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Maryellen Begley

DIVISION VICE COMMANDER

John Hopkins

May, 2014

New FC for Flotilla 3506

Congratulations to Paul Malave for filling the vacancy for Flotilla Commander of 3506.

5/17 Open House Set for Station Calumet Harbor

CWO Stevens has announced that Station Calumet Harbor will host an "Open House" on Saturday, May 17th from 1000-1400 to kick off National Safe Boating Week. Members of Division 35 will again support the station to help present the Safe Boating message to the public.



In addition, it presents an opportunity for members to show their families and friends where they donate their time and services.

If you are willing to help work at the Open House, contact your FSO-PA and FSO-VE to pass your interest on to the Division Staff. Suggestions for improvements should also be passed up the "chain" to Ruth Aurigemma, SO-PA 35 (POC). Thank you!

Operational Support to the Coast Guard, Operations, Fellowship

Chicago Memorial Parade

Maryellen Begley, DCDR has been assigned as Point of Contact for Auxiliary participation. Uniform of the Day (prescribed by MSU Chicago) will be **Service Dress Bravo** with the **Combination Cover**. Contact POC at mbegley18@aol.com for details or to sign up for the parade. Please be sure your uniform is correct and reflects pride in the organization if you want to volunteer for this activity.

BOAT CAMP 2014 is Coming!

As the final plans for Boat Camp are developed, new exciting activities are being added:

Visual Distress Signals will be demonstrated

A **Coast Guard helicopter** (operations permitting) is expected for a ground briefing

A **Coast Guard Damage Control training trailer** will permit "hands-on" practice dealing with maritime emergencies including failing through-hull fittings, cracked water hoses, or hull damage.

Six facilities have committed to underway drills
Challenge CWO Hinken (reigning champion) in the Boat Crew Jeopardy

Enjoy the fellowship and picnic

Don't miss Division 35's Boat Camp!

Last year people showed up at Boat Camp without registering, thinking it is enough to "pay at the door". This overlooks the planning and purchases in advance that go into any training activity.

At the Operations Workshop last month, 30% of the members attending failed to register. (FS2 Erika Gray graciously scrambled to feed everybody in attendance! It is not fair to our Coast Guard hosts to put them on the spot like this!)

Don't find yourself left out while the people who registered have all the fun!



Make your checks out for \$10 per person and mail to
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836A S. Arlington Hts Rd
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

From Coast Guard Station Calumet Harbor

Greetings, shipmates from the Crew at Station Calumet Harbor. We cannot begin to thank you all enough for your continued support of our station, the Coast Guard, and the boating public.

In our Wake

Ice rescue season has come and gone. This year has seen a marked increase in the number of cases we have responded to. Our crews have put their skills to the test, effecting a number of rescues, even making national news. The vigilance of our watch standers, our training, and the professionalism of our crews was second to none, in gathering information, locating victims and working with local agencies to affect rescues and save the lives of those who fell through the ice.

Crossing the Brow

We have lost a number of key personnel this winter and will be losing many more this summer. BM1 Patrizio has departed for PATFORSWA (USCG Patrol Forces Southwest Asia) where he will be working shore side, keeping our cutters in Bahrain in top shape. FN Caikowski, FN Roberts, and SN Beauregard, have departed for "A" (petty officer training) School.

We welcome aboard FA Brandon Gosselin from Fort Meyers Florida and MK1 Don Winburn coming to us from Station Michigan City.

Zenith

The harbors are starting to fill again, and salmon fishermen are becoming more abundant. Crews are U/W (underway) daily knocking the rust off and working toward qualifications for some newly-arrived personnel.

On the Horizon

As is true for every spring, we are making preps for our Ready for Operations (RFO) inspection May 12-15. A crew will be taking the 45635 to Sault Saint Marie for scheduled haul out, if the ice ever decides to melt up north. In the interim we expect to have 45603, the sector's spare RB-M. On May 17th to kick off safe boating week, Station Calumet Harbor will be

hosting an open house. All are welcome, it should provide an excellent opportunity to meet some station personnel, and take a closer look at our assets with your family and friends.

