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DIVISION COMMANDER
Maryellen Begley

DIVISION VICE COMMANDER
John Hopkins

October, 2014

Report from the Division Meeting

CWO Robinson expressed his appreciation for the Auxiliary support and shared his expectations for future Auxiliary support. He would like to see the Auxiliary improve the Coast Guard presence on the rivers. Additionally, he is working to encourage commercial rental agencies to promote (or perhaps require) renters to complete boating safety courses before they rent pontoon boats and other watercraft. This will only work if we have the boating classes available for students!

Several Awards were presented:

Operational Excellence:

Jim Bell, Jennifer Hampton, John Hopkins (Flo 3509); Rudy Lyles (Flo 3511); Maryellen Begley, Ruth Aurigemma, Mike Scott (Flo 3512); and Mike Haley (Flo 3708).



Coxswain: Maryellen Begley (Flo 3512), Jennifer Hampton (Flo 3509), and Mike Haley (Flo 3708).



Crew: Cynthia Sopata (Flo 3512).



All are encouraged to attend the District meeting and training being presented in Lisle over 10-12 OCT.

Information provided by Jeff Bailey, SO-SR 35

Member Training – Fall Schedule

The Patrols Operational Specialty Course has wrapped up with nine members heading toward completing the final examination. The next course will begin immediately after the District Conference with Amy Seeley teaching Weather. Following Weather, Mel Marcus has offered to teach Advanced Coastal Navigation (ACN).

WEATHER: Beginning OCT 18
NAVIGATION: Beginning DEC 20
TBD: Beginning MAR 7

Please tell your Flotilla Member Training Officer if you intend to attend any of these classes.

To review the requirements for AUXOP, you can refer to the Auxiliary Manual (Chapter 8, Section C) or review the web page at

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=auxop-courses>

Training will be conducted at the Mead Training Facility (provided through the assistance of Jim Bell) on Saturdays, beginning at 1000. It is hoped the AUXFS's (cooks extraordinaire) will continue to offer lunch and fellowship following each session.

Members who intend to participate need to order training materials (texts and study guides) from their Flotilla Materials Staff Officers (or download the material if you want to print your own from <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=training-materials>)

Public Affairs

Division 35 represented the Coast Guard at the Maywood Memorial for the Bataan March.



Paul Malave, FC 3506 places a wreath representing the Coast Guard at the Maywood Bataan Day Organization at Veterans Memorial Park in Maywood, IL



Paul Malave (FC 3506) and David Bickle (SO-MA 35) support an Academy Introduction Mission display at West Marine in Chicago.



Rhonda Rush (VFC 3506) and David Bickle (SO-MA 35) support an Academy Introduction Mission display at L.L. Bean in Skokie, IL.

Flotilla 3509 joined the Indiana DNR to set up a boating safety display for National Safety Weekend.



David Mosca (FSO-MS 3509) and K-9 Officer Terry Arlanderson from Indiana Department of Natural Resources and partner Cinder.

Information provided by Elizabeth Hidalgo, SO-PA 35

Officer Candidates Need to be Prepared

We are rapidly approaching the time for electing our leaders for 2015. It is not too late to help promising candidates to complete the requirements to run for office.

For flotilla offices, candidates must have completed IS 100 and 700. They must also complete either the Auxiliary Procedures Course (APC) or the Flotilla Leadership course (on line or classroom version). They must have been a member for at least one year, and they must show activity (as detailed in Appendix C of the Auxiliary Manual).

Successful leaders do not pop up out of the ground – they are groomed and cultivated by the flotilla membership. Most flotillas require “letters of intent” to be submitted by their October meetings, but standing rules offer provisions for nominations from the floor on election night. Encourage your best candidates to accept the challenge of leading your unit in 2015!

NC-4 – Coast Guard participates in First TransAtlantic Flight

One of the pilots on NC-4 was a Coast Guard pilot, Elmer Stone.

The accomplishment of the [naval aviators](#) of the NC-4 was somewhat eclipsed in the minds of the public by the first [nonstop transatlantic flight](#), which took 15 hours, 57 minutes, and was made by the [Royal Air Force](#) pilots [John Alcock](#) and [Arthur Whitten Brown](#), two weeks later.

