad-resources>. We will be promoting this training broadly in the coming months, but I want to be sure you know about it now.

Best Regards,  
*Roland McDevitt*  
Paddlecraft Coordinator, D5SR  
[roland.mcdevitt@gmail.com](mailto:roland.mcdevitt@gmail.com)

## Flotilla 23-6 supports Annual Patuxent Appreciation Days (PRAD)

On 12 October, the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomon's hosted the annual PRAD festival. This year the festival was held for one day only and there was no parade.

The weather was warm and sunny with a breeze. However this year the area had unexpected flooding due to water being pushed in from the Bay and Patuxent River. Many of the activities were cancelled because the tide was in the spot where the activity was being held. During the peak of the high tide, the Drum Point Light house looked like an island with the docks under water.

There were environmental exhibits, a kid's zone, free admission to the museum, pony rides as well as our Boating Safety booth. We answered many safe boating questions for adults, advertised our boating classes for next spring, passed out stickers for kayaks and canoes. We had a display board of safety gear such as die marker, flares and flare gun, strobe light, distress flag, and whistles. We distributed coloring books, crayons, iron-on tee shirt logos, and Frisbees to the kids.

Ray Feller, R.T. West, James Jefferson and Bill Smith staffed the booth. R.T. West and I set up the booth on Friday afternoon.

*Connie Cosgrove*

FSO-PA



Lillian Yeatman and her Dad Jesse with James Jefferson

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## NACO Membership Growth Award –Flotilla

NACO Membership Growth Award –Flotilla Is for the prior calendar year (2019).

To earn “NACO Membership Growth Award-Flotilla,” the Flotilla must have recruited enough new members to net two additional members during “Award Year” based on a comparison of “Current Calendar Year” and Award Year (prior calendar year) total membership.

The FSO-HR should determine if the Flotilla qualifies for the award and complete a NACO Membership Growth Award Application. The FC then approves the Application and forwards it to the BCHA.

All information requested must be printed clearly on the application.

Upon receipt of the Application, the BC-HTA shall:

1. Verify the overall growth of the flotilla by two net members by checking starting membership totals in AUXDATA from 1-Jan through 31-Dec of prior year.
2. Ensure that the Name and Flotilla number are legible.
3. Note the submission signatures of the FC.
4. Ensure that the District is identified.
5. Date stamp the application on receipt.
6. If any application is not complete or legible, the BC-HTA will contact the appropriate FC by e-mail, US Postal Service (mail), or by telephone for the information.

Perform additional input and printing details on the certificate, and forward back to the appropriate DCO for presentation to the Flotilla at a later date.

LINK: [http://hdept.cgaux.org/pdf/nmga\\_fdf.pdf](http://hdept.cgaux.org/pdf/nmga_fdf.pdf)

Editor’s note: received by email

## Auxiliary Assistant Historian Needed

District 5SR is looking for an Auxiliary Assistant Historian. Please respond to D5SR DCO Michelle Thornton – [Michelle.Thornton@cgauxnet.us](mailto:Michelle.Thornton@cgauxnet.us) if you are interested in this opportunity. Please submit a current resume of Auxiliary and applicable business experience. Also, advise if you have a current ALAC card.

**WHAT:** Seeking a well versed historian to augment the office of the Atlantic Area Historian. The ideal candidate will hold a bachelor’s degree in history (or a related field, such as historical archaeology or American Studies), with emphasis on one or more of the following areas: U.S. history, maritime history, military/naval history, historic preservation, historical archaeology, underwater archaeology, or public history. Graduate degrees in these fields or relevant experience/field work/teaching are expected but not required. Applicants also must live within reasonable driving distance of Portsmouth, VA, for the Atlantic Area Historian office. In addition, applicants must have achieved the BQ status. After initial approval by Human Resources Directorate, the Auxiliarist must be jointly selected by the USCG Auxiliary Chief Historian (DVC-AH) and the Branch Chief, Headquarters History Liaison (BC-AHL).

