



# 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. 20 NOVEMBER, 1900**

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

## 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

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

**MON. 04 DECEMBER, 1900**



# BAVARIAN BIERHAUS

**121 Opry Mills Dr, Nashville, TN 37214**

Famous for their German food and beer in an Oktoberfest-inspired space with big, shared tables & frequent live music.

This party will take the place of the December Flotilla Business Meeting. As the boating season has wound down, this will be a great time to fellowship. This is a civilian attire event and a great time to include your family members in the festivities and fellowship.

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Flotilla Commander Elect, Buell Noteboom and Flotilla Vice Commander Elect, Ramon Llorens, Jr.

Flotilla 11-04 Elections were held on 16 October 2017.

Buell Noteboom and Ramon Llorens were both nominated from the floor and accepted nomination. Paper ballots were cast and tabulated by the



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election committee made up of Steve Campbell and Jim Williamson assisted by Kevin Gallagher.





Above: Kevin Gallagher hands the voting slips for Vice Flotilla Commander to Jim Williamson which were counted then sealed in an envelope per Auxiliary rules.



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Previous page: Steve Campbell collecting votes. Below: New members Jessica and Chad Clark eagerly taking part in their first Flotilla elections.

The new command will be sworn in at our Division Eleven, Change of Watch and will assume command of Flotilla 082-11-04 on 01 JAN 2018. Until then Buell and Ramon will be in the process of transitioning information from FC Michael Simpson and VFC James Mayo while studying up on the protocols associated with their new positions.

There is plenty of work to be done be prepared to take the helm on January first.

Of course it will be a learning process which involves much on the job training which is why the Auxiliary recognizes the immediate past FC and VFC as an integral part of the team and chain of leadership.

The first order of business is to maintain and build the Flotilla Staff. We currently have a couple of Flotilla Staff Officer positions which should be filled to ensure a strong Flotilla. While a few key FSO jobs must be filled according to Auxiliary bylaws, every FSO position is important to the health of the flotilla to ensure smooth operations.

Speaking for Buell and Ramon, if you have the skills, the desire to serve more and are interested in a particular role, speak up. Even if the position is already occupied, that particular FSO may be wearing several hats and would welcome someone else coming aboard. Rest assured, that FSO would advise and mentor you as you get up to speed.

## Current Flotilla Staff Officers

- Communications (CM) M. Simpson
- Communications Services (CS) S. Campbell
- Diversity (DV) L. Hearn
- Finance (FN) J. Kallam
- Human Resources (HR) A. Scott
- Information and Communication Services (IS) S. Campbell
- Materials (MA) J. Mayo
- Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program (PV) J. Mayo

Of course being an FSO has its perks, not only are you more actively involved in the Flotilla, your new role will lead to education and learning opportunities on-line and through live classes. You will begin to coordinate your efforts with other staff members within the Flotilla, Division and District building your own network of volunteer professionals. You will trade your member devices and shoulder boards to that of an Ensign, which indicate to other Auxiliarists that you are taking an active role in the operation of your Flotilla.

When you get on board and apply yourself, you will experience firsthand the Coast Guard motto:

## Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty



- Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (MS) M. Simpson
- Marketing and Public Affairs (PA) H. Stephenson
- Member Training (MT) Vacancy
- Navigation Systems (NS) Vacancy
- Operations (OP) Vacancy
- Public Education (PE) Vacancy
- Publications (PB) R. Llorens
- Secretary/Records (SR) S. Campbell
- Vessel Examination (VE) R. Halldorsson



# Veterans Day 2017 and Military Families Month

The Veterans Days started a bit early in Tennessee for Division 11 as MTSU held their 36th annual salute to veterans and armed forces during its football game against UTEP. This was a great event which honored our Military Veterans and Active Duty Service Personnel as well as their families who also serve in many ways. There was a great barbecue lunch served and activities and games for children and adults alike. Sometimes we forget the sacrifices our loved ones must make as we answer the call to protect and serve our nation. This was a great event which let our families be in the mix, get to know our friends and colleagues and enjoy a beautiful Saturday at the stadium.

Of course there was a reason for the gathering, that is to honor our veterans and remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the lifestyle we enjoy in this country. We gathered at the site of the MTSU Veterans Memorial Wall for the playing of Taps and some heartfelt remarks from a member of the Grand Ole Opry and Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Jan Howard

who was introduced by her longtime friend and fellow musician Bill Anderson. She was followed with a moving tribute to the families of veterans in song by John Conlee. Whether planned or just a feeling that swept the event, Family seemed to be

the theme of the day. I was glad to be able to bring my family along to witness the occasion. The game started as night fell and soon it was half time when Veterans, Active Duty, Reservist, ROTC, Boy Scouts, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary were invited to the field.

