



the 7:15 express

your Division communicator - December 21, 2017

*Wishing you Health, Happiness and Peace
at this Holiday Season and throughout the coming year.*

happy
holidays

*Division 15 Bridge and Staff Officers - 2018
Andy, Ray, Diane, George, Dave, Don, Vince, Dennis, Larry, Ken, Paul,
Tricia, Linda, Dolores, Lana, Jim, & Bob*

A message from the Division Commander



As you know, we recently conducted our annual Division 15 Change of Watch. We were fortunate to have as our guests Captain Najarian, USCG, Commander Sector St. Petersburg, Chief Warrant Officer Perry, D-7 Acting Director of Auxiliary, District 7 Commodore Judith Hudson and our own Chief Tookey, OIC Station Yankeetown.

Referring to this as a Change of Watch is not the best way to describe the event. It was actually an "Awards Luncheon". After an outstanding buffet and dessert, eleven of our members received Coast Guard Auxiliary Awards and Citations! Additionally, Commodore Hudson recognized the District 7 Auxiliarist of the Year, Jim Nastelli. She also announced that one of our members, Linda Jones, is the 2017 District 7 nominee for the National "Commodore Charles S. Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award". As you can see, swearing in of our 2018 Staff and Bridge was only a small portion of the program.

Our guest speaker, Captain Najarian, discussed the auxiliary and the important role we play in the Coast Guard. The Captain also presented Division 15 with a letter thanking you for your contributions to Sector St. Petersburg.

The letter reads in part:

“It is my utmost pleasure to be able to thank you for your significant contributions to Sector St. Petersburg. As members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, your devotion to duty and commitment to excellence have enabled mission success for Sector St. Petersburg and Station Yankeetown.

Throughout the past year, I have witnessed the superior level of dedication and support that you provide to your active duty counterparts. The members of Division 15 selflessly contributed 28,000 hours of your personal time in the support of Coast Guard core mission areas; without seeking either financial or other extrinsic incentives...

I am extremely proud of Division Fifteen’s accomplishments and look forward to recognizing future achievements and service. Thanks for being an integral part of the Sector St. Petersburg team!”

It’s difficult to add to Captain Najarian’s comments. All we can say at this point is **thank you** for making 2017 a very successful year for Division 15!

Semper Paratus - Andy Render, Division Commander, 15



"Leadership competencies are the knowledge, skills, and expertise the Coast Guard expects of leaders."

, are you a new officer or do you need to perfect your skills? Now is the time to plan a C-School. [Click here](#) to see the 2018

training schedule.



AUXFS Training Opportunity

This is a real opportunity to provide needed support to the young men and women at Station Yankeetown. For more about the program prerequisites HEP-A shots, medical personnel clearance and expectations for service at Station Yankeetown email [Vince Maida](#) or call 917-597-6961. Class will be held March 2-4, 2018 at the Coast Guard Miami Air Station, Opa Locka.



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All persons owning **Kidde**



Coast Guard Auxiliary Association

All members of the USCG



Honor Guard

Station Yankeetown is requesting Auxiliary

fire extinguishers are urged to read Coast Guard Marine Safety Alert 12-17 detailed report.

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members to be part of an their Honor Guard providing funeral services for Coast Guard veterans

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