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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Table of Contents is "live linked" even though it doesn't show as the normal blue color with an underline.

The **MIDWEST MARINER** welcomes all articles on Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary customs, traditions, heritage, history and current events. The right to decline any submission will be based on content. Articles and photos may be sent via email to the editor, **Barbara Rhoades** at: bcrhoades@centurytel.net.

DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - DV

Desiree Reinken

EDITOR'S NOTE: Desiree sends articles throughout the three months between newsletters. They are things that are great to include even if they are about previous months. Enjoy all the things she talks about.

Happy July, everyone!

Month-long observances:

French-American Heritage Month

Important July DE&I calendar dates

July 1 – Canada Day (Canada)

July 4 – Independence Day (USA)

July 7 – Al-Hijra begins (Muslim)

July 9 – Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)

July 11 – World Populace Day

July 14 – Bastille Day

July 18 – International Nelson Mandela Day

July 24 – Pioneer Day (Mormon)

July 24 – International Self-Care Day

July 26 – National Disability Independence Day (commemorates the signing of the Americans With Disabilities Act)

July 28 – Parents' Day (USA)

July 30 – International Day of Friendship



Here are some family-friendly 4th of July activities:

[https://www.countryliving.com/entertaining/g4463/4th-of-july-activities/34 Fun Things to Do This 4th of July Weekend](https://www.countryliving.com/entertaining/g4463/4th-of-july-activities/34-Fun-Things-to-Do-This-4th-of-July-Weekend)

Fun things to do with a side of red, white, and blue
www.countryliving.com

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/daphne-brogdon/split-hot-dogs-with-butter-toasted-buns-and-homemade-toppings-3097746>

Split Hot Dogs with Butter-Toasted Buns and Homemade Toppings

Get Split Hot Dogs with Butter-Toasted Buns and Homemade Toppings Recipe from Food Network

www.foodnetwork.com



<https://www.curiouscuisiniere.com/salad-shirazi/>

Persian Salad Shirazi (Cucumber Tomato Salad)

Persian Salad Shirazi is a chopped cucumber tomato salad with red onions and mint in a citrus dressing. It is a perfect summer side dish!

www.curiouscuisiniere.com

<https://cooking.nytimes.com/recipes/9039-vanilla-creme-brulee>



Vanilla Crème Brûlée Recipe

Five simple ingredients – cream, vanilla, salt, eggs and sugar – make for an exquisitely rich and elegant dessert Most crème brûlée recipes require the use of a small propane torch to achieve the crackly sugar top, but this version offers a simpler (and safer) solution: your oven’s broiler One thing to note: Be sure to let the custard ...
cooking.nytimes.com

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchen/fireworks-red-white-and-blue-daiquiris-recipe-2124952>



Fireworks Red, White and Blue Daiquiris

Get Fireworks Red, White and Blue Daiquiris Recipe from Food Network

www.foodnetwork.com

Have a safe holiday!

Have a wonderful day,

FLOTILL STAFF OFFICER - DV

Steve Liddy

What’s in an age?

Look around the room, are you the youngest, eldest, somewhere in between. Each and every person brings something to the table. Whether it be fresh eyes, ingenuity, experience, or wisdom, we all bring something to each group and activity. “Age diversity“ is the acceptance and celebration of people of different ages, including working with people of different generations in the workplace.¹

According to Forbes, there are currently 5 generations represented in the workforce with each adding value to the enterprise. The companies / organizations that can balance those talents can reap great rewards. Often the key is how one communicates with each group by understanding their motivations and expectations.² With no maximum age, “Age diversity” is one of the greatest assets of the Coast Guard Auxiliary as well. Through the multiplicity of skills and ideas, the potential to increase innovation and productivity, we are each challenged to show our mettle and mentor those who are just joining.

- 1.<https://oxford-review.com/the-oxford-review-dei-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-dictionary/age-diversity>
- 2.<https://www.advisory.com/daily-briefing/2022/04/04/age-diversity>

DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - FN

Tom Phipps

BANK ACCOUNTS

Per Section N of the Auxiliary Manual, all Auxiliary unit funds shall be promptly deposited to accounts containing the appropriate unit designation and the words “U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary”. An Auxiliary unit’s standing rules establish the requirements for a unit bank account. A unit may have multiple accounts - checking, savings and/or certificates of deposit.



To open a bank account for the unit or to update the signature cards on the account due to a change in the unit elected officers or the unit finance officer, the finance officer will need to have the following items ready for bank personnel:

A copy of the unit meeting minutes that reflect the election of the new unit leadership and their full titles. The minutes should be signed and dated by the unit Secretary.

A copy of the unit leader’s memorandum that appoints the unit finance officer.

A copy of the officer’s report from Auxdata II that provides full name, title, address, and telephone number on the new bank signature cards.

