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Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work during the first quarter of 2016. By all accounts, the Sector Workshops were a tremendous success, and Division 23 was well represented both in terms of members who were presenters, and with respect to member attendance. A special thanks to Phil Wentz, Ray Feller, Jim Welday, and to all those who attended my workshop on public affairs.

The results from the 19 March "Accountability Drill" were favorable, although, we still have a lot of room for improvement. Division 23 led the way in the Sector with 76% of our members responding – which, of course, means that 24% did not respond during the period covered by the drill. I encourage all members to make sure that your contact information in AUXDATA is current. For those of you, who did not participate in the drill, please make it a point to participate in these drills. Accountability drills are not a pointless exercise in bureaucratize – they are important exercises for making sure that we "know" that all members are well (and that is far from a "pointless exercise"). The next drill will be sometime during the "May/June" timeframe, and will be a "FULL" drill with FC/VFC follow-up with "non-responders" required.

In March, the DCO expressed his gratitude to all members who accumulated/reported "77 or more hours" for 2015 by announcing that each such member will be the recipient of a "Challenge Coin" in recognition of their contributions. I'm proud to say that 85 members of D23 were on the list, and it is noteworthy to point out that six (6) of our members were in the top 5% of all of D5SR in terms of hours volunteered (Wendy Norwitz (23-01), James Farrell (23-01), Walter Discenza (23-01), Ed Martin (23-01), Paul Deafenbaugh (23-03), and Ray Feller (23-06)). The "Coins" will be provided to the FC's for distribution to the recipients.

At the Sector DCAPT's meeting on Saturday, 26 March, DCAPT Johnson asked that Division-leadership encourage FC's and VFC's to work with members in "IQ" status to get them moved to "BQ" status by having the member(s) complete a

boating safety course. So, FC's and VFC's – please consider yourselves so encouraged. After all, it just stands to reason that an organization in the business of promoting recreational boating safety (RBS) should promote RBS within the ranks as well. Preparations are now well underway for both the upcoming recreational boating season, and joint training exercises with our AUXAIR cohorts this summer (most likely in June/July). For planning purposes, the following is a brief summary of a few of the upcoming events/activities of which I am aware:

- 14 May – Bay Bridge Paddle.
- 21-28 May – National Safe-Boating Week (Please tell me what your flotilla is planning to do.)
- 24-25 May – Blue Angels and Naval Academy Graduation
- 04 June – Open House at Station Annapolis.
- 12 June – Bay Bridge Swim.
- 04 August – Coast Guard Day.

Lastly, I would like to take a moment to thank all of you who are providing direct support to the United States Coast Guard. Whether you are helping out at Sector, Base National Capital Region (i.e., Headquarters), Station Annapolis, or Station St. Inigoes, I can assure you that your efforts are much appreciated by the "gold-side." And in that vein, if you are not currently providing direct support please consider doing so. In particular, communications watchstanders are needed at Curtis Bay, Sta. Annapolis, and especially at Sta. St. Inigoes. You can find out about opportunities to provide direct support by contacting:

Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC) John Galleazzi
Sta. Annapolis Aux. Unit Coordinator Jim Farrell
Sta. St. Inigoes Aux Unit Coordinator Gary Smith

There are also many opportunities each month to volunteer to help out the "gold-side" with community affairs activities/events. Each month I receive a list of opportunities from Base – National Capital Region Community Affairs Officer LCDR Jonathan Schafner. The list is distributed to all of the FC's and FSO-PA's throughout the Division for sharing with the members of each flotilla. If you're not receiving the list, ask your FC or FSO-PA to

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2015 Board & Staff

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VCDR: Dale Helms

23-1 - Annapolis

Ron Price, Flotilla Commander

Wendy Norwitz, Vice Flotilla Commander

23-2 - Solomons

Lawrence Butts, Flotilla Commander

Theresa Gray, Vice Flotilla Commander

23-3 – West Annapolis

Bryan Teague, Flotilla Commander

Dorothy Neiman, Vice Flotilla Commander

23-4 – South River

Michael Whitman, Flotilla Commander

Lauri Lindqvist, Vice Flotilla Commander

23-6 – Drum Point

Mark Campbell, Flotilla Commander

Willie Witters, Vice Flotilla Commander

23-7 – Herring Bay

Christopher Jensen, Flotilla Commander

Lynn Fountain, Vice Flotilla Commander

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SO-CM - John Cosgrove

SO-CS - Wendy Norwitz

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SO-HR - Dave Keyser

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SO-MS - Ronald Price

SO-MT - Ray Feller

SO-NS - Robert Glenn Wright

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SO-PV - Christopher Jensen

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SO-VE - Dale Cranford

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Top Left—DCAPT Bruce Johnson and Captain Harrison, Sector MD NCR give oath of office to John Leben & Dale Helms—photo by Wendy Norwitz

Top Right—Robin Ouellette, Division Auxiliarist of the Year

Middle Left—DCAPT Bruce Johnson presents "CG Meritorious Team" Star Spangled Spectacular Award at the workshops. Photo by John Leben

Bottom Left—AUX Ron Hillard, DSO-FS (right), and AUX Lorraine Colletta, ADSO-FS, SM-NCR (left), caught in the act of enjoying some of the fruits of their labors after preparing and serving lunch to the attendees of the Sector Workshops. Photo by John Leben

Bottom Right— Paul Deafenbaugh at the Helo training. Photo by Bryan Teague.