**"Our nation owes each day of security and freedom that we enjoy to the members of our Armed Forces and their families. Behind our brave service men and women, there are family members and loved ones who share in their sacrifice and provide unending Support"**

**- Former President, Barack Obama**

Many of the Vets brought their kids and grandkids out to walk with them. It was great to meet and march alongside Coasties from WWII to the Vietnam Era and the present. Although there were only a few, the smallest branch of the military was well represented. It was an honor and a privilege in the spirit of the Auxiliary to march for those who could not attend and for those who were not able march. 🇺🇸



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Photo by Simone Llorens



# NASHVILLE VETERANS DAY PARADE 2017



Photo by Hernan Flores-Ortiz

above: A great turn out for the Nashville Veterans Day Parade, l-r: Rosemary Halldorsson, Bill Weeks, Buell Noteboom, Larry Carter, Sammy Saccheri, Michael Simpson, Jessica Clark, Mark McDonald, James Mayo, Ramon Llorens and Jean-Pierre Llorens.

right: Larry Carter reminds us of what the mission is, then briefs the participants on what to expect as he hands out assignments

and donned our type 3s and float coats. Even PFD Panda and Sara the wonder dog were wearing the recommended PPE.

We proceeded to the parade route where we waited and had a chance to meet and greet some of the other participants. As I was sitting in the driver's seat of our boat, a voice from below shouted, "hey! How do I join this outfit" I turned



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and saw a gray haired gentleman in a vintage reefer coat with Petty Officer Second Class emblems on his sleeves. I gestured with my hand and said "come on aboard" we both had a good chuckle, I think it made his day to see we were there for him.

As I thought the streets were crowded on both sides, even with all of the construction barriers along the parade route. There were men, women, and children of all ages. Some waving flags, some wearing uniforms from bygone days, even some in wheel chairs who obviously made an extra effort to

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It was sunny but a bit brisk as we gathered in the parking lot to prepare for the parade. Nashville being a very supportive and patriotic city we knew there would be a great turnout on the parade route. We did a brief uniform check then manned and outfitted our boats with all of the proper signage



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left: Bill Weeks, PFD Panda, Jessica Clark and Sara the Flotilla Dog  
above l-r: Bill Weeks, PFD Panda, Ralph Underwood, on the boat: Ramon Llorens and Jean Pierre Llorens



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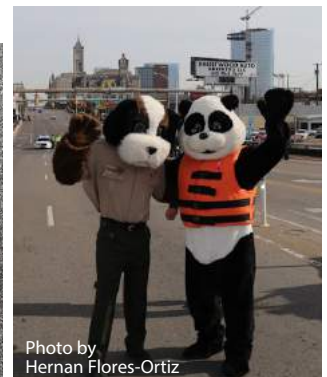


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left: Larry Carter, Jessica Clark and Sara the Dog, Sammy Saccheri and Chris Jones wave to the crowd by Hume-Fogg High School.

be there. There were also folks wearing ball caps of all branches with veteran written proudly across the brims in gold letters. It was humbling from my vantage point to see a veteran, sitting alone in silence offering a wave or salute as we passed. I did my best to make eye contact with those folks and extend a wave of thanks directly to them. To my surprise, a group of young children actually sang "Semper Paratus" the Coast Guards Marching Song at the top of their lungs as our floats passed by.



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above: The 179105 is back. not pictured: Auxiliarists who were notably present Justin Elam, Chad Clark and DCO Randy Ventress I would like to extend my appreciation to everyone who participated in both the MTSU Veterans salute and the Nashville Veterans Day parade. It was an honor and privilege to be part of these events as we proudly exhibit our presence and resources. We would like to send out a special thank you to Chad and Jessica Clark, for allowing their vessel to participate in the Nashville Veterans Day parade on a short notice. Once again Panda made an impression to the children and some adults along the route. We also had a special guest appearance by "Sara", Flotilla 04 mascot. Sara" wowed" the kids and "awed" the adults. Although her legs were a bit short, Sara completed the parade route with pride. Thanks again everyone.

The parade was a great experience which I was able to share with my youngest son who tagged along and rode on the boat with us. I think the kids enjoyed seeing another kid in a PFD and a real Coast Guard Recruit Hat.

The Parade was a success and so we fulfilled the last tenant of the Auxiliary which of course is fellowship. Being that we are in the South, that pretty much means food has to be shared, so we filled the back room of the local "Road House" where we toasted our vet's, shared a few stories and a great meal.



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Photos by Jean-Pierre Llorens

***"That's what we call Teamwork!"***

- Larry A. Carter IP Division Vice Commander

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**EIGHTH EASTERN REIGON DIVISION XI**  
**Annual Change of Watch Awards Banquet**



**Division Commander Fred Gilman**  
cordially requests you to

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ON**

**January 14th, 2018**

**Reception begins at 1700 (5:00 p.m.)**

**NEW LOCATION!**

**Country Hills Golf Club**

**1501 Saundersville Road**

**Hendersonville, TN 37075**

