



The Platinum Edition

CGAUX Flotilla 11-4 District 8ER
Percy Priest, Nashville and Middle Tennessee



Flotilla Commander: Michael Simpson Flotilla Vice Commander: James Mayo

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NEXT FLOTILLA BUSINESS MEETING MONDAY 19 JUNE, 1900

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DATES AND EVENTS

Flag Day

Wednesday, June 14th

Father's Day

Sunday, June 18th

CG Auxiliary's Birthday

Friday, June 23rd

Seize the Date! NACON 2017

**Coast Guard Auxiliary National
Convention, Aug 23rd-26th 2017
Rosen Centre in Orlando, Florida**

2017 Fall D-Train
Indianapolis, IN.
Sept 14th, 15th and 16th 2017

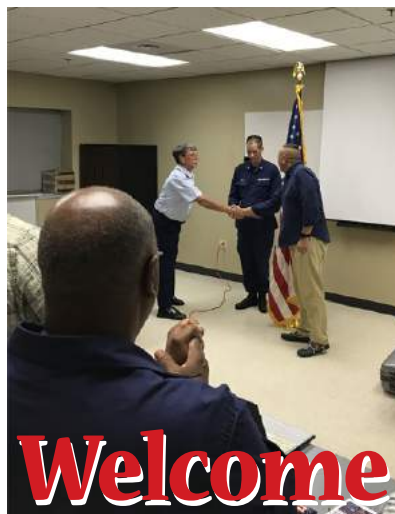


Flotilla 11-04 8ER Welcomes Ramon-Antonio Jiminez



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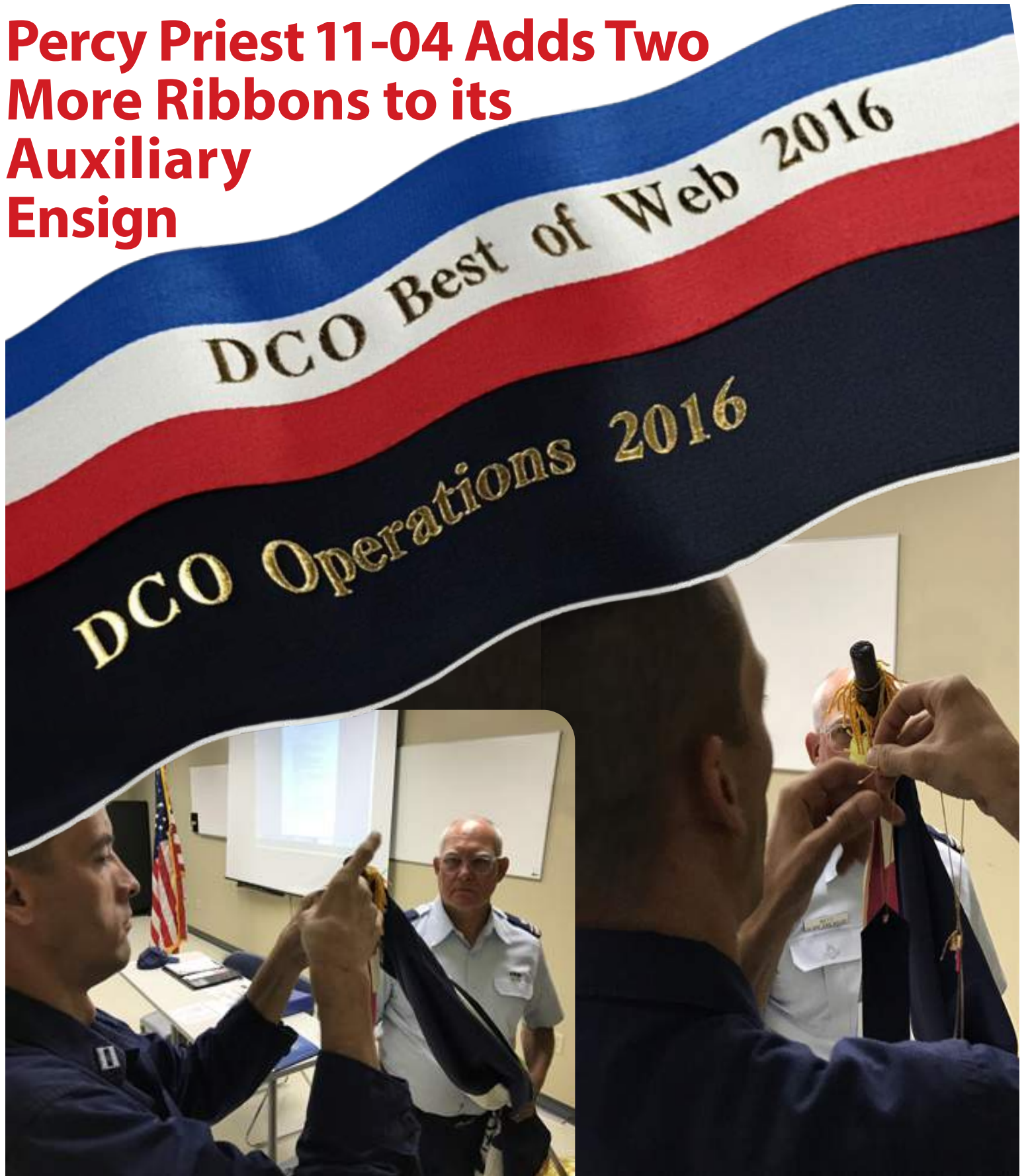
I-r District Commodore Randy Ventress, stands at attention as Michael Simpson Flotilla Commander leads Ramon Antonio Jiminez in the Auxiliary oath.



