



# United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



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Percy Priest, Nashville and Middle Tennessee

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## **NEXT FLOTILLA BUSINESS MEETING 17 OCTOBER 2016, 19:00 HOURS (7PM)**

## **Mitchel Creek Marina Honored by Flotilla 11-04**

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3598 Bell Road Nashville, TN 37214  
Contact Phone: (615)-346-5362



Photo by Brad Cochrane, FC 11-05

## **DATES AND EVENTS.**

### **ANNUAL DUES**

\$50 for 2017 payable to "Flotilla 11-04" are now due. Please mail your check to:

FC-FN 11-04, 8ER  
209 Lakeshore Drive  
Old Hickory TN 37138-1104

### **FLOTILLA ELECTIONS**

will be conducted at our meeting 10/17/16. Any member that is BQ and has completed MT is eligible to run for FC or VFC.

### **THE AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SCHOOL**

Convening Dates: Lisle, IL  
Wednesday 10/19/16 thru Sunday 10/23/16

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Monday 12/19/16, Dinner at 7:00 PM  
Sam's Sports Grill, Blue Turtle Bay Marina  
2001 Lakeshore Dr, Old Hickory, TN  
Casual civilian attire. Arrive early for cocktails.

Ms. April Patterson, Mitchell Creek Marina Owner, Receiving the plaque from Phil Mammano, PDCDR

In recognition of their commitment to excellence in boating safety and environmental protection, Flotilla 11-04 has presented a special plaque to Ms. April Patterson and the outstanding team of Mitchell Creek Marina on beautiful Dale Hollow Lake.

Mitchell Creek Marina fosters a safe, family friendly culture and has been there to assist us with our missions whenever we are on Dale Hollow Lake.

From the day she took over, Ms. Patterson, owner of MCM, leaned forward in promoting recreational boating safety and environmental stewardship of our precious natural resources.

MCM routinely hosts Flotilla 11-04 for Vessel Safety Checks, operational patrols, public affairs, and public education events.

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# Marine Week Comes To The Music City



MCM provides ongoing supports by making available educational literature provided by Flotilla 11-04 program visitors in their storefront.

Mitchell Creek has also been recognized as a Clean Marina by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, informing boaters about prevention of oil, plastic and sewage pollution.

*"We're very grateful to be recognized by the Coast Guard Auxiliary in this way," Patterson said. "We strive to support safe boating practices and to be a part of keeping our environment at Dale Hollow Lake as clean and sustainable as possible."*

We are very proud to partner with MCM and have them as a supporter of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, and friend to Flotilla 11-04.



Photo by Brad Cochran, FC 11-05

On hand for the presentation were left to right Rosemary Halldorsson FSO-VE, Operational Specialist; Ms. April Patterson, Mitchell Creek Marina Owner; Phil Mammano, PDCDR Operational Specialist; and Buell Noteboom, Division Staff Officer.. Not pictured Brad Cochran, FC 11-05



Photo by Ramon Llorens FSO-PB

The United States Marine Corps selected Nashville to host Marine Week 2016. The celebration of "Community, Country and Corps" took place throughout the city from September 7th through the 11th. This event is the Marines' largest annual community event. The City of Nashville hosted as many as 700 marines, their families and all of their equipment which was on display.

In a press release, Butch Spyridon, head of the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation, said "We have been extremely proud to work with organizers on bringing this prestigious event to Nashville. On every level, this is a testament to the appeal of the city and a great honor."

Only a city like Nashville with the support of many organizations including the United States Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary could support such an endeavor as has been proven with past events including some of the country's largest fireworks shows and New Year's Eve celebrations.

One of the most challenging events was The Marine, Land, Sea and Air Task Force demonstration, which took place on the Cumberland River and featured three AAV P7 Assault Amphibious Vehicles. The Marine Corps is the only branch of the U.S. military which is amphibious by design. The Coast Guard as in decades past was on site to support the Marine Corp.



Photo by Ramon Llorens FSO-PB

Coxswain Phil Mammano and FC 11-05 Brad Cochrane on station in the Cumberland River while Marines in AAV P7 Assault Amphibious Vehicle Circle like massive alligators in the foreground as they await their orders.



Photo by Ramon Llorens FSO-PB

Weighing over 32 tons, with a 3 man crew and 21 fully armed Marines an AAV Roars up the Cumberland River.

Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel of Sector Ohio Valley performed a vital role in closing the Cumberland River to recreational and commercial boat traffic while providing an additional element of security and safety.

Eighth District-Eastern Division 11 Nashville provided firsthand knowledge of the local waterways to allow the Marines to do their jobs unimpeded by any unforeseeable.



Photo by Ramon Llorens FSO-PB

CH-53 Sea Stallion Helicopter demonstrating its power



Photo by Ramon Llorens FSO-PB

RB-S 25746, USCGC MSU Paducah viewed through the "Ghost Ballet" sculpture in Nashville Tennessee.

We do our duty without much fanfare, in fact the casual observer would seldom know the Coast Guard Auxiliary was involved.

I personally observed how the Auxiliary makes a difference by acting locally.

As if the Marine Corp demonstration wasn't enough, there was also an NFL football game between the Tennessee Titans and the Minnesota Vikings scheduled for that afternoon.



Photo by Ramon Llorens FSO-PB

RB-S 25746, USCG MSU Paducah Kentucky passing The General Jackson River Boat on the Cumberland River. On game days the General Jackson River Boat does a run bringing fans from the Opryland Mall to the landing just below the stadium. The captain of the Jackson radioed to inquire whether the river had been reopened to traffic. An Auxiliarist knowing the mission, the river, and the General Jackson was able to answer him with clarity and confidence allowing the captain to safely get his boat underway because, [The Long Blue Line](#) runs through the heart of Nashville.



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### Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary Working Together

As someone who is new to the Auxiliary, this was a special operation for me. Working along side enlisted personnel wearing the same uniform and in the public eye was quite the experience. Total strangers thanking you for service is quite humbling. A special thanks to Bill Weeks, Phil Mammano, Ramon Llorens, Buell Noteboom, Randy Ventress, Ralph Underwood, Richard Papineau, Jr. and Brad Cochrane who were instrumental in the success of this operation. Also Coxswain BMC Kelly, along with BM1 Fortier, BM2 Lawellin, and MK2 Gorseth down from MSU Paducah Kentucky.

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## This Month in USCG History Dept of Homeland Security

One month after the September 11 attacks, Senator Joseph Lieberman (D-CT) introduced S. 1534, a bill to establish a Department of National Homeland Security, co-sponsored by Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA). Following the recommendations of the Hart-Rudman Commission, the bill intended to unite the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Customs Service, the Border Patrol, [The Coast Guard](#), and agencies responsible for critical infrastructure protection in a Cabinet-level department. The language was similar to H.R 1158 introduced in the House by Mac Thornberry (R-TX) on March 21, 2001. Although hearings were held on the Lieberman bill, there was no further action taken.

## Trending on the Web: Final Respects to Golfer and USCG Veteran Arnold Palmer

After his roommate was killed in an automobile accident in 1950, well-established pro golfer Arnold Palmer

decided to join the Coast Guard. He spent three years in the service, working the majority of his enlistment in Cleveland Ohio as a yeoman assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard Great Lakes commanding officer.

There he took photos of USCG personnel in the Great Lakes for new identification cards.

In an interview with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Palmer said, his service in the US Coast Guard made him,



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for the World.”***

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