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THE BEACON

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http://hdept.cgaux.org/pdf/New%20Member%20Packet/Auxiliary-Manual-CIM16790_1.pdf

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Auxiliary Assistant Pollution Responder

http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/P-DEPT/AuxAsstPollutionResponder.pdf

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AWARDS

520lbs of food was collected and WE got a "Certificate of Appreciation"

McCormack, Hayara, Yeaton took "Safe Boating Week"

Orrie Baffi gave 666 hours of his time.

WE took the Shingledecker Awardtook RBS Program Visitor Performance. Thank you, Hayward.



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PROGRESSIVE

Tampa Boat Show™

September 7-9, 2018 | Tampa Convention Center

Food Drive - Collecting at the Flotilla!

It is not too early to think about our **Christmas Boat Parade Party!!!**

Save the date!

Saturday, December 8th for the

33rd Annual BCYC Gulfport Christmas Boat Parade

4:00pm till the last boat in the parade!

We are planning to invite Gulfport residents to join us. Set up a tent, serve beverages and sweets, a table to recruit, and a table or two for kids activities, Tony will sing holiday songs, We will also be collecting food for Gulfport Senior Center and toys for the Gulfport Police.

ON GOING COURSES:

A \$65 course (BS&S) 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)

Don't forget to visit our Facebook Page, this is also a place for us to *list events*.

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

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>

VISIT VETRIANS AT BAY PINES:

Quarterly visits

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Some Past Events:



Our Community

Coast Guard Aux booth at Gulfport Grand Prix Boat Races that was held June 2nd, 2018. Gulfport had a great turn out and we were pleased to be part of our community!

<http://www.gulfportgrandprix.com/environmental-information/>



Sunday, July 01, 2018



Division 7
Seventh

DIVISION 7 AWARDS 2018

The Award Banquet that was held on June 2nd was a great time had by all in attendance. Use the link below to read the highlights in the Intercom. Plan to go next year!

<https://issuu.com/dottieriley1/docs/intercom-issue1-2018v1>



Division 7 Honor Role
Division 7 members present at the Awards Banquet who volunteered 500 or more hours to Auxiliary activities in 2017. Thank you and Bravo Zulu!

AUGUST 14th was another VA visit!! Thank you Vets!



Commander Zinner

SERVICE

I started this essay a couple of times over the last couple of weeks. I knew I wanted to write about service but was having a hard time putting the concept into words. After all, it has many definitions, often personal, wrapped up in citizenship and societal obligations. Webster lists 11 definitions, the English / Oxford Dictionary includes 15 and Wikipedia includes 12 categories with a number of sub-categories making the number closer to 20. As you would expect, there are similarities among these 3 sources. The common thread seems to be work or effort provided without expectation of tangible reward. - “Useful labor that does not produce a tangible commodity”

I was struggling when news came that John McCain had died. Over the last week his death and funeral have dominated the news. The most impactful outcome has been an outpouring of heartfelt eulogies by a broad variety of people who knew the man and his family over more than 50 years of – dare I say it – public service.

I don't know whether McCain himself was prosperous as a Senator, but he certainly seemed to live well. According to all those who spoke at his memorials and funeral he lived a meaningful and impactful life over his career as a public servant and took his responsibilities seriously. In fact, I get the impression that his was truly a life of service. Other words were used to describe his public life: duty, honor, courage. I am sure there are other adjectives that fit the man but, if you watched all the ceremonies, those were a couple of standouts. Many speakers implied that John McCain represented all the best attributes of an American citizen and his history during and after the Vietnam war bear that out.



So, what can we learn from the life a true American hero? One who's like will probably not be seen again. In my view, one of the most important lessons is the value of service willingly given for the common good. Even if we don't agree with some of McCain's political beliefs few can argue with his social ones. Obviously, he was a religious man so he drew on his Christian beliefs for guidance and he believed deeply in the idea of America, its guiding principles and laws. Many pointed out that McCain was an optimist and that he expected that the idea of America was bigger than the immediate problems we may have. Leaders come and go but the foundation is solid. I must admit that I find it hard to see our future as rosy, but maybe we can learn from the example McCain set, the results he produced and the inspiration he left behind. Maybe all those black and gray suites will finally sense that their obligation to the country is greater than to their parties or ill-conceived loyalties.

The introspection encouraged by the brief period of the celebration of McCain's life and the example he has left us.

The example that stands out in my mind is the value of a life of service. Not to put too fine a point on it but isn't The Auxiliary built on this concept? The Auxiliary's stated purpose is to promote recreational boating safety – to assure that people are made aware of the need for good practices and to teach them how to enjoy life on the water without needlessly endangering themselves, their families or other boaters. We meet this obligation willingly. We give of our time and resources more or less unselfishly and, for the most part, unquestioningly. The rewards? The payoff? These are the intangibles and they come from within each of you. I am convinced that John McCain remained happy and committed because he believed in the value of these intangibles. Had he not, he would not have had a career that lasted so long and resulted in so many worthwhile outcomes.

We stay in the Auxiliary because we believe in the mission. We serve because it is an effective way to contribute, to give of ourselves to a worthy cause.

