# Flotilla 25 Honor Guard Activity





I am honored and privileged to announce LEA HALL as our newest member of the honor guard; with this latest addition, we are currently nine members strong with a vocalist, bugler, and piper on board; however, we are still five short, any member interested in becoming part of this highly dedicated and devoted group please contact CO T.J. HARLOS OR XO KEAT PRUZENSKI for guals and interview.

Now that P.A. events are back open, we can start accepting public events. To date, the honor guard will be performing for the dedication of the 9/11 memorial (OCONEEÂ COUNTY SC), 9/11 ceremony (IVA SC), and a VETERAN'S DAY ceremony at the request of T.L. HANNA HIGH SCHOOL NAVY JROTC. I, as the CO, am honored to be part of and serve with such an elite group of men and women that dedicate themselves to honoring the American spirit as well as memorializing those individuals that have served and sacrificed so we can continue to live in the land of the free and home of the brave. GOD BLESS and let us not forget all that has gone before us.

HONOR, RESPECT, DEVOTION TO DUTY, WE ARE SEMPER PARATUS, ALWAYS READY.

T. Jay Harlos FSO-MT CO/HONOR GUARD USCG AUX FL/2-5

### **OPERATIONS CENTER GETS MAKEOVER**



During the past few months, several much-needed projects were undertaken to fix and improve the Flotilla 25 Operations Center.

The first and most urgent needed fix was to get the tree limbs out of the radio communications tower. Permission was obtained from the Portman Marina management to remove the tree to further prevent it from damaging the tower as well as the Ops center. Many thanks to Larry Cole & TJ Harlos for removing the tree and clearing limbs from the radio tower.

The next project was to apply a coating to the roof with a product called Kool-Seal. Many thanks to Larry Cole for his donation of both time & materials to get the special coating applied to the roof. We hope that this will help prevent future leaks.

Now with the other items completed, the next project was to clean the building and prepare for a new coat of paint. I wish to thank FSO-FN Mike Miller for supplying the paint, and other materials, including a professional paint crew to apply a specialty paint to the building.

The crew also applied special paint to the deck & walkway. I would also like to thank Auxiliarist Patrick McGowan for his assistance in sealing cracks in the windows as well as cracks in the roof.

Again, I would like to thank all that assisted in making the much-needed repairs to the facility.

J. Steven Siske VFC 25



Larry Cole (FC 25) cleaning the Flotilla 25 Operations Center in prep for a much- needed paint job. Photo by Steve Siske.



Flotilla 25 Operations Center with a fresh coat of paint. Photo by Steve Siske.

# Operations Center Makeover Photos.



Flotilla 25 member TJ Harlos (FSO-MT) assisting with the cleaning of the Operations Center.

## Vessel Examiners in Action

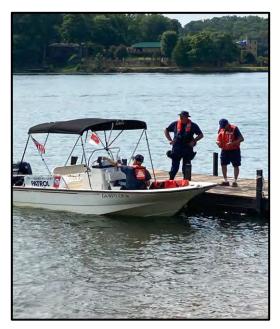


Lake Keowee 4th of July Operations. Flotilla 25 member Hershel Waldrop (FSO-VE) installing a Vessel Safety Check Banner at the boat ramp.

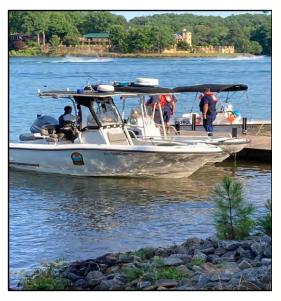


Flotilla 25 member TJ Harlos (FSO-MT) conducting a vessel safety check on a fire boat operated by the office of Oconee County South Carolina Emergency Management as part of National Safe Boating Week 2021. Photo by Steve Siske.

#### **Boat Crew Operations**



Lake Keowee 4th of July Boat Crew Operations pictured are Flotilla 25 members Keat Pruszenski, TJ Harlos & Larry Cole. Photo by Steve Siske.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Boat Crew discusses operations with South Carolina DNR during the Lake Keowee 4th of July Operations. Photo by Steve Siske.



Flotilla 25 member Dan Wilson (FSO-MS) conducting a vessel safety check as part of the Green Pond Landing Labor Day weekend event on Lake Hartwell. Photo by Steve Siske..



Flotilla 25 members Lea Hall and Jesse Beckwith (FSO-PB) observing a vessel during a vessel safety check. Photo by Steve Siske.

## Vessel Examiners in Action



Flotilla 25 member Paul Stevermer conducting a vessel safety check as part of the Green Pond Landing Labor Day weekend event. Photo by Steve Siske.