Bravo Zulu

FS1 Kevin Johnson was named as a runner up for Elite Athlete of the year. For those who don't know, Kevin competes in numerous "mud runs", obstacle courses, and marathons throughout the year. He is also instrumental in the unit's physical training program and mentors a number of station personnel concerning their workouts and diets.

ME3 Coles received The McCune Award for Maritime Law Enforcement Excellence, presented in recognition of outstanding actions accomplished while performing Law Enforcement and Homeland Security missions on the Great Lakes.

As always we here at the station extend our gratitude and respect for all that you take upon yourselves in support of our missions.

Very Respectfully
BM2 Anthony Griffith
 AUXLO

Station Apparel Available from CutterAgent

Through the efforts of FS1 Kevin Johnson, the web site Cutter Agent is offering unit recreational (non-uniform) apparel with the logo for Coast Guard Station. The web site below shows the logo and the variety of apparel available:

<http://www.uscgstore.com/calumet.html>

Cutter Agent will only produce the apparel when they have an order for at least twelve (12) items-- but they will hold orders they receive until the necessary minimum has been reached.

These items are not authorized as uniform items, but may be worn as casual civilian attire showing your support of the station.

RB-S Underwater Egress Training

Beginning in January this year, station personnel have been traveling to Air Station Elizabeth City – home to Coast Guard Aviation’s “A” School. There, a facility has been built to offer the opportunity for Coast Guard air and boat crews to experience a rollover and train to egress their platform (i.e. *get out*) while inverted and underwater.

The class begins with classroom training but moves quickly to the swimming pools where boat crewmen and coxswains perform a survival swim and tread water. They then are required to perform puzzle tasks while underwater, showing their ability to solve problems and manipulate objects prior to opening a hatch and swimming through.

With these tasks completed satisfactorily, crewmen move on to an inversion chair. This object looks as though it would be more at home during witch trials, than in a modern day training facility. A crewman is strapped in a chair and inverted in 4 feet of water. Your feet are now above water and the rest of your body below the surface. Your mind repeats the training over and over while you perform the tasks.

- Establish a reference point.
- Release your harness.
- Maintain your reference point at all times

complete puzzle tasks release the hatch, and egress. The trick to completing this like a pro is to keep your body centered below (remember your upside down) your feet. This allows the buoyancy of your life jacket to transfer through your torso and legs. Move slowly and don’t panic. If you keep a checklist of the steps necessary in mind and calmly overcome any obstacle that may arise you will move on to the next test...

“The Dunker” is specially designed to look and feel unmistakably like a 25’ RBS, down to the electronics, radios even simulated helm and throttles controls. Upon closer inspection you would note grates in the deck and overhead to allow water to free flow through the cabin, and a large metal ring amidship. This ring is the pivot point. When released, the cabin of the simulated RBS is allowed to rotate within the ring.

If at any time the crewmen struggle, or otherwise shows they are unable to free themselves,



the entire apparatus can be craned out in 3 seconds. Divers stationed strategically around the RBS and on it as it enters the water are on hand to assist if necessary, or signal to have it hauled out to effect rescue of the trainees.

The final test will be 4 rollovers, 2 day and 2 night. Yes night! The simulator can generate 4 foot seas, low light, lightning flashes, storm and radio via large speakers, even wind and sea spray from industrial sized fans on the pool deck.



These all work together to build anticipation, and elevate your stress. If you can control it long enough for the boat to come to rest upside down you find a remarkable calmness beneath the surface. Establish a reference point, release the harness, maintain a reference point at all times, keep your center of buoyancy pushing directly through your feet, open the hatch, establish a reference point outside the cabin move slowly to the gunwale... Now comes the moment I enjoyed the most. I accepted down was up, up was down, it takes that long for your mind to let go. You are inverted on a boat that’s inverted; therefore you begin to feel like you’re not inverted.

You’re merely underwater. With one hand on a railing at the back of the pilothouse, feet both planted on the gunwale I look down? No, up at the surface of the water. I pause and enjoy the novelty of the feeling as my mind rejects the falsehood of my inverted world and re-embraces reality. I am standing upside down on a boat that a few seconds ago rolled over and I am actually looking up at the surface. Push off slightly and let buoyancy (not gravity) due the rest, as you dive into the surface. So as strange as it is to read and understand this fully, so was the feeling you experience completing this training. While some people fall out at each step of the training, those who complete it feel very differently about it. Some even experienced panic attacks watching the demonstration; to their credit they did attempt the full rollover. Others who completed the training voice their extreme discomfort in doing so. I was of the lucky few who not only enjoyed it but relished the challenge, and the unique experience.