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Articles and pictures are encouraged and appreciated. Please email to:
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send it to you. These are amazing opportunities to help support both the “gold-side” and our local communities in ways that we normally don’t. It is time well-spent!

Thank you for all that you do, and let’s keep up the good work!

John Leben

DCDR



Crossing the Bar

George Clements, a former member of our division (when we were Division 15) crossed the bar on 20 December 2015 in Michigan.

George was Division Captain in 1984 and 1985.

Ruby (Robin) Wentz, a retired member of our division and beloved wife of Phil Wentz crossed the bar on 28 December, 2015. Robin served as the first SO-SR to Division 15 in 1975. Robin also held the position of SO-CC and SO-GR (what is now SO-HR.) During her years of service she also held several offices in Flotilla 15-3.

Gladys Eileen Gray, 23-2 crossed the bar on 30 January. She was a member of the Auxiliary for 29 years. She served as district secretary, division secretary, flotilla secretary, and flotilla publications officer.

Louis E. Romm, 23-4 crossed the bar on 20 February.

Now, the Supreme Admiral of the universe has called our Shipmates to sail with him in eternally calm waters, forever free from the storms and tempest of life.

We honor and cherish the memory of our Shipmates, but we do not mourn for them, for they have found refuge in the great harbor of eternal peace. Rather, it is for ourselves we

mourn—for good friends that have slipped their moorings and are no longer among us. We will miss their hands on the helm. We will miss their shoulders next to ours. We will miss their encouragement and counsel as we meet the storm and strife of life.

We of the United States Coast Guard and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary mourn our loss, but we are consoled by the abiding faith that when the final watch changes for us and we too cross the bar, our Shipmates will be waiting to guide us into safe anchorage.

We bid you hail and farewell Shipmates, until we drop anchor beside you at the last great rendezvous.

Mourn not for our departed Shipmates who sailed to the port of no return. They have dropped anchor in the harbor eternally secure from gales and raging seas of life. Let us find consolation for ourselves in the knowledge that when God so wills, we too will join them there, and with them enjoy eternal tranquility.



I attended DTRAIN in Richmond. I was attending the AMLOC training for mid-level officers most of the time. The training used a lot of familiar management references from my business-school days which have been adapted for use in the Coast Guard and Auxiliary.

Meeting and dining with members from all over the District was very rewarding as well. If you haven't been before, DTRAIN is a very useful way to meet folks from all over and pick up some valuable training.

Any member can attend.

Dale Helms

Vice Division Commander (VDCDR)

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“Remember the Members Who Have Crossed the Bar.”

Let's continue to honor and celebrate the lives, contributions and impact of our shipmates who have crossed the Bar.

Let's remember the members who encouraged, inspired, and believed in us. They placed service above self and passionately devoted time and talent to guide us and invest in us so we'd be proficient and best able to excel in the variety of missions that the Coast Guard and American public counts on us to make possible. Let's continue to honor and celebrate the contributions and impact of our shipmates who have crossed the bar.

Here's Need-to-Know Information for each of us to do our part:

Any Shipmate having knowledge of the death of a Shipmate should notify the Flotilla Commander (FC) without delay.

The FC should reach out to the deceased's survivor to offer condolence and assistance. At that time, it can be determined from the family whether participation by the Auxiliary is desired, to what extent, and whether uniforms and/or appropriate civilian attire is preferred.

Without delay, it is extremely important that the FC timely email the District Commodore, DIRAUX shared email box, District Captain, and Division Commander when a flotilla member dies.* Service details and Uniform of the Day should also be provided.

NEW step: District Commodore will send All Hands email upon receipt of FC's email, so widespread notice can be provided expeditiously. Most Shipmates have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances that extends well beyond their flotilla and division. Auxiliarists districtwide should be made timely aware, so they are afforded the opportunity to participate.

Participation by the Coast Guard Auxiliary in funeral services for Auxiliarists is governed entirely by the wishes of the family of the deceased. If the deceased Auxiliarist had previously specified, or if the survivor of an Auxiliarist desires that the Auxiliary take an active part in the funeral services, the survivor should make this request known to the funeral director and the clergyman and details of participation can then be worked out by the FC

The Auxiliary participation in an Auxiliarist's funeral may, depending on the wishes of the deceased's family, range from the Auxiliarists arriving as a group to pay their respects, an honor guard posted at the viewing in conjunction with a brief memorial service or participation in the funeral itself. Whatever the level of Auxiliary activity, great care must be taken to maintain the dignity of the occasion.