DCO Randy Ventress personally welcomes Ramon Jiminez to the Coast Guard Auxiliary as Larry Carter in the foreground, Michael Simpson FC in the background along with all members present applaud his decision to join the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Welcome Aboard!

Percy Priest 11-04 Adds Two More Ribbons to its Auxiliary Ensign



In a brief ceremony during the monthly Flotilla business meeting held on May 15th 2017, Michael Simpson Flotilla Commander, assisted by James Mayo Vice Flotilla Commander, attached two ribbons to Flotilla 11-04's Auxiliary Ensign.

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**The 2016 District Commodore
Operations Award
And The 2016 District Commodore
Best of the Web Award**

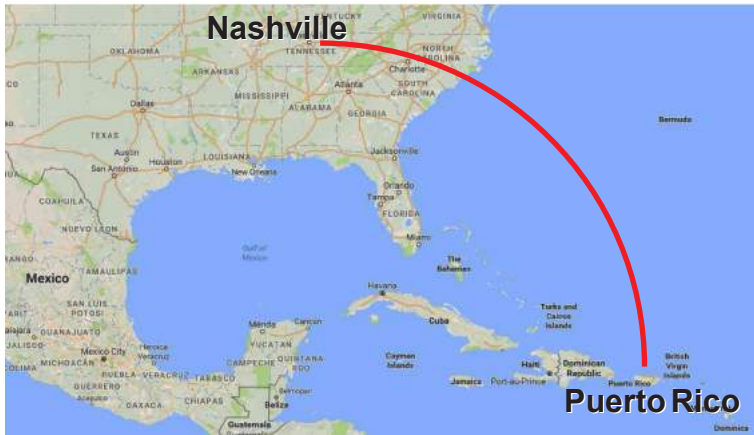
MEET YOUR SHIPMATE

HERNAN FLORES

WRITTEN BY HERNAN FLORES
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Greetings! I'm Hernan Flores, and I recently joined the USCG Auxiliary Division 8ER, Flotilla 11-04 in Nashville, Tennessee. This bio is written so you can get acquainted with my background, (in reality, it is written because Ramon the FSO-PB asked me to... but I digress).

I was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and attended Catholic and lay private schools during my youth. Growing up, my hobbies and extracurricular activities included debate (Model United Nations) basketball, Junior Achievement, baseball, biking, chess, scouting, bowling, playing pool, going to the beach (that I could take for granted then), and sightseeing all over Puerto Rico.



