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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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WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY 2019 – 18:30 (6:30 pm CST)(Maybe*)

Des Plaines Park District Prairie Lakes
515 East Wolf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois

AGENDA:
PAINLESS PAPERWORK



STATION HOLIDAY TREATS
(One of the guys wanted hot chocolate with marshmallows)

SHUTDOWN

As this is written (Sunday, 6 January) the Auxiliary is still in a government shutdown that has resulted in a funding hiatus within the Department of Homeland Security.

Edited from Commodore King's Email: "Unless funding is restored most Auxiliary activities must come to full stop.

We will not be 'assigned to duty' for any of our normal activities, and in the absence of a specific order from a Coast Guard Order Issuing Authority, we may not wear the Auxiliary uniform or perform any Auxiliary activity, regardless of how mundane or simple it may be. Without a specific order, we are also not authorized to travel on Coast Guard Auxiliary business for any reason, including attending Auxiliary meetings, or travel for any Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary mission.

Auxiliary activity should only be expected to be performed *if it is specifically ordered by a Coast Guard order issuing authority* in direct support of an exempt mission. Such missions in which the Auxiliary may participate on specific orders are limited to the following:

- Search and Rescue (SAR)
- Aids to Navigation
- Port and Environmental Safety
- Commercial Vessel Safety (CVS)
- Marine Environmental Response (MER)

There are still activities in which we may engage when necessary to the conduct of the business of the Auxiliary. For example, we may take advantage of all of the electronic devices at our disposal to communicate in furtherance of the business of the Auxiliary. We may do those things as long as no cost to the Coast Guard or Auxiliary is involved. When we are performing an authorized Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary mission we are considered employees of the United States and entitled to federal benefits. During the funding hiatus those benefits are not funded, so they are no longer available."

So Your Editor can still write and distribute this newsletter; we can email about Flotilla business; we may hold another "Not COW" like last year. We cannot hold any classes or in-person gatherings (we could have an electronic Flotilla meeting, but only if Andrew can explain how to us old crocks).

If the shutdown ends in the future, this is what we are planning:

OUR NEXT MEETING: 16 JANUARY

We have several new members, all of whom need to learn about the Auxiliary reporting system. Even the old-timers need a refresher, and some things have

changed. We will talk about the Dread 7030, the Devious 7029, and other residents of the Forest of Reporting. 18:30 on January 19. (if shutdown ends) Bring a portable device and we will try to overload the Wi-Fi at Prairie Lakes.

OUR LAST MEETING



Our December tradition was upheld with a very fast meeting, followed by buffet dinner. Barry brought the chicken, mac and cheese was supplied by Bridget, and lots of other good things were enjoyed. A collection of treats for Station Wilmette was collected and trundled over by Barry.

UPCOMING EVENTS (If the shutdown ends)

9-13 JANUARY 2019: CHICAGO BOAT, RV AND SAILBOAT SHOW -CANCELLED DUE TO SHUTDOWN!

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. If we are still shut down, we might still have a party. Watch your E-mails.

29 JANUARY: ABOUT BOATING SAFELY

0800-1630, Generations/Oakton Arms. We (hope!) to teach ABS every month. If you know someone who needs this class, have them send a check for \$35.00 to FSO-FN Ron Tragasz with a note saying "ABS" attached.

8-10 FEBRUARY: ROCKFORD BOAT, VACATION AND FISHING SHOW Loves Park Indoor Sports Center, Loves Park, Illinois (northeast of Rockford) A small show, but fun. We plan on coordinating with the Power Squadron and Auxiliary Division 45.

NAVIGATION CLASS- Will not be held until shutdown ends.

Insert fill joke of choice—I don't feel funny.