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As a result of the recent National Trends Reports, many of us have spent countless hours analyzing why our numbers have declined in membership and hours in most missions. The reasons are valid – age, illnesses, changes in life circumstances,

etc. – but despite these reasons, our division must forge on – doing more with less. In order to compensate for our weaknesses, we need to harness our strengths.

According to a Chinese proverb, to achieve success in life, we have to work together because teamwork is the heart of great achievement.

Achieving such a harmonious level of teamwork is easier said than done. It doesn't happen by accident. A team is not just a group of individuals who belong to the same division or flotilla; a real team is made up of people who may be unequal in experience, age, talent, or education but who are equal in their commitment to working together to achieve a common goal.

Teamwork acts as a bridge to connect these dissimilar individuals. The success and effectiveness of reaching any goal is dependent on the behavior of the individual team members. Each individual must willingly accept the uniqueness of the other team members and appreciate their collective diversity. We must respect each person's individual contribution, verbalize appreciation for those contributions and encourage each other. Teamwork is selfless with each member taking pride in the team's achievement. True team members know their own strengths and weaknesses as well as those of their teammates. In addition, they understand how to work with and help each other. Thus the team "becomes a genius when everyone works together."



In the coming year, I would like to set forth two primary goals for Division 3: to increase VEs, PVs and operational hours by 25% and to assist the Coast Guard whenever and wherever requested. These are two large goals, but very big goals seem smaller and more easily achievable when there is a team that

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unites to accomplish them. We must collaborate and harness our collective energy because effective teamwork is essential for this division to realize its full potential.

Perhaps Andrew Carnegie described it best when he said: "*Teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.*"



KALEIDOSCOPE

Diversity: The concept of diversity encompasses acceptance and respect. It means understanding that each individual is unique, and recognizing our individual differences.

These can be along the dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies. It is the exploration of these differences in a safe, positive and nurturing environment. It is about understanding each other and moving beyond simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating the rich dimensions of diversity contained within each individual. (Definition provided by: University of Oregon, Multicultural Advocates)

May we all be reminded of the meaning of Diversity in our daily lives.



Our main thrust as Human Resources officers in 2015 will be to promote strong recruiting

efforts throughout our division. We must keep this recruiting momentum moving forward as the Coast Guard's priorities and resources shift to maintain its role as a leader in maritime security. Greater numbers of well-trained, experienced Auxiliarists will be in increasing demand to support them in these critical activities. It is vital that we utilize all members currently enrolled and strive to reduce disenrollments to zero wherever possible.



All Auxiliarists should realize that in order to help maintain the status quo and remain a viable division in the years ahead, a different kind of recruitment strategy will need to be developed in order for us to attract and recruit younger members. The graying and eventual retirement of a large percentage of our current individual flotilla membership means that without recruiting younger members to eventually replace them and keep the momentum constant, the lifeblood of our overall division will surely not survive and die on the vine. We must all work together to have a consistent approach on recruiting with

Continued from 4 this particular age group to swell the ranks of our division and remain solvent over the years ahead. The newly established University/ Auxiliary Program has already served as a valuable assist to several flotillas (3-4 and 3-8) in our division in helping recruit young university students.

We've begun 2015 with two developed detachments from last year. Both are in areas that had many interested boaters wanting to join but with no Auxiliary units present. They both are actively contributing to and supporting our division to become the number one division in the Eighth Western Region.

The Human Resources officers in our seven flotillas realize that if our members are getting what they joined for, are acquiring new skills, are prompt in preparing their required paperwork in a timely fashion and are happy with being a vital part of their flotillas, there will be no further disenrollments in our division.

In summary, Division 3, 8WR is alive and well.

Remember Everyone Is A Recruiter



I now have division level access to AUXDATA. If your flotilla doesn't have a qualified IS officer to enter your hours, please make sure I receive a copy of the forms. I will enter the hours, mark the date it was entered and return that copy to you.

KEEP THE COPIES. We all know how AUXDATA can "eat" our entries. If we have to prove the hours in the future, these copies are invaluable.

