

the 7:15 express

your Division communicator - April 2, 2018



There is a lot going on in Division 15!

, in fact, I didn't realize how much was going on in our division until I sat down to write this month's article. Rather than bore you with a long article, I thought it might be best to give an overview on each topic and add a link for you to get more information.



Put on a pair of shorts, sneakers, and a T-shirt and come to the **Auxiliary/Station Yankeetown Day** at 10:00 AM on April 28, 2018. The Station's Executive Petty Officer, BM-1 Derek Waters, will kick things off with an overview of the station's activities. After that, we'll stop by the radio room, galley, learn about the duties of the Boarding Officers, and go to the dock to look over the station's boats. Our AUXFS' have offered to grill some hotdogs and hamburgers for lunch and then station will give us some hands on experience using the P-6 dewatering pump. After that, we'll travel down the road to the beach and "pop some flares". **THIS WILL BE A FUN EVENT!** [Click here or the image](#) for more information.

There have been a lot of **questions about uniforms...** Where can I buy my uniform? What uniform do I need for what activities? What shirt matches what pants? Where do I get the auxiliary attachments? We have developed a complete overview about uniforms, and I believe the presentation should answer most of your questions.



You will need your ID number and a password to view the presentation. If you don't have a password - no problem- you can get one on the sign-in page. If you have any problems gaining access, you're FSO-CS or Flotilla Commander can help you out. [Click here or the image](#) to view the presentations.



Everbridge is a National Coast Guard Auxiliary Program designed to contact our members in case of an emergency and to check on your well-being after the emergency has passed. The computer based program will contact you by text, cell phone, email, or call you at home. Once you respond to the first message you receive, the system will not attempt to contact you again. Telephone calls from 070-222-2222 lets you know this is a Coast Guard Auxiliary message! I have asked each Flotilla Commander to contact their members

to ensure you have a good working knowledge of the system. As a member of the Auxiliary, the Coast Guard has the responsibility to warn you of impending emergencies and to follow up on your safety once the event has taken place. The program is all about our concern for your safety. [Click here or the image](#) (Member login required) for more details.

The **Douglas Munro Memorial Event** is held each year to honor the only member of the USCG to have been awarded the Medal of Honor. This year's event will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 5, in Little Springs Park, 123 US HWY 19 (right behind City Hall) in Crystal River. [Click here](#) to print the event flyer. We're scheduled to have representatives from local government agencies, Station Yankeetown, and an honor Guard from the JROTC. The uniform is Tropical Blues or appropriate civilian attire. We usually get together for lunch (on your own) after the ceremonies at one of the local restaurants. As there are often a number of members of the public attending, it's always nice for us to have good representation. [Click here](#) to read about last year's event. Click the photo to watch the video "**75 years since Douglas Munro paid the ultimate sacrifice.**"



AND... If all this is not enough, we have National Safe Boating Week starting on Saturday, May 19th. All of our flotillas have been making plans for special events, PA booths, picnics, and lots of other activities. Your flotilla will have more for you about your events shortly. In the meantime, review the [2017 NSBW Outreach and resource plan](#).

As a team, we have a lot going on, and the focus of all activities are centered on you, our members. Let's get together to bring some fun into the auxiliary, and at the same time give something back to our communities.

Semper Paratus

Andy Render, Division Commander, 15



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[Division 15 1st Quarter Report](#) Members Only login required

[Great Yankeetown Chili Taste Off](#) Press Release

[March Video Message from the DCO](#) Members Only login required

Did you know? The Coast Guard Auxiliary Association (CGAuxA) launched a new electronic magazine, ***The Benefits of Membership***, click on the photo to learn about all of your benefits.



Did you know? Auxiliary national leadership has the responsibility for identifying required workshops for currency maintenance purposes each year. This year in addition to the 1-hour Team Coordination Training (TCT) Refresher, they have identified the national surface operations workshop as mandatory for all coxswains, boat crew, Personal Watercraft Operators (PWO), paddle craft operators, and associated trainees, and **must be completed by June 30, 2018**. The 2018 surface operations workshop, as well as the 1-hour TCT Refresher and other workshops, can be located on the [National Response Directorate website](#).

Did you know? Admiral Karl Schultz has been nominated to be next commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. Pending confirmation, Admiral Schultz is expected to relieve current Commandant of the

Coast Guard Admiral Paul Zukunft on June 1st. Click below to watch the video news release.

["Admiral Who Oversaw Hurricane Relief Tapped to Lead Coast Guard"](#)



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