From the Smithsonian web pages:



The U.S. Navy achieved the first transatlantic flight eight years before Charles Lindbergh became world famous for crossing the Atlantic nonstop and alone. Three Curtiss flying boats, each with a crew of six, were involved: NC-1, NC-3, and NC-4. The Navy wanted to prove the capability of the airplane as a transoceanic weapon and technology.

The five-leg flight began on May 8, 1919, at the naval air station at Rockaway Beach, New York. It followed a route to Nova Scotia; Newfoundland; the Azores in the middle of the Atlantic; Lisbon, Portugal; and Portsmouth, England. Only NC-4, commanded by Albert C. Read, flew the whole way. The entire trip took 24 days.

Conceived during the First World War, the NC class of flying boats, popularly known as "Nancy Boats," was intended to meet a U.S. Navy requirement for extended range aircraft for anti-submarine patrol. An important design consideration of the NC class held that these flying boats be capable of flying under their

own power from the continental United States to the European war zone because shipping space was in short supply during this period in 1917. The German U-boat offensive at the time was sinking close to one million tons of Allied shipping every month.

The NC-4 was put on public display in Central Park in New York City and in several other locations, including Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. The hull of the NC-4 was exhibited at the Smithsonian Institution in 1920 and it was transferred to the Smithsonian in 1927. The remaining components were retained in Navy storage until they were obtained by the Smithsonian in 1961. The Smithsonian decided to fully restore the NC-4 for the 50th anniversary of the first transatlantic crossing. With the assistance of three Navy technicians, the restoration of the NC-4 was completed and the aircraft was displayed on the national Mall for the 50th anniversary celebration on May 8, 1969. After the brief exhibition, the NC-4 was disassembled and placed in storage until it was loaned to the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Florida, in 1974.

Transferred from the Navy Department

Date

1919

Dimensions

Height: 7.442 m (293 in.)

Length: 20.828 m (820 in.)

Wing span: 38.405 m (1512 in.)

Weight: 6395.66 kg (14,100 lbs)



http://airandspace.si.edu/collections/artifact.cfm?object=nasm_A19270032000

New Vessel Safety Check Manual Available



A new manual for the Vessel Safety program has been distributed. The manual is available from the National Auxiliary web site at the address:

http://vdept.cgaux.org/pdf-files/CIM_16796_8A.pdf

While the new manual does not have the fancy colorful printing of the last manual, the information contained in the new manual remains consistent with the original book. It does include specifics regarding the paddlecraft examination program and details for performing Auxiliary vessel facility examinations. Changes and corrections will also be easier to incorporate.

Notes from the District Conference

The new Bridge for 2015 was elected:

District Commodore: John (Jay) Staggs

District Chief of Staff: David Johnson

District Captains: Tom Mullally, Amy Seeley, and Tim Hoffman

Dates for future 9WR Conferences:

2015: March 13-15 and September 11-13

2016: March 11-13 and September 16-19

Remarks from conference speakers:

VNACO Richard Washburn

- **Mandatory Training**

Mandates are coming from above the Coast Guard for their personnel, including the Auxiliary. More methods for completing the training are being developed (currently we have the AUXLMS individual method on line, and presentations by Instructors to AUX groups). Consequences for members who fail to complete mandated training may include revoking their Auxiliary Identification Cards, and/or changing member status to REYR. [They will not be disenrolled.]

- **DSO-IM (*Incident Management*)**

A new District Staff Officer position is being established, as a result of recent experiences during major disasters. This staff position will be

responsible for maintaining the *Everbridge* computer system and developing contingency planning.

Division and flotillas will not have IM staff officers.

- DSO-MS and DSO-PA will be funded to go to N-TRAIN (National conference) in the spring.

- **Communications**

Adequate communications in the Auxiliary continues to be a problem. National is experimenting with “*All Hands*” e-mail messages from the National staff to eliminate the need for intermediate staff and leaders to *cascade* information down the chain of leadership to reach the membership on the *deck plate*. These will not replace ALAUX message distributions.

