

Chesapeake Chatter

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Helms piped ashore

Auxiliarist Robert (Dale) Helms, 23-3, retired from the Auxiliary in December 2018. Dale joined the Auxiliary in June 2003.

One of his first Auxiliary activities was to learn to serve as a Watch Stander at USCG Station Annapolis. On 7 November 2018, Auxiliarist Helms completed over 15 years of Watch Standing at Station Annapolis. In addition to his own radio watch duties, he trained many Coast Guard personnel so they could be qualified to stand radio watch.

On 7 November, the crew of the Station honored Dale for his service as he was "piped ashore" after completing his final radio watch (see cover photo).

Station Annapolis is in need of Auxiliarist to stand radio watches. All Auxiliarist are urged to consider taking on this important duty.

John Fewer
DCDR



Awards

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

Sustained Auxiliary Service Award



Walt Discenza, 7500 Cumulative Hours, 10th award, 23-3

Membership Service Award 15 years

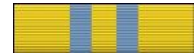


Walt Discenza, 23-3

Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation for performance of duty as Division Chief, Information Security

Joe Espino, 23-3

Boat Crew Member Certification



Joe Espino, 23-3

Instructor

Paul Manicone, 23-7



Retirement

Doug Yeckley, Joe Jenkins, and Tim Pannone, 23-2
Dale Helms, 23-3

Auxiliary Marine Safety Administration and Management Specialist

Roy Culley, 23-3

Willie Witters congratulates Michael
Whitman on his election to FC 23-4



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AUX Assistance to CG Members during Lapse in Appropriations

As we work our way through the government shutdown, you may be wondering how you can assist our local Coast Guard units and personnel. An excellent way would be to donate to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA). CGMA is "Coasties helping Coasties" and is similar to other organizations that help our sister services, such as the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Army Emergency Relief, and the Air Force Aid Society.

Watch a short video that was produced in December that highlights CGMA and its support of Coasties during the shutdown. Then visit the CGMA website to learn more about the organization. One of the things you'll discover is that we, as active and participating members of our flotillas, are eligible for assistance from CGMA.

But, that's not why I'm writing this note. Today, CGMA is providing emergency assistance to Coasties until their paychecks are restored. ALCOAST 434/18 was released in December that describes the temporary policies and loans put in place to assist Team Coast Guard for the duration of the shutdown.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance today. Just go to their website and follow the "Donate Now" link. Another way you can help is through AmazonSmile. If you're not familiar with AmazonSmile, it provides the same products, services, and pricing that are found on Amazon.com. When you purchase products on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to a charitable organization of your choice. Set up your account on AmazonSmile and select Coast Guard Mutual Assistance as your charitable organization of your choice.

Here are links to the website I've referenced.
CGMA

Federal Funding Lapse Donor Information
Call to Action video
ALCOAST 434/18
AmazonSmile

If you are considering any other form of donation please note the following guidance that has been sent to all Coast Guard members about general gift acceptance advice.

Gift cards are treated as gifts of cash and must be for a commercial vendor, i.e. Walmart, Amazon, Starbucks. Gift cards that are pre-paid debit cards are not permissible. The value of the gift should not exceed \$20, as the \$20 per occurrence/\$50 per calendar year from any one donor rule still applies. Legal review of the offer is required. See the attached document for more information.

Thank you for all you do to support Team Coast Guard.
Fred Hetzel
FC, 054-05-09
Fifth District Southern Region Coast Guard Mutual Assistance coordinator

New District Officers

The District elected leaders for 2019 are:

District Commodore District Chief of Staff -
Michelle Thornton

District Chief of Staff—Allen Field

District Captain, Sector Maryland, National Capital Region—Sam Tilley

District Captain, Sector Hampton Roads—John Krogmann

District Captain, Sector North Carolina—Travis Cullifer

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Division 23 2019 Elected Officers

The following members will hold elected office this year.

Division Commander – John Fewer
Division Vice Commander – Willie Witters

23-1:

Marie Squillace - Flotilla Commander
Michael Adams – Vice Flotilla Commander

23-2:

Earl Kaufman – Flotilla Commander
Gary Smith – Vice Flotilla Commander

23-3:

Dorothy Neiman – Flotilla Commander
John Wilson – Vice Flotilla Commander

23-4:

Michael Whitman – Flotilla Commander
Bruce Petro – Vice Flotilla Commander

23-6:

Mark Campbell – Flotilla Commander
Steven Birchfield – Vice Flotilla Commander

23-7:

Chris Jensen – Flotilla Commander
Paul Manicone—Vice Flotilla Commander

Division Staff for 2019

The Division Staff Officers for 2019 are:

SO-CM – Jim Welday
SO-CS – Wendy Norwitz
SO-DV – Margaret Butler
SO-FN – Michael Taylor
SO-FS – Ron Hillard
SO-HR – Dave Keyser
SO-IS – Ron Hillard
SO-MA – Chris Jensen
SO-MS – Ronald Price
SO-MT – Ray Feller
SO-NS—Glen Wright
SO-OP – Phil Wentz
SO-PA – Roy Culley
SO-PB – Connie Cosgrove
SO-PE – Margaret Butler
SO-PV – Chris Jensen
SO-SR – Elaine Griffin
SO-VE – Kirby Garland

Instructor Development Course held

In the 4th Quarter of FY18, Division 23 hosted a division-wide Instructor Development Course (IDC) in Annapolis. Margaret Butler, Public Education Staff Officer says *“the purpose and objective of the (16 hour) IDC training was to ready a new cohort of certified Auxiliary Instructor Trainees (IT) to assist division Flotillas to meet the vigorous demands for their Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) needs for 2019. In support of Commodore Thornton’s FY19 Operational Plan for our 5th District Southern Region mission and vision to train our maritime volunteer staff to enable us to serve the public and build a safer boating community.”*

What’s unique about this division-wide IDC Course is that it was a collaborative dual effort in partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The course readied candidates that successfully met all the qualifications as an Auxiliary certified Instructor Trainee to also receive certification as a MDNR State Instructor simultaneously. The MDNR certification permits Auxiliary Trainee Instructors to facilitate the DNR Maryland Safe Boating training courses in time for 2019 Spring boating session. The Division-wide IDC prepared 14 Instructor candidates to complete the training criteria fulfillment of their training thru Member Training as well as Auxiliary CORE Training delivered on GoToTraining platform.

Instructor candidates from Division 23, 24 and 25 participating were: Juan Aguilar, Shannon Woods, Kenneth Barlow, Joe Anderson, Margaret Carter Rardon, Leonard Butler, 23-01 Mark Bertacchi, John Wilson, Mace Coleman 23-03, Paul Manicone 23-07, Ivonne Sencebe Reilly 24-08, William Ireland 25-01, Bradley Keith 25-07, Frank Sterrett 25-01 with the Division Vice Commander Willie Witters, Margaret Butler and Jim Welday.

The next IDC Course will be offered on March 2, 2019 at the 2019 Sector Maryland-National Capital Region Workshop at Southern High School.

Margaret Butler
SO-PE