Submitted by BM2 Anthony Griffith, AUXLO

Coast Guard Commandant 'Delighted' to Get AF C-27s



American Forces Press Service | Apr 10, 2014 | by Claudette Roulo

WASHINGTON – Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Robert J. Papp said April 8 he’s “delighted” to receive 14 of the 21 brand-new C-27J Spartan medium-range aircraft that were consigned to the boneyard by Air Force budget cuts.

“It saves us about a half a billion dollars in acquisition costs, and we’re off and running the program now,” the admiral said.

U.S. Special Operations Command will receive the remaining seven aircraft, he said.

Papp said he expects the Coast Guard to be fully using the aircraft in fiscal year 2016, noting that the delay is due to the need to qualify instructors and thoroughly train the pilot and maintenance forces.

The aircraft became available last year after declining budgets forced the Air Force to cancel the program. The cancellation came at a fortuitous time for the Coast Guard, which was seeking to fill a need for medium-range fixed wing aircraft, Papp said.



In competition, the C-27J originally lost out to the HC-144 Ocean Sentry due to higher lifecycle costs, the admiral said. The Coast Guard has purchased 18 HC-144s, he said, noting that he expects to end the program at 18 aircraft.

“But then last year, when the Air Force put up these brand-new C-27J’s as excess, we thought, ‘Wow, if we can get 21 for free, that really lowers the lifecycle cost significantly,’” Papp said.

Part of the cost savings comes from the fact that the two-engine C-27J uses the same engines and avionics as the four-engine C-130J Super Hercules, he said, which is slowly replacing the Coast Guard’s fleet of older C-130H Hercules aircraft.

“We have been getting, incrementally, one or two each budget cycle, and hopefully we’ll replace our entire H fleet with J’s sometime in the future,” the admiral said.

The Coast Guard immediately put in a bid to acquire all 21 of the aircraft, the commandant said. Special Operations Command and the Forest Service also each initially expressed interest in seven aircraft, he said, but the Forest Service determined that the C-27J wasn’t large enough to join its aerial firefighting fleet.

In a deal with the Air Force, the Coast Guard will send seven of its C-130H aircraft to be overhauled by Air Force technicians for use as Forest Service tankers, Papp said. The deal nets the Coast Guard a total of 14 C-27J’s — enough to outfit three air stations, he said.

“Initially, we really don’t have to do much more than paint them,” he said. “It has all the communications gear, it has a good surface search radar -- we ultimately will want to put a sensor package in it very similar to what we use in our HC-144s and our C-130s, and that we will put in the budget in future years -- but we can put that aircraft to work almost immediately after we get people trained up on it.

“Since this is relatively new to us, we’re in the process now of doing an aviation plan,” Papp added. The service is determining how and where it will allocate its new aviation assets for best effect, he explained.

The Coast Guard always will consider excess military equipment, the admiral said, but it has to be selective in what it accepts, particularly as budgets shrink.

“A lot of the stuff that's coming back from theater is well-worn right now,” he said. “We have a history in the Coast Guard of taking on hand-me-downs, and then they end up costing us a lot of money in the long run, because they're old and they need repair.”

Sometimes, it's simply too expensive to acquire the equipment, the commandant noted, or it would mean displacing another still-needed program.



<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2014/04/10/coast-guard-commandant-delighted-to-get-af-c-27s.html?ESRC=coastguard.nl>

History of the Coast Guard Video

This vintage newsreel documents the roots of the United States Coast Guard, created on August 4th, 1790, presented by The Military Network. See if you can spot the Auxiliary facility in the video.

<http://www.military.com/video/forces/coast-guard/us-coast-guard-established/658292583001/>

Here is another video, showing the importance of SPARs during World War II:

<https://archive.org/details/CoastGua1943>

Requests for Qualification Examiners (QEs)

When a member wants to request a QE for a check ride or oral board, the proper form is located in the Boat Crew Training Manual COMDTINST M16794.51 (series) Appendix G. This form should be submitted by the Flotilla Commander or Member Training staff officer, but a mentor may submit the request with the approval of the FC.