**WHERE:** CG Atlantic Area Historian Office, Portsmouth, VA

**WHEN:** Normal business hours to start indoctrination.

**EXTRA:** Funding is not available. Candidate should be in the immediate to general area of CG Federal Building, Portsmouth, VA

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## 23-6 members donate to Toys for Tots

Members of Flotilla 23-6 once again helped to brighten a small child's Christmas by donating to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive. For those who do not like to shop, Connie Cosgrove accepted cash donations to shop on Black Friday to get the best deals and to stretch the funds. Members who did their shopping brought the toys to the Christmas Party on 7 December. Over \$200 in toys were collected this year to make Christmas for a child in need a little more joyful.

This year when Bill Smith made contact with Assistant Sheriff Col Dave McDowell, he suggested Bill contact Robin Cavallaro, the Toys for Tots coordinator in Calvert County. Bill contacted Robin and obtained three large boxes for the toys. On 12 December, 23-6 members Bill Smith, Harry Scott and Connie Cosgrove brought all the toys collected to the Sheriff's Office where Robin, Brenda and David King collected them for distribution.

The toy drive is an annual project for 23-6. It allows members like myself to help families in our area who cannot afford to give their child a normal Christmas. In return Toys for Tots presented us with a framed certificate of appreciation.

I look forward every year to shopping for this project.

*Connie Cosgrove*

FSO-PA



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## Results of Uniform Board 48

A. Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series)

1. This ACN Reports the results from Uniform Board No. 48 (UB 48), and issues new guidance. The following changes to REF (A) have been approved by the Commandant and are effective immediately:

a. FEMALE GROOMING STANDARDS: Female grooming standards will be updated to authorize the increase of hair bulk to 3.5 inches as measured perpendicular to the scalp. This change takes into account the natural texture of various ethnicities' hair, allowing it to be worn naturally. In addition, women may wear ponytails unpinned, which may be pulled through a ball cap rear opening. Ponytails shall not extend beyond the bottom of the shirt collar, and if so are required to be pinned/fastened securely to the head in order to maintain this limit. This authorization gives our female members another option over the bun and allows intermediate hair length to be pulled back without having to make a bun. Finally, hair bun size has been increased to a maximum of 4 inches as measured out from the scalp, the circumference shall be no greater than the width of the member's head as measured horizontally. The larger bun will allow some members to form a looser bun, reducing headaches, hair breakage, and other issues caused by hair being placed in a tight bun.

b. FEMALE FINGERNAILS: Fingernail standards will be updated as follows: "Fingernails will be kept clean. Fingernails shall have rounded or straight shaped nail tips. Fingernail color choice shall present a professional appearance in a business environment. Only one color may be worn and all fingernails shall match. The wearing of florescent or multi-colored polishes or nails is not authorized. Fingernails will not extend more than ¼ inch beyond the fingertip. Ornate decorations (such as gems) or ornamentation of the fingernail polish (such as painted pictures or designs) is not authorized. French nails are

authorized with white tip only. The white tip will be no wider than .25 inches and must present a clean natural look."

c. FEMALE OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEM: Flats are now authorized as an optional item for wear with the female skirt.

d. AUTHORIZED FEMALE MATERNITY UNIFORM: The policy authorizing the female maternity uniform is updated/expanded to include an ODU post-partum nursing T-shirt. The T-shirt may be purchased on the economy (no CG specific variant), and shall be dark blue in color and not extend below the lower edge of the ODU blouse when worn.

e. COAST GUARD BALL CAP RANK INSIGNIA: Enlisted members (E-7 to E-10) shall wear the garrison cap rank insignia (larger size) on their CG ball cap. The insignia shall be worn in the same manner as the previous device.

f. WINDBREAKER METAL RANK INSIGNIA: Enlisted members (E-4 to E-10) shall wear metal collar rank insignia on the Windbreaker. The metal collar insignia are centered between the top and bottom edge of the collar with the center of the insignia being 1" from and parallel to the leading edge.

