

SO-PA Report

Report for Month: **August 1-31, 2013** **Submitted by:** Robert A. Fabich, Sr.

Position: SO-PA 070-16 **Flotillas:** 16-01, 16-02, 16-03

US Coast Guard Support:

16-01: 1. USCG Air Station BQN - AUXAIR: - 27 missions totaling 70.3 hours were flown during August which include: 18 MOM, 1 SAR and 8 Logistics.

2. RIO St. Croix Port State Control - 41 hours.

3. A combined active duty and Auxiliary fun day was held Aug. 2nd at the Buccaneer Resort honoring Coast Guard Day. Activities included water sports, beach swimming, luncheon and great fellowship. A local bakery made special margarita and baileys flavored cupcakes with anchors and life ring as toppings. Certainly worth the calories.

4. A two day visit by RADM John Korn resulted in combined active duty and Auxiliary meetings and site visits reviewing operations, missions, facilities and long term planning.

5. Plans developed for AUXAIR and active duty meetings with DTRAIN in Orlando.

6. AAAC-Operations and AUXLO attended the AUX-15 course in San Diego, CA as part of NACON.

16-02: No Activity

16-03: Plans developed for 3 members to participate with the DTRAIN Board and Training Meeting to be held with active duty in Orlando.

Flags and Ceremonies:

16-01: 1. Auxiliary member Robert Fabich was presented a hand crafted plaque made from island mahogany by the active duty staff during Coast Guard Day. He was recognized for selfless dedication and service serving in the RIO office.

2. During an All Hands Assembly at RIO, RADM Korn recognized active duty boat forces members BM3 Tatum and MK2 Schnoll for their quick action during a boat fire with soles onboard. MSSE2 Hennessy was presented with the permanent gold Trident bar.

3. A welcome reception dinner was held for RADM Korn at the Palms At Pelican Cove August 15th. The event was hosted by Auxiliary member Chuck Fischer. Other VIPs included USCG D7, Sector San Juan and Air Station Borinquen staff.

16-02: No Activity

16-03: No Activity

Community Support:

16-01: 1. American Waterway Watch program - 31 hours

2. Two VSC days were held.

3. ABS course scheduled for Sept. 21

16-02: No Activity

16-03: Boating Safety classes scheduled for Sept. 9-14.

Local Media Involvement:

16-01: Auxiliary Public Affairs worked directly with Judy Darby, editor, Navigator magazine developing a story for the annual edition.

16-02: No Activity

16-03: No Activity

Problems and Suggested Solutions:

16-01: None

16-02: Advised from Bob Armstrong: "We have not done much during storm season. Our Sept. report will have some activity regarding future boating safety classes, and Hurricane Preparedness information from the Auxiliary that is going to the local media. Once storm season ends our activities will increase."

16-03: None

Recommendations:

16-01: None

16-02: None

16-03: None