



# 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 MON. 16 OCTOBER, 1900**

Paul B. Huff Army Reserve Center  
3598 Bell Road Nashville, TN 37214  
Contact Phone: (615)-346-5362

## **FLOTILLA ELECTIONS**

Election will be held at this month's meeting, 16 October, 2017. You should have received an e-mail from Michael Simpson, FC or the Election Committee, comprised of Jim Williamson and Steve Campbell indicating your eligibility to hold an elected office.

Nominations will likely be made from the floor that night. Please be present and prepared to cast your vote.

Our local elected officers and the duties they perform are critical to the success of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

You may also be interested in an appointed Flotilla Staff Officer position. Elections will not be held for these, however, there are many Auxiliarists who currently serve in two or more of these capacities at the Flotilla, Division and even District level. As their roles change a door may be opened for you to step in, take a bit of weight off of their shoulders and find a way to be more active as a member. Of course as we all know, there is no pay involved, but I have to say, those Ensign Butter Bars look mighty nice on your Winter Dress Blue Lapels.

Please direct all comments, suggestions, inquiries and story ideas to Ramon Llorens, Jr. FSO-PB [RamonLJr@Yahoo.com](mailto:RamonLJr@Yahoo.com)

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## **FLOTILLA ANNUAL DUES**

We value your continued membership and look forward to many accomplishments in 2018. Your prompt remission of your dues will keep your membership current and in good standing. Please remit \$50.00 via check payable to US Coast Guard Auxiliary 11-04, no later than October 31, 2017.

Mail payments to:  
Janet Kallam, FSO-FN  
209 Lakeshore Drive  
Old Hickory, TN 37138

## **SAT. 04 NOVEMBER, 1300**

### **The 36th Annual Salute to Armed Services game at Middle Tennessee State University**

We encourage you to be a part of the celebration which honors each branch of the five armed Services. We would like to see as many Auxiliarists as possible participating in this momentous occasion. There will also be static displays at the stadium.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
14:00	VETERANS' MEMORIAL SERVICE (TOM JACKSON BUILDING)
16:00	PREGAME PICKNIC (HALL OF FAME LAWN)
16:15	SPECIAL SALUTE AT RAIDERS WALK
17:00	VETERANS' VILLAGE OPENS (LAMO LAWN)
17:00	DR. JOE HUNLEY AWARD (HALL OF FAME LAWN)
18:30	MIDDLE TENNESSEE VS UTEP (FLOYD STADIUM)
HALFTIME: SALUTE PARADE	

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO THE GAME FOR VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES BRING A TOY FOR TOYS OR TOYS

The uniform of the day will be ODUs, so please have them neatly pressed and looking good, sleeves down, pants properly bloused and your boots well polished.

While we wear the Auxiliary Uniform be conscious of the fact we will indeed be representing the United States Coast Guard

as a whole. With the recent response to weather related events such as hurricane Harvey followed closely by hurricane Irma the Coast Guard has been at the forefront of news and media coverage. So it is likely we as the representatives of the Coast Guard will draw a bit more attention than past years. While this is not a recruiting mission, just representing the Coast Guard with a sizable uniformed group may peak someones interest. The other branches and veterans also look forward to seeing us participate each year. If you have any questions or need more details as the date draws closer, please contact Michael Simpson FC, (615) 243-4703 or Larry Carter (615) 596-9948. Plan to be on location at or before 1300 so that we can get you signed in before the events start.



**SAT. 11 NOVEMBER 2017**  
**Nashville Veterans Day parade**

This is a Saturday this year so save the date. Watch your e-mail for more information on that event and details of the Auxiliary's participation as they become available.

**SPECIAL UNIFORM NOTE:**

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ODU sleeves shall be worn down except as authorized for the uniform of the day.