Prior to submission, the required facilities (usually two, when towing drills are involved) need to be scheduled for the date. Requests are sent to the Area QE Coordinator (Richard Tamraz) at least two weeks prior to the date requested.

Member Training

4-Hour TCT is scheduled for 5/10 at Mead Center. This is the last 4-Hour TCT scheduled in 9WR according to the District's Member Training Calendar. New members are reminded that this is required for qualification as Boat Crew.

Auxiliary Procedures Course (APC) is required to be eligible for elected office in the flotilla. Now is a good time for new members to complete this qualification. The procedure involves studying the Auxiliary Manual (COMDTINST M16790.1G) and taking the open book test on the National Testing Center web page. The Manual is available in PDF format at

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/publications/comdtinst/default.asp>

Boat crew training patrols have been scheduled by Flotillas 3509 and 3512. Rudy Lyles of Flotilla 3511 will be assisting.

Flotilla Member Training Staff Officers are being asked to identify training topics that their membership would like to see in the fall. If you have specific desires, please make them known to your FSO-MT and FC so they may share them with Division.

Navigational Systems

The 2014 Private Aid Verification season has begun with the assignments from Aids to Navigation Team Kenosha. All members who have completed the Aid Verifier Performance Qualification Standard (PQS) have agreed to support the 2014 assignments.

Bridge inspections will follow, when aids to navigation have been completed. Contact your flotilla Navigation Systems staff officer (FSO-NS) if you want to work on your qualifications. This is one field where we directly support active duty programs.

Discounts for Auxiliary Membership

John Hopkins, VCDR recently reminded us that the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association has many discount programs available for Auxiliary members. Some of the participating vendors include:

- Wireless Kill Switch (Maritech Industries)
- Adobe Products (Acrobat, etc.)
- Office Depot
- LifeLock
- Avis & Budget Car Rentals
- BoatU.S. Membership
- Motel6 & Wyndham Hotel Group

To find more details, log in to the National web site <http://cgaux.org/> and click on the "AUX ASSOC." button in upper right corner and go to the Member Store.

These discounts are yours for the asking!

Nautical Communications

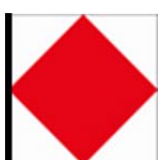
Historically, flag hoists (displays) have been used to communicate between ships in sight of each other. The most important messages have been abbreviated to one or two flag hoists that are recognized universally.



Oscar – Man Overboard



Alpha – Diving operations



Foxtrot – I am disabled, communicate with me

Operation Dry Water

Good Day,

I am forwarding this along for your situational awareness to assist and enhance D9 unit's that are planning on participating in Operation Dry Water (ODW) scheduled for June 27-29, 2014.



ODW is a national weekend of BUI awareness and enforcement campaign conducted in partnership with the National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and our maritime law enforcement partners on the Federal, State and local level. Since its inception in 2009, law enforcement officers have come in contact with 457, 557 boaters on 209,538 vessels and as a result removed 1,557 impaired boaters from our nation's waterways.

I encourage you to visit operationdrywater.org and look at the campaign resources available to support your participation in the 6th annual ODW operation.

Please feel free to contact me, or the NASBLA POC Ms. Hannah Helsby with any additional, questions, comments, or concerns.

Regards,

Michael J. Baron
U.S. Coast Guard Ninth District (dpa)
Recreational Boating Safety Specialist

<http://www.operationdrywater.com>

Did you know ?

The Operational Specialty Courses required for AUXOP qualification used to require "practical requirements".

One practical requirement for the Communications Specialty was to recognize all signal flags and many of their single-flag hoist meanings.

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29 Flo 35-6 Election	30	1 Division Mtg 1900 @	2	3 Flo 3507 ABS @ Training TBD
4	5	6	7	8 Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	9	10 4-Hr TCT
11 Mothers' Day	12	13 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	14	15 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	16	17 CG Open House @
18	19	20 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27 Flo 35-8 Mtg 1900 @	28	29	30	31

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Division Mtg 1900 @	6	7
8	9	10 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	11	12 Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	13	14 Div 35 Boat Camp
15	16	17 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	18	19 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3 Division Mtg 1900 @	4	5