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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.

Cover photo courtesy of David Kingsbury.
Taken during a patrol weekend at LOTO.

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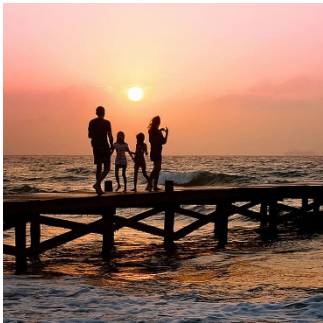
Desiree Reinken

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.

Important dates of diversity:

- 7th-Purple Heart Day
- 9th-World Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 12th-Tisha B'Av (Jewish) (August 12 - August 13)
- 13th-Obon (Buddhist) (August 13 - August 15)
- 15th-Assumption of Mary (Christian)
- 18th-Ullambana (Buddhist)
- 19th-Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)
- 22nd-International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief
- 23rd-International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
- 26th-Krishna Janmashtami/Jayanti (Hindu)
- 26th-Women's Equality Day
- 31st-International Day for People of African Descent

August is also Family Fun Month! Here are some ways to spend time with the family this month:



<https://nationaltoday.com/family-fun-month/>
[Family Fun Month](#)

Who says only childhood has to be carefree? Bring back the feeling with our celebratory ideas.

nationaltoday.com



<https://bakerbynature.com/20-minute-spicy-sriracha-ramen-noodle-soup/>
[20-Minute Spicy Sriracha Ramen Noodle Soup \(Video\) - Baker by Nature](#)

If you love spicy ramen, you have to try this easy 20-Minute Spicy Sriracha Ramen Noodle Soup! It's super easy and so delicious. Serve piping hot, with fresh scallions, cilantro, and a poached egg. Sriracha Ramen Noodle Soup A spicy ramen noodle soup spiked with sriracha hot sauce and ready in just 20 minutes! 2 bakerbynature.com

<https://indianambrosia.com/puri-recipe/>

[Golden and Crispy Puri \(Fried Indian Bread\)](#)

Pooris fried to perfection! Serve them with some potato or chickpea curry for a lavish Indian breakfast or brunch.

indianambrosia.com



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<https://thecookinchicks.com/rumchata-root-beer-floats/>

[RumChata Root Beer Floats - The Cookin Chicks](https://thecookinchicks.com/rumchata-root-beer-floats/)

Creamy and easy to drink, these RumChata Root Beer Floats comes together using two ingredients! An adult version of a Root Beer Float, what's not to love?!
thecookinchicks.com



Have a wonderful week,

Month-long observances in October:

Down Syndrome Awareness Month
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Bullying Prevention Month
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
German-American Heritage Month
Filipino-American Heritage Month
Italian-American Heritage Month
LGBTQ History Month
National Work and Family Month
Polish-American Heritage Month
Family History Month

Important dates:

October 2 – International Day of Nonviolence
October 2 – Rosh Hashanah begins (Jewish)
October 3 – Navrati begins (Hindu)
October 10 – World Mental Health Day
October 11 – National Coming Out Day (LGBTQ+)
October 11 – Yom Kippur (Jewish)
October 14 – National Indigenous Peoples' Day (United States)
October 14 – Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
October 16 – Sukkot (Jewish)
October 16 – Bosses' Day
October 19 – Spirit Day (LGBTQ+ anti-bullying)
October 20 – Birth of the Bab (Baha'i)
October 20 – Sikh Holy Day (birth of Guru Granth)
October 21 – Waste Reduction Week
October 22 – International Stuttering Awareness Day
October 31 – Halloween
October 31 – Diwali (Hindu)

As a medical professional, I want to make sure to highlight breast cancer awareness month, not only for women, but for men as well! Please see this article for more information, including the history behind the month:

<https://www.breastcancer.org/about-breast-cancer/breast-cancer-awareness-month>

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I stumbled across this website and thought it was neat! St. Louis is close!
Here is a list of upcoming Fall activities around that area:

<https://fun4stlkids.com/Whats-Happening/Fall-Fun/>

Side (bread): <https://www.indianhealthyrecipes.com/aloo-tikka-recipe-tandoori-potatoes/>

Dinner Recipe: <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/48449/slow-cooker-chili-ii/>

Dessert: <https://cooking.nytimes.com/recipes/1018045-chocolate-babka>

Have a wonderful day,

Desiree Reinken, MSN, APRN, NP-C



Happy Fall!

Important November dates of diversity:

- November 1-2 - Dia de Muertos

November 1 - All Saints' Day (Roman Catholic)

November 1 - National Stress Awareness Day

November 2 - All Souls' Day

November 5 - Election Day (USA)

November 9 - World Freedom Day

November 9 - World Adoption Day

November 11 - Remembrance Day

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 12 - Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

November 13 - World Kindness Day

November 16 - International Day for Tolerance

November 19 - International Men's Day

November 20 - Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 20 - World Children's Day (Human Rights, U.N.)

