



# FLOTILLA HISTORY

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**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**

## History of Flotilla 06 South Windsor, CT

A visual history of year 2016

**FC:** Gary Magoon

**VFC:** Richard Pummell

2016 began with Gary Magoon as our Flotilla Commander and Richard Pummell as our Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC).

**Please note: Most of the highlights noted below are included with a write up and photos within this report.**

### **January**

Boat Show-Hartford Convention Center

### **February**

Hunting and Fishing Show-Hartford Convention Center

Public training classes begin -Goodwin College and USCG Academy

### **March**

Petzold's Open House-Portland

Leadership Conference-Mystic

Public training Classes-Rockville

### **April**

Member Training-New London

Division Change of Watch

### **May**

Awards Ceremony and Commencement USCG Academy-New London

V E Day Between the Bridges, Ragged Rock, Boats Inc.,

Academy museum watchstanding through September

USCG Station New Haven Open House

SARDET-Fishers Island, New York-Begins

East Lyme Health and Safety Fair

### **June**

SARDET-Fishers Island, New York

Change of Command- Station New London

Sea Scouts' New London Rendezvous

VE Day at Three Belles Marina

Yale-Harvard Regatta

### **July**

Sail Fest-New London

SLIS Change of Command

River Fest-New London

### **August**

Several on-water patrols

### **September**

Stand Down 2016-Rocky Hill

River Fest-Middletown

### **October**

Public training Classes-Rockville

Parents Weekend-Academy

Alumni Weekend-Academy

### **November**

Veterans Day Parade-Hartford, CT

Change of Watch at Flotillas

### **December**

Academy holiday social events



## 2016 Hartford Boat Show

The Auxiliary was in attendance at the 2016 Hartford Boat Show in Hartford CT. As always they were well prepared to meet and greet visitors. Equipped with plenty of brochures and flyers on boating classes, boating safety and Auxiliary and Coast Guard recruitment.



## 2016 Hunting and Fishing Show

The Auxiliary was in attendance at the 2016 Hunting and Fishing Show in Hartford CT. As always they were well prepared to meet and greet visitors. The Auxiliary also were well equipped with plenty of great information on boating classes and joining the Auxiliary.

Below left, Gary Magoon reviews the brochure table. Below right, Richard Pummell (L), and Dan Noble both from 25-6 share boating class information with booth visitors.







Tom Ceniglio, 25-2, demonstrates navigational techniques to his son, Joey as Neil Shilansky, 25-6, looks on.



For the third year in a row Kristina Carlson, 25-6, brought her 10-year old Sheltie, Remmi, to the show. Remmi is called to duty a few times a year as the unofficial mascot of 25-6. "We like to remind folks of the importance of having a life jacket for their pet. Kids always ask how Remmi blows the whistle. "We tell them he only uses it in an emergency" said Carlson.



Michael Saxton, 25-4, shows a young visitor the correct life jacket for his size as Tom Ceniglio looks on. Saxton brought a wide variety of life jackets to the show to demonstrate the importance of a properly sized life jacket.



The watch stander team takes a moment to pose with the local TV Channel 3 WFSB poster. Standing left to right are Dan Noble and Richard Pummell. Kneeling are Kris Carlson and Sarah Hubbard, 25-4. Remmi is shown resting.



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### United States Coast Guard Auxiliary at the Northeast Fishing and Hunting Show

HARTFORD, Connecticut –February 5, 2016 – The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be in attendance at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual **GMC Northeast Fishing and Hunting Show**, which runs Friday, February 12 through Sunday, February 14, 2016 at the Connecticut Convention Center in downtown Hartford. Members of the Auxiliary will be on duty at Booth **522-524** to meet the public to discuss boating safety, educational programs, vessel exams and the benefits of joining the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

This year the Auxiliary will continue to offer About Boating Safely (ABS) classes at Goodwin College in East Hartford, CT and USCG Academy in New London, CT. The beginner boating class can be used to get a safe Boating Certificate, which anyone 16 or older must obtain to legally operate any size boat with a motor in Connecticut waters. Visit the booth for more information.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary was founded in 1939 by an Act of Congress as the US Coast Guard Reserves and re-designated the Auxiliary in 1941. The 30,000 volunteer members (men and women) donate millions of hours in support of Coast Guard missions, such as Search & Rescue, Public Education, Marine Environmental Protection and Maritime Domain Awareness.

For additional information or information on joining the Auxiliary visit the Auxiliary website at: <http://join.cgaux.org>.

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# The Coast Guard Academy Museum needs our help.