Additionally deaths shall be reported by the FC using the Change of Membership Status form (ANSC 7035).* The Director of Auxiliary and the Division Commander should send a personal sympathy letter to the next of kin.*

Source: The Aux Manual Section H: Auxiliary Funeral Services. The three sentences followed by * are per D5SR Aux Policy Manual Section 3.A.7.b: Death.

Thank you,
Rob
Robert A. Sersen Jr.
District Commodore



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Awards

Since the last issue of the Chatter the following people have received awards:

Auxiliary Achievement Award

Ron Price, 23-1



CG Meritorious Team ribbon for Star Spangled Spectacular Event – Sept 2014



23-1: Juan Aguilar, Blair and Julie Anessi, Walter Discenza, James Farrell, Leonard Klaver, Ed Martin, Daniel Maurice, Irving Mcconnell, Wendy Norwitz, Ron Price, Douglas Robinson, David Silberstein, Carl Smith, Kathleen Sullivan, Rodney Teel, Mike Vandeven, and Jim Welday.

23-2: Robin Ouellette and Gary Smith.

23-3: Stephen Burns, Mace Coleman, John Fewer, Dale Helms, Dorothy Neiman, Donald Parker and Glen Wright.

23-4: Ordice Gallups, Brian Leben, and John Leben.

23-6: Mark Campbell and Ray Feller.

23-7: Phil Wentz.

Membership Service Award

10 Years

Gary Smith, 23-2

India Ochs, 23-3

Kevin C Hook, Russ Spaulding and Charles M Setzfand, 23-6



15 Years

Ben Copley, 23-1

John Fewer, 23-3

Vivian Gallups, 23-4

Dawn Miller, 23-7

20 Years

Ed Martin and Don Llewellyn, 23-1

William H Noyes, 23-6

40 Years

Len Klaver, 23-1

Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award for service in excess of 60 VE for 2015.

Tom Hardisty, Peggy Whilden, and Willie Witters Jr., 23-6

Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award for service in excess of 200 Operational support hours for 2015.

Harry N Scott – 23-6

Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award for service in excess of 60 operation hrs during 2015

Vern Schottroff, Art Murray, Mike Vandeven, Jim Welday, Wendy Norwitz, Ron Price, Jim Farrell – 23-1

Robin Ouellette and Gary Smith – 23-2

Ray Feller – 23-6

Sustained Auxiliary Service Award

Carolyn Jensen-750 hours 1st award and Leonard Butler-750 hours 1st award, 23-1



Robin Ouellette, 5250 hours, 7th award and Ron Fields, 3000 hours, 4th award 23-2

James T Jefferson, 750 hours, 1st award: Willie Witters Jr. and Mark Campbell, 1500 hours, 2nd Award, Thomas W Hardisty, 2250 hours, 3rd Award, and William Smith, 3750 hours, 5th award; 23-6

Retirement

Madeleine and Richard Irving, 23-1

Ronald T Sauer, 23-6

Auxiliary Food Services

Debbie Cranford, John Yori, 23-1

Instructor

Adam Yearwood, 23-1



23-1 Special Awards

George Fox Award-Ed Martin

Carl Tross Award-Adam Yearwood

Capstan Award- Jim Welday, Walt Discenza, Muriel Garman, Chris Converse, Jim Farrell, Ron Price, Bob Garman, Margaret Butler

Flotilla Awards

Achievement Award - 60 years, 23-1

Growth Award for 2014, 23-1

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Fifth District Certificate of Appreciation

District Commodore Robert Sersen presented all active members in the district who had over five years of service with a certificate of Appreciation thanking them for their continued dedicated service.

The certification contained the member's name, Flotilla and the number of years of service. The certificate read "Thank you for your continued dedicated service above self; generous sharing of time, talent, and teamwork; and commitment to making a difference via active participation in supporting the mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please let me know if there's anything I can do to help you succeed. I am inspired and humbled to serve with you and for you.

Together we will continue to take this premier district to new heights. Thanks for answering the call to duty and rising to the challenge to remain Semper Paratus".

Members who earned this award and the number of years are:

23-1:

Margaret Butler, Wendy Norwitz, and Ron Price – 6 years; Leonard Butler, Tim Cook, Charlie Eames, Trish Napoli, David Petty, Kathleen Sullivan, Rod Teel, Gerry Young – 7 years; James Farrell – 8 years, Doug Norton, Doug Robinson, and Helen Yurevitch – 9 years; James Beyea and Chester King – 10 years, Walter Discenza – 12; Keegan Mills – 13 years, Benjamin Copley – 15 years, Edwin Martin – 19 years, Donald Llewellyn and David Silberstein – 20 years, Robert Welday – 23 years, Anita Murray – 33 years, Vernon Schottroff – 33 years, Carl Smith – 34 years, William Mitchell – 35 years, Leonard Klaver – 40 years, and Arthur Murray – 45 years.

