

# Reno Flotilla 3 News

Sierra Division 11, District 11 North



## Nevada Day Parade October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Reno Auxiliarist Mike Lawrence (R) and Division Commander Elect Bill Stolz (L) towed Mike's boat and Reno Facility, the *Carolyn J* in the annual Nevada Day Parade. Mike has been active in the Reno Flotilla for years and was our Flotilla Commander. Mike is a Crewman and has done many patrols for our flotilla.

This year's parade honored members of the American Military. The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall was brought to Carson City for the Nevada Day Parade.

## Nevada Day Parade

The annual Nevada Day Parade was held in Carson City on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Nevada Day is a celebration of the date that Nevada became a state. Nevada's entry into the Union took place 148 years ago on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1864. The state celebrates Nevada Day as a legal state holiday on the last Friday of the month of October. This year, the theme of Nevada Day celebrations was *Honoring Our Military & Families - Past, Present, and Future*.



The Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary were well represented in the Nevada Day Parade. Station Tahoe Coast Guard Facility 579 was manned by MK1 Kennedy, BM2 Jeter and Auxiliarist Tom Henderson. Mike Lawrence and John Boyne from Reno Flotilla 3 represented our Flotilla at the event. Auxiliarists Pat Walter, Jerry Gilmore, Steve Perez, Dee Dee Kincade, Bill Stolz and Jack Leth represented Flotilla 1.

The *Carolyn J* was positioned 11<sup>th</sup> in the parade. The master of ceremonies in the reviewing stand made the announcement that the Auxiliary Sierra Division has 110 members and serves as a force multiplier for the Coast Guard. He noted that the Auxiliary promotes and helps improve recreational boating safety, supports the Coast Guard's maritime homeland security efforts and supports the Coast Guard's operational, administrative and logistical needs. He also noted that the Coast Guard Auxiliary was established by an act of Congress in 1939.

The announcer also noted that the Coast Guard was established in 1790 and that Coast Guard Station Lake Tahoe is staffed by eighteen personnel 365 days a year. He mentioned that the boat preceding the Auxiliary boat was the Station's 25 foot Safe Boat. He mentioned that the Coast Guard's primary missions included Search and Rescue, Maritime Environmental Protection and Law Enforcement.

Thanks to all Division 11 Auxiliarists who represented the Coast Guard Auxiliary in the annual Nevada Day Parade.

## Upcoming Flotilla 3 Events

- November 17<sup>th</sup>  
Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Memorial Service &  
Luncheon  
Coast Guard Island,  
Alameda, CA
- Dry Suit Swim  
December 2012  
To Be Announced
- January 16<sup>th</sup>  
Reno Flotilla 3 Meeting  
Round Table Pizza  
Old Town Mall  
7 PM

## Dee Walter



Dee Walter, Flotilla 3's CS Officer produced the Annual Change of Watch Highlight Reel. This video showcased the many events that Sierra Division participated in. The video can be seen on the Division 11 website at [sierracgaux.org/change\\_of\\_watc\\_2012.html](http://sierracgaux.org/change_of_watc_2012.html)

## Change of Watch Luncheon, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012



Reno Auxiliarist Leon Borden (L) received an inscribed ship's wheel from the Flotilla Commanders of Flotillas 1, 3 and 4. This award honors Leon's two years of service as our Division Commander. He spent hundreds of hours managing Sierra Division 11, and representing us at District 11 North. Congratulations Leon on a job well done!



Division 11 Commander Leon Borden (center) and Director of the Auxiliary Chief Warrant Officer Matt James (R) present to Mike Lawrence (L) a Sierra Division 11 award for his work on the Melroy project, the rehabilitation of Flotilla 3's operational facility currently having new engines installed in Alameda, CA.



This second photo of the Division Award for the rehabilitation of the Melroy is presented to the other two recipients, Tom Komadina (second from the right) and John Boyne (right).

The Melroy will be operational after its return from Alameda, California with new Mercury outboard engines. The Melroy will be a year around facility for use by Flotilla 3 Coxswains.

## Nautical Lore

**Pete Rast**

**Loose cannon:** recklessly or dangerously out of control.

We probably all know someone who has been a loose cannon at one time. Perhaps we've been one, too, at times. So, where did the term originate?

Cannons on sailing vessels were anchored primarily with ropes, restraining tackle, to prevent excessive recoil and to reposition the cannon after firing. They had to be secured because they were generally heavy and unwieldy. For repositioning, a block and tackle arrangement was necessary because they were heavy. When a cannon broke loose after firing, it could become a missile in itself. Hence the term loose cannon referring to something out of control.

Perhaps one of the best and most extraordinary examples of what could happen as a result of loose cannons was the sinking of the Mary Rose in 1545. Henry VIII built the ship and named it after his favorite sister.

It was a carrack class carrying fifteen heavy cast bronze muzzle loaders, twenty four heavy wrought iron breech loaders, and thirty wrought iron breech loading swivel guns.

The Mary Rose was launched in 1511 and weighed 500 tons at that time. In 1536, she was refitted to 700 tons. In 1545 she sailed to meet a French fleet and sank as she maneuvered in high wind. The theories of her sinking include water entering gun ports that weren't secured as she maneuvered and cannons that got loose and caused the ship to list further into the water.

Despite being outnumbered by the French 3:1, the English fleet prevailed.

## Melroy In Alameda



The Melroy was transported to Alameda, California on October 20<sup>th</sup> by Mike Lawrence, John Boyne and Tom Komadina for her engine replacement. The work should be completed on November 17<sup>th</sup> at which time the Reno facility will be transported back to Reno for some final wiring upgrades prior to resuming safety patrols on Lake Tahoe, Pyramid Lake & other lakes in northern Nevada.