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Flotilla 63 - News From Tillamook Bay

From the Helm

Bob Hickman, FC Flotilla 63

Happy New Year to all of you!

I want to let you all know how much I appreciate your efforts and contributions to our Santa Party and our Flotilla 63 dinner last month. I received many nice comments and thanks from the Coasties and their families for the Santa Party; good food, good company, Terrific Santa and, thanks to generous contributions from the community, wonderful gifts for the Coasties! To those who braved the elements to attend our Flotilla dinner, you are commended! It was a great time and I know Bobbi Herder truly appreciated having Elliott's Fred E. Milbrandt certificates presented to her grandsons.

We will begin a review of our Flotilla 63 Emergency Response Plan this next month. It has not been updated since 2006 and consequently needs some work. A draft is in the works and will be reviewed by Command at Station Tillamook Bay for their initial comments. I'll circulate it to the membership for their review prior to the February meeting. Please be sure to notify the FSO-SR if any of your contact information changes so that the Call List can be kept up to date.

Our annual Pizza party is coming up on February 17 at Barview Jetty Store. This is a great time to meet the Coasties and their families and enjoy delicious pizza and a little mayhem, too. The Flotilla pays for the pizza, however any donations toward the expenses are a major help.

Again, I appreciate everyone's efforts over the past year. We have a new year ahead of us now and look forward to your continued support of our activities. Smooth Sailing!

Bob Hickman, Flotilla Commander

"Voyager upon life's sea;
To yourself be true,
And what'er your lot may be,
Paddle your own canoe."

Dr. Edward P. Philpots 1844

2012 Officers

Flotilla Commander – Bob Hickman
Vice Flotilla Commander – Ray Neubig
Immediate Past Flotilla Commander – Dennis Jacob
Finance & Materials - Terri Southwick
Communications - Bill Yaremchuk
Operations - Ray Neubig
Public Education & Computer Services - Mike Davis
Secretary, Public Affairs - Cammy Hickman
Publications – Anya Doll
Information Services - Kay Neubig
Human Resources – Mike Johnson
Vessel Examiner, Member Training & Marine Safety – Dennis Jacob

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Awards & Recognition

By Anya Doll

At January's meeting, several significant milestones in service were acknowledged. Thank you one and all for your skills, knowledge and energies dedicated to serving the Coast Guard Auxiliary! Russell Johnson received recognition for forty-five years of service. Dennis Jacob, who recently stepped down as Flotilla Commander to serve as District 6 Commander, received a Sustained Auxiliary Service Award marking 1500 hours; and Bob Hickman, Flotilla 63 Commander received a Sustained Auxiliary Service Award marking 2250 hours. Dennis Jacob also received a plaque from Flotilla 63 in appreciation for his leadership as Flotilla Commander. The Flotilla also thanked retired Coast Guard ET3, Tim Roach with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation at the night's meeting about his time outfitting the 47' MLBoats with electronics gear.

Awards/Recognition gallery



Dennis receiving Sustained Auxiliary Service Award for 1500 Hours



Commemorative Plaque from Flotilla 63 for Dennis' service as FC
(Photo by Cammy Hickman)



Russell Johnson receiving his 45 Year Service Award
(Photo by Cammy Hickman)



Bob receiving Sustained Auxiliary Service Award for 2250Hours
(Photo by Cammy Hickman)

Santa's Scrapbook



The Flotilla presented Tim Roach with a Certificate of Appreciation for sharing his experiences in the Coast Guard (Photo by Cammy Hickman)



Making the list and checking it twice... wait, is that Donner and Blitzen?

2012 Santa Party!

By Anya Doll

At the center of a Santa Party, is, of course, Santa; but in the closest possible circle surrounding that center (even sitting upon his lap) are the children. As the circle expands, there are the parents and of course the community. This year's Santa Party hosted by Flotilla 63 for the families -- for the children -- of Coast Guard personnel stationed at Tillamook Bay was circled around Santa. Joy reverberated throughout all the concentric circles.

It was a 0900 duty call that drew Santa's helpers together to see to the details of all Santa would need at his party. An unexpected snow fall couldn't keep those on the other side of the mountains from the annually anticipated "readying for the party." Soon the hours before the party began to feel festive as the work was shared merrily.