**W**ith the cadets off campus during the summer they need our help to keep the museum open on Saturdays. This is a great opportunity to greet and meet the public and tell them a little about the Museum, the Coast Guard Academy and the Auxiliary.



If you would like to join the fun, we need watch standers beginning **May 21, 2016 for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays** throughout the summer ending **September 3, 2016.**

We're looking to have one auxiliarist stand watch for each 3 - hour shift or if you can cover the full day that's fine as well.

- Shifts are 1000-1300 and from 1300-1600.
- For the morning shift, you'll need to get to the Academy around 0930 to open up. Just ask the guard at the front gate have someone open up the museum for you.
- For the afternoon shift, a guard will come and close the museum at 1600.
- All watch standers must have TROPS to stand watch at the museum as ODU's are not authorized.
- The Museum website is: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg092/museum/>

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## Auxiliarists in attendance at the Coast Guard Academy 136<sup>th</sup> Commencement.

As in past years, the Auxiliary was on hand during commencement week at the USCG Academy, New London, Tuesday, May 17 and Wednesday May 18, 2016. The Auxiliary shuttled guests around the campus, provided public affairs assistance and helped guests navigate the campus throughout the two day event.

On Tuesday, the day before commencement, the Academy held several events including: corps of cadets review and the Individual Proficiency Awards Ceremony. Awards were given out to the highest achieving academy graduates in 54 categories. Auxiliary Deputy National Commodore – Atlantic East & Operations (DNACO–O) COMO Kenneth E. Brown, Sr., presented a pair of binoculars to the cadet with the highest Military Precedence Average who entered the academy as a result of participating in the Auxiliary's Academy Introduction to Mission (AIM) program. (first awarded in 1984)



The United States Coast Guard Academy corps of cadets passes in a regimental review on Washington Parade Field. The Corps of Cadets is organized into eight companies (Alfa, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Foxtrot, Golf and Hotel) forming one regiment.



Transportation services were available throughout both days. David Marriott, 25-06 (left photo), Eileen Christensen, 25-06 (center photo) and Richard Milhalcik, 24-12 (right photo) shuttle guests.



COMO Kenneth E. Brown, Sr. (center) meets some of the Coast Guard family prior to presenting the Auxiliary Individual Proficiency Awards later in the day.



On Wednesday, the 136<sup>th</sup> Commencement ceremony was held on Cadet Memorial Field and featured Secretary of Homeland Security, Jeh Johnson as the commencement speaker. He told the 186 graduating cadets that their "mission is as important and as relevant as it has ever been." Bob Carlson-25-06 and Tom Ceniglio -25-02 were on hand to photograph the event, credential the press and escort the media.



All photos by Tom Ceniglio and Bob Carlson

### June Boating Safety Class at the Coast Guard Academy







## Auxiliarists assist at this year's Stand Down.

For the sixth consecutive year Coast Guard Auxiliarists from Division 25 were on location at the Veterans' "Stand Down" at the State Veterans Home Campus in Rocky Hill, September 23, 2016. Bill Bowen, Eileen Christensen, Bill Munson, Bob Carlson and Ed Chale were on duty along with a contingent of "gold side" active duty volunteers from Station New Haven to help with parking, directions, information, serving lunch and cleaning up.



Bill Bowen, 25-03 directs visitors to the Veteran's parking lot.

Right, Eileen Christensen, 25-06 hands Bob Carlson (photographer) a copy of a map showing locations of all veteran services. Eileen was one of the first person visitors met as she helped them navigate the event.



Below, Ed Chale, 25-03 assists with serving lunch with Lisa, a volunteer from Liberty Bank. Over 1,000 meals were served during the day.



Bill Munson, 25-03(I) and Bob Carlson, 25-06 in the cafeteria during lunch. Bill was on hand to help clean up and Bob was serving as a roaming photographer.



Over 70 agencies and social service organizations took part in Stand Down 2016, organized by the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs. With the assistance of 300 volunteers, Veterans accessed services that included medical and dental screenings, employment and educational assistance, legal and motor vehicle help, state and federal VA benefits information and housing information. Food, health and personal care items and clothing were also distributed.





## Medallion Ceremony honoring the Academy graduation class of 1966.

Each year the class of “50 years ago” returns to the academy for the medallion ceremony. The commandant of the Coast Guard presents a medallion to each of the graduates. Special presentations and donations are also made during the event.



## A remembrance of when the Coast Guard saved a life... over 40 years ago.

August 8, 2016

41 years ago (August 8, 1975) Arnos Groot's life was saved by U.S. Coast Guardsman Seaman David Kelly. As a result of his action Seaman Kelly was presented with the Coast Guard Medal.

