



Flotilla 085-02-08 - Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin
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US Coast Guard Commandant Recognizes the Coast Guard Auxiliary

On the 75th anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary US Coast Guard Commandant, Admiral Paul F. Zukunft recognized the work of the Guard Auxiliary and its volunteers. Admiral Zukunft has awarded the US Coast Guard Unit Commendation for “75 years of outstanding service” and “In recognition of the profound devotion, sacrifice, and achievement of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.”

In his commendation Admiral Zukunft cited statistics for the past year noting that “Auxiliarists delivered over 4.2 million hours of operational and administrative manpower to Coast Guard Missions. Auxiliary instructors spent over 96,000 hours teaching boating safety classes, and its vessel examiners performed over 130,000 recreational and fishing vessel safety checks. Auxiliary operators performed more than 66,000 hours of SAR [search and rescue] mission support saving over 470 lives and assisting 13,000 members of the boating public. Much to the credit of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the number of boating safety related deaths in the US reached a historic low for the second consecutive year” stated the Admiral.

The award was presented to members of Flotilla 085-02-08 in Prairie du Chien by 2nd Division Commander Marion Byerson.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is part of the US Coast Guard and is staffed by 30,000+ volunteers. For more information on the Coast Guard Auxiliary contact Roger Richter at (608)994-2784 or Art Sullivan, (563)423-6004.



Division 2 Commander Marion Byerson presents Flotilla Commander Roger Richter with the Coast Guard Unit Commendation certificate and ribbon with Div 2 Vice Commander Jim Bertram on the left.