If you don't like entering hours in the online forms, let me know and I will provide you a PDF form of the 7029 or 7030.



The Coast Guard Auxiliary never stops working to keep its staff and qualified members up to speed with all its programs. This includes not only all flotilla and division staff positions but those qualified as vessel examiners, instructors and program visitors.

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Division 3 is sponsoring training for all staff positions and updates for Auxiliary programs on Saturday, March 14, from 0900 – 1500 at Missouri Baptist Hospital in Auditorium 1 and 2. This is the same location the division holds its monthly meetings.

Doors open at 0830. You'll find coffee and donuts available. Training sessions will begin at 0900. Lunch will be provided at noon. Training will resume about 1235 and be over between 1430 and 1500.

A schedule of times and subject will be emailed to all members of Division 3.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the expectations of each staff position. Many of you may never have been a human resource officer before or a flotilla secretary or a member trainer, a finance officer or a public education officer or even a program visitor or vessel examination officer.

If you've been the materials officer, you may still not know what you are supposed to do



In 2014, Division 3 took a very hard look at the reasons for the decline in its operations program. In 2015, we need to focus on rebuilding our operational resources by increasing our crewmembers, coxswains, PWOs, and operational facilities.

The solution to our situation is three-fold. First, we must recruit people with boats and/ or PWCs who are interested in becoming crewmember, coxswain, and/or PWO gualified. Second, we must train current members who are interested in becoming crewmembers, coxswains, and/or PWC qualified. Third, we need to get our former crewmembers, coxswains, and PWOs to re-qualify if they are interested.

Please keep in mind that this is not going to be easy since this is NOT the same operational environment as it was even three years ago and not even close to what it was when most of us were first qualified. The Active Duty is exercising far more oversight and control than in the past and is requiring strict adherence to the policies and procedures that are set forth in the Auxiliary Manual and the various operations oriented manuals. (For a full list, see the National website and go to the "Aux Members" drop-down menu under "Auxiliary Manuals".) It is important to remember that **ALL** of our operational funding comes from the Active Duty and, as the old saying goes, "He who pays the piper calls the tune."



In short, since the Active Duty funds all of our operations, they have the right to control Continued on 7

Continued from 6 what we do and how we do it. It is also important to remember that both of these manuals were written by the Auxiliary, these are the policies and procedures that Auxiliary leadership itself has set in place and that DIRAUX is charged with assuring that we follow these policies and procedures. Accordingly, all candidates must be well prepared for their oral boards and check rides and must be able to perform ALL tasks safely, without prompting or the use of a reference and with little or no hesitation. In addition to the operational knowledge, crewmembers must also have ICS-100 and 700; coxswains and PWOs must have ICS-100, 700, 200, 800, and 210.

Some people have already come forth and offered to make their boats facilities. This is a step forward, and I thank them for it, however, we must also have new coxswains and crewmembers to operate those facilities. Currently the Division 3 "fleet" consists of ten facilities: six boats and four PWCs. This might sound impressive, but the downside is that all of these facilities are owned by only four coxswains in the St. Louis area and each coxswain can only operate one facility at a time and only then if they have adequate crew. We desperately need more qualified crewmembers since at the present time, we only have three qualified crewmembers in the Division. Ideally there should be between two and three times the number of crewmembers as coxswains depending on the size of facilities and the crew required for each.

If we are going to turn around the downward trend in Division 3 operations, first and foremost we must focus on targeted recruiting – people with boats and/or PWCs interested in getting qualified for operations. We must also focus on getting more crewmembers, coxswains, and PWOs qualified or re-qualified to operate and crew those facilities.



NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK MAY 16-22, 2015

Yes, we are just beginning a new year and I am already talking about National Safe Boating Week. It is never too early to begin to plan for this big event. It is probably your biggest event of the year! Planning ahead now gives you time to work with your flotilla members to make it happen.



I have provided a link to the National Safe Boating Council. The link provides additional links that are very helpful in planning your event. <u>http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/</u>

MY SOAP BOX!

