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Flotilla 23-01 Change of Watch Holiday Celebration

Flotilla 23-01 held their annual holiday celebration Change of Watch on December 1, 2018 at the Federal House in Annapolis. Approximately 40 Auxiliarists and guests attended the event. The celebration was organized by Marie Squillace, Mike Adams, Helen Yurevitch, and Wendy Norwitz. The Master of Ceremonies was Jim Welday. The



guest of honor was Julie Brown, Boating Safety Coordinator, with the Maryland Department of Natural

Resources Police Department.

Flotilla members were pleased that our current leadership - Marie Squillace (FC) and Michael



Adams (VFC) - were re-elected to their posts for another year.

Annual flotilla awards were presented to the following 23-01 members

- **Capstan Awards** - Robert Garman, Muriel Garman, Nick Pfeiffer, and Christian Converse were recognized for helping the flotilla run smoothly, as essential team members in a successful flotilla.
- **Carl Tross Award** - Steven Hildebrand was recognized as a new member serving during his first two years who was exceptionally active in one or more USCG Auxiliary mission areas.
- **George Fox Award** - Jim Farrell was recognized as member performing extended outstanding service for five or more years in three or more different USCG Auxiliary mission areas.

- **Special Recognition Award** - Wendy Norwitz was recognized as a member who provided outstanding support to the USCG.

- **Auxiliarist of the Year** - Margaret Butler



was recognized as a member who has devoted an extraordinary amount of time and effort in supporting the objectives of the flotilla.

The Awards Committee members – Mike Adams, Jim Welday, Ed Martin and Adam Yearwood – did a terrific (and thoughtful) job in recognizing outstanding performance. In all, 2018 was a terrific year for Flotilla 23-01 with the addition of several new members and operational vessels. We are hoping for continued success in the New Year and we look forward to serving the boating public in our area of operation!

Robert Garman
FSO-PB 23-1

23-6 members donate to Toys for Tots annual drive

Members of Flotilla 23-6 came together again this year to help brighten a small child's Christmas by donating to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive. The Flotilla once again collaborated with the Prince Frederick Fire Department. Toys were collected on 1 December. On 9 December member James Jefferson and his grandson, Brody Paluda made the delivery to the firehouse for the Flotilla.

Connie Cosgrove
FSO-PA

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Members of 23-6 hold annual food drive

Once again, members from 23-6 supported the Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry with non-



perishable food items and cash to help those in that need a little extra help.

Connie and John Cosgrove, James Jefferson and Harry Scott made the delivery to the food pantry on 10 November.

Debbie Weber, the director of Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry said, "Last weekend we gave out 750 holiday meals. We average 700 meals a week. For every \$1 that is donated, we can buy 5 lbs of food through the commodities.

Mrs. Weber sent a thank you letter to the Flotilla that said in part "Thank you so much for your very generous donation of 836 pounds of assorted grocery items. I can't tell you how much we appreciate your support in feeding the hundreds of families that visit the Food Pantry each and every week." Besides the nonperishable food donate, \$200 was also donate for their purchase of food.

"This is one of the things the Flotilla does that I really look forward to spear heading. The other is the annual drive for Toys for Tots."

Connie Cosgrove

FSO-PA 23-6

Auxiliary Patrols Specialty Course

Interested in Crew Qualification? Want to sharpen your patrol knowledge? Like to mingle with knowledgeable boaters? Take the Auxiliary Patrols course and learn more about it plus gain credit toward your AuxOp (Operational Auxiliarist)

Division 24 will be sponsor the course on Saturdays 09 and 16 February 2019, from 0830 to 1700. The class will be held in Building 27, US Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore MD 21226

To register please contact johnesill@verizon.net with Name, ID, Mobile #, Flotilla.

To Finish: The final exam is available on the National Testing Center site <http://ntc.cgau.org/>. Final exam proctoring will be provided on the 2nd day.

To Prepare: Download the Student Study Guide from the Auxiliary Training Department website <http://wow.uscgau.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=training-materials> under AUXOP COURSES. If this is a problem, we can email the Study Guide to you. It can also be printed at Office Depot at a modest cost using the Auxiliary Store Purchasing Card.

- Curriculum:
- 1) Patrol Requirements
 - 2) Crew Duties & Responsibilities
 - 3) Patrol Organization Practical
- Demonstrations
- 4) Safety & Survival Equipment
 - 5) Health Hazards to the Crew
 - 6) Review
 - 7) Final Exam (On-line)

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Deafenbaugh receives CG Meritorious Team Commendation

In December Paul Deafenbaugh, 23-3 received the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation award for his service from June 2017 to June 2018 while a member of the CG Cutters, the CG Capitol Cutters and the Coast Guard Headquarters Ceremonial Band.