**Winter Dress Blue Uniform** may be worn. A real favorite available for wear thru March 31. Uniform includes: (long sleeve) blue winter shirt, blue pants, blue tie, Metal collar devices, name tag, ribbons, along with the Garrison or Combination cap



**NEXT DIVISION BOARD AND STAFF MEETING**  
**THURS. 16 NOVEMBER, 1900**

Nashville Police Dept. East Precinct  
 936 E. Trinity Ln, Nashville, TN 37211  
 Contact: Fred Gilman (757) 894-0151

**CROSSED THE BAR**

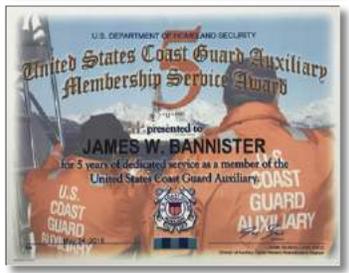
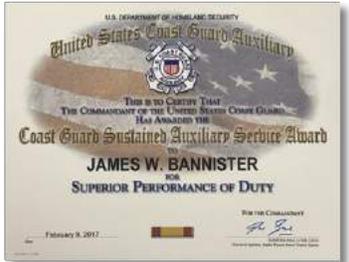
**James William (Bill) Bannister**

It is with deep sadness that we must inform you that Bill Banister crossed the bar on 09/20/2017 For those of you who have recently met Bill or were not aware of his condition, he was battling cancer and was doing very well considering.

Bill is a former US Army Captain and Military Police Officer, but made the decision to continue serving his country joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary in May of 2011 as a member of 11-05. Bill ultimately transferred to 11-04 where he found a home. Ironically we hold our monthly meetings in the building he once served in during his Army days. We not only salute Bill for his active duty roll this Veterans Day, but applaud him for what he accomplished as an Auxiliarist. In 2012 he passed the (MDV) - Recreational Boating Safety Program Visitor Exam and despite battling cancer was current on his mandatory training requirements.



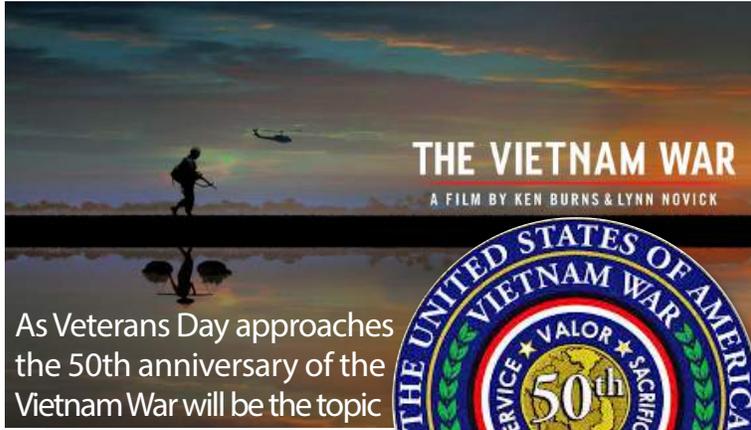
Michael Simpson FC presenting Bill Bannister with his 5 year ribbon



Bill stayed in the fight to the bitter end, receiving his 5 years of service ribbon and Sustained Auxiliary Service Award only days before he entered hospice. He even joined us for fellowship at the marina that evening. He will surely be missed by all. BZ Bill

# VETERANS CORNER

# WELCOME ABOARD



As Veterans Day approaches the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War will be the topic of many conversations.

Millions of Americans young and old have viewed all or part of the ten-part, 18-hour film series on the Vietnam War directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick. It initially aired on PBS in September but is available on demand and is being re-aired on many PBS stations. The epic story of the Vietnam War as it has never before been told on film.



THE VIETNAM WAR features testimony from nearly 80 Americans who fought in the war. Everyone who served in Vietnam has a personal story to tell and many of our fellow Auxiliarists were there bearing arms on our countries behalf.

Some of the details not discussed prior to this film was the American military activities in the countries surrounding Vietnam such as Thailand, Laos and Cambodia. Flotilla Vice Commander James Mayo has shared firsthand accounts of his experience with me. He also belongs to an organization dedicated to the valiant members of all services who served in that theater before, during and after the Vietnam War. There are some things that can only be shared with others who experienced the same things first hand. James would like to extend an invitation to check out the Thailand-Laos-Cambodia Brotherhood,



## THAILAND LAOS CAMBODIA BROTHERHOOD

a place of healing, fraternal friendship, camaraderie, and support for those servicemen and women who were there and to honor our comrades who did not return and to keep the memory of their sacrifices alive.