Believe it or not it is true, all members are involved in public affairs in some way. Member need to check out to the National Public Affairs website and at the very least read thru

Continued from 7 the Public Affairs Courses. It is important that we are all well versed on what we say when speaking about the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Coast Guard, our district, division and flotilla.

We must represent ourselves appropriately and correctly.

The New AUXPAO Manual has been posted on the National Public Affairs website. There are three changes that we all must adhere to:

The descriptive words for public affairs events are:

- EXHIBIT not BOOTH
- We STAFF (not man) an exhibit

Uniforms:

- $\circ\,$ Everyone is to be in the SAME uniform. (NO EXCEPTIONS) for any public affairs event.
- It is always a good idea to review the Auxiliary Manual on uniform and accessory wear before meeting the public.

We must be the best with verbal presentations and look sharp in our uniforms.

Always keep in mind that we are MARKETING the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Coast Guard, our district, division and flotilla!





Do you know the percentage of members in Division 3 that attend division meetings? Using the numbers at a recent meeting, the percentage would be 13%, not a favorable number.

To that end, it is important that we get the information we have as staff officers out to all the members of the division. We can do this by writing articles no photos so the members who do not or cannot attend our meetings have the

and sharing photos so the members who do not or cannot attend our meetings have the knowledge of the different AORs so they can do their jobs.

So the next time you are asked to provide an article for the Midwest Mariner, REMEMBER, you are sharing with (or maybe a better word would be TEACHING) others your knowledge and important information that comes down the chain.

Let's make 2015 a year where every officer has submitted an article to the Midwest Mariner each time it goes to publication.



With the first of the year, my mind starts thinking that boating season is just around the corner. Yes, I know that it is still winter but it is time to start thinking about what to accomplish this year.

The marine dealer program is one of the best things because of the efforts we put forth to getting material out to the public. When doing a marine dealer visit, we have the opportunity to educate and inform to the people about safety.

My mission is to have flotilla program visitors help people to be safe on the water. We can do this by involving marine dealers. There you will meet new boaters who know nothing about ownership or how to properly operate a boat. Be sure these boaters have the information they need to stay safe while they are having fun on the water.

Have a great season everyone.



As we sit around and try to stay warm, remember summer will be here soon enough and will bring a new boating season. With the new season come new opportunities to help people who also enjoy boating. Until then, the time can used for training of new personnel, planning events and locations to examine all types of watercraft. This inspection is the first step in having event free boating adventures.

The Coast Guard performed boardings and inspection almost all summer long except during floods. Therefore we need to continue performing inspections with added attention to detail as we always have. If we do this properly, getting an inspection will be viewed as very desirable and almost a requirement. If the river has less flooding, let's try to surpass 2014's which were approximately 465 VEs.

Here are some new or updated laws that people may be interested in being made aware of.

Effective January 1, 2015, three pieces of Illinois legislature effecting boaters will go into law. The bills were signed by Governor Pat Quinn in July 2014 and go into full effect at midnight New Year's Eve.

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 Illinois Senate Bill 3434 Operating Under the Influence (OUI): The bill allows for the seizure of a watercraft used in the commission of certain offenses related to operating under the influence. The new rules bring penalties for boating under the influence more in line with those for operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs or alcohol.



- Illinois Senate Bill 3433 Mandatory Boater's Education: The Bill requires all persons born after Jan. 1, 1998 to take and pass a boating safety course validated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and hold a valid boating safety certificate before they can operate a motorboat with an engine over 10 horsepower.
- Illinois Senate Bill 2731 New Skier Tow Rules: The Bill mandates that the operator of any watercraft that is towing a person, such as a water skier or tuber, must display a bright orange flag measuring not less than 12 inches per side. The flag must be displayed from the time the person to be towed leaves the boat until that person returns to the boat at the conclusion of the activity.

Click the following link to go to the Illinois Boater's Education website: <u>http://www.boat-ed.com/illinois/boating_law.html</u>

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORTS



LET'S GO FISHING

Flotilla 34 and its Kaskaskia detachment recently had a Public Affairs Exhibit at the Let's Go Fishing Show in Collinsville, III at the Gateway Center. It was three days in January of 8,000 fishermen scoping out fishing lures, poles, boats and adventure get-a-way trips.