The E.I.N. (Employer Identification Number provided by I.R.S.) This is provided in Section N of the Auxiliary Manual and on page 4 of the Auxiliary Financial Controls Standard Operating Procedure.

Copies of IRS letters showing the E.I.N. and the tax-exempt status of the Auxiliary. These letters are found in Appendix A and Appendix B of the Auxiliary Financial Controls Standard Operating Procedure.

Flotilla monthly bank statements shall be reviewed by the Flotilla Commander and the Flotilla Finance officer to verify that all transactions are in order. District and division bank statements shall be reviewed by Division Commander and Finance Officer and District Commander and Staff Officer on a quarterly basis.

Finally, all units shall use only a federally-insured (FDIC or NCUA) bank or credit union that provides original or image copies of all cancelled checks.

“Kindness multiplies and it enables possibility.
When we’re of service to people,
we have the chance to make things better.”

Seth Godin

DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - IS

Barbara Rhoades

Be sure to get your uniform inspected before 31 December 2024. If you don't, you will be in REYR for any/all of your qualifications. Come to a division meeting (they are the first Saturdays beginning in August and then every other month) and there will be someone who is qualified to do the inspection.

Maybe someone in your own flotilla has had their uniform inspected and passed. If so, they can do an inspection for you. Either way, it is necessary to get this done. We all know what a pain it is to get out of REYR so don't get into REYR in the first place!

The other issue is that I am not seeing hours from all flotillas. A meeting gives you 7029 hours (that's from 7029 which is general rather than specific hours). Anyone can send in hours; it doesn't have to be the IS officer. You can also enter them yourself. Whichever way you do it, just be sure to get the hours sent in.



FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER - PA

Marilyn Aten



When the Flotilla 34 does their VE Stations every year, we always go to North Shore and Port Charles. In each location, a Public Affairs table is set up with all the current boating information. As each Vessel Examiner greets the next boat to be inspected, the Captain is handed a packet of Safe Boating information.

Next on the schedule is the annual Kayaking at Dorst Lake in Maryville, IL. This year it was held in June. Larry Miller and I set up our display table with lots of information about kayaks and, of course, all our regular safe boating brochures. We chitchat, answer questions, hand out a few brochures, have lunch and meander around to watch the activities.



From noon till 4pm, volunteers assist members of the public that would like to learn about kayaking. Dorst Lake is perfect because it's a small meandering lake easy to navigate. Every hour a new group arrives to get a short talk about being on the lake. Everyone gets a life jacket to put on. They find a kayak, get in with some help and pushed into the lake.

After 45 minutes, a horn blows to let everyone know it's time to come back to shore. Greeting them are free hot dogs, chips and a welcoming water.

At the end of the day, about 250 Maryville residents have had a ride on the lake thanks to all the volunteers assisting them from the Parks and Rec, Kayaking Clubs and us, the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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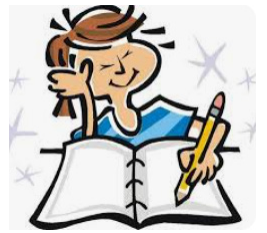
Our last Public Affairs event was in July at the Valley Park Safety Fair. Steve Liddy and I set up our Public Affairs table with its Life Jacket mannequin surrounded by kid's life jackets. Of course we had all our safe boating information too.

We've been going to this event about six years now. Della Steel started it over 10 years ago in honor of her niece who was kidnapped and killed. She says, "I know we made a difference for the children and their families." Over 350 registered, as they came into the building, and that doesn't include the 28 vendor tables and all the volunteers. Everything was free including lunch.

DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - PB

Barbara Rhoades

Part of your duties as a SO officer is to write an article to contribute to each quarterly publication of Midwest Mariner. That gives you three months of activities to write about. Go over your flotilla's minutes, look at the hours you send in for Auxdata entry or look at any emails you sent. Those three places should show you what went on during the quarter you need to write about.



Whatever method you use, make sure you write the article. Without articles from the SO Officers, the DCDR and the VDCR and any member articles, it is hard to create a publication.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

District Meeting & Training Come to St. Louis this Fall By Marilyn Aten

The Eighth Western Rivers Region, of which Division 3 and Flotilla 34 are part of, is coming to St. Louis for their Fall Business Meeting and Training. This D-Train will be held at the Marriott Airport Hotel September 5-8.

This is a great opportunity for our members to be able to participate in all the specialized training and get to know members from all over the 16 states our district covers. Just think you don't have to travel or pay for a hotel room to be able to attend.

Registration for all training is coming to you in an email from the Planning Team. Be sure to watch for it. If you'd like to attend any of the Buffet Meals you can register for them as well.

