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CHANGE OF WATCH - 12 JANUARY 2013

Call to Order and Presentation of Colors

Introduction of Guests

Presentations/Awards

Keynote Speaker

RADM Keith A. Taylor, USCG Commander,
Thirteenth Coast Guard District

COMO Dean Wimer, Remarks

District 13 Commander

Departing Division Commander's Remarks

Joseph H. Langjahr

Administration of Oath to DCDR, VCDR, and Division Staff Officers

RADM Keith A. Taylor, USCG Commander, Thirteenth CG District

Presentation: Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation

T. P. Sullivan, Commander USCG, Marine Force Protection Unit

Division Commander's Remarks

James L. Kight

Division Commander

Announcements & Adjournment



RADM Keith Taylor:
Invites questions from the Floor



Grant Winther, VCDR; Larry Kight, DCDR; CDR Kent Chappelka, DIRAUX; Joe Langjahr, IPDCDR; RADM Keith Taylor; DCO Dean Wimer

DIVISION OFFICERS

DCDR	James L. Kight
VCDR	Grant Winther
IPDCDR	Joseph Langjahr
SO-CS	Tim Westcott
SO-DV	Gregory Vaught
SO-FN	Ed Taylor
SO-HR	Joseph B. Hall
SO-IS	Sharon Reseck
SO-MA	Richard Moore
SO-MS	Roald Bendixen
SO-MT	Kurt Schultz
SO-NS	Tim Westcott
SO-OP	Dee Meek
SO-PA	Loretta Rindal
SO-PB	Loretta Rindal
SO-PE	Grant Winther
SO-PV	Robert Gibbs
SO-SR	Loretta Rindal
SO-VE	Robert Gibbs

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DIVISION CHANGE OF WATCH

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RADM Keith Taylor (R) gives oath of office to VCDR Grant Winther and DCDR Larry Kight



DCO Dean Wimer (center) presents a Challenge Coin to both Dorothy Ferraro-Ross and Lucinda Eubank of Flotilla 47, Port Townsend, for their work and dedication as tour guides every Saturday from Spring to Fall ushering thousands of visitors through the the Point Wilson Lighthouse.

Right: Lucinda Eubank and Dorothy Ferraro-Ross in front of the Point Wilson Lighthouse.





Above: Vance Vaught, Flotilla 45, Bremerton, gives a little history of the pipe he is about to use to pipe in the RADM Admiral Taylor.

D13 Color Guard
Tammy King
Coordinator



photo credits:
Dan Saikkonen and
L Rindal

Left: Richard Fleck, Flotilla 42, Sequim/ Port Angeles relaxes after singing the National Anthem.



Division Elected and Appointed Officers for 2013 w/RADM Keith Taylor



Robert Gibbs, Ed Taylor, Simeon Baldwin, Dee Meek, Tom Lindsley, David Aho, Joe Langjahr receive Coast Guard Team Meritorious Commendation presented by CDR T.P. Sullivan, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Maritime Force Protection Unit, Bangor.

FLOTILLA 41—PORT LUDLOW

Flotilla 41's Change of Watch was held 3 December at the 7 Cedars Casino in Sequim.

The evening program featured a presentation by John Reseck, "We Survived Yesterday."



Fire Chief Brad Martin of Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue receives Award of Special Recognition



Simeon Baldwin receives certification of election to FC



John Reseck, presenter of evening program, "We Survived Yesterday - Kayaking from San Diego to Cabo San Lucas"



Head table FC Simeon Baldwin and wife Mary, VFC Michael Asbury and wife Jane, and Commodore Raiswell and wife



DCDR Joe Langjahr administering oath of office to new officers (l-r), Dick Moore(FSO-PB & MA), Jeff Welker(FSO-OP), Ed Taylor(FSO-IS), Kevin Ryan(FSO-HR), Michael Asbury(VFC), and Simeon Baldwin(FC)



D-Capt-N David Aho reads, "Crossing the Bar" as crossing tribute

FLOTILLA 45—BREMERTON



Vance Vaunt and Al Gonzalez sworn in as VFC and FC elect respectively by DCDR Larry Kight

submitted by Dan Saikkonen, FSO-PA

On Friday, December 14th the Bremerton US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 45 held their Change of Watch at the luxurious Bremerton Elks Lodge. We were honored to have Division Commander elect Larry Kight and Vice Division Commander elect Grant Winther join in on our festivities.

After the wonderful proceedings, many stayed to enjoy listening and dancing to the music of Michael & Leslie.



FC Al Gonzalez presents Joseph B. (JB) Hall with the Coast Guard Sustained Auxiliary Service Award for Superior Performance of duty in excess of 5250 total hours.



Dan Saikkonen is sworn in by CDR elect Larry Kight; receives membership certificate and ID card. Dan has also agreed to the appointment of FSO-PA.



FLOTILLA 47—PORT TOWNSEND

DIVISION FOUR FLOTILLA OFFICERS

Flotilla 41

Port Ludlow

Simeon Baldwin, FC
Michael Asbury, VFC

Flotilla 42

Sequim/Port Angeles

Marilynn Leonard, FC
Leo Leonard, VFC

Flotilla 45

Bremerton

Albert Gonzalez, FC
Gregory Vaught, VFC

Flotilla 47

Port Townsend

Henry Loresch, FC
Brian Moratti , VFC

Flotilla 48

North Kitsap

Tom Lindsley, FC
Loretta Rindal, VFC



Brian Moratti (FVC) and Henry Loresch (FC) take oath of office administered by DCDR Larry Kight.



