

# United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 46, Cape Ann Gloucester, MA

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## Meeting Minutes: February 15, 2021

**1905:** Virtual meeting held on *Microsoft Teams* called to order.

**1907:** Roll Call

Attending members and guest:

Mark Lapham FC  
 John Keyes VFC / FSO-CS-IS  
 Ralph Milroy IPFC / FSO-PE  
 Edward Bunker  
 John Mellen FSO-CM  
 Floyd Grace FSO-DV  
 Paul Maglio FSO-FN-MA-VE  
 Tom Clarke FSO-HR-MT  
 Evangeline King FSO-NS-OP-PA  
 Jack Flanagan FSO-PV  
 Gerry Davidson FSO-SR  
 Nicole Horgan  
 Bob Goetschkes Guest and future member

**1910:** Pledge of Allegiance led by new member Nicole Horgan

Invocation by Floyd Grace ACS-Chaplain

**1915:** Flotilla Commander Mark Lapham's introductions of two guest speakers:

Speaker 1) DCOS David McClure of Flotilla 6-5 a man already known to some of us. will present a Microsoft Power Point presentation of the **AUP** (Auxiliary University Program).

While a full recitation of David's accomplishments of his 30-years in the Auxiliary would take too much time for this meeting, he is currently certified as:

Watchstander  
 FPRINTTECH  
 Public Affairs  
 Food Service  
 Telecommunications Operator  
 Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examiner  
 Auxiliary Leadership and Management Instructor  
 Program Visitor  
 Vessel Examiner  
 Boat Crew

His most recent accomplishment is having been named an "**Honorary Chief**" by the U.S. Coast Guard – a rare honor for a member of the Auxiliary.

Speaker 2) ADSO-AS April Oliveira a 5-year member of the same New Bedford Flotilla 6-5.

She is AUXOP qualified  
 Certified Instructor

Program Visitor

Currently:

VFC and FSO Public Affairs for Flotilla 6-5

SO-FN for Division 6

1<sup>st</sup> District Northern ADSO for the AUXSCOUT program.

April is with us today to present the AUXSCOUT Power Point presentation.

**1920:** Aux University Program (AUP) – DCOS David McClure  
(see AUP attachment)

*Some Highlighted Topics:*

- >54 people presently in the program, mostly from Mass. Maritime Academy with the goal of becoming *Leaders In Service*.
- >as close as you get to an ROTC program
- >all students have to belong to a Flotilla
- >70% average of students enter the active USCG service
- >AUP enters hours in AUXDATAII same as the Auxiliary
- >besides Mass. Maritime, may take the course through a local college (be a flotilla member) and also available online like Auxiliary courses
- >Member Edward Bunker inquired about cost to auxiliariast

**1945:** AUXSCOUT Presentation – ADSO-AS April Oliveira  
(see AUXSCOUT attachment)

*Some Highlighted Topics:*

- >Sea Scouts founded in 1912
- >very new partnerships, Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and Sea Scouts
- >all Sea Scouts are automatically associate members CG Auxiliary association
- >Sea Scouts can join Auxiliary at 14 years but, with limitations until their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday
- >partnership opportunities e.g. Public Affairs / RBS Booth at boat shows
- >Sea Scouts make excellent candidates for the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Academy

**2015:** Old Business / New Business

If you're not getting emails, go online for 7028 webform and upgrade your info.

Evangeline King inquired about boating safety courses in the spring.

Ralph Milroy received credit for Core Training. Also he explained that PE classes are online but, the exam is held in person.

### **Anniversary Milestones**

**John Mellen** completed 20 years of Auxiliary service on September 16, 2020.

He initially enrolled in February of 1984 but, even with 16 years of "broken time" he is one of our most senior members.

John is AX2 qualified, certified as an Instructor, Telecommunicatoins Officer and Boat Crewmember.

He is currently the FSO-CM and SO-CM, and has held several appointed positions at the flotilla, division and district levels.

John is a past Flotilla Commander for FL 46.  
He owns a radio facility and runs the District Radio Network.  
Happy to report that John has contributed more than 1,500 hours to the Auxiliary.

**Edward Bunker** completed 20 years of Auxiliary service on January 19, 2021.  
He has been active in VE/MDV missions.  
Having held appointed flotilla and division staff positions in both, Edward is also a past Flotilla Commander for FL 46.

### **Announcement**

Although not discussed at the February 2021 meeting I believe the following is newsworthy and in the interest of the membership.  
I wish to share our very own Floyd Grace's (DSO-ACS) activities on the district level.

*In his own words:*

This month I will visit the USCGC Key Largo and USCG Station Gloucester.  
Each visit will require about an hour.  
It is my intention that these visits will occur twice a month.

In addition, I will attend a meet and greet with personnel at the USCG Station Merrimack River with USCG Chaplain James Ragain.  
This visit to Station Merrimack River will be my first and will be added to my regular chaplain's round.

On 17 Feb 2021, I will deliver the prayers at the memorial service for the crew of HH-3F CGNR-1432, that crashed 18 Feb 1979 during a medical evacuation for the F/V Kaisal Maru, with four service members lost with a lone survivor.

As with regular flotilla meetings I also have regular meetings with supervisors and our monthly D-1 ACS chaplain's group.

**2030:** A motion to adjourn was made and second, unanimously agreed to.

Respectfully submitted:  
Gerry Davidson FSO-SR  
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