The citation reads:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from June 2017 to June 2018 while a member of the Coast Guard Cutters, the Coast Guard Capitol Cutters and the Coast Guard Headquarters Ceremonial Band. During this period, the Coast Guard Cutters, a jazz band made up of 20 military and civilian musicians from U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (CGHQ), voluntarily provided music and entertainment on numerous occasions, while also performing their assigned fulltime duties. These musicians volunteered almost 500 hours rehearsing and performing for ten Coast Guard events, to include two Summer Concerts and the annual Commandant's Holiday Reception for all employees at CGHQ. Additionally, the Capitol Cutters jazz combo performed for the 2017 Coast Guard Ball and the 2018 Senior Leadership Executive Council Hail and Farewell Dinner at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling. The CGHQ Ceremonial Band provided musical renditions for the Marine Safety Center Change of Command; the 2018 Prayer Breakfast; the Change of Watch Ceremony for the Deputy Commandant for Operations Command Master Chief; and a Vice Admiral's Retirement Ceremony. All told the number of Coast Guard personnel and guests at these events numbered well over a thousand. Attendees praised the bands' performances, spoke highly of their musicianship, and commended the bands on their success as outstanding musical ambassadors for the Coast Guard. The dedication, pride and professionalism displayed by the Coast Guard Cutters, The Coast Guard Capitol Cutters and the

Coast Guard Headquarters Ceremonial Band are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

For the Commandant,

M. F. McAllister

Vice Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard

Deputy Commandant for Mission Support

Boat Log Entries

Some common entries every Auxiliarist should make to their boat logs:

1. Boat Operations

- A. Date/Time Underway
- B. Reason – fishing, Blue Angels, dinner, etc.
- C. From/to
- D. Personnel on board (POB)
- E. Return to port (RTB) – date/time
- F. Refueling – fuel used
- G. Items of note – trailering, accidents, injuries, results

2. Maintenance

A. Preventative/minor maintenance

- i. Date/time/engine hours – e.g. oil change
- ii. Repairs – light bulbs, glass, fixtures
- iii. Replacing equipment – e.g. mooring lines, fenders, Personal Flotation Devices, etc.

B. Major Maintenance

Replacing components – e.g. new engine

3. Upkeep

- A. Taking out of the water/wintering
- B. Bottom cleaning
- C. Painting

4. Characteristics

- A. Navigational draft, fathometer transducer
- B. Deviation tables
- C. Anchoring

Ray Walsh

IPFC

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Fentanyl

Auxiliarists need to take special care when responding to situations where the drug Fentanyl may be in use. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is used to treat severe pain however; there is a high risk for addiction and dependence with continued use. It can cause respiratory distress and death when taken in high doses or when combined with other substances, especially alcohol. Non-medical use of fentanyl by individuals without an opiate tolerance can be extremely dangerous and has resulted in numerous deaths in Anne Arundel County here in Maryland. Slow breathing or no breathing, drowsiness or unresponsiveness and constricted or pinpoint pupils are the specific signs consistent with fentanyl intoxication.

Inhalation of airborne powder is the most likely to lead to harmful effects. Incidental skin contact may occur during daily activities but it is not expected to lead to harmful consequences if the contaminated skin is promptly washed with water. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is effective in protecting you from exposure. Wear gloves and a properly fitted approved respirator along with eye protection when responding to a situation where small amounts of suspected fentanyl are visible and may become airborne.

If you are exposed to Fentanyl, notify other responders of the situation. Do not touch your eyes, mouth, nose, or any other skin after touching any potentially contaminated surface. Wash skin thoroughly with cool water and soap if available. Do not use hand sanitizers as they may enhance absorption. Wash your hands thoroughly after the incident and before eating, drinking, smoking, or using the restroom. If you suspect your clothing, shoes and PPE may be contaminated, follow Coast Guard guidelines for decontamination.

If you suspect that you or fellow Auxiliarists have been exposed, move away from the source and call EMS immediately.

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Flotilla 23-7 Election Results

On December 10, members of Flotilla 23-7 exercised their rights and elected new leaders per the Auxiliary rules and regulations.

Division 23 Vice Commander Willie Witters officiated. Chris Jensen was elected Flotilla Commander and Paul Manicone the Vice Flotilla Commander.

Chris has been a long time member of the Auxiliary and previously held the Flotilla and Vice Commander offices a number of times.

Paul is a more recent member and is accepting this position for the first time. Good luck to both of you in the coming year!

Frank Voltaggio,
FSO-PB