[8WR Fall D-TRAIN 2024 \(zephy.com\)](http://zephy.com)

Fun Night is on Friday put together by Division 3 here in St. Louis and our own Debby Howard is the Chairperson. They are putting on a fun evening with a theme of "Rambling on the River". Debby and her crew will have a costume contest, games and fun things at the table to entertain us including dice and a deck of cards. You won't want to miss.

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[Welcome to the District 8WR Web Site \(uscgaux.info\)](http://uscgaux.info) Go to the 8WR website and click on Fall D-Train 2024. It will have all the links for Meal Registration and Training information.



Here is the Training Schedule for Friday and Saturday.
[DTRAIN_SCHEDULE072524.docx \(live.com\)](#)



MEMBER FLOTILLA 34

Jeff Blair

Promoting the Coast Guard Auxiliary: Everyone's Job!

Promoting the Coast Guard Auxiliary and encouraging new members to join is a multifaceted responsibility that enhances both the organization and its mission. How do you do this?. Well let's take a deeper look into the how and why Auxiliary members can and should work to fulfill this duty.

First, let's look at understanding the value of promoting the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Increasing our members means we have more hands-on deck to help with missions, training and community outreach. New recruits bring diverse backgrounds and skills that can enhance the Auxiliary's capabilities and innovation.



More members can lead to more effective community engagement, ensuring that safety messages and services reach a wider audience. With more volunteers, the Auxiliary can offer more and varied services, to both the public and the Coast Guard from safety patrols to vessel exams, public affairs displays and educational programs, Coast Guard recruiting and more.

So, how can you tell the Auxiliaries story? The easiest is to share compelling personal stories about how being part of the Auxiliary has impacted your life and the lives of others you know. Highlight your achievements. Talk about specific missions, training or events where you've seen positive outcomes because of Auxiliary efforts.



Where do you do this? Use social media to share updates, successes and opportunities you've experienced within the Auxiliary. Use factual and engaging posts, photos and videos. This can attract attention and interest. Participate in local events and fairs to raise awareness about the Auxiliary and its role in maritime safety. Talk to your public affairs officer about upcoming events that might be a good place to set up a booth promoting the Auxiliary and boating safety. Talk with local organizations, schools and community groups to help spread the word about the Auxiliary.

Try inviting a prospective member to a flotilla meeting or public affairs event. Allowing them to participate in a few activities or events to get a feel for what it's like to be part of the Auxiliary could be enough to encourage them to join.

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Once they become a member, pair new members with experienced ones to help guide them through their initial involvement and help get them integrated into the team and fully qualified. Be sure new members receive thorough training and understand their roles and responsibilities. When someone is unsure or what to do or cannot get the answers they need, they are more likely to just give up and quit. Provide continuous support and opportunities for skill development to keep members engaged and motivated.



Make sure to make them feel welcome. Create a supportive and inclusive culture where new members feel valued and part of the team and be sure to acknowledge and celebrate their efforts and achievements.

Promoting the Coast Guard Auxiliary and recruiting new members not only benefits the organization but also contributes to overall maritime safety and community well-being. As the Auxiliary grows, it becomes better equipped to handle emergencies, educate the public, and support the Coast Guard's mission, ultimately making our waterways safer for everyone.

By actively participating in recruitment and promotion efforts, each Auxiliary member plays a vital role in sustaining and advancing the organization's mission and impact. Let's get our numbers up!

Semper Paratus!!



Part of Lake Ontario Is Now the Country's 16th Marine Sanctuary

NOAA

The federal government is looking to celebrate and preserve a corner of America's Great Lakes, designating a 1,722-square-mile stretch of eastern Lake Ontario as a marine sanctuary. The New York sanctuary will be the 16th in the country and third in the Great Lakes, per the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"It means a lot for the recognition of this place," Ellen Brody, Great Lakes regional coordinator of the NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, told WXXI News. "It will become a place that people

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In addition to boosting research and tourism in the area, the sanctuary designation furthers the nation’s goal of protecting, conserving, or restoring at least 30% of U.S. lands and waters by 2030. It also provides an opportunity for people to learn more about the history of Lake Ontario as a trade and transportation route, which ties in to **41 known shipwrecks (and 19 suspected others)** located in the sanctuary. [Watch a video](#) exploring the water.



A HERO UNKNOWN

Renee Messelin was a member of the U.S. Army Signal Corps Telephone Operator Unit during World War I. Yet her full identity remained hidden until just last week, more than a century after she served. [Learn her story.](#)



Volunteers Are Restoring Alaska’s Oldest Original Lighthouse Building

https://www.adn.com/alaska-life/2024/06/14/on-a-remote-southeast-alaska-island-a-beacon-for-historic-preservation/?ck_subscriber_id=2584339230&utm_source=convertkit&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=The%20%E2%80%9Cgreatest%20recovery%E2%80%9D%20of%20a%20cat%20species%20ever%20achieved%20-%202014252285



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