23-2: John A Johnson - 51 years; Eileen Gray -29 years; Douglas E Yeckley -28 years; James S Moore, Kent Holmes, Ronald F Hillard, and Joye F Hillard – 22 years; Peter J Kelly - 21 years; Ginger A Newman-Askew and Gregory K Askew – 17 years; Theresa A Gray and Frederick W Camp, 16 years; Timothy A Pannone – 15 years; Robin D Ouellette

and Joseph F Jenkins, 12 years; Ronald G Fields – 11 years; Carol A Thornton, Stephen T Morgan, Edward M May, Robert J Fehn, Betsey H Fehn, Alberto de Capitani, - 10 years; and Gary L Smith- 9 years

23-3:

Michael Taylor - 20 years; George Mikulski - 18 years; Paul Deafenbaugh - 16 years; Kirby Garland, Paul Flanagan, and Derrick Dortch - 13 years; Dale Helms - 12 years; Don Parker, Chris Woods, John Wilson Sr., and Carol Sisco - 11 years; Mace Coleman - 10 years; India Ochs and Wendy Kravit - 9 years; and Lynn Disque - 7 years

23-6:

Margaret Haskin and Coral Hoffman– 6 years, Reid Sprague –7 years; Mark Campbell– 8 years; Steven Birchfield, John Schaecher, Russell Spaulding and Raymond T West – 9 years; Kevin Hook and Willie Witters – 10 years; Rainer Feller, Charles Setzfand, Tracy and Jon Stivers- 11 years; Jacques Smith and William E Smith – 13 years, Harry N Scott and Craig Walker -14 years; Peggy and Walter Whilden – 16 years; David and Eleanor Keyser – 17 years; Rose Locke and Maxine B Noyes – 18 years; Ginger E Sauer – 19 years; William Noyes – 20 years; Thomas Hardisty and Stan Sweikar – 24 years; John and Connie Cosgrove - 28 years and Donald Haskin - 31 years

23-7:

Edith Brown and David Yost - 5 years; Casey McAllister - 9 years; Lynn and John Fountain, Jose' Pena De La Guardia, and Everett Santos - 11 years; Timothy Connor - 12 years, Daniel Meade - 13 years; Dawn Miller - 14 years; Paul Miller, George Pacharis, and John Rohrbaugh - 15 years; Travis Ball, Roger Goetsch, and Germaine Harlow - 16 years; Michael Prokopchak - 17 years; Robert Gittings and Christopher Jensen – 18 years, Frank Voltaggio – 19 years, and Phillip Wentz – 41 years.

New Members

The following have become members since the last Chatter. Please offer them your assistance.

23-1

Shane Bartus and Ruth Hatcher

23-7

Bryan Esner, Prudence Lyle, and Donna McMillan

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Annual Change of Watch (COW) Held

The annual COW was held on January 9th at Rendition's. Jim Welday served as the master of ceremonies.

The afternoon ceremonies kicked off with Ray Feller leading the pledge of allegiance. Jim introduced Bruce Johnson, District Captain Sector Maryland National Capital Region; BM1 Greg Porter, XPO Station St. Inigoes; BMCS William Krukowski, Officer in Charge of Station Annapolis, and Captain Lonnie Harrison, Sector Maryland National Capital Region. Dan McConnell gave the blessing.

Following a buffet luncheon the festivities for the afternoon began with comments from DCAPT Johnson and Captain Harrison.

John Leben, Division Commander (DCDR) and Dale Helms, Vice Division Commander (VDCDR) were given the oath of office by DCAPT Johnson and Captain Harrison. The Flotilla Commanders, Vice Flotilla Commanders and division staff were given their oaths of office by DCDR Leben and VDCDR Helms. The awards portion of the afternoon followed the oath of office.

Facility awards were presented by DCDR Leben and Ron Price, Immediate Past Division Commander (IPDCDR). Robin Ouellette was presented the Division Auxiliarist Award by DCDR Leben, DCAPT Johnson and IPDCDR Price. Jim Welday and DCAPT Johnson passed out the 5th District Length of Service awards. IPDCDR Price was presented with the Auxiliary Achievement Medal by Captain Harrison.

Captain Harrison presented Helen Mulfort with a volunteer award for the years she has assisted with the COW even though she is not an Auxiliarist. A special thank-you was given to Theresa and Eileen Gray for their work on the COW and to Pat Puglisi for the centerpieces.

Connie Cosgrove
SO-PB

Facility Awards presented at Change of Watch

John Leben, DCDR and Ron Price, IPDCDR presented Silver and Bronze facilities awards to the following members:

Silver Awards (60+ hours): Family Time, John Fewer, 148.7 hours; Free Spirit, Ron Price, 130.4 hours; Delta 4, Jim Welday, 123.5 hours; Splash, Gary Smith, 116.2 hours; Sun Room, Jim Farrell, 82.7 hours; Chessie, Don Parker, 74.1 hours; Liz Reese, Ray Feller, 63.2 hours; Hawk II, Ron Price, 62.5 hours.

Bronze Awards (between 30 and 59 hours): Salty Dog, Ron Price, 56.5 hours; Refuge, Jim McGrath, 53.1 hours; No Name, Bryan Teague, 52.3 hours; Carma, Art Murray, 45.6 hours; Gesture, Ed Martin, 38.8 hours; J Hawk, Ron Price, 32.1 hours; Hawk I, Ron Price, 26.9 hours; and Satisfaction, David Silberstein, 22 hours.

