



# the 7:15 express

your Division communicator - July 6, 2018



All Hands,

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July is usually one of our slower months in the Auxiliary. There are not too many PE classes and it's a little warm to have a lot of outdoor PA events. Plus, a number of our seasonal members are "up north". This is a good time for us to regroup and maybe catch up on some of our Auxiliary computer based training courses, many of which we never seem to be able to get around to completing. The direct link to the compendium is found here: [COMPENDIUM](#) (PDF) or the [NTC](#) website. This is also a good time to step back and take a breath because things really start to happen in August!

Again this year, our National Conference (NACON) will be in Orlando from August 19-25. If you've never attended NACON, you really should plan on going. Orlando is close enough to make it a day trip. There are usually a number of interesting workshops being conducted. You can get acquainted with the Auxiliary's senior leadership and it's well attended by the Gold Side. The [Commandant of the Coast Guard](#) usually attends along with all of the Sector Commanders in our district. Several of the National Board meetings are open to the general membership and you can see first-hand what happens at the national level. This year they are also electing a complete new national leadership team and during the National Commodore's Banquet being held Saturday evening our own Linda Jones will be presented with the [Coast Guard's Charles S. Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award](#).

We have our District Training Conference (DTRAIN) on September 12-16 in Orlando and it is another good opportunity for a day trip. There are a number of training workshops held each year, and the good news is these are often workshops not generally available at the local level. During the open Board Meeting, we will be electing members to the District 7 Executive Committee. If you are interested in staying overnight, there are discounted room rates for the Auxiliary and you could attend the formal dinner on Saturday evening. That is when the new district officers are sworn in.

If you are interested in learning more about these conferences, you can get additional information by clicking: [NACON](#) [DTRAIN](#)

In September, our seasonal members begin their pilgrimage south and that's also when we really begin to "ramp it up" in public education and public affairs activities. On the water patrols start to increase and it's also the time for those who have fallen behind in re-qualifying to catch up. In [October](#) we hold our division elections and in [November](#), our flotilla elections. That same month we swear in a new Division Commander and Vice

Commander during the division Change of Watch.

We suggest you take it easy for the next few weeks, take a deep breath, and get ready for an exciting and busy next few months.

As always, THANKS for all that you do, we appreciate it!

**Andy Render, Commander, Division 15**

## Help Wanted SO-VE

Members in AP status, as well as experienced members are encouraged to submit their name for consideration.

Requirements for the position are: You are current as a Vessel Examiner, and if you are currently in AP status, you have completed the Mandated Training requirements and the Basic Qualification Course II. Full [Job Description](#) on website. (login required)

A waiver will be requested from the Office of the Director for anyone currently in AP status.

Email [Division Commander Andy Render](#) if you are interested in applying for this position.



## Division NSBW activities

Photo and caption reprinted from the **Newscaster/Nature Coast News**

Leslie Moore, Flotilla 15-2 Yankeetown prepares to place a Vessel Safety Check sticker on a vessel where she had just completed a free vessel safety check. This service is part of the US Coast Guard's vessel safety program which the Auxiliary is heavily involved. Although available year round the program is highlighted once a year during National Safe Boating week which this year is May 18th thru May 26th.

Visit a [Flotilla website](#) for NSBW highlights.



## Ready, Set, Wear-It

### Flotilla 15-1 Crystal River

(Back) Chief Eric Tookey, George Dooris, Janice Ready, Kirk Brown, Andy Render, Colleen Bushey, Tom Wright, Matt Johnson, Mike Gudis, Josh Romano, Londa, Jason Levin, Ellen Croft, Ricardo Nunez and Duane Ready

(Middle) Tricia Dooris, Angie Wright, Patricia Kittlen, Deborah Thomas, Larry Berman with Annabelle, Jen Elshoff and Frank Hof

(Front) Vince Maida, Mayday-Yankeetown mascot, Linda Jones, Don Jones, Harry Slicer and Ernie Croft



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## Did you know?

Chief Tookey will be transferring to a Coast Guard Cutter in New England. The incoming Office In Charge will be Chief Allen Bozeman. A Change of Command ceremony will be held on July 13th, 10:00 am, at Station Yankeetown.

The next Division meeting will be held Saturday July 14th, 9:00 AM, at the West Citrus Community Center, 8940 W Veterans Dr. Homosassa. you are welcome to attend.



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