



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
FLOTILLA 7-16
Gulfport, Florida



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THE BEACON

Based on a lapse in federal funding, all employees should click here for more information.
This website will not be actively managed.



What we can and what we cannot do.

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=070-14&category=shutdown-update-1>

**This shutdown is officially
the longest ever. Here's
how others ended.**

By Kevin Schaul and Kevin Uhrmacher Updated Jan. 22, 2019

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Flotilla Commander:

Marty Richardson Jr.

VCOR

M. Ruso

Flotilla Secretary

Dave Ditto

FSO-CM & IS & MT:

W. Zinner

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O. Baffi

FSO-PV & VE:

D. Rimel

FSO-HR:

E. Zinner

FSO-NS:

Nomberg

FSO-PE:

M. Richardson Jr.

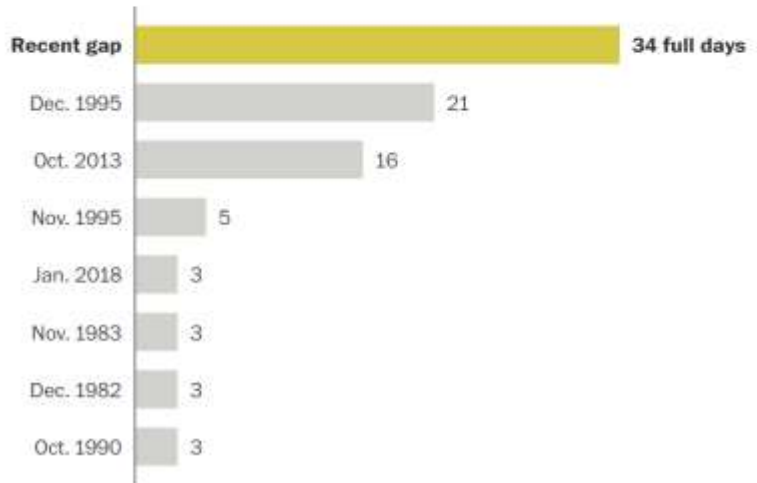
FSO-CS & NS & PB:

M. Ruso



On Jan. 25, President Trump announced a deal with congressional leaders to reopen the government, ending a partial shutdown that lasted **34 full days**. The central issue of funding for a border wall was not resolved. Funding will run out again on Feb. 15, which would trigger a new shutdown.

Longest funding gaps under current shutdown rules



What Flotilla 7-16 did for the Gold side...

\$200.00 in Shell Gas Cards



When Senior Chief Abrams received the gift cards he said "Thank you, we have been humbled by how much we have been given."

2018 Holiday / Boat Parade Party... Highlights!!

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<http://forms.cgaux.org/forms1.php>



Next... we took the party outside to join the Gulfport Residents...



'Is It Pollution? or Does it belong in the Ocean?' Betty Underwood game.



Live music with Tony



Hot Chocolate & Cookies for all!!



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Great turn out!



Wonderful Boat PARADE!!



We collected 400lbs of food for the Gulfport Senior Center.



We also collected toys for the 26th annual Operation Santa program sponsored by the Gulfport Police Department.

A Big Thank you to ALL!!! Join Us Next Year!!! We will do it AGAIN!!!

Patrol: February 15-2019



Left—Is Orrie and Bill. In Tampa Bay.



Right—Is Orrie and Tony Novellino (78) looking over at Flotilla 72 facility. Gordon Hornsby is at the helm. In Tampa Bay last 2-15-19

Thank you, Val Fernandes, for the great pictures!

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Upcomming Events:

VISIT VETRIANS AT BAY PINES:

Quarterly visit is: **March 12th**

Meeting time: 6:00pm

Place: Main Entrance at Bay Pines or
carpool from the Flotilla @ 5:30



March 16th Gulfport Marina Flea Market

May 18th – 24th National Safe Boating Week



Boat Show & Boat Race

March 29-31, 2019

54-58th St. South
Shore Blvd,
Gulfport, FL 33707



Bill has reserved 2 spaces for the upcoming **Nautical Flea Market** held Saturday **March 16th from 7:00 – 14:00hrs**. We need to people to staff the information booth also if you want to bring in any nautically relevant stuff to sell you can.



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COURSES

ON GOING COURSES:

A \$40 About Boating Safety class that includes textbook, 12-week class and your certificate.

Special DISCOUNT rates are available for couples, families and groups of two or more! Call 727-322-3040 or auxgulfport@gulfport.com (Auxiliarist's come the 3rd Saturday of each month and coteach)

AVIALABLE COURSES ON LINE:

Welcome to the New National Testing Center

List of Training Courses, Exams, and Manuals... **and take a course.**

<http://ntc.cgaux.org/TrainingCourses.php>

Don't forget to visit our Facebook page... leave a comment!