Connie Cosgrove
SO-PB



DCAPT Johnson thanks Eileen Gray (left), Theresa Gray (center) and Helen Mulfort for their working on the COW. Helen also received a volunteer award for her participation with the Auxiliary over the years. Photo by Wendy Norwitz

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Auxiliarist of the Year 2015

The following members were selected as the Auxiliarist of the Year for their Flotilla:

23-1 – Debbie Cranford
23-2 – Robin Ouellette
23-3 – Mace Coleman
23-4 - Paul Feinberg
23-6 – Willie Witters
23-7 – Ray and Lenore Walsh

Robin Ouellette was selected as the Division Auxiliarist of the Year.

Connie Cosgrove
SO-PB

2016 PA Directorate Contest Opens

The Public Affairs Directorate is pleased to announce that the 2016 Public Affairs Contest is now open!

The Contest consists of 4 separate categories including Public Affairs, Publications, Photos and Videos. A link to the Contest Rules may be found at: <http://auxpa.cgaux.org/CreativeServicesDocs/PAContests2016.pdf>.

Entries may be made until 01 June 2016 and winners will be announced at NACON 2016. The rules are also visible on the Public Affairs Directorate homepage under the "Contests" link on the navigation bar.

Editor's Note: The above was received through the Auxiliary messaging system. For the publication contest – all Flotilla newsletters will need to be submitted for judging at the district level and not sent direct. The winner of the division level and flotilla level will then be submitted for judging by national.

Auxiliary Mandated Training (AUXMT) NACO 3 Star Award

The NACO 3 Star Award for Excellence in Auxiliary Mandated Training (AUXMT) has just been established. This is an annual award recognizing those Flotillas that achieve at least 90% of their members recorded as having completed all 10 Auxiliary Mandated Training courses and are current in the AUXMT requirements.

A number of flotillas have already approached qualification for this award, and each should be recognized for their efforts in meeting this goal.

Details on this award may be found at: http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/AUXMT_NACO_3-Star_Award_2016-01-11.pdf

Editor's Note: The above was received email through the Auxiliary messaging system.

Update for Vessel Examiners and Staff SIRIUS Signal Light

Vessel Examiners should be aware of the capabilities and approvals of the SIRIUS SOS C-1001 electronic distress light. **This light is acceptable as a nighttime visual distress signal.**

SIRIUS has included a daytime distress flag in the SOS C-1001 packaging so that it can market the package as a solution for a combined day/night signal, and as a replacement for flares. **As long as the SIRIUS Signal Model SOS C-1001 is carried in conjunction with an acceptable daytime distress signal, this satisfies the daytime/nighttime signaling requirement.**

All electronic visual distress signals, in order to be acceptable, must be legibly and indelibly marked with the statement: *"Night Visual Distress Signal for Boats Complies with U.S. Coast Guard*

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Requirements in 46 CFR §161.013. For Emergency Use Only", and must also be marked with the manufacturer's name, replacement battery type and lamp size.

If an electric light is designed for use with dry cell batteries the label must advise the consumer on the battery replacement schedule, which under normal conditions would maintain performance requirements of 46 §CFR 161.013-3.

When conducting a vessel safety check, all Auxiliary Vessel Examiners (VEs) are to check/verify this piece of safety equipment in accordance with the Vessel Safety Check Manual, COMDTINST M16796.8A. Any further questions or concerns regarding this equipment should be routed appropriately via the Auxiliary's chain of leadership and management.

Editor's Note: The above was received email through the Auxiliary Messaging System

Auxiliary Music (AUXMU) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

The Auxiliary Musician (AUXMU) Program Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been signed by the Chief Director of Auxiliary. This document culminates close and extensive work between Auxiliary grass-roots interests that launched the initiative, Auxiliary national leadership, and the Coast Guard Band. It provides programmatic structure through which Auxiliary musicians can qualify and perform authorized musical activities.

The AUXMU SOP can be found on the CG-BSX-1 web site at: <http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/publications/default.asp>, and on the Coast Guard Auxiliary web site at: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__wow.uscgaux.info_content.php-3Funit-3DA-2DDEPT-26category-3Dauxiliary-2Dmusic&d=BQICAg&c=ONKfg44GVknAU-XkWXjNxQ&r=ED7fXikSok-

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The Auxiliary national AUXMU program manager is Commodore Al Verdi, Auxiliary National Public Affairs Directorate, Branch Chief - Auxiliary Music (averlaw@aol.com).

Auxiliarists who are currently active musicians or who are interested in the program but need to "brush up" on previously proficient musical skills should contact Commodore Verdi, AND enter their information into the Auxiliary Skills Bank (website below) so that music program leaders can create email lists for disseminating AUXMU program information. Within Skills Bank, musical skills can be uploaded in three categories under "Arts, Design, and Entertainment and Media Occupations." The categories are "Music Directors and Composers," "Musicians and Singers," and "Entertainers and Performers."

