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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 39-02, Des Plaines, IL 9TH WR
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Our Meetup!! <http://www.meetup.com/United-States-Coast-Guard-Auxiliary-Flotilla-95-39-02/>

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DIFFERENT LOCATION!

WEDNESDAY, 17 October 2018 - 18:30 (6:30 pm CST)

Des Plaines Park District Leisure Center

2222 Birch Street, Des Plaines, Illinois

AGENDA:

HOW TO HELP WITH PUBLIC AFFAIRS



AIRFAC PICNIC

COVER PICTURE

Our Flotilla, with help from our Division and the Navy League, held picnics for the Coast Guard air crews on temporary duty at the Air Facility located at Waukegan Airport. Navy League supplied the food, and Barry coordinated the activity. Helo 6044 is painted rescue yellow (instead of orange) in honor of the 75th Anniversary of Coast Guard Rotary-Wing aviation.

The crews for these rotations mostly came up from Air Station Clearwater (see “Coast Guard Florida” on YouTube). They were grateful to spend part of the summer up in cooler and less humid Illinois.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Reminder: Our October meeting will be held at the Des Plaines Leisure Center, 2222 Birch Street, in southeast Des Plaines. The Center is off Maple street, between Oakton and Touhy, just north of Chippewa School. Elections will be held at this meeting, plus Barry will talk about Public Affairs.

OUR LAST MEETING

Tim presented a review of online security as part of our Core Training. Members are encouraged to say Good Things about the CG on social media, but to not post any information about upcoming operations. Members of our Flotilla received Certificates of Appreciation for our service at the Station Wilmette BBQ and Open House.

UPCOMING EVENTS

19–21 October: D-Train

Hilton, Downers Grove, IL. Our fall training session. New Member Workshop, weather class taught by Amy Seeley, how to wear the uniforms, and more! Sunday will have CPR and First Aid.* Signup on the 9th Western home page.

30 NOVEMBER–1 DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS

TREE SHIP Navy Pier. Plans are for the USCGC *Mackinaw* to once again come down to bring Christmas trees for needy families in Chicago. The Auxiliary helps unload the trees and conducts tours of the ship. Contact Jay Katzman or Rick Tamraz for more information or to volunteer.

19 JANUARY: Change of Watch

New and Different! The upcoming COW will be a Saturday evening party. Same fellowship, same location (Club Casa), same great food, with maybe some dancing thrown in. Details being hammered out.

SMALL GRUMBLE

Amy Seeley sent out an Email to those of us who signed up for the CPR/First Aid classes on D-Train Sunday. The class is free, but to get the card from

the heart people, you have to pay \$20 per class. And it is only good for two years. Bah!



This poster was in the restaurant near the Maritime Museum in Philadelphia.

HISTORY GUY

One of the more interesting sites on YouTube is The History Guy. (“I have a degree in history, and I love history!”) He has made scads of mini-documentaries, five to 15 minutes long. The word “Plethora” was invented to cover the range of his interest.

Several of his pieces make mention of the Coast Guard. One important one was the “Matchbox Fleet,” Rescue Flotilla 1, at D-Day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpAF3ulwHXI>

Churchill: “There is no rescue group for Overlord.”
Roosevelt: “We already have such a group. The U.S. Coast Guard.”