- **New Member Orientation**

A “PQS” (Performance Qualification System) is being developed for New Members. This program will require sign-offs by a mentor over a period of 10-12 weeks. Some of the tasks will be completion of the mandatory training; history and organization of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary; uniforms and military protocols; and ICS 100/700. The PQS will include the material currently in the APC (Auxiliary Procedures Course), so new members will be qualified to run for elected office when they complete the PQS. A “boating class” will be mandatory.

- **Public Affairs Apprentices Program**

The Coast Guard has many locations where active duty Public Affairs personnel are not available, and Auxiliary are being asked to support. A new course (AUX-20) is being developed that will be mandatory for all levels of Public Affairs staff officers. VNACO emphasized the importance of knowing how to answer questions when you don’t have the answer – do not make up an answer, but offer to help find the answer!

- We recruit about 5,000 new members in the Auxiliary annually; then we lose about 4,500 of those members per year. We need to improve member retention.

DIRAUX: CDR Nathan Podoll, USCG

- Well-being of Auxiliarists

The Coast Guard actively works to verify the ‘well-being’ of Auxiliarists after any disaster, as well as active duty Coast Guard. When Auxiliarists cannot be contacted (as after hurricanes SANDY or KATRINA), CGIS (Coast Guard Investigative Service) agents may be dispatched to find missing people. In one case, they waited for days for the safe return of missing Auxiliarists.)

- Avoid Recycling Leadership

It is important that new members are encouraged to run for office when vacancies occur. It provides fresh ideas and new enthusiasm.

- Greanoff Competition

The Coast Guard annually recognizes the outstanding Flotilla Commander. Nominations are needed.

- History

DCO Van dinter has been collecting *historical moments* for the Auxiliary. Please share any information that you may have with her.

- AUX AIR

AUX AIR has had five *incidents* in the last three months. They will be conducting a safety stand-down.

- AP Status Activities

We are reminded that ALAUX 013/13 authorizes members in AP status to complete qualifications in most programs and receive “Interim Status” in these programs. There are a few conditions, such as Interim Instructors or Vessel Examiners must have a member above AP with them if they claim “Lead” credit for any activity.

- Funeral Honors

A video has been developed by 9WR to demonstrate appropriate funeral honors. We are reminded that a flag is only presented to relatives of a deceased member of the military (not the Auxiliary).

- Permanently Marked Vessels

DIRAUX reminded us that permanently marked facilities need to comply with the memo he issued last spring by May 2015 or they will be denied patrol orders. A heated discussion followed, led by members of Divisions 37 and 41. When the issue was raised at the National conference, our DCO could not get a second to a motion presented to consider a change in policy. DIRAUX related that a permanently marked facility had sunk in a marina, which originally brought the situation to his attention. 9WR has far more permanently marked facilities than any other district.

OTO: CWO Brad Hinken

- 9WR has ten new facilities; five new coxswains; and 11 new crew.

- BMC Heath has reported to assist the OTO.

- Everything in the Coast Guard Rescue Survival System requirements now applies to the Auxiliary program. Watch for more requirements.

DCO Maureen Vandinter

- The Quiet Worker

About a year ago, DCO established a monthly award to recognize those members who quietly and shyly worked “in the trenches” to make the Auxiliary mission work. She is still looking for recommendations for “Quiet Workers”. (Submit your recommendations through the Chain of Leadership.)

- We are reminded of the importance to our personal safety to carry Emergency Medical Information with us, including medications, medical insurance numbers, and contact information for family doctors.

Congratulations to our award winners:

Tom Mullally
Robert Higginson
Maryellen Begley

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2 Division Mtg 1900 @	3	4 MT: Patrols @ Mead
5	6	7	8	9 Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	10 D-Train @ Lisle	11
12 D-Train @ Lisle	13 Columbus Day	14 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	15	16 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	17	18 MT: Weather @
19	20	21 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	22	23	24	25 MT: Weather @
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	1 MT: Weather @

November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	1 MT: Weather @
2 Daylight Saving	3	4	5	6 Division Mtg 1900 @	7	8 MT: Weather @
9	10	11 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @ Veterans Day	12	13 Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	14	15 MT: Weather @
16	17	18 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	19	20 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	21	22 MT: Weather @
23	24	25 Flo 35-6 Mtg 1900 @	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29 MT: Weather @
30	1	2	3	4 Division Mtg 1900 @	5	6 MT: Weather @