



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



Flotilla 082-11-04 8ER
Percy Priest, Nashville and Middle Tennessee

Flotilla Commander: Michael Simpson Flotilla Vice Commander: James Mayo

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NEXT FLOTILLA BUSINESS MEETING 21 NOVEMBER 2016, 19:00 HOURS (7PM)

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DATES AND EVENTS.

M.T.S.U. FOR VETERANS SALUTE DAY

5 November 2016 Saturday. See e-mail for full details.
Uniform of the Day, ODU's with boots. NO Exceptions!

ELECTION DAY

8 November 2016 Tuesday.

NASHVILLE VETERANS DAY PARADE

11 November 2016 Friday. See e-mail for full details.
Uniform of the Day, ODU's with boots. NO Exceptions!

SHELBYVILLE VETERANS DAY PARADE

12 November 2016 Saturday. See e-mail for full details.
Uniform of the Day, ODU's with boots. NO Exceptions!

DIVISION MEETING

17 November 2016 Thursday. Time: 7:00 P.M. (1900 hrs)
Location: Metro East Precinct, 936 East Trinity Lane
Nashville TN 37207

CHANGE OF WATCH & AWARDS BANQUET

4 December 2016 Sunday. Time: 5:00 P.M. (1700 hrs)
Location: Piccadilly Cafeteria Banquet Hall
874 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37217

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.

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Randy Ventress DCO-Elect Addresses The Flotilla



Photo by: Ramon Llorens, Jr. 2016

**Randy Ventress District Commodore-Elect
Michael Simpson FC and James Mayo VFC**

During the last Flotilla Business Meeting elections were held, Michael Simpson was nominated from the floor for a second term as Flotilla Commander and James Mayo was nominated to repeat as Vice Flotilla Commander. Both Gentlemen accepted nomination and were elected.

As is customary in the monthly business meeting, the floor was opened to comments from Senior Members Present.

Those in attendance were then privileged to listen to Randy Ventress, District Commodore-Elect, as he shared his insight and vision as to what is expected of the Auxiliary as a whole, and how that will look for the Eighth District Eastern Region, right on down to Flotilla 11-04.

There is much work to be done nationally and locally, and in keeping with the task of doing more with less, the Auxiliary will surely be utilized.

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We already support the Active Duty and Reserve Coast Guard in many ways on land and sea, performing tasks such as cooking for them when their Food Specialists take leave. Another initiative is to have Auxiliarists trained and on the job as Communications Watchstanders throughout the country. Our own Larry Carter is currently making the trips to Louisville Kentucky for said training.

Being associated with "The Long Blue Line" is a privilege and once committed to this mission there are responsibilities. One of the major action points of the address was to be trained and ready. The first step is the much talked about rule changes concerning mandatory training. Basically if one hasn't done the mandatory training it limits one from being an effective and active member. The training seems like it is going to be long and arduous, but to be honest it is not. Set aside a little time to watch the informative interactive video and you can get it done pretty quickly. I will let you in on a little secret. If you are thinking you will have to take a test and pass it at the end, don't worry. When I did the training, there was one question to indicate completion and it was done!

Mr. Ventress applauded our members for stepping up and getting our mandated training done. With a 59% completion rate 11-04 is ahead of the national average. That being said we have a few more members who can and need to get it done. In fact, we have a good shot at being the most compliant flotilla in the nation. So let's make it a goal and do it together!

I would say we have one of the best seats in the house with Randy Ventress DCO leading the charge.

"Serving the Needs of Our Members, The Coast Guard, and Our Communities"

is how he signs his emails and I believe he will do just that. He has already hit the ground running and made it clear that 2017 is going to be challenging, exciting and rewarding for District 8ER.



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AUXAIR 11-04 Training at Air Station Mobile AL



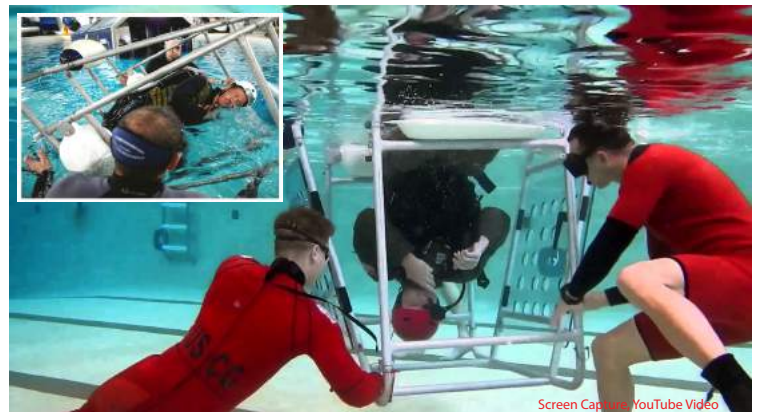
Steve Campbell, Aircraft Commander and Jim Williamson, Aircrew prior to departure