g. TROPICAL BLUE LONG SLEEVE: A Tropical Blue Long (TBLS) sleeve has been approved for wear, year round. The TBLS will consist of a long sleeve light blue shirt with four- in-hand tie (double Windsor knot) and tie bar/tie tack, or the female blue tab tie. Addition, the TBLS will consist of the nametag, no ribbons, a single insignia if earned, miniature CO/OINC device (incumbents only), and only one miniature staff/COCOM, CSEL/RFMC badge (incumbents only). The remaining aspects of this uniform will be the same as Tropical Blue Short Sleeve (TBSS). This change will help in climate controlled spaces and allow members the flexibility of wearing a long sleeve shirt with identification without the SDB jacket in less formal

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situations. This uniform is NOT a substitute for situations that call for more formality and the wearing of the SDB jacket.

h. GROOMING AND APPEARANCE STANDARDS: The following will be added to REF (A): “Hairstyles such as lopsided, asymmetrical, unblended, un-tapered, and or undercutting are not authorized and should be corrected to a properly authorized hairstyle.” i. TIE BAR/TIE TACK: REF (A) will be updated to read that: “A tie bar or tie tack is required for wear anytime the Four-In-Hand tie is worn.”

j. AUTHORIZE REMOVAL OF THE BOAT SHOE FROM UDC INVENTORY: CG UDC will no longer maintain Boat

Shoes in their inventory. However, Boat Shoes will remain as an optional uniform item, available for purchase on the economy, to be worn with the ODU as commands authorize.<sup>2</sup> Currently the Uniform Program is working several uniform initiatives for testing and implementation. The Uniform Board deferred action on these particular submissions pending additional data, evaluation, or approval through senior leadership.

a. Next Generation Coast Guard Utility Uniform (CGU): The Uniform Program has received authorization to make significant changes in the appearance and construction of the current ODU. We will be applying the Navy Working Uniform (NWU) Type III pattern as the primary pattern for the new Coast Guard Utility (CGU) produced in CG Blue. This next generation uniform will also incorporate a lightweight material variant. These changes will not be promulgated in the upcoming manual change that will incorporate UB 48 decisions, but will be added in a subsequent change once all production/rollout details have been finalized.

b. Performance Physical Fitness Uniforms: The Uniform Program is currently in development of new physical fitness shirt, shorts, and fitness suit utilizing the latest in performance athletic wear materials.

c. Tactical shirt/LE shirt: The tactical shirt with the breathable chest area and ODU Sleeves was voted on to develop a shirt that could be used when wearing outer protection and/or a life jacket. The shirt would be primarily worn with the ODU trousers, and designed to be worn under gear only and not as a regular ODU shirt.

d. Female Combination Cap: The Uniform Board voted favorably to test a female Combo Cap similar to the male’s cap in appearance and slightly smaller in size.

e. Refine/improve Badges, Devices and Insignia locations: This initiative will look at moving accoutrement locations as listed in REF (A) to better accommodate the various numbers and sizes of accoutrements a member may be authorized to wear at any given time. CMC board members noted that the CMC badge locations are not optimal and should be changed. They mentioned that the wear policy for female CMCs may be key to the locations, but wanted further review. Once this review is complete and locations are identified, the results will be voted on by the board. This proposal is specifically looking at moving all items off the pockets, onto or above the pocket flap.

3. The Uniforms Program relies on field level input to enhance our uniforms and wear policy. There were numerous submissions that were not approved by the board, were administratively closed, or returned for more research. All submissions provide value to the uniform program and even though a submission may not have been approved, policy clarification, quality control, and other program elements may have been enhanced through evaluation of the submission. A listing of submissions that were not enacted into policy can be found on the Military Uniform Program website: <https://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/>.

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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 that are disapproved, within the two-year/two board period, may be reconsidered early pending new relevant information.

5. Thank you to the members of UB 48 and to those who submitted uniform program suggestions. 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 the ACN 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 UDC at (800) 874-6844.



The following have become members since the last

issue of the Chatter. Please welcome them and given them your help and support.

Joel Campbell and Saleta Powell, 23-3  
Joseph Enchill, 23-6



## Help Wanted

Division 23 still has a couple of staff jobs vacant. They are: SO -DV and SO-PE.

If you are interested in either of these positions please contact Willie Witters at [WttW5@aol.com](mailto:WttW5@aol.com) or Marie Squillace at [squillace14@gmail.com](mailto:squillace14@gmail.com)



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