FL 47 FC Henry Loresch witnesses transfer of DCDR flag from Joe Langjahr, IPDCDR to DCDR Larry Kight



DCDR Larry Kight presents Victoria Brandon with Challenge Coin

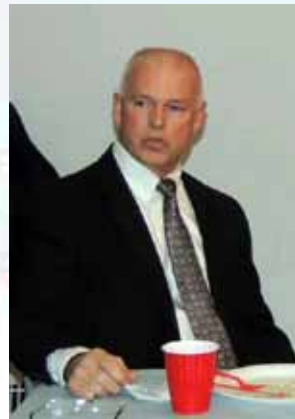
FLOTILLA 48—NORTH KITSAP



Flotilla 48's Change of Watch was held 19 January at the newly remodeled Waterfront Park Community Center, Bainbridge Island.

(Left) Flanked by Division Commander Larry Kight, (L) and IPFC Greg Baker (R) Tom Lindsley is helped into Flotilla Commander shoulder boards.

All had a great time thanks to Lynnea Heerman. Lynnea (point of contact) did all coordinating and behind-the-scenes tasks. Together with her set-up crew set the stage for a very successful COW.



(Left) Guest Speaker: Richard L. Shelton, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) NW Region. Seattle WA spoke about CGIS, its missions, as how the Auxiliary can complement that mission.



Above: DCDR Larry Kight presents Lynnea Heerman with Division 4 Challenge Coin.



Larry Kight receives his 10-year Sustained Service Award with 5250 hours



Above: Richard Grothe receives Sustained Service Award, 5 years



Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation awarded to Larry Brown (above) and John Yeckel (R)



Photo credits: Lynnea Heerman

DIVISION FOUR REPORT



Larry Kight, DCDR

Division Area Description:

The Olympic and Kitsap Peninsulas: La Push on the Pacific Ocean to Bremerton Naval Shipyard. Area population is 350,533 (Clallam County: 70,100; Jefferson County: 29,300; Kitsap County: 251,133). The area consists of 4,191 square miles. The Division AOR is diverse, comprised of hundreds of miles of unpopulated coastline to metropolitan industrialized areas. The Division's members support both Sector Puget Sound and Station Port Angeles, as well as CGC OSPREY.

Division Membership: 172

Highlights of Major Division Activities and Events:

Support of Marine Force Protection Unit – Our efforts to support this unit whenever they call resulted in many member of the division receiving a Meritorious Team Commendation award from the unit at our Division Change of Watch. We supported the unit in 4 different multiday exercises with facilities, Coxswains, Crew, VEs, PVs, and Pas.

Given these successful operations, we hope to continue to build on this relationship with the MFPU.

Point Wilson Lighthouse – Flotilla 47 continues their summer activities of conducting tours of the Point Wilson Lighthouse. They average over 3,000 visitors each summer to the lighthouse. There is talk of the Coast Guard transferring the Lighthouse to the State park System. If this happens we will have to reassess 47 involvement and meeting locations.

Division Goals and Preliminary Results:

Membership – Year-end membership was 172 after all Flotillas worked on their rolls for the year end. Despite losses from resignations, retirements, and death, we have are seeing a renewed interest from prospects about joining the Auxiliary

Public Affairs – Slow start to the year in Public affairs.

Operations – We have supported the CG Gold side on a couple of exercises this year including a RFO for the Polar Star. We have new personnel at Sector that have worked with the Auxiliary in other locations and look forward to finding ways to use our assets more.

Operations Personnel – Operations is currently standing at 33 Crew, 17 Coxswains , 3 QE, 1 Air Observer, 2 Air Crew, 1 Fist Pilot and 1 Aircraft Commander. We have 37 surface facilities and 2 Air facilities. We currently have 3 different Crew academies in process with close to 20 personnel being trained from our Division for Surface OPS.

Vessel Examiners – We started the year with 27 VEs and little activity in the area for the winter months. We have a large percentage of the new members(1 year or less) that are expressing a desire to become a VE. We are working on a Division wide program to ensure that they can complete the online testing and their tag along VSEs.

Marine Dealer Visitors – We currently have 13 PVs. New PVs interest is up in the flotillas. The total number of marine dealer visits YTD is 44

Facilities – The number of surface facilities has increased to 37, which exceeded our 2012 goal of 33. Unfortunately, these facilities are not distributed well within our flotillas. Air facilities remain at 2.

Public Education – So far, we have only conducted 1 PE class sessions and 3 hours of instruction, Flotillas 41 and 48 have been particularly active in this area and we expect that the numbers will increase as Spring arrives.

General Comments – The Division continues to remain active overall. But, many of these activities are led by only a couple of the flotillas. This is the same line that we had in the last report and it has not changed.

Last year two of our flotillas considered disbanding because of declining enrollment and lack of participation by members. In the case of Flotilla 45, they started working closely with Flotilla 48, sharing staff officers and holding joint meetings. This is proving a worthy effort and interest and activity in 45 is rebounding.

Flotilla 47 moved their meetings to Saturday morning, 1000 hours and following the meeting with a fellowship breakfast. Nothing particularly new here; except that this breakfast was made on site by the members, and it was on a Saturday, so everyone could relax after the breakfast and enjoy conversations with each other. I believe that this has developed a very good bond between the members. Also as new members have come into the flotilla, they too would stay for breakfast and have a cordial way to become familiar with the other members and comfortably segue into the family. New members very quickly come to realize

that they are valuable and wanted and they become willing and capable participants very quickly.

The Division leadership and staff continue to focus efforts on helping the flotillas succeed and supporting their strengths and reducing their weaknesses. Our main mission for the coming year is to ensure that all members succeed in their individual areas of interest and that no member goes into REYR for lack of required training or lack of missions.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Kight, DCDR - 04