Editor's Note: The above was received email from the Chief Director's list server.

Auxiliary Use of the CG Exchange System

Our use of the CG Exchange System (CGES) is a statutory privilege that has certain limitations. CGES policy authorizes currently enrolled Auxiliarists to purchase all merchandise and services CGES provides, except state tax-free items, including tobacco products and alcoholic beverages.

You are encouraged to exercise your CGES privilege within the limits stated above, including the purchase of uniform items and accessories.

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Challenge Coin “Hours” Recipients

DCO Rob Sersen announced on 30 March, the Fabulous Fifth Southern was fortunate to be the beneficiary of a limited quantity of challenge coins. With June 23, 2016 being the 77th Anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, these challenge coins will be distributed to all Shipmates who generously served at least 77 hours during 2015.

This serves as a small expression of thanks to Remember the Members who have made and continue to make our mission possible.

The challenge coins will be mailed April 14th via USPS Priority Mail to each Division Commander. DCDR's are requested to distribute the challenge coins to Flotilla Commanders at your next division meeting so that they can get them in members' hands ideally by the June Flotilla meeting.

Division 23 had 85 members on the list, and it is noteworthy to point out that six (6) of our members were in the top 5% of all of D5SR in terms of hours volunteered (Wendy Norwitz (23-01), James Farrell (23-01), Walter Discenza (23-01), Ed Martin (23-01), Paul Deafenbaugh (23-03), and Ray Feller (23-06)).

23-01:

Norwitz, Wendy, 2,139.4 hours; Farrell, James B, 1,052.1 hours; Discenza, Walter V., 991.3 hours; Martin, Edwin L., 899.4 hours; Welday, Jr., Robert J., 595.7 hours; Price, Ronald C., 517.3 hours; Beyea, James S., 294.4 hours; Butler, Margeret J., 292.8 hours; VanDeven, Michael J., 262.1 hours; Cranford, Deborah J., 254.4 hours; Cranford, Dale R., 234.5 hours; Eames, Charles, 232.0 hours; Garman, Muriel E., 183.3 hours; Murray, Jr., Arthur R., 179.7 hours; Sullivan, Kathleen D., 152.0 hours; Anessi, Blair A., 137.9 hours; Butler, Leonard D., 130.4 hours; Hatcher, Ruth E., 111.4 hours; Garman, Robert W., 109.3 hours; Anessi, Julie M., 101.8 hours; Silberstein, David, 101.5 hours; Norton, Douglas M., 94.4 hours; Roberts, Douglas K., 94.3 hours; Murray, Anita M., 89.4 hours;

Schottroff, Vernon E., 84.9 hours; and Yearwood, Adam T., 83.4 hours.

23-02:

Smith, Gary L., 763.3 hours; Ouellette, Robin D., 600.5 hours; Hillard, Ronald F., 464.0 hours; Gray, Theresa A., 417.5 hours; Gray, Eileen, 300.5 hours; Johnson, John A., 257.5 hours; Fields, Ronald G., 190.2 hours; Pannone, Timothy A., 190.1 hours, Camp, Frederick W., 189.0 hours; Butts, Lawrence D., 140.2 hours; Morgan, Stephen T., 115.3 hours; De Capitani, Alberto, 114.9 hours; Davis, Kevin A., 96.5 hours.

23-03:

Deafenbaugh, Jr., Paul W, 1,470.3 hours; Wisniewski, Anthony C., 821.4 hours; Parker, Donald W., 739.7 hours; Helms, Robert D., 685.3 hours; Neiman, Dorothy C., 455.7 hours; Fewer, John H., 376.4 hours; Wright, Robert G., 258.5 hours; Teague, Bryan M., 256.3 hours; Disque, Lynn A., 228.1 hours, Taylor, Michael C., 149.5 hours; Clarke, Timothy F., 125.1 hours; Wilson, Sr., John D., 111.5 hours; Ward, Sr., Edward A., 98.5 hours; Coleman, Jr., Mace T., 95.5 hours.

23-04:

Gallups, Ordice A., 702.9 hours; Leben, John A., 471.1 hours; Lindqvist, Lauri M., 194.6 hours; Feinberg, Paul H., 164.6 hours.

23-06:

Feller, Rainer., 1,042.4 hours; Campbell, Mark S., 720.1 hours; Scott, Harry N., 595.4 hours; Smith, Jr., William E., 496.9 hours; Jefferson, James T., 463.3 hours; Cosgrove, Connie L., 436.0 hours; Witters, Jr., Willie, 312.7 hours; Mobley, Freddie, 189.0 hours; Keyser, David R., 171.5 hours; Cosgrove, John A., 135.8 hours; Hardisty, Thomas W., 110.0 hours; Haskin, Donald M., 78.5 hours.

23-07:

Walsh, Raymond M., 774.7 hours; Wentz, Philip J., 705.5 hours; Jensen, Christopher M., 261.4 hours; Brown, Edith E., 235.0 hours; Fountain, Lynn P., 206.7 hours; Gershman, Steven B., 96.9 hours.

