Flotilla 17-11 June 2025 Newsletter

Dear Auxiliarists of Flotilla 17-11,

The celebration of the 86th birthday highlights the steadfast commitment and service of Auxiliarists throughout the country. These dedicated volunteers are vital in supporting various missions, contributing millions of hours annually to assist with thousands of operations, such as rescuing distressed boaters and conducting safety inspections. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary proudly embraces the motto "Semper Paratus," which translates to "Always Ready." As we look ahead to June 2025, we acknowledge that it will signify yet another fruitful year for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, which will continue its essential role in furthering the Coast Guard's mission and enhancing safety on our nation's waters.

Mark H. Crary

Flotilla Commander

Flotilla 17-11, Orlando-Winter Park

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Rafael Jovet-Ramos "RJ"

Flotilla Vice Commander

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Let us celebrate Lynn R.

Howard for her immense
dedication and unwavering
support of our Flotilla Music

Program. We had the honor of swearing her in as she fulfilled all the required USCG Auxiliary prerequisites to achieve BQ status. We are thrilled about the growth and unmatched passion of each and



every band member as we embark on a musical movement within the USCG Auxiliary and Central Florida. If you are passionate about music or know someone who shares this enthusiasm, please reach out to Michael Martin at info@cgauxband.org for more information. Together, let's create extraordinary music!

First and foremost, a heartfelt congratulations to the members of the Color Guard for the remarkable devotion that Daniel has instilled in his team. we are incredibly proud and privileged to know each and every one of you. It is our honor to be among your service. To our Color Guard: Your role in commemorating CWO-4 Felix stands as a





of service, unwavering commitment, and profound sacrifice. Your participation embodies the military's gratitude and creates a heartfelt moment for us to honor his extraordinary career. The ceremony is a celebration of his dedication to duty, offering a sense of closure to his military journey, often highlighted by the presentation of the American flag. We also extend

our sincere congratulations to James Hernault and Clive Hurlock for successfully completing their Color Guard PQS. We salute you all for your dedication and for representing us with pride!



On June 19th, we were honored to receive a visit from Alonzo Brown, affectionately known as "Butch." His journey in the Coast Guard began in February 1976, when he completed 10 weeks of basic training in Cape May, N.J. He proudly served at his first duty station aboard the

USCGC Chinook at the Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay, MD. In July

1977, he pursued further knowledge by attending Electrician's Mate 'A' School on Governors Island, N.Y. Graduating as EM3/E4, he continued his service on the USCGC Sauk, a 110' fleet-class black hull harbor tug, a proud sister ship to the Chinook. Alonzo concluded his military service with an Honorable Discharge in February 1980, embodying dedication and commitment throughout his journey. We honor his



presence and wisdom in our dedicated service and commitment to our community and fellow service members. Thank you, Alonzo Brown, for your service!