<https://www.facebook.com/uscgauxflotilla7.16/>

Awards:



Thank you! Thank you! for your service!!
Once a Commander always a Commander!!
Commander Zinner!

Meeting
19:00 hr.
Third Wednesday
Of each month.

Keep an eye out
for training meetings
held the
First Wednesday
&
Up coming
Activities and Events!



Bill Zinner-Sustained Service Award



Jeremy Smith recognized as
qualified member of Flotilla 7-16



Don Rimel-Bravo Zulu Award
Over 500 Program Visits! WOW!!



Terry Hershman 100 Program Visits

Flotilla Meeting Refreshment Schedule

March-	Bradley Hardy
April-	Jeremy Smith
May-	Dave Ditto
June-	Bill Zinner
July-	Terry Hershman
August-	Eillie Zinner
September-	Orrie Baffi
October-	Marcella Ruso
November-	Open
December-	Holiday Celebration

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Commander Richardson

2019 Flotilla Commander for 7-16 in Gulfport, Florida

In my third year in Flotilla 7-16 I did not expect to be the newly elected Flotilla Commander. I have been content to be an FSO in areas the interest me, such as an instructor teaching different public education courses. I also wanted to become certified crew, and coxswain. However, I was encouraged first to run for VFC in 2018. When I was elected as Flotilla Vice Commander, it was not my aspiration to become the Flotilla Commander, but to be able to serve the members and flotilla, and the recreational boating community.

Well, here I am.... The Flotilla Commander for 7-16 in 2019. It is an honor to be elected and trusted to hold this position and provide vision and leadership to a great organization of people.

My goals for this year are simple but it will take the willingness of all present and new members to step up and step out to accomplish them. With Immediate Past Flotilla Commander Bill Zinner, our Division Commander Terry Hershman, as well as the DSOs to support us, we can make a difference in our area.

Goal # 1 > Grow our Recreational Boating Training Courses, not only attendance but different offerings. We will need more instructors to accomplish it.

Goal #2 >Mentor new and existing members to move into FSO roles in their areas of interest. Encouraging them to take on new responsibilities and skills. We need a Materials FSO, one to begin process of learning the HR FSO position, and additional TCOs to list a few. There are other positions that need AFSOs. I promise to get you the training and mentoring you need to succeed. The Auxiliary has the resources available.

Goal #4 > I would like to see us expand our participation in community related services. Last year under FC Bill Zinner's leadership, we were in the Gulfport's July Fourth Parade, VA Hospital Visits, Welcome to Gulfport meetings at the library, food pantry donation to local food bank and providing games, entertainment, and hot chocolate for the people watching the Christmas Boat Parade.

Goal #5 > And lastly, but not leastly... Fun ... Food... Fellowship. To build a strong team and lasting relationships we need to get together to learn more about each other outside of monthly meetings or operational events. How about a game night... picnics at the beach... bowling... or perhaps movie night? Give us your feedback and participation! I am only as good as those of you who participate in the Flotilla.

Again, thanks for your trust and confidence in electing me as your Commander, and of course a wonderful Vice Flotilla Commander Marcella Ruso, who has already made her presence felt.

Marty Richardson

2019!!! SOME POSSIBLE IDEAS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR...

Earth Day Clean-Up in Clam Bayou - Saturday April 13th 10am until 12pm

5 Yes | 3 No and one no answer [We can be part of.](#)

American Victory Ship Merchant Marine Museum Visit in Tampa - some Saturday 10am

6 Yes | 3 No [Looks like another good one](#)

Half way to Christmas Gulfport Senior Center Food Drive June 25th (Collect Apr, May and June)

8 Yes | 1 No [Looks like a good one](#)

Tour of Coast Guard Base --- Saturday 10am

7 Yes | 1 No and one no answer [Looks like another good one](#)

Parade 4th of July in Gulfport

6 Yes | 1 No and one ? and one no answer [Looks like another good one](#)

Veterans Day Parade November 11th 2019

7 Yes | No and 2 no answers [Looks like another good one](#)

Ft Desoto Picnic on a Saturday

7 Yes | 1 No and 1 no answer [Looks like another good one](#)

Bowling one time

5 Yes | 1 No and 3 no answers

Quarterly V.A. Visits / meet at flotilla and car pool (Tuesday 5:30pm)

5 Yes | 3 No and one no answer

MKL Day of Service - January 2020

3 Yes | 5 No and one no answer

Welcome to Gulfport Workshop at the Library – Thursday - 6pm Feb. 12th & 21st

4 Yes | 4 No and one no answer

What times work best for you:

Other Suggestions: [Social outing at a restaurant/bar!!](#)