Guests at our exhibit had many questions about life jackets, especially the inflatable type V style. They were also interested in upcoming safe boating classes and vessel

examinations for their boats. Contact information was distributed so all could follow us on our website and Facebook. This is where the public will find upcoming PE classes and VE Stations.

Six Auxiliary members: Doyle Wilhite, Alberto Friedmann, Veronica Williams, Bill Barton and Charles and Marilyn Aten handled a lot of questions and gave out a lot of federal requirements, safe boating brochures along with hunting and fishing information for boaters.

People attending the Let's Go Fishing Show were excited to see the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Many thanked us for our service. They stopped

to talk. They talked about favorite fishing lakes, their boat and, of course, life jackets.



RECAP OF 2014 and WHAT'S AHEAD 2015

Greeting to all and Happy New Year 2015. 2014 was a great year in the flotilla. Many impressive accomplishments were made in public education, public affairs, vessel examinations and personal visits.

Public Education. We had multiple multi-lesson ABS classes including our last for the year graduated 32 students. Along with the ABS classes, we had multiple one and two hour Kids and Water Safety classes. Our educating the public regarding safety was very successful for 2014.

Public Affairs. Our first event was 3-13's participation in the St Louis Boat Show. Well what can I say? We started out with a "BIG BANG" with our two-day event at Cabelas in the spring with "Coastie." We were thrilled to have Phil and Penny Bailey bring Coastie in for all the children and children-at-heart to see. Well over 10,000 people over the two days passed our exhibit and we handed out information to an information thirsty public, and of course the kids loved Coastie.

When you combine Cabelas event with the others of the year such as National Safe Boating Week, The Grafton Riverboat Festival, Mallinckrodt Health and Safety Fair and other numerous events, Public Affairs in 3-13 was a success in 2014. The planning for the 2015 schedule is already filling up with the St Louis Boat Show and a repeat performance at Cabelas in March. A return to Mallinckrodt has also been scheduled.

Our Vessel Safety Check program spread far and wide in 2014 from our National Safe Boating Week activities at Grafton Marina (four total weeks in May with two weekends of scheduled VSC Stations and two additional weekends being available for the boater on their docks to answer questions and just straight talk safety and ALWAYS recruit for Public Education classes for the masses!

3-13's VSC Safety Program got a great tour as well with some VSC's being conducted at several other St Louis area marinas as well as our traveling VSC person who conducted some in Florida and the East Coast. All in all, we got the message out.

I would be remiss if I forgot to mention the Fall D-Train here in St Louis that was hosted by Division 3. 3-13 did its part in contributing to making that a success. It too was fun.

The year was full of great fellowship and camaraderie for 3-13. We worked and played together and enjoyed what we did together.

2014 was a successful year. 2015 shall as always be more of the same. I look forward to a great 2015, with PE Classes and Public Affairs events already on the books, 2015 looks to be another success story for 3-13. **Wishing all a great 2015.**

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KASKASKIA DETACHMENT, FLOTILLA 34

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As Kaskaskia detachment prepares for the oncoming year and its new challenges, we are drawing upon the enormous talent pool of the flotillas and division.

I think the contribution of so many talented people should be the forefront of a new recruiting drive. If we are to attract new and younger members, we must draw upon our strengths. How better than to exhibit the collective experience of our training staffs and their real life experiences with the boating public.

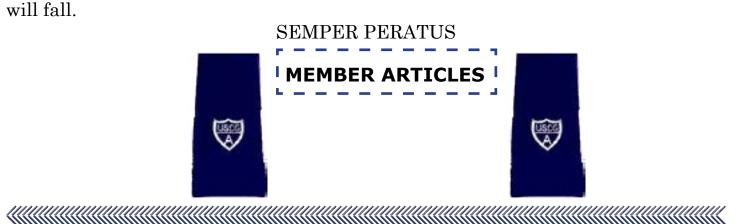


We plan to include this asset in all of our presentations to the general public. If we are to assist in keeping the boating public informed and safe, we must increase our membership. As our membership increases we will have more boots on the ground interacting with our target group.

