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2025 Member Offices Division 054-25

DCDR Brandon Brown
VCDR Mitchell Mutnick
SO-AS Craig Burkhardt
SO-CA Robert Harlan
SO-CM Julius Jackson
SO-FN James Servidea
SO-HR Susan Duke
SO-IS Barbara Allen
SO-MA Barbara Allen
SO-MS Guy Campbell
SO-MT Larry Markham
SO-NS Barbara Allen
SO-OP Mitchell Mutnick
SO-PA Carol Hostetter
SO-PB Carol Hostetter
SO-PE Peter Marks
SO-PV Joe Hostetter
SO-SR Aaron Taylor
SO-VE Joe Hostetter

2025 Change of Watch Ceremony

On Sunday, January 26th, the Potomac Guardians came together to commemorate the change of watch at the divisional level and to honor members for their contributions to the auxiliary over the past year. We were privileged to have several distinguished guests in attendance. The ceremony commenced with remarks from Captain Patrick Burkett, Commander of the Sector Maryland-National Capital Region. Additional comments were provided by Commander David Otani, Director of Auxiliary for the 5th District, SR; Lieutenant Commander Kim Jenish, Commanding Officer of Station Washington; and Mr. Henry Hays, District Captain for the National Capitol Region, 5th District, SR.



*Captain Patrick Burkett
Commander, Sector Maryland –
National Capital Region*



*Commander David Otani Director
of the Auxiliary, 5th District, SR*



*Mr. Henry Hays District
Captain – National
Capital Region, 5th
District, SR*



*Lieutenant Commander Kim Jenish
Commanding Officer, Station
Washington*

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A heartfelt thank you to the organizing committee, consisting of Mitchell Mutnick, Jane Mutnick, Barbara Allen, Robert Ivy, Robert Harlan, Robin Moon, the Sea Scouts from Ship 25, and the Mount Vernon Yacht Club. The cuisine was fantastic, the camaraderie was enjoyable, and everyone had a wonderful time.

2025 Board Members

Congratulations to the newly appointed 2025 Board Members. Your commitment to the USCG Auxiliary is truly valued.

Division Commander –Brandon Brown

Division Vice Commander – Mitchell Mutnick

Flotilla Commander 25-01 -Taylor Herbel, Washington DC

Flotilla Commander 25-06 -Shea Megale, Occoquan-Fairfax, VA

Flotilla Commander 25-07 -Robert Harlan, Fort Washington, MD

Flotilla Commander 25-08 -Robert Ivy, Mount Vernon, VA

Flotilla Commander 25-12 -Joshua Bradley, Arlington-Northern VA

Flotilla Commander 25-25 -Johnathan Pierpan, Washington DC



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Division Awards

Auxiliarist of the Year: Carol Hostetter
Sea Scout Innovator & Champion: Craig Burkhardt
Rookie of the Year: Robin Moon
Operations Motivator and Team Coordinator: Jason Torchinsky
Outstanding Service and Team Support: Jerry Little, 22 years of Service
Member Training Energizer: Larry Markham
Operational and QE Support: Michael Spollen
Innovator in Paddlecraft: Bonifacio (Joey) Taguding
Public Education Stewardship: Matthew Ballard
Marine Safety Influencer: Guy Campbell



Team RBS:

Aaron Adkins	Susan Duke
Taylor Herbel	Bonifacio (Joey) Taguding
Steve Rybicki	Izak Rosenfeld
Robert Ivy	Carol Hostetter
Jerry Little	Joseph Hostetter
Joshua Bradley	Ronald Woody



Team Paddle Craft:

Bonifacio (Joey) Taguding
Robert Ivy
Carol Hostetter
Joseph Hostetter
Guy Campbell
Heather Zahorecz

Team Navigation Systems (ATON):

Thomas Walsh Steve Rybicki

Team Public Affairs:

Susan Duke	Guy Campbell
Carol Hostetter	Joseph Hostetter
Robert Harlan	Robin Moon
Barbara Allen	Julius Jackson



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Operational Support Team

Mitchell Mutnick	Gary Dawson
Guy Campbell	Timothy Jenifer
Ronald Wilson	Larry Markam
Virginia Ivin	Jason Torchinsky
Michael Spollen	Jerry Little
Brian Gritte	Robert Harlen

USCG Auxiliary Retirements

Bonnie Breneman
Michael Dow



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Fredericksburg Boat Expo

Flotilla 25-06 kicked off the year with a strong presence at the Fredericksburg Boat Expo in early January. Our primary objectives were recruitment and raising awareness about the necessity of having a boating safety card to operate a vessel. To support this mission, our Public Education team conducted a boating safety course during the Expo. We extend our gratitude to the instructors who led this class: Joey Taguding, Guy Campbell, Mike Spollen, Jerry Little, Steve Minutolo, and June Gaines.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped staff the booth that weekend, including Ponci Pesigan, Roger Hale, June Gaines, Joey Taguding, Guy Campbell, Steve Minutolo, Jerry Little, and Carol Hostetter. Special appreciation is extended to Sue Duke, who expressed a desire to assist but was unable due to the weather.

Upcoming events are just around the corner! The Chantilly Boat Expo is scheduled for March 7th-9th, followed by our participation in the DC Boat Expo May 2nd-4th. If you wish to help at the booth during either expo, please contact Carol Hostetter and let her know your availability.



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Events 2025 – Start of a New Year

January 10th-12th – 2025 Fredericksburg Boat and Water Expo, Fredericksburg VA

January 11th – Boating Safety Class, Fredericksburg, VA

January 26th – Change of Watch- Mount Vernon Yacht Club, Mt. Vernon VA

February 22nd – Boating Safety Class - Hope Springs Marina

March 1st - Sector Training: Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay, MD

March 7th – VSC – Pohick Bay Rental Kayaks

March 7th – 9th – Chantilly Family Boat Show – Chantilly Expo Center

MARCH 15th – Boating Safety Class – Prince William Marina

April 10-13 – D Train - Richmond VA

April 12th – VSC Prince William Marina

April 28-May 2 - Spring AUXPAD Training – Charleston, SC

April 26th – VSC - Belmont Bay

May 2nd – 4th -DC Boat Show – National Harbor

May 10th – Boating Safety Class – Prince William Marina

May 10th - VCS – Prince William Marina

May 17th – 23rd - National Safe Boating Week

May 24th VSC – Neabsco Creek, Pilot House & EZ Cruz

June 7th – VSC, Neabsco Creek

Please send all future information to Carol Hostetter at: carolhostetter@yahoo.com

JANUARY 2025

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