This past August, DIRAUX issued orders for two members of our Flotilla to attend their required annual Water Survival / Aviation Training and Safety Workshop. Training was held at the U. S. Coast Guard Aviation Training Center Mobile, Alabama.

Steve Campbell, Aircraft Commander, and Jim Williamson, Aircrew / Observer made the trip via AUXAIR from Gallatin Tennessee to Mobile Alabama where they were joined by twelve other aviation members of District Aviation 82nd Squadron.

During the first day of training, they were welcomed and briefed by the base commander, Captain MacDonald, Lieutenant Hughes (incoming AUXLO) and Lieutenant Williams (outgoing AUXLO).

The training and review included subjects in Aeromedical / Spatial Disorientation, Crew Resource Management (CRM), and the annual Swim / Egress water survival training at the base swimming pool with Coast Guard rescue swimmers standing by.



Screen Capture YouTube Video

82nd Squadron members with Commemorative MH-60J/T Jayhawk

I-r front:

Peter Evans,
Steve Campbell,
James Howard,
Raymond Rivera,
Robert Spera,
Nick McManus

I-r back:

Jay Huss,
Clyde Miller,
Jim Williamson,
Bill Smith,
Walker Fuqua,
Michael McKay,
Marco Lapenna,
Don Hunnicutt



Steve and Jim demonstrated once again they could survive an emergency water landing. All of their mandated training was completed successfully.

Other topics covered the latest National Security concerns, cutters and "Into the Storm - 100 years of Coast Guard Aviation" and the continuing saga of helicopter maintenance.

The following day, members reviewed mission planning/risk management, new technologies, emergency procedures/egress, federal aviation regulations, US airspace, and personal protection equipment (PPE), aviation weather, ditching survival and high terrain avoidance and finally a search pattern review.

Fellowship which is one of the four cornerstones of the Auxiliary was completed and enjoyed by all! As it happens, berthing, galley and the officers' club are housed in one building on the airbase, making it very convenient for the four days of lodging. As is customary, during these training missions, there was time to gather in the Officers' Club with the Lieutenant liaison and other Gold Side Aviators. Steve and Jim also had the opportunity to spend some time catching up with their longtime friend

Paul Boyd, member 11-04 now living Mobile AL on his twenty seven foot Catalina sailboat.

The Aviators were made to feel even more welcome when treated to a fine cookout at the base picnic area. Also, a big thank you to Lieutenant Williams' wife Katie, who provided homemade cake and brownies.

All good things have to come to an end. Having been well trained and well fed, the men departed Sunday AM for a direct flight back to Gallatin Airport.



Paul Boyd member 11-04 now living Mobile AL, Katie Williams CG Academy graduate married to Active Duty Liaison Lt Williams and Jim Williamson (AIRCREW), enjoying a bit of fellowship in the local officers club.

Sunset over Four Corners Yacht Club



Photo by: Angie Perrault 2016

Autumn is surely approaching as the days grow shorter and the sun stays lower in the sky. Tropical depressions and hurricanes are making their way through the Caribbean and up the east coast sending us a mix of weather phenomenon resulting in incredibly beautiful sunrises and sunsets.

Crossing the Bar

Paul Eldon Kingsborough was born on March 6, 1938 and passed away on October 10, 2016.



He served in ROTC in college and as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1960-1962, stationed at Fort Ord in Monterey, CA. Paul was an avid outdoors-man. He shared his love of fishing, hunting, patriotism, love of God, family and his country.

Paul was most proud of his community involvement and the creation of the Brentwood High School soccer stadium in memory of his son, Chris. Our condolences to his family, friends and especially his wife of 56 years, Lydia Lincoln Kingsborough.

SPECIAL THANKS

Randy Ventress District Commodore-Elect,
Steve Campbell, Aircraft Commander
Jim Williamson, Aircrew
and Angie Perrault FSO-HR, FSO-SR
for their contribution of photos and content for this news letter

ANNUAL DUES

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