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“Volunteering to Honor – the “Rosie the Riveter” Honor Flight”

Volunteering is something that we, as members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, are intimately familiar with. It's the foundation of our service, and literally permeates everything we do on behalf of the Auxiliary, the recreational boating community, and the United States Coast Guard. And it's an honor to be an active, volunteering member of the Auxiliary.

So naturally, when I receive the monthly list of “Volunteer Opportunities” issued by LCDR Schafler, the USCG Community Affairs Officer for Base National Capital Region, I quickly look it over to see if there's something listed that I can help with before forwarding it to the Auxiliary Sector leadership and public affairs officers to share with their members. On the March 2016 list, along with a host of other worthwhile opportunities, I saw that the first Honor Flight of the year, the “*Talons Out Honor Flight*,” was coming into Reagan-National Airport on Tuesday, 22 March. But what really made this opportunity stand out was that the flight was in honor of 50 of the “Rosie the Riveter” surviving World War II heroes.

For those of you who may not know, the “Rosie's” were the women who, while the men were overseas fighting our enemies during World War II, picked up the tools and helped construct the planes, tanks, ships, trucks, submarines, etc., that were so vital to allied victory. And here was an opportunity to honor 50 of the surviving “Rosie's” in person – an opportunity that becomes rarer with each passing year. So, following the instructions in the list I got in touch with the point of contact for the Honor Flights, YN1 Joseph DeVito, who promptly briefed me on “the process.” At the end of the briefing, he added “you are going to really enjoy this.” YN1 DeVito could not have been more right . . .

I didn't have to look at my watch to know that the flight was arriving. The crowd around the gate had swelled from around 50 members of the armed services – representing all uniformed services (USCG, USN, USA, USMC, USAF), to several

hundred people, all focused on the gate. There was a children's choir singing patriotic songs, reporters, photographers, and a film crew from a local television station. People who were waiting for their own flights stopped to greet the “Rosie's,” and there was a small army of volunteers to escort the “Rosie's” throughout the day as they travelled to see the sights and monuments of Washington, DC.

When the “Rosie's” began to disembark the plane – some walking, most (sadly) in wheelchairs – the crowd erupted in applause. It was an extremely emotional and uplifting thing to witness. Like I said, YN1 DeVito could not have been more right.

So if you are looking for a volunteer opportunity that is a little different from what you normally do for the Auxiliary and the United States Coast Guard, take a look at volunteering to support an Honor Flight as a “greeter.” The Honor Flight Network flies veterans from 127 cities, free of charge, to visit the memorials in Washington, DC. There are flights arriving on a regular basis from April through November (although most of the flights come in the spring and fall in order to avoid the summer heat).

To find out when Honor Flights are coming to DC, you can check the schedule at the Honor Flights Network website: <http://www.honorflightdca.com>. To volunteer to be part of the USCG contingent greeting and honoring the veterans, contact YN1 Joseph DeVito at Joseph.F.DeVito@uscg.mil.

I hope to see you at a future Honor Flight.

John Leben

ADSO-PA and photographer



YN1 DeVito greeting one of the “Rosie's”

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USCG Helicopter Familiarization and Training

I was privileged to be able to attend this training session, along with AUX David Reilly of Flotilla 054-22-05 (Magothy River), and the duty section present at the station that day, led by Station OIC BMCS William Krukowski.

USCG Helo 6577 landed at Station Annapolis at approx. 0945, in a light but steady rain, piloted by USCG LCDR Darrah, with crew members LTjg



Pitcairn and AET2 Corle. After the engines had completely shut down, we were invited to approach the aircraft and begin the familiarization/training session. LCDR Darrah showed us many of the helo's different controls, including working and

safety equipment, and controls to be used by rescuers in case of necessary extrication of POB in the event of an emergency landing in water.

After aircraft-relevant questions were answered, we all adjourned to the Station Training Room for more planned presentation on Coast Guard helicopter rescue, an open Q&A session, by all three crew members who also stressed the importance of conscientiously trained and familiarized boat crew members in actual, as well as simulated, water rescue situations.

After this very valuable and informative two-hour session, USCG Helo 6577 took off from Station Annapolis to resume its busy day, leaving Active-Duty and Auxiliarist members alike keenly aware of the importance of adequate familiarization, training and knowledge of the many crucial aspects of our shared mission, that of saving lives.

Paul Deafenbaugh

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David Riley

Photographer

Promoting new eBook and On-Line Course Products

The Auxiliary has developed and released to the public new electronic Public Education (ePE) products which include Basic Boat Handling (BBH), an Enhanced eBook, and Modern Marine Navigation (MMN), an on-line course. These new products will allow the Auxiliary to enter the online marketplace for the first time, expanding our RBS education outreach. Because educating the boating public is a vital mission, all Auxiliarists should be aware of these new products.

