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DIVISION COMMANDER Tom Mullally

DIVISION VICE COMMANDER Rich Persiani

Commander's Quarters Tom Mullally, DCDR

"And now, the end is here, and so I face the final curtain. My friend, I'll say it clear. I'll state my case, of which I'm certain. I've lived a life that's full. I've traveled each and ev'ry highway. And much more than this, I did it my way".

To each and every the member of Division 35, Thank you and God Bless. The end of two years of dedication to each of you has had a profound effect on my person. The support from the Flotilla Commanders (past and present), from the Division Staff Officers and from the District's leadership has helped this individual grow along with our Division.

As Division Commander Elect Richard Persiani states in his article: Going on 4 years of existence, this Division is constantly evolving. It is growing, not only in numbers, but in cohesiveness and complexity. As I stated when I took office 2 years ago, this isn't "My Division", "it's Your Division".

Thank you all for making my job so easy these past 2 years.

Support your new leadership with the same support and enthusiasm you showed me; and, they will have the same clear sailing that I enjoyed. 2013 is a time for new opportunities. Make the most of it.

Good Luck Division 35 and God's speed!

Division Vice Commander Rich Persiani

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A Message from your new Division Commander

Hello! My name is Rich Persiani your new Division Commander for 2013. I am excited about the upcoming year. The Division will be 4 years old, and is still young. Maryellen Begley, who is our new Vice Division Commander and I have assembled a team of Staff Officers, who will be serving the members from each Flotilla. I am asking that if you have questions, concerns, or ideas, please go thru your Chain of Leadership. If you don't get the answer you are looking for, please contact the appropriate Division Staff Officer. They are here to support the Flotillas.

Communications is the most important part of our jobs as Leadership. What I am asking all Flotilla Commanders, Vice Flotilla Commanders, FSOs and Division Staff Officers, pass down the information to your members as soon as you get the information. Members, if you don't feel that you are getting information, please come to Division Meetings. They are held the first Thursday of the month at Station Calumet Harbor at 1900 hours. I also want to thank Tom Mullally for all his support this year. We are lucky to have someone like Tom in our Division. I have learned a lot from him as his Vice Division Commander.

The following are your 2013 Division Staff Officers:

- SO-CM Tom Mullally
- SO-CS Alex Dolezal
- SO-FN Reuben Barrett
- SO-HR Rudy Lyles
- SO-IS Ruth Aurigemma
- SO-MA Stacey Howell
- SO-MS Reuben Barrett
- SO-MT Mike Scott
- SO-NS Mike Scott
- SO-OP James Bell
- SO-PA Ruth Aurigemma
- SO-PB Ed Fahrner
- SO-PE Phil Aszling
- SO-PV Kathy Chappelle
- SO-SR Vacant
- SO-VE Chris Hillas
- SO-R&S John Hopkins
- SO Diversity Robert Bassett

Member Training Mike Scott SO-MT

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Member Training opportunities of our membership through 2012. The Saturday training at Mead Westvaco has provide unparalleled opportunities for fellowship-- in addition to education! Special thanks are due to John Hopkins, Jim Bell, and all others who have supported the buffets and hospitality!

It is time to begin planning for 2013. Each of us can identify those Auxiliary programs that we would like to pursue in the coming year. Work with your Flotilla Staff Officers in those programs, your Flotilla Member Training Staff Officer, and your elected officers. In some programs (such as Boat Crew and Coxswain) there will be wide-spread interest; and, we may schedule Division-wide training to help Flotilla staff. These opportunities will only be identified if you share your interests with your Flotilla staff--so they can share them at Division.

Plan for the 2013 Symposium in Dearborn, Michigan! "C-Schools" (advanced training provided at the National level, with travel orders to cover expenses) will be offered at the Symposium:

- AUX-02 AUXLAMS
- AUX-04 CS Technology School; Distance Education Technology Training (Basic)
- AUX-10 Information Systems (AUXDATA/AUXINFO) Training
- AUX-12 Auxiliary Public Affairs Training

Any member desiring orders to attend a C-School needs to complete a Short Term Training Request (STTR) (CG-5223) (available at <u>http://forms.cgaux.org/archive/a7059.pdf</u>) and send it to your Flotilla Commander to forward to Division Commander and District Commodore for approval.

Finance Reuben Barrett SO-FN

Shipmates:

Yes! We are currently accepting your Division Change of Watch (COW) payments. Please mail your payments using your emailed announcement letter, or better still, paying through your Chain of Leadership -- your Flotilla Commanders.

Receiving only a few checks, from each Flotilla Commander, for your COW deposits to be made into your Division business banking account, keeps your banking deposits below the bank fee for deposit services number. This saves the Division on banking fees that in turn saves the Division money on the COW.

REMINDER:

Change of Watch & Awards Banquet Glen Oaks Restaurant, 106 N. Main St., Glenwood, IL 60425 January 20, 2013 1330 – 1730 Hours DINNER with Cash Bar Cocktails at 1330 (1:30 pm) and Dinner at 1430 (2:30 pm)

Please attend and help thank the past Division elected and appointed officers from 2012 and swearin the new officers for 2013. Celebrate with Division 35 - Awards, 50/50 & Bag Raffles and, of course, FELLOWSHIP!

Respond no later than 15 December 2012 (via phone or email to Ruth Aurigemma, <u>auxgirl33@gmail.com</u>, 630-886-7243) Monies (\$30/person) should be received by 01JAN13 No sales at the door.

Make Check Payable To: Division 35 9WR USCG AUX Mail To: D9WR, USCG AUX Division 35, SO-FN PO Box 1811 Sauk Village, IL 60411

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AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETING

03 January 2013

Meeting Begins at 1900

- Welcome and Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Guests
- Member Training
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- FC Reports
- Staff Officer Reports
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Honors & Awards Presentations
- Comments Members and Guests
- Adjournment
- Fourth Cornerstone

Calendar of Upcoming Events

03 January – Division 35 Meeting 9 – 13 January – Chicago Boat Show 20 January – Division 35 Change of Watch 23 - 27 January – Chicago Sports Show 24 – 27 Janaury – Strictly Sail 07 February – Division 35 Meeting 9 – 10 February – Tinley Park Fishing Show 15 – 17 February – Our World Underwater 23 February – Chicago Maritime Festival

Division 35 meets at **1900** on the First Thursday of every month, except December, at USCG Calumet Harbor Station. Use parking across the street from the Station

Visitors are Welcome!

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