Training is the key to this interaction and to the success of the mission.

We, in the Kaskaskia detachment, intend to increase our membership training and increase the presence of the Coast Guard Auxiliary at seven of the local lakes four colleges and two major shows in the area. As the

of the local lakes, four colleges and two major shows in the area. As the boating public becomes aware, better informed and trained, the number of accidents will fall



DIRAUX VISITS KASKASKIA DETACHMENT By Marilyn Aten VFC

Flotilla 34's Kaskaskia detachment located in Belleville, Illinois had a visit from the 8WR Director of Auxiliary Commander, Kristina Dell'Orco USCG, last October. It was a privilege to have her attend a meeting and meet fifteen of the detachment's members.

Continued from 12 Accompanying her were the newly elected Division 3 DCDR Diana Arisman and DVCDR Gary Smith. Also present was Barbara Rhoades retiring DCDR for 2014 and a member of Flotilla 34.

Kaskaskia leader, Bill Barton, introduced Commander Dell'Orco. She gave the group a history of her Coast Guard background as a pilot and how she chose to be a Director of Auxiliary. The CDR also gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Auxiliary and its qualified programs.

The Commander enjoyed meeting all the members of the Kaskaskia Detachment and commended them on their success with so many becoming gualified in several Auxiliary

activities. She presented Alberto Friedmann with his first Sustained Service Award and Bill Barton with his Vessel Examiner Certificate.

Coast Guard Unit Commendation ribbons were present to Auxiliary members for service from June 24, 2009 to June 23, 2014. Detachment members receiving this include: Bill Barton, Pauline Barton, Alberto Friedmann, Steve Bolt, Lesa Bolt, David Holden, Justin Jackson, Bill McNamee, Zach Orr, Michael Putnam, Sam Pessin, Jeremy Schwab, Brenton Donaldson, Larry Miller and Jay Liss.

It was a great honor for the Kaskaskia detachment to have Commander Dell'Orco attend their meeting.



NEW LEADERS TAKE OVER By Marilyn Aten

Division 3 recently hosted their annual Change of Watch and Awards Banquet at Orlando's in the Westport area. Nearly 50 newly elected officers and Auxiliary members attend this gala evening.

VIP's for the evening included Captain Martin Malloy, Commander Sector Upper Mississippi River and his wife Amy. Representing Eighth Western Rivers and Commodore David Starr was Butch Luhrsen District Captain - East and his wife Pam.

The evening began with a welcome reception followed by a lavish buffet dinner with many choices and dessert. Continued on 14 Page 13





Following dinner we heard from Immediate Past Division Commander Barbara Rhoades about the many things she was proud the division has accomplished the last two years. Then Butch Luhrsen expounded on Commodore David Starr's new watch words Proud, Proficient and Focused.



The featured speaker for the evening was Captain Malloy. He offered many thanks to the Auxiliary and its volunteers for time and talent given. He praised Division 3 for its many accomplishments and extolled our impressive statistics. He was very excited to be with us for the evening.

Now it was time to install new leadership for 2015. All the newly elected Flotilla Commanders and Vice Commanders came forward to hear the prologue read by District

Captain Luhrsen and take the pledge from Captain Malloy. Applause and hand shakes were passed around along with Certificates of Office.

Next, all the Division 3 Staff Officers for 2015 came forward for the prologue and pledge being given again by District Captain Luhrsen and Captain Malloy. Again there was applause and

hand shakes for everyone.

To top off the evening Diana Arisman and her Awards Committee, Karen Goulding and Marilyn Aten, gave out a large number of awards. Diana and Bob Arisman put together a PowerPoint presentation showing Auxiliary members and activities from 2014. All the award earners names and flotillas were listed in each award category.



Awards were presented for as little as 50 hours of reported time plus speciality awards and of course Auxiliarist of the Year. The Division Auxiliarist with the most hours of activity was Mary Lou Minnis.

It was a good evening of Coast Guard Auxiliary fellowship and fun for all.



OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Eagle To Be Featured on Stamp Honoring Coast Guard The Day | Jan 23, 2015 | by Julia Bergman http://www.military.com/daily-news/2015/01/23/eagle-to-be-featured-on-stamp-honoring-coast-guard.

html?ESRC=coastguard.nl



Each year the U.S. Postal Service receives between 20,000 and 30,000 suggestions for stamp ideas. Many of those suggestions in recent years were for a stamp recognizing the achievements of the U.S. Coast Guard. And so, this August, the USPS will issue a "forever" stamp in honor of the multi-mission military service.

"We are proud to honor members of the Coast Guard for serving our nation and for the

thousands of individuals they have rescued," said Mark Saunders, a USPS spokesman who is heading up the effort.

"It's really an honor to be recognized by the Postal Service on the stamp especially with next month being the 100th anniversary of the Coast Guard merger with the Revenue Cutter Service and the Lifesaving Service, and this year also being the 225th anniversary," said Petty Officer Myeonghi Clegg, with the service's Northeast/ First District Public Affairs division.

The Coast Guard will celebrate its 225th birthday in August.

Renowned aviation artist William Phillips, who is based in Oregon, designed the stamp, which depicts a MH-65D helicopter flying over the barque Eagle. The back of the stamp will display the Coast Guard's motto "Semper Paratus -- Always Ready."

This is not Phillips' first project for the USPS. He also designed the 20-stamp Classic American Aircraft, Classic Collection in 1997; the 10-stamp American Advances in Aviation in 2005; the Air Force One Priority Mail stamp; and the Marine One Express Mail stamp in 2007.

"The issuance of the stamp will bring attention to our often forgotten and great military maritime service across all of America," said Capt. Ed Cubanski, commander of Sector Long Island Sound.

"The picture of the USCGC Eagle and MH-65D helicopter is a fitting contrast as

Continued from 15 the Coast Guard moves forward with modernizing our cutter surface fleet preserving our historic past while recognizing the urgent need for fleet modernization," Cubanski said. "The modernization of our fleet is necessary to address the hazards threatening our maritime borders close in and overseas in our armed forces, law enforcement agency, and humanitarian missions."

The Coast Guard's story began in 1790. In August of that year, at the urging of Alexander Hamilton, considered to be the founder of the service, President George Washington signed into law an act that provided for a fleet of 10 vessels, known as revenue cutters, to serve as an armed customs enforcement service. At the time, maritime smuggling was rampant and was starving the country of desperately needed tariff revenue. The small fleet eventually came to be known as the Revenue Cutter Service, the forerunner of today's Coast Guard.

Today, the Coast Guard is the nation's first responder on its waterways and oceans. Additionally, the service enforces maritime law, maintains shipping lanes, breaks ice, protects the maritime environment, responds to oil spills and water pollution, ensures port security and combats terrorism.

One of the service's most recognized efforts in recent years was its search-and-rescue response in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina slammed the Gulf Coast. Around 5,000 members of the Coast Guard and a large percentage of the Coast Guard helicopter fleet responded to the disaster area. In all, Coast Guard personnel rescued more than 30,000 people in Mississippi and Louisiana, according to documents from the service.

Today, the Coast Guard has 43,000 active-duty members, 8,000 reservists and over 30,000 volunteer auxiliary personnel, according to its website.

This summer, New London will serve as the epicenter of what Gov. Dannel P. Malloy recently declared as "Connecticut's Coast Guard Summer." The city is also the planned home for the National Coast Guard Museum currently in the works.







Kaskaskia detachment meeting with CDR Dell'Orco in attendance. (Photos courtesy of David Holden)



CHANGE OF WATCH Division 3 January 2015

Photos courtesy of Marilyn Aten



Stella Francis, Gloria Tobin and Karen Goulding, above

Pete Harness, Sigrid Miller and Bob Arisman, right

















Row 1: Larry Miller, Jay Liss and wife, left Frank and Karen Amato, right

Row 2: Mark and Betty Zoellner, left; MaryLou Minnins, center; Debby Howard and Marilyn Aten, right

Row 3: Betty Zoellner and Chris Ware, left; July and Jim Berg, right Page 18