



BILGEWATER

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 39-02, Des Plaines, IL 9TH WR
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WEDNESDAY, 18 July 2018 - 18:30 (6:30 pm CST)

Des Plaines Park District

Prairie Lakes Community Center

515 East Thacker, Des Plaines, Illinois

**AGENDA:
COMMUNICATION FROM THE EXPERTS**



CG Helo 6044 at AIRFAC Waukegan

COVER PICTURE

Attendees at the June AIRFAC picnic (see below) got to ogle CG 6044, a HH-60 Jayhawk rescue helicopter out of Station Clearwater. She is painted rescue yellow in honor of the 75th anniversary of Coast Guard Helo operations.

OUR JULY MEETING

Dr. Mike Vannier, TCO Instructor from Division 35, is coming to our meeting to discuss all aspects of Communications. This will be a great educational opportunity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11 July, 6 Aug: Honor Flight Midway Airport.

15 July: Station Wilmette BBQ 1200–1500 at the Station.

21 July: Race to Mackinaw. The major sailing event of the summer. 300+ boats race to Mackinaw Island. Usually, one of the cutters comes down to support the race start, and hold public tours. Facilities assist in the race beginning.

29 July-Great Lakes Plunge, Evanston's open-water swimming event: **1K, 2K & 4K** swims.

This not-for-profit event provides funding to [Evanston Swims!](#)

11 Aug: CG AIRFAC Picnic.

Coast Guard AIRFAC hangar, Waukegan airport, 1100–1400. Joint event with the Navy League. Bring a dish to share. \$10.00 at the door. This is the anniversary of the Coast Guard, so there will be steak! Come meet Gold siders from all around the country. Contact Barry Jacobson for more information and to RSVP.

18-19 August: Chicago Air and water Show.

Opportunities for crewing and Ron Dziagwa will have a tent on-shore for PA.

OPERATIONS

Could be worse. Last week, the carb was reinstalled on our Facility 222033. After some adjusting, an attempt was made to start her, which resulted in a couple feeble revolutions and smoke coming from the alternator. Rob, the excellent mech hired by the

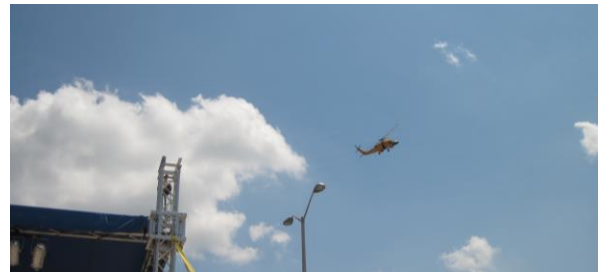


Haases, is getting that worked on.

HOLIDAY TIMES

Even though 033 hasn't seen much water, she has been good for the Flotilla. We marched in the Des Plaines 4th of July Parade to happy acknowledgment from the patriotic crowds on Center Street (although folks around the reviewing stand probably think that Barbara Hague is Bridget Darrey).

At the same time, Barry was marching in the Glenview 4th Parade with the Sea Cadets. He also made the Northbrook parade.



While at the AIRFAC picnic, Bob from the Navy League asked the FC if we could organize a display for Barrington Patriot Days, to be held the following Saturday. The FC impressed even himself by wheeling around, talking to the FSO-OPS, and arranging for 033 to be in Barrington for the event. We met a lot of sharp young recruits from Great Lakes, and watched them take on the local high school in some fun field events. The highlight (pun intended) was a flyover by helo CG 6044.

Yet another event took place when your FC/FSO-PB/Editor spotted a flyer for the Lions Club Family Day at Mt. Prospect. The organizers were delighted to have the Auxiliary take a table.

NEW GAME



Your Editor reworked the Invasive Species game he came up with. The goal is to put the invasive into the correct category—animal or plant, shore or water, shell or skeleton. It is easier than the “how long does it last?” game, but still challenging. Barry tried out the first version.