November 28 - Thanksgiving

November 25 - Day of the Covenant (Baha'i)

November 27 - Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha (Baha'i)

Here are some very cute family-friendly Thanksgiving-based activities: <https://www.today.com/life/holidays/thanksgiving-activities-rcna38875>

Recipes:

<https://www.foodandwine.com/recipes/fingerling-papas-bravas-smoky-aioli>

<https://www.bonappetit.com/recipe/bas-best-green-bean-casserole>

<https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a52507/carmelitas-recipe/>

Meaningful Veteran's Day activities:

<https://www.swagmagic.com/blog/veterans-day-celebration-ideas/>

DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - FN

Tom Phipps

DIVISION FINANCE OFFICER - YEAR END DUTIES

The Division Finance Officer has the duty to ensure prompt payment of dues from the flotillas. The Finance Officer should notify the flotillas in October to send notices to their members. The notice should contain a breakdown of the amounts to be collected at the National, District, Division and Flotilla levels. The notice should also contain a deadline by which the dues have to be received by the flotilla to avoid disenrollment. If dues are not paid by December 1st of the year, the Flotilla Commander is required to send a notice of disenrollment of the member to the Director of Auxiliary. The District Finance Officer will send dues notices to the divisions in late January or early February. The Division Finance Officer will notify the flotillas of the amount owed for each flotilla. The Division Finance Officer then needs to send a check for the next year's dues in time to ensure payment by the deadline.

**MEMBERSHIP
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Annual Dues



Another duty is to prepare the annual finance report, Form 7025 for the division and to collect the 7025 from each flotilla. The Finance Officers should be recording receipts and disbursements of the unit in the Auxiliary Unit Accounting System. The system will not generate the 7025 but the system will provide a year-end summary of the receipts and disbursements for the calendar year. The Form 7025 cannot be prepared until the financial institutions used issue the December bank statements, usually in early to

mid-January. The report is then forwarded to the Audit Committee, then to the Materials Officer, and Unit Commander.

The final item that the Finance Officer can be working on at the close of the year is the Unit Annual Budget which is usually presented to the Division Board for approval in the spring. Comparing the last several years worth of 7025's will provide an estimate of how much money should be allocated to each category of expenditure and will aid in preparing the next year's Annual Budget. A sample budget can be found in the Auxiliary Division Procedures Guide.



“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind
with an open one.”

Malcolm Forbes

DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - IS

Barbara Rhoades

It is November which means that the end of the year is approaching for turning in hours for 2024.



As always, I don't wish to be entering hours on December 30th so be sure to send your hours in NOW. I know I sound like a broken record as every year I say the same thing. But every year there is one or two who faithfully wait until the very last minute to send their hours for entry.

You should be sending them in every month or at the very least every two months. I have even made it extremely easy to send them in. Remember the sheet where you can enter all your hours? If you don't have a copy, just send me an email and I will give you a copy. It is pretty straightforward.

Activity Log # (IS Officer info)	Mission Code	Start DATE	Duration	Summary of Activities	Miles	Cost	(L)ead (N)onlead (T)rainees	Comments
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Even VEs and PVs could be entered on this sheet but there is other information that should be turned in using the CG forms 7038 and 7046 respectively.

On another subject, if you plan on running for an elected office, you need to be qualified in one of the CG programs such as VE or IT. Just having hours is not enough. Now is the time to complete a qualification so you will be ready for the 2025 elections.



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DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - PB

Barbara Rhoades

This will be the last issue for 2024. Getting articles is as hard as getting hours turned in. There are not many articles for this issue but the ones I do have are very in-depth. I appreciate those articles.

If you are doing something as a CG Auxiliarist, you have something of interest to write in an article. We all have phones so you have the option to take a photo or two of whatever it is you are doing. There is always someone who would be willing to use your phone to take a photo. Even on vacation, I find a passerby willing to take a photo for me if I want to be part of the picture. Don't forget the who, what, where, when and why for each photo.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Safe New Year.



OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dave Kingsbury Vice Division Commander-Elect, Division 3

We had a great final patrol weekend at LOTO with beautiful weather and scenery! In addition to having Tim Coen aboard as crew, David Hosea was aboard to work on getting his coxswain qual out of REYR, and Angie Doughty worked toward her initial crewmember qual. We were able to log over 17 hours underway, including 4.75 night hours. I've attached several photos.

- Friday evening, we patrolled the Grand Glaize Arm and about two miles of the main channel.
- Saturday, we patrolled the Grand Glaize Arm, the main channel from MM 19 past Shady Gator's to MM 6 and about three miles up the Gravis Arm.
- Sunday, we patrolled the Grand Glaize Arm.

Regarding possible illegal charters, we observed a number of larger vessels, but none were on Sector's watch list, and none appeared to have more than 7 POB. The majority of vessel traffic was fishing boats due to the NPFL tournament.

Saturday, we conducted a real-world non-distress search. As we came in for a break at the MWR marina around 1700, several soldiers who were in the parking lot informed us that they'd had an orange backpack fall overboard with their truck keys in it. They reported they last knew it was on board around 1200. They were able to provide an approximate last known location based on terrain and their course at the time. We got back underway, identified the likely last known location, and calculated set and drift. As drift was 1.15 MPH but set of 249 degrees indicated the backpack could have been blown against the south shore if it hadn't sank, we identified a search area extending from Grand Glaize MM 8 to MM 0.5. Due to the length of the search area and limited daylight remaining, we conducted a TSR search pattern initially focusing on the south shore. We completed the search pattern at 1847 and were unable to locate the backpack

Sunday while underway, we re-searched the south shore from Grand Glaize MM 8 to MM 5, this time including all coves and hollows, but we were again unable to locate the backpack.

In addition to the real-world missions, we conducted day and night nav & piloting and MOB drills, BECCE drills, and a CS search patter drill, so it was a very productive weekend!



EDITOR'S NOTE: The following are photos taken during this patrol.

Photos courtesy of David Kingsbury. Names of Auxiliaries are unknown.

