

Good day Shipmates,

We all joined the Auxiliary for different reasons. Some to be on boats, some to educate, some because the Auxiliary is the premier volunteer organization in our country.

Some because “We Save Lives”, I even have that on a t-shirt. Some for social reasons, some because we wear really cool uniforms. The reasons are varied and many combined.

But the overarching reason, one I share, and I think you do too, is to “Make a difference”. Our website has been updated with the District 7 Strategic Plan. Take time to look at it.

We make a difference by getting out of our “comfort zone.” Training in areas to support the Coast Guard and Recreational boating safety. You learn skills that even help in other areas of your life.

I hope you join me in redoubling our efforts to continue to grow, Flotilla 39. We are the best in the Auxiliary.

No one is alone, we are a team, helping one another.

To this end, I wanted to share some upcoming events and ways to do what we do, “make a difference.”

We are starting a “Big Brother, Big Sister” program to help new members get the information and training they need. If you want to help let me know.

Next Flotilla meeting on March 13th is going to be a “Pot Luck”. Bring your favorite snack, finger food, dish or dessert. Let’s have fun together after the meeting.

We are looking at ways to make the business of the Flotilla run more smoothly.

Upcoming Events.

March 2nd, Annual Boating and Beach Bash, Spanish River Park Boca. Email from Division Vice Commander Natalie Bunting on Jan. 20th. Beach casual wear.

March 2nd, Vessel Exam Blitz, contact Steve Zucker for details. ODU uniform.

March 3rd, Jazz Brunch, every first Sunday, Great Public Affairs event. Contact Peter Paige. ODU Uniform.

March 13th Flotilla meeting, plan to attend. Let’s have fun. ODU or Business casual.

March 16th St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Fort Lauderdale. We will have a Coast Guard Boat trailered in the parade. We need people to march in the parade. Please volunteer to support the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. This is a division wide event. Contact Peter or myself. ODU uniform. We will also have a PA table set up. Contact Peter Paige or myself for information.

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March 21st Division 3 meeting, all welcome, please RSVP to Natalie Bunting, and Harry Silverman. ODU uniform or Trops.

March 23rd, Boat America Safe Boating Class, if you would like to see what instructors do, let me know.

Trops for Instructors, ODU for assistants.

All of the events listed (unless excepted) have a required uniform. The acronym is UOD or Uniform of the Day. We represent the United States, the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

We must wear our full uniform properly and with Pride. If you have questions, you can go here <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=H-DEPT&category=auxiliary-uniforms> or ask and we will be glad to help.

Please respect the uniform and what it stands for by wearing it in full and properly. We have a uniform at the permission of the United States Coast Guard. The public sees us as the Coast Guard, we wear the same uniform, so let's keep that privilege by wearing it with pride.

All of these events and more on our website, please take time to explore it.

<https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=070-03-09>

Thank you all for all you do. We are the best team when we support each other.

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