By noon, the table was set with sweets accompanied by two generous six-foot sandwiches from the Tillamook Subway, the Upper Station was decorated. And Santa's helpers were ready. As the time for the jolly Elf's visit approached, children began arriving with parents in tow. The air was a-buzz with festive chatter and jolly belly laughs from the man in red as all the children in turn visited with their favorite Elf then joined their parents for lunch and goodies, and in conclusion a full sundae bar. All was good upon that day.



Santa's helpers working out the final details for the party



He could be identified, if in no other way, by the ring of children about him



*Phoebe Hersch whispers to Santa about her Christmas wishes
(Photo by Cammy Hickman)*



*Ariana Simpson made herself comfortable sharing some time with Santa
(Photo by Cammy Hickman)*



Tinsley Zavilla got some special attention from Santa and his elf



Chief Ryan Sanford & daughter Natalie Sanford



Auxiliarist Bill Browne's son, Andrew sat close to whisper his wishes to Santa (Photo by Cammy Hickman)



Auxiliary Liaison Kate Sheehan's Daughter, Addison stopped by for a quick visit with Santa (Photo by Cammy Hickman)



Photographer Elf, Cammy Hickman

In addition to Auxiliary Members, revelers included, from Coast Guard Station Tillamook Bay, Chief Ryan Sanford, Chief Brian Trotter, and Auxiliary Liaison, Kate Sheehan. Flotilla 63 has missed our friend Elliot Herder, and so it was also a wonderful gift to share the time with Bobbi Herder, Jim Woodell, Rob & Sandra Herder (Bobbi's son), Heather Herder (Bobbi's daughter) and grandsons Eldon & Hayden Herder. There was even a prospective new Auxiliary Member present to check out the festivities! It was a full house to enjoy the bounty of the season,... despite the 75 mph + wind and rain on the Coast and inches of snow filling the mountains.



*Santa and his Elves, Terri Southwick and Kay Neubig
(Photo by Cammy Hickman)*



*Stacey and Bill Brovne enjoying a lovely evening
(Photo by Cammy Hickman)*

Flotilla Christmas Party

By Anya Doll

The Snow fell in the Coast Range, winter was arriving early as members of Flotilla 63 gathered with friends and family and a few Coast Guard Station Tillamook Bay personnel at the Garibaldi Maritime Museum to celebrate the Holidays. As always, great food and merriment was in abundance among all those gathered, leading of course to the ever-entertaining "white elephant" gift exchange.



Always good to gather together in the warmth of friendship amid a cold winter's night (Photo by Cammy Hickman)



*Lucy Davis steps in to help Kay and Kathy in the kitchen
(Photo by Cammy Hickman)*



*FC Bob Hickman and Division 6 Commander Dennis Jacob presented
Elliott Herder's grandsons with Elliott's Fred Milbrandt Awards
(Photo by Cammy Hickman)*



*Bob shares a special Christmas present with Vanessa
(Photo by Cammy Hickman)*

Division 6 Change of Watch

By Anya Doll

Flotilla 63 was well-represented this year at the Division 6 Change of Watch. With newly elected Dennis Jacob stepping to the role of Division 6 Commander, with his wife Kathy beside him. There was a strong sense of support, gratitude and pride among Flotilla 63 Members. We all were eager in anticipation of Dennis' leadership and his already clear vision for "Sweetness in 2013," to be a guiding principle for the Division. In attendance were Bob and Cammy Hickman, Ray and Kay Neubig, Suzy Nelson, and Mike Johnson and Anya Doll.

Representatives from Flotillas around Division 6, including from the newly formed Flotilla 67 in Bend, and members from the U.S. Coast Guard all arrived to enjoy a social hour before the splendid lunch was served. The Change of Watch Program itself started with pomp and remembrance. Bob Hickman delivered the Invocation and then all observed the Eight Bell Ceremony with Cammy Hickman reading Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar," and Mel Chaput ringing the bell as we recalled, "Our shipmates have stood the good watch and have earned a well-deserved rest."

