



US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Cape Ann Flotilla 013-04-06

Monthly Report to Division—August, 2023

AuxScout—No new activity

Chaplain Services—At the 46 flotilla meeting on 8/21/23 Chaplain Grace informed that the virtual ACS National Flotilla is now established and all ACS chaplains will be strongly urged to join it.

Since our June report Chaplain Grace has visited StaGlo, Station Portsmouth Harbor, and twice Station Merrimack River; one of the latter included participation in the presentation of the RADM Rybaki Award to a member of the station. He participated in a Change of Command Ceremony at USCG Station Point Judith and met with USCG Reserve Chaplain Farrell. He also sent condolences on behalf of 46 to the widow of former 46 FC Ed Bunker.

At the June District Awards lunch Chaplain Grace received a certificate of accomplishment for 50 or more hours of chaplain support

Communications—At the June District Awards lunch FSO Mellen was named for a certificate of accomplishment for 50 or more hours of communications watchstanding.

Communications Services—FSO Keyes reported 13 new Twitter/X followers and 81 new Instagram followers so far this year. He tested and updated both accounts and also the 46 web site where needed and added pages in the Members-Only section of the 46 site.

Diversity— FSO Grace was responsible for the 46 3-Star Diversity Award on this year's list that helped D1N record the highest number ever of these awards.

Finance—FSO Maglio reported that 2024 dues are coming in with 16 members paid so far.

Human Resources—Late last month District CoS Gayton asked FC/FSO-HR Clarke to review an apparent CoL violation by a 46 member. Attempts to resolve the issue have been unsuccessful so far and disciplinary action will be necessary soon if the member does not agree to respect CoL going forward.

46 member Alberto Hernandez informed that he has accepted a job transfer to Atlanta and will move there in the next few weeks. He hopes to transfer to an Aux flotilla and continue his membership there.

Following the sad news of former 46 FC Ed Bunker's passing FSO Clarke researched Aux

guidelines and forwarded Form 7035 to District HR, DIRAUX, and JBCC. FSO Paul Maglio spoke with and consoled Mrs. Bunker and ACS Grace sent her a card on behalf of 46 as noted above.

FSO Clarke exchanged emails with two Sea Scout-related potential Aux applicants following a lead from Aux/Skipper Lynn Colletti. He will meet them next month when their schedules allow. Weekly checks of the *Join Us* email address on the 013-04 web site showed no new queries.

Information Services—FSO Keyes reported an outstanding 3,952 AuxData II activity-hours for 46 through the first seven and a half months this year.

Materials—No new activity

Member Training—FSO Swensen reported the following impressive 46 MT developments since June:

Chris Houlihan completed TCT-R

Albero Hernandez completed Interpreter Corps Certification

Evangeline King completed Vessel Examiner Workshop

David Swensen completed Auxiliary Flotilla Leadership Course

Catherine Petermen completed Security Education and Training Awareness

Don Strunk completed AUXCA Sanitation workshop

Boat Crew training continued for Alberto Hernandez, Chris Houlihan, David Swensen.

FSO Swensen also assisted with an inquiry on AToN training from Lynn Colletti.

Operations—FSO Swensen reported that 46 BC trainees Hernandez, Houlihan, and Swensen passed their shoreside PQS and that enabled them to begin on-water training. As of mid-August they have participated in five Boat Patrols and have begun getting check-offs for on-water tasks.

Alberto Hernandez continues to pursue Air-Crew Qualification. His security certification is pending. John Mellon continues to watchstand Wednesdays at StaGlo.

Program Visitor—FSO Flanagan noted the synergy of PVs and VSCs during the summer boating season. At the June District Awards lunch he received second place for PVs last year with 163; FC Clarke received the third-place PV award with 101.

Public Affairs—FSO Keyes was underway this month aboard the CGC JOHN PATTERSON and attended its Commissioning Ceremony in Portland ME. While underway he interviewed three crewmembers and submitted their profiles for publication on Sector Boston and Base Boston social media platforms.

FSO Keyes reported that his submission about the 46 annual Memorial Day wreath-laying at the CGAS Ten Pound Island commemorative plaque was published in the Coast Guard Aviation Association quarterly newsletter. He noted three PA events for support on the 46 calendar for September. At the June District Awards lunch FSO Keyes received a certificate of accomplishment for 50 or more hours of public affairs activity.

Public Education—No new activity

Secretary/Records—FSO Davidson compiled monthly FSO reports and other submissions.

Vessel Exams—FSO Maglio reported that 46 VSCs total 236 to date this year and have been reported to SO-VE Ted Karr. At the June District Awards lunch FSO Maglio received second place for VSCs last year with 136. At the same event FSO Flanagan received a certificate of accomplishment for 50 or more VSCs.

For the Good of the Auxiliary—

At the June District Awards lunch FSO Keyes received a certificate of accomplishment for 50 or more hours of federal govt southwest border support. He was also awarded a USCG Special Operations Service ribbon for his SW border support work.

Minutes for our meetings are posted in the "members only" section of our flotilla website:
<https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=013-04-06&category=MEMBERSONLY>

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Clarke, Flotilla Commander