For those of you that haven't had the opportunity to visit, it's a 100 by 35 mile island in the Caribbean Sea, the smallest and easternmost of the greater Antilles, which are Cuba, Hispaniola (Haiti and the Dominican Republic), Jamaica and Puerto Rico, with the lesser Antilles further to the east and south. In this small place, you can find the 16th-century Spanish city of Old San Juan, world-class rain forest, beaches, underground cave and river system, 16th-century Indian Burial grounds, some of the best deep sea fishing over the Puerto Rico trench, which runs north of the island, being second only to the Marianas trench as the deepest waters on Earth. You could reel in white marlin, blue marlin, swordfish, kingfish, mahi-mahi, mackerel, tuna, and more. Check the travel guides, there are too many other attractions to list here and you can get to the island without a passport. Puerto Rico is also part of the United States, having become a US territory when the US defeated Spain in the Spanish-American War.

Please direct all comments, suggestions, inquiries and story ideas to Ramon Llorens, Jr. FSO-PB RamonLJr@Yahoo.com

After graduating high school, I attended the University of Puerto Rico's School of Engineering, where I majored in Chemical Engineering, and served a one-year term as president of the Joint Student Chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the Puerto Rican Institute of Chemical Engineers. After graduating with a B.S.Ch.E., I have been employed by pharmaceutical companies, petroleum marketing companies, architectural/engineering firms, environmental engineering consulting firms, and currently, by the State of Tennessee as an Environmental Protection Specialist, working for the Division of Air Pollution Control within the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. In my current position, I review applications for and prepare construction and operating permits for minor sources, major source construction (New Source Review) permits for attainment areas (Prevention of Significant Deterioration) and non-attainment areas, and major source operating (Title V) permits. I hold a license as a Professional Engineer (Chemical) from the State of Tennessee. In the past, I have served the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County as a member of the Gas / Mechanical Examiners and Appeals Board. I have also served my neighborhood as Board Member and President of the Homeowners Association.

I married my wife Gladys in 1993, and moved from San Juan to Nashville Tennessee in the same year.



l-r: Veronica, Gladys, and Angelica. Foreground, Hernan

Gladys is a Certified Public Accountant (inactive) in the State of Tennessee, and she works for the Nashville-based financial services subsidiary of a Fortune 100 construction equipment company. We have two daughters. Angelica is a freshman year student at the University of Alabama, after graduating from St. Edward Elementary School, where she was a member of the school choir, and also of the championship cheerleader squad in her last year, and also excelled in Forensics and singing; and Father Ryan High School, where she was the Female Leader of the Purple Masque Musical Theatre group in her senior year, and was cast in all eight Purple Masque plays held during her high school years. She is majoring in Psychology and wants to continue to graduate studies in Psychology or Law.

Veronica is a freshman year student at Father Ryan High School, after graduating from St. Edward Elementary School, where she was a member of the school choir, and also of the championship cheerleader squad in her last year. She also excelled in Forensics and singing. She is a member of the Purple Masque Musical Theatre group, and has been cast in both Purple Masque plays held during her freshman year. She currently does not have a preferred undergraduate field of study that she would like to pursue, but she does want to eventually study Law.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by DCO 8ER Randy Ventress



After more than 20 years living less than a mile from Percy Priest Lake, I suddenly decided to learn how to sail, and this is how I also, joined the USCG Auxiliary as a way to serve others and at the same time have an opportunity to improve my sailing and boating skills. I look forward to serving with all of my Ship Mates to promote safety on the water and be a force multiplier for the USCG.

I want to say thank you to Phil Mammano and Angie Perrault for helping me join the Flotilla, and to all of 11-04 Flotilla members for making me feel welcome.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Phil Mammano, SO-MT 11, 8ER



Currently in CG Auxiliary Boat Crew Training: top right, Hernan prepares to secure a tow line to a disabled vessel with a snap hook, above Hernan is tending a line while fending off the river wall of Old Hickory Lock.