Very much in character with Dennis' style, the program moved quickly to business and we observed Auxiliarist of the Year awards. Congratulations to Cammy Hickman for receiving Flotilla 63's Auxiliarist of the Year! (In an aside, we learned she'd earned the honor of Master Gardener of the Year as well for Tillamook County!) A Well-deserved honor for outstanding commitment and hard work! Before we moved on, there was a special award given also to Kay Neubig, the out-going Division 6 Vice-Commander for which she also won a standing ovation from those gathered. Congratulations and thank you Kay!

Outgoing Division Officers were honored and incoming Officers took their oath of office. Most notable was that Ray Neubig is leaving his position in Operations after eight years of service in that position. For 2013, Division 6 Officers include: Cammy Hickman, Finance; Bob Hickman, Member

Training; John Lister, Programs and Vessel Examinations; Anya Doll, Publications; Richard Aton, Human Resources; Emily Chaput, Public Affairs; and Dale Jacobs, Operations.

Before the Program speakers, we had one last ovation to bestow and this was upon Jerry Pritchard for earning the Fred Milgrand Award for Vessel Exams. In 2012, Jerry completed 106 VEs, in 2011 it was 110. The two previous years he'd completed 140 and 147 VEs respectively. Quite an achievement!

Speakers at the event had a hard act to follow in Commander Bill Gibbons, who attended the event with his son. Commander Gibbons has been Chief Responder for Columbia River since August 2012. In 2002 he managed the Surf Program in Oregon and having fallen in love with the region, he requested this location again for duty. A 20 year veteran, Commander Gibbons was stationed in New York City for 9/11; in 2005 he was stationed in Louisiana during Hurricane Katrina; and was in Washington D.C. during the sniper attack. So when someone in the audience cut the heavy tension that accompanies such a resume' with "when are you leaving?" it became clear that Chief Gibbon's sense of humor as much as his ability to command has been a tremendous asset. He asserted that his first lesson in leadership came from Kenneth Blanchard who's book inspires one toward "Servant Leadership." Inspired by this, the Commander relayed an understanding of leadership that focus' on the people, investing in them, then on the Mission. He relayed examples of how honoring those under one's command has time and again led him to deeper respect when those individuals rose to the missions at hand. He concluded by adding that he has seen the Auxiliary "embody such a culture of respect,... I love hanging out with you!"

Commander Gibbons then introduced Flotilla Members to the Auxiliary Liaison for Sector Columbia River, Lt., Sara Pulliam who was told by the Chief that she didn't need to come, yet drove all the way down to Lincoln City to meet with us.

We heard also from Commodore Peter Raiswell, Division 5 Captain Brad Schuldt and Division 7 Commander Ken Babick. In closing, Commodore

Raiswell's point was well taken, that "when you move up, you move away from the individual work, so you need to surround yourself with good people." Positions of leadership are, to his point, primarily to support individuals and Flotillas in doing the work in the field. Without this, "the job is meaningless." Commodore Raiswell is this year moving on to the National Office for Incident Management. Congratulations! And welcome to District 13's new Commodore, Dean Wimer.



Ray Neubig steps down from Division Operations after eight years



Kay Neubig steps down as Division Vice Commander



Cammy Hickman, Flotilla 63 Auxiliarist of the Year!



Commander Bill Gibbons stepped away from the podium for a conversation with Division 6



*Lt. Sara Pulliam issued the Oath of Office for incoming District Officers
(Photo by Mike Johnson)*

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Coming Events & Activities

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Flotilla 63 events and activities.

- **Flotilla 63 Staff Officer Meeting** – February 17th – 1200 hours at Barview Jetty Store.
- **Pizza Party for Coast Guard Personnel and their Families** – February 17th - 1300 hours, at the Barview Jetty Store.
- **Flotilla 63 Meeting** – February 19th – 1900 hours at the Upper Station.
- **Children's Water Festival** – April 2nd – At Twin Rocks Conference Center – 900 to 1300 hours.

For Our Amusement:

A Naval Officer fell overboard and was rescued by the deck-hand. The Officer asked the sailor how he could reward him. "The best way, Sir," replied the bluejacket, "Is to say nothing about it. If the fella's knew I'd pulled you out, they'd throw me in."

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