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Happy New Year

As 2018 ends and we celebrate the arrival of 2019, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. All members of USCG Auxiliary Division 23 should be proud of our achieving the Mission of the Auxiliary in 2018. Whether it was in the classroom teaching safe boating courses (PE & DV), at special events as PA representatives, on the docks (VSC), participating in marine safety patrols, or assisting the gold side with watch standing, commercial fishing vessel inspections and other operational support, Division 23 members upheld the Auxiliary Mission. As a Division (AUXINFO stats), we contributed a total of 27,780 hours to the Coast Guard in 2018 including 19,833 hrs. - Recreational Boating Safety (99), 3352 hrs. - Marine Patrols, 1261 hrs. - CG Operational Support, 778 hrs. - Member Training and a combined 780 hrs. - PE and PA. **BRAVO ZULU and thank you to all!!!!**

I especially wish to thank the Division staff and Flotilla Commanders for their leadership throughout 2018. Administering the affairs of the Auxiliary can be time consuming and often challenging. Your leadership guided and enabled our members to become involved with the many activities we accomplished during the year – again **BRAVO ZULU.**

As we look ahead in 2019, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the many training opportunities and activities planned for the New Year. Every Auxiliarist is a member of a flotilla first and our strength starts at the Flotilla level. Participation in flotilla led activities is at the core of our serving the Coast Guard and Auxiliary Mission. I encourage everyone to support your flotilla leadership as you participate in the many activities for 2019.

The Division Change of Watch (26 January 2019), D-Train in Greensboro, NC (22-24 February) and the Winter Operational Workshop at Southern High School (2 March) is already planned and ready to go. These events are a great opportunity for

members to meet other Auxiliarist and participate in some valuable training. I encourage everyone to attend these events as we prepare for the 2019 Boating Season.



John Fewer
DCDR

Once again, thanks to all for a fabulous 2018 and I look forward to leading the Division as we prepare and deliver the Auxiliary Mission to the United States Coast Guard in 2019.

D5S D-Train 20-24 February 2019

D-Train will be held from 20-24 February at the Greensboro Sheraton at Four Seasons.

If you registered for our Sep 2018 D-Train and would like to have your registration funds roll over to Feb 2019

-or-

If you would like a refund (via check) of your registration funds (minus the fees charged by the registration system).

-then-

Please send your preference to kimberle128@gmail.com. If Kimberle does not hear from you then your funds will be rolled over to Feb 2019.

Cover Photos

Top—Harry Scott, 23– 6 holds up two or the bags of nonperishable food that was collected for the Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry. Story on page 9.

Bottom—Attendees and Instructors from the Instructor Development Course sponsored by Margaret Butler, SO-PE. Story on page 7

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Clarification of Auxiliary Operations during the Lapse in Appropriations

USCG Auxiliary National Commodore (NACO) Larry King clarifies guidance and requests the word be passed quickly enough to enable every FC to ensure all of their members understand our status.

The basic principle for all to understand is that all non-operational activities of the Coast Guard Auxiliary are permitted if no Coast Guard funds will be used and no reimbursement for any expense, including travel, is customarily provided by the Coast Guard or will be sought from the Coast Guard. For example, members **may**:

- Attend unit meetings
- Attend training ashore
- Conduct PE classes
- Conduct VSCs
- Inspect UPVs
- Engage in FS missions
- Engage in Chaplain Support missions
- Stand the watch
- Conduct PA Activities
- Hold unit Elections
- Hold Changes of Watch
- Conduct D-Trains
- Write articles for unit newsletters
- Operate unit stores
- Man a booth at a boat show
- Conduct MDVs

This is **NOT** a complete list of activities that are authorized during the funding hiatus. Virtually ANY Coast Guard Auxiliary activity authorized by the Auxiliary Manual is permitted other than operational activities or an activity where Coast Guard funds are spent or are expected to support the activity. Travel associated with non-operational activities is permitted. If a district authorizes reimbursement to the traveler in accordance with its usual practice, that is permitted as long as the funds come from the district's treasury. No Coast Guard funds may be used for travel. Reimbursement for travel by the Coast Guard should not be expected and should not be sought from the Coast Guard.

Uniforms may be worn in accordance with the Commandant and unit policies in effect prior to the funding hiatus. The funding hiatus DOES NOT affect a member's entitlement to liability and worker's compensation coverage. If prior to the funding hiatus, those protections were available for the specific activity in which the member was engaged, it is available now.

What we CANNOT routinely engage in are operational activities. Those activities that normally require orders from a Coast Guard order issuing authority and routinely include reimbursement of specified expenses incurred in the execution of the mission are NOT permitted. We cannot engage in any operational mission unless it is specifically ordered by a Coast Guard OIA and is in direct support of:

Search and Rescue (SAR)
Aids to Navigation
Port and Environmental Safety
Commercial Vessel Safety (CVS)
Marine Environmental Response (MER)

If called to duty and ordered to engage in an operational mission, whatever reimbursement for expenses, SAMA, meals, travel, etc, are customarily provided WILL BE PAID when the funding hiatus is over and a budget is in place. Information to the contrary has been disseminated but that information is not correct.

Thank you for your continued support!

DCO Michelle Thornton



New Members

The following have become members since the last issue of the Chatter

Robert E.Coby, 23-1