



# BILGEWATER

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary    Flotilla 39-02,    Des Plaines, IL    9<sup>TH</sup> WR  
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**OUR NEXT MEETING: NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION!**

**16 OCTOBER, 2019, 18:30 (6:30 PM)**

**DES PLAINES PARKS LEASURE CENTER**

**2222 BIRCH STREET (NORTH OF TOUHY)**

**AGENDA:**

**MEMBER TRAINING: CIVIL RIGHTS**

**AWARENESS**



**GETTING TOGETHER 2019**

## HEADS UP!

Be advised: Our October, and November meetings will be held at the Des Plaines Parks Leisure Center, 2222 Birch Street. That's north of Touhy, between River road and Lee Streets.



## OCTOBER MEETING:

If there was ever a subject where “you don’t know what you don’t know”, it is Civil Rights. Take the required Core Training 16 October, 18:30 hours.

## COVER PHOTO

Our September meeting (yes, we had one) was held in Bob and Jeanette Reczek’s backyard on 14 September. After getting the business part out of the way, Bob cooked delicious burgers, brats and ‘dogs while salads and delicious desserts were consumed.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**18-20 October: D-Train** Double Tree hotel, Naperville, IL. Our District training and fellowship event. Opening session, Member training sessions, New member training, awards lunch, district Store. The speaker after the Friday Night dinner will be Ensign Mac Hannon, who is also a fellow Auxiliarist in District 9wr Division 43, Flotilla 3.

Mac will be sharing his journey from Auxiliarist to Enlisted, then on to Officer through the Reserve Officer Candidate School at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. Mac’s main focus will be on what it takes to become a

commissioned officer in the United States Coast Guard.

Prices for the Conference, rooms and food have gone up, but it is absolutely worth attending.

## NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Our November meeting will include elections for the Flotilla bridge for next year. We have an excellent slate of candidates for Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander lined up. But...as in every election, if you don’t vote, somebody else decides. (*hm – this may be the best definition of Democracy I’ve ever come up with*)

## BACKGROUND CHECKS

This year the Coast Guard is instituting yearly background checks on Auxiliarists.

From DCOS Randall:

Annual background checks have come to district 9WR. After several years in the works at pilot districts, 9WR members are now subject to this new process starting in November 2019. The bottom line for all of us is the following;

If a member does NOT want to be subjected to annual background checks, they should start the process to disenroll from the Auxiliary through their respective Flotilla Commander.

If a member has been arrested or charged with a crime, they should inform DIRAUX immediately. It is better to self-report than to have such incidents discovered during the background checks.

The logistics involved in the annual background checks are known only to DIRAUX. No action is required on the part of the member as DIRAUX should already have all the necessary information on file. If not, they will reach out directly to the member, at which point we are expected to fully cooperate with them

## DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP

And finally, our December meeting (back at Prairie Lakes, barring the unforeseen) will be our end-of-year Fellowship potluck. Another short meeting followed by good food.

Yellowstone tourist: "Look at all those big rocks! Wherever did they come from?"

Yellowstone guide: "The glaciers brought them down."

Tourist (cluelessly): "But where are the glaciers?"

Guide (wearily): "The glaciers ... have gone back for more rocks."