The items posted on the "ePE" Webpage will help Auxiliarists understand these products and will give flotillas tools to help promote them. Please visit and sign in at the ePE website for more information at: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=E-DEPT&category=electronic-pe-courses>

The Website presents an extensive set of resources including explanations of use of the new Flotilla Promotional Code feature.

Every member should visit the Public Education Directorate Website for information to help promote these valuable new education products to the recreational boating public.

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Coast Guard Auxiliary and Boat/US Release On-Line Navigation Course

Imagine a typical new boater. They excitedly buy a boat and dream of taking it to fun, maybe even exotic, places. But they soon realize that they don't know how to get there, they don't know how to navigate. They want to learn navigation skills, they may even know about the Coast Guard Auxiliary, but they may not have time to attend classes.

Now we have a win-win opportunity to offer boaters a new world of boating opportunities, promote boating safety and open up a new source of revenue for flotillas.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary, in partnership with the Boat US Foundation, is launching a new educational program for boaters, an on-line, self-study course called Modern Marine Navigation. Boaters that enroll in this course will learn, using their own computers or tablets, in the comfort of their own homes.

Auxiliary instruction to the boating public has been declining for several years. At the same time the use of on-line self-study instruction has been steadily increasing. Leveraging this trend, the Auxiliary has authored and developed a stimulating new interactive online course called Modern Marine Navigation, with Web implementation and hosting by the Boat US Foundation.

This is the only navigation course offered anywhere that has been completely vetted by the US Coast Guard Navigation Center. It will be the gold standard of navigation courses. This course opens a new market to Auxiliary boating education and it offers a direct financial benefit to flotillas.

Each person who enrolls in the course, using your Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla number* as a "promo code" on the Modern Marine Navigation course website, will receive a discount of over 10% off the purchase price. And for each of those enrollments, the Flotilla will receive a revenue share of \$5.00.

This \$5.00 per enrollment can be earned just by using personal contacts with boaters to inform them of the course, all without the time, space and outlay of flotilla funds required to put on a class.

Your promotion of this project is critical to the success of Modern Marine Navigation. You are the face of the Auxiliary and you are the people that are in daily contact with the boating public. The Modern Marine Navigation online interactive self-study course will cost \$39.99 and will be available on the Boat US Foundation website on or about 01 March. However, with a promo code (your flotilla number*), the cost will be \$34.99, and your flotilla will receive \$5.00.

The National Marketing staff is working with the E-Directorate to provide down-loadable materials and support for this project. More details about all of those things will be provided in upcoming emails.

Recreational Boating Safety is the primary core mission of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Whether getting on the water with a boat or a personal watercraft, the Modern Marine Navigation Online Course can help boaters be safer and more knowledgeable. By promoting Modern Marine Navigation at every opportunity, you help boaters who need education, you help your Flotilla, and you help make boating safer for everyone.

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Telecommunications Programs New Standards for Operations Approved and Published

The Office of the Chief Director of Auxiliary has released a new set of Auxiliary Communications Program Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

This set of SOPs provide descriptions and requirements of the Auxiliary Communications Program (ACP) along with a collection of guidelines for the conduct of specific Auxiliary communications mission activities.

The Response Directorate and Telecommunications Division have worked over the past six years to build a cohesive set of SOPs that better define the roles and responsibilities of Auxiliary communicators. A key document in this effort is the Auxiliary Communications Concept of Operations. This document provides an overarching description of the ACP and its program elements, defining the purpose, missions, components, and management of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Communications Program.

These new SOPs cover the management and conduct of Auxiliarists operating in the following areas:

Auxiliary Augmentation Communications (AUGCOM) Mission
Tactics, Techniques & Procedures for AUGCOM Mission,
Auxiliary Monitoring Station Program (AUXMON)
Auxiliary VHF Telecommunications Program policies and procedures
VHF Repeater Program and approval process

The complete file of new Auxiliary Communications Program Standard Operating Procedures can be found out: <http://rdept.cgaux.org/documents/Comms/AuxiliaryCommunicationsProgramSOP.pdf>

Recreational and Commercial Vessel Examinations Change in Data Entry Forms

In order to improve data entry and recording a new form ANSC-7066 has been created and is now available for use to report Uninspected Commercial Vessel Examinations.

This form pairs with the current ANSC-7038 form to record and submit data on Recreational Boating Vessel Safety Checks and Facility Inspections.

Beginning **01 April 2016**, Recreational Vessel Examiners will continue to record and submit both Recreational Vessel Safety Checks and Facility Examinations on Form 7038, while Commercial Vessel examinations will be recorded on the new Form 7066.

The new form, ANSC-7066, will be used to report Uninspected Commercial Vessel exams, including Uninspected Passenger Vessels (UPV), Uninspected Towing Vessels (UTV), and Commercial Fishing Vessels (CFV). Only personnel holding the appropriate uninspected commercial vessel examiner qualification are permitted to report these exams.

Uninspected Commercial Vessel Trainees will continue to record their exams 'under instruction' in their PQS books and report time conducting the training exams under the appropriate codes (80B, 80D or 80F) on the 7030 Mission Activity form.

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