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Hernan Ramon Flores Ortiz has met all of the mandatory training requirements and officially joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 082-11-04

## What Exactly is Diversity?

As we strive toward the NACO Three Star Award for Diversity, you may be asking this very question. Diversity is acceptance, and respect. It means understanding that each person is unique, and recognizing our differences. Diversity can be race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religion, culture, and political beliefs. It involves understanding each other and moving past simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating the dimensions of diversity within each individual.

We all contribute our own individual unique experiences of the world wherever we go. Sometimes we need to take a step back and examine the diversity in our own life. How diverse is your neighborhood, workplace, group of friends, your gym, or social clubs?

Diversity is something we should strive for in all areas of our lives. Diversity is inclusion, and inclusion is the state of being accepted. Who among us doesn't want to be accepted? Diversity allows the Coast Guard Auxiliary to benefit from the talents, abilities, ideas, and viewpoints of a workforce drawn from the richness of American society. Through Diversity we will make a better world together.

Lisa Hearn, FSO-DV

# Bon Voyage! Phil Mammano

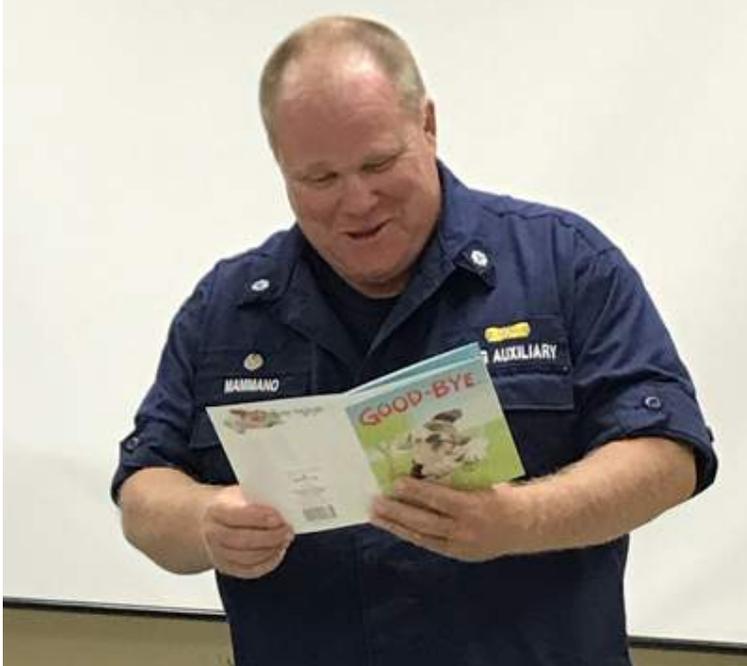
The word is out, Phil is loadin' up the truck and movin' to California. Phil joined the Auxiliary in October of 2004 and has served the greater Nashville recreational boating community immensely over the thirteen plus years. As an Auxiliarist Phil has worn many hats or should I say shoulder boards. He served numerous tours as FC, VFC and staff officer at the Flotilla level, rising to the challenge of VCDR in 2011 and DCDR in 2012. Other appointed Flotilla and Division staff offices Phil embraced over the years include PA, PE, MT, OP, CM, MS, NS. Phil also served as Auxiliary Unit Coordinator for MSD Nashville for several years and America's Waterway Watch Coordinator for Division 11 in 2005. Mr. Mammano wasted no time in attaining COXSWAIN certification just three years after joining. Furthermore he made AUXOP Taught AUXWEA, AUXPAT, AUXSEA, AUXCOM and AUXSAR classes. He mentored scores of trainees striking for BCCREW Boat Crew certification.



Every detail was taken care of to make Phil's night, including the procurement of two special vegan cakes enjoyed by all.



Members of Flotilla 11-04 look on as Phil is presented with cards and the perfect gift of auxiliary appreciation.



Phil Mammano reads one of the many cards and well wishes.

Phil also participated on Division 11 DSAR Team (District SAR Competition) in 2010 and worked on DTRAIN teams when Nashville hosted, 2007 and 2013. Phil has also worked on the division awards committee for six straight years through 2016. You will have to check AUXDATA for the final tally, but the Guardacoste with Coxswain Phil at the helm has logged thousands of hours on our local lakes and rivers educating boaters, preventing accidents and saving lives and with every sortie. We will miss Phil as we congratulate him on a job well done. But rest assured, Phil is not retiring, he will be joining Flotilla 113-08-08 Clearlake Keys California.

***Our Loss is their gain.***