Arno Groot, the facilities manager at Union Church in Rockville, was invited to a local coffee house to share a brief 15-minute presentation of his life story. Drew Crandall, the director asked the Coast Guard Auxiliary to attend and read the U.S. Coast Guard Gold Medal presentation to Seaman Kelly for his heroic actions that day. Flotilla 06, South Windsor, CT Public Affairs (PA) officer, Bob Carlson was in attendance to make the presentation and meet Mr. Groot.

Drew Crandall wrote. This Friday night happens to be on the 41st anniversary of a dramatic experience that he had on Friday, August 8, 1975. After work, he was flying from Ellington, Connecticut to Provincetown, Massachusetts to join his family on vacation on Cape Cod. It was a stormy evening, and after attempting to land at Provincetown Airport, he became disoriented and crashed into the ocean. The U.S. Coast Guard rescued him and saved his life. His father-in-law died, but Arno's life was spared.

“I would love to have someone from the local U.S. Coast Guard flotilla in uniform at this coffeehouse to (a) hear this amazing story and (b) receive our applause for the USCG at the end of Arno's speech.” said Crandall. “Stan Barnes, FSO-HR, asked if I was available to make the presentation. It was my honor to read the presentation and meet Mr. Groot and learn about Seaman Kelly's action and the medal” said Carlson.





### **Coast Guard Medal**

*Awarded for actions during the [Peace Time Awards](#)*

The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Coast Guard Medal to Seaman David W. Kelley, United States Coast Guard, for heroism on the night of 8 August 1975 while serving as the crewman of a 13-foot Zodiac test boat during the rescue of the pilot of a downed aircraft in heavy seas off Race Point Light, Provincetown, Massachusetts. Upon notification of the downed plane, Seaman Kelley and a rescue crew from Coast Guard Station Race Point proceeded to the scene and upon arrival were confronted with turbulent seas and high winds that severely hampered the launching of the rescue boat. After repeated attempts, the boat was launched and with no navigational equipment, maneuvered toward the pilot's cries for help. Within minutes the gravely injured pilot was located and with complete disregard for his own safety, Seaman Kelley grasped the hapless pilot and brought him safely into the rescue boat. As the boat approached shore, the violent seas capsized the rescue craft, hurling the occupants into the raging surf. Injured in the capsizing, Seaman Kelley reached shore where the victim was receiving medical attention. When notified that another person was on board the downed aircraft, Seaman Kelley, despite his injury, attempted to return to the plane. This attempt was thwarted by the fierceness of the seas that prevented the boat from being launched. Seaman Kelley demonstrated remarkable initiative, exceptional fortitude, and daring in spite of imminent personal danger in this rescue. His unselfish courage and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.

**General Orders:** U.S. Coast Guard Historian's Office

**Action Date:** 8-Aug-75

**Service:** [Coast Guard](#)

**Rank:** Seaman

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### **Team Coast Guard attends 2016 Veterans Day Parade Downtown Hartford.**

Team Coast Guard was well represented at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual 2016 Veterans Day Parade in Hartford Connecticut. Auxiliarists from First District, Southern Region Divisions 24 and 25 led the contingent followed by the Coast Guard Academy Color Guard and several members from Coast Guard Stations New London and New Haven (including the Aids to Navigation Team).

Auxiliarist attending this year were Bill Bowen, 25-3, Bruce Buckley, 25-3, Kim Fillion, 24-1, Richard Mihalcik, 24-12, John McLeod, 24-4, David Marriott, 25-6, Troy Clark, 25-3, Richard Pummell, 25-6, Neil Shilansky, 25-6, Kristina Carlson, 25-6, Stephen Morowsky, 25-4, and Bob Carlson, 25-6.



Bill Bowen performs a final inspection of the Academy color guard just prior to stepping off at this year's Veterans Day Parade.

Leading the contingent of Team Coast Guard are Coast Guard Auxiliarists (from l to r) Richard Pummell, Neil Shilansky, and Bruce Buckley.



Academy color guard passes the State Capital building, Hartford Connecticut.



Bill Bowen, Kim Filion, Richard Mihalcik, John McLeod and David Marriott pause during the fly over at the 2016 Veterans Day parade.





Sammy the Sea Otter, U.S. Coast Guard Sea Partners mascot, takes a moment to celebrate as Stephen Morowsky looks on. Kristina Carlson played the role of Sammy the Sea Otter for the second consecutive year.

The annual Connecticut Veterans Parade. The largest in New England, is attended by hundreds of spectators, more than 150 military, veterans groups and musical units, and close to 4,000 marchers representing dozens of Connecticut towns.

Photos by Bob Carlson-AUXPA1  
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