

USCG AUXILIARY
FLOTILLA 7-4, 8THCR

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Veterans Day at Blue Skies
- Annual Activities
- COW

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Veterans Day Celebration



(L-R): MajGen Darrell Jones, USAF (Ret.) presents Col Richard Weir, USAF (Ret.) with a commemorative plaque of the first supersonic jet.

Veterans Day was celebrated at Blue Skies of Texas, as usual. Yet, it was not just another program in its significance for Blue Skies of Texas, in particular. As an added attraction to the list of reasons to celebrate, the celebrated WWII pilot who flew the first supersonic jet, is a resident at Blue Skies of Texas. Retired Colonel Richard Weir, who has celebrated his 100th birthday, was present to receive a commemorative plaque from General Darrell Jones, C.E.O. of Blue Skies of Texas, for that record setting flight!

There was a precision drill team presentation by the award winning JROTC cadets, from John Jay High School. They were outstanding! Following the program, Flotilla 7-4 VFC/PB/SR: Ahia Shabaaz and FSO-PE/PV: Warren Moore hosted members of the drill team and their instructor/supervisors for lunch. Other residents of Blue Skies joined in and sponsored other drill team guests for lunch. It was an exceptional celebration!



Pictures (l-r): The Veterans Day Program Committee representing the various military services living in the community. Col Richard Weir and his wife Barbara just after the presentation. Chaplain (COL) James Phelps with one of two Coast Guard representatives, LCDR Warren Moore, USCG Aux. Below, Lt. Beverly LaFond and LtCol Roger LaFond USAF with LCDR Ahia Shabaaz, USCG Aux. JROTC Drill Team from John Jay High School.



Accomplishments
of 2018

Review of Activities in 2018

- * Exhibitor booth at the San Antonio Boat Show – conducted training for the public in emergency radio communications and proper fitting personal flotation devices
- * Performed vessel safety examinations on Canyon Lake
- * Established a new newsletter - published quarterly
- * Established a new Website for Flotilla 7-4
- * Designed a Flotilla Logo & Unit Coin - produced by competitive drafts
- * Received the NACO 3 Star Diversity Award – First time in Flotilla 7-4 history
- * Celebrated 228th birthday of the USCG – Picnic, fishing, swimming, hot tub
- * Unit training: Auxillary Uniforms, 7029/7030 Forms, Diversity, Zika Virus, Flotilla 7-4 Website, TCO, CPR/First Aid
- * Flotilla attendance at meetings rose from an average of 16% in 2017 to 35% in 2018.
- * Completed the Standing Rules and Contingency Plans for the flotilla, last attempted in 2012
- * Joint training: Boating Safety, Boat Crew, Coxswain, CERT, Interpreter, Coast Guard Academy, Summer Safety Day at JBSA-Lackland
- * C-School (funded) training for members: C-02/AUXLAMs, C-05a/AMLOC, C-4/Website Development, C-10/Information Systems and C-12/Public Affairs
- * Hosted two Division Meetings and attended NACON
- * Hosted Change of Watch ceremony and dinner
- * Participated in joint ventures – Warrior Weekend, FEMA training, college fairs, USCG recruitment video
- * Flotilla members were appointed to Division, District, State and National positions
- * Continued or established partnerships with: Army Corps of Engineers, American Heart Association, Alamo Area Medical Reserve Corps, Scouts of America, USCG Academy, American Red Cross, San Antonio Food Bank



(l-r, t-b:) Boat Show, Navigation Map of Sector, AirCrew Operations, Division Meeting, C-School Graduation, Flotilla Guests, Local Area Assistance & Agreements, TCO Training, Vessel Safety Check Ramp Days @ Canyon Lake.

Flotilla Develops a New Distinctive Logo and Coin Both Unveiled at the Change of Watch!

The past spring, the flotilla presented a new challenge to its members to design a unit logo and a reverse side, in case we decided to have a flotilla challenge coin minted. In all, seven designs were submitted. The 'winning' front design was crafted by Jason Kardos and the reverse was designed by Jeanne McNamara. All unit members present at the March meeting voted on the designs. George Milligan, a graphic artist from NJ donated his time to the flotilla and prepared the final graphics for minting purposes. Thanks to all who participated in the endeavor. Your efforts are truly appreciated by all. We are a unique flotilla with a logo that truly expresses our identity. By the way - if you would like one they are available for purchase at flotilla meetings and through the flotilla website for \$10 plus shipping and handling.



Unit Logo - Front Coin Design



Back of Coin Design

The Change of Watch - COW Due to Government Shutdown - TBA

FLOTILLA MEETINGS

05 Jan 2019
Blue Skies of Texas
5100 John Ryan Blvd.
San Antonio 78245
1000-1200 hrs.

02 Feb 2019
Blue Skies of Texas
5100 John Ryan Blvd.
San Antonio 78245
1000-1200 hrs.

***23 Mar 2019**
Freeman Coliseum
3201 East Houston Street
San Antonio TX 78219
0900-0945 hrs.

*3rd Saturday due
To SA Boat/RV Show.
Thur: 4-10 pm Fri: Noon-10 pm
Sat: 9 am-10 pm Sun: 10am-5 pm
UPCOMING EVENTS

05 Jan 2019—TBA
First Aid Certification Class
Follows Flotilla Meeting

08/12 Jan 2019
Command Webinar #3

15/25 Jan 2019
Command Webinar #4

25-27 Jan 2019
Division 7 Meeting - USCG Air
Station, Corpus Christi, TX

02 & 03 Feb 2019
AuxWEA Training - 2 days at
BSTW, 0800-1700 hrs.

28 Feb - 03 Mar 2019
D-Train, District 8thCR Meeting
San Antonio

21-24 Mar 2019
SA Boat & RV Show



Flotilla 7-4, Website

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5100 John D. Ryan Blvd
San Antonio, TX 78245
Meeting the First Saturday of the Month
1000 - 1200 hrs.
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