

Waypoints

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The Christmas Tale of District 8the Western Rivers Division 15 Dan Turner

We began the year with a plot and a plan,
Every area was covered by woman and man,
each flotilla shared their goal,
We scratched our heads and searched every soul,

Each looked at the numbers from the upper brass,
No one was sure nor would bet their last,
Each started their toil and no one asked
But with a roar and a cheer we began our task,

On hours and missions, PE, VE, and PA,
Each FSO will show us the way,
On qualifications, training, new members and
support,
Every moment of work and last minute report,

They did their job and even more,
Stickered every boat and saw every store
When we asked why did you do more than we
deserve,

They said with a smile, we came here to serve.

New Members of Hot Springs Flotilla



Flotilla Commander J. Shane Hardin recently swore-in Shelly Ayer, Deborah Blackburn, and Charles Gormley. Photo by David Keyser.



Congratulations to Auxiliaries Mikaela Felcher, Jeffrey Turner and Jeffrey's son Connell on completing the Introduction to Kayaking class. Michael Strobel, SO-OP conducted the class. He is an American Canoe Association certified instructor and will be conducting another class on Sunday, October 7. Any Auxiliary interested in joining the class should contact Michael. No previous experience necessary and equipment is available on a limited basis. Photo by Michael Strobel.

North Little Rock Christmas Parade



The Central Arkansas Flotilla used Michael Strobel's facility "Sawbuck" in the North Little Rock Christmas Parade on December 2nd. Pictured are Auxiliary members Zach Taylor, Ray Porter and Blake Sasse. Michael Strobel drove the truck hauling the boat along with Frank Wilson. Jude Carroll is in the bow and Porter Herron is wearing the Santa hat. Photo by Debbie Strobel.

October Division Meeting Minutes

Doris Ayers, SO-SR

Dan Turner, DCDR, reported that flotilla objectives differ from area to area in obtaining qualifications and how it ties in with ICS. He presented an overview of the Assignment to Duties and emphasized the need to follow protocol to assure that Auxiliarists are covered while engaged in their mission. He emphasized the need to follow the Policy Manual and Aux Manual. This information was reinforced by B. Stevens, DCAP-S.

Tracey DeLaughter, DCO-Elect reported that he is impressed by the amount of mission hours the Auxiliary has put in. Brock Stevens, DCAP S reported that Darrel Kerr is our newly elected DCAP S for 2019. He reported that the Coast Guard Auxiliary is changing and starting to do more with the active duty in specific areas. He discussed the need to wear proper uniforms when working with active duty.

The election for 2019 was held: Kevin Rardin was nominated for DCDR, motion by Alber and 2nd by Hardin, vote was unanimous. Rick Barnes was nominated for VCDR, motion by Alber and 2nd by Hardin, vote was unanimous.

Officer Pledge by B. Stevens, DCAP S; swearing in newly elected Commanders by T. DeLaughter, DCO-Elect.

Staff Officer Reports: Logistics

SO-SR, Ayers -Minutes for July 14, 2018. Motion to accept by Hardin, 2nd by Peldun, vote unanimous to accept minutes as written. Motion passed.

SO-HR, Lewis -No activity reported at this time

SO-FN, Meyer – Reported on finances..

SO-IS, Hunkins -No activity reported at this time. Hankins covering until new appointment for SO-IS position.

SO-MA, Zheler -No activity reported at this time.

SO-PB, Sasse - No activity reported at this time.

SO-CS, Sasse - No activity reported at this time.

SO-DV, McDonald – No activity reported at this time.

SO-PA Vacant

SO-PE Vacant

Staff Officer Reports: Prevention

SO-PV - Vacant

SO-MT - Vacant

SO-VE, Lewis covering, No activity reported at this time

SO-MS, Lewis – No activity reported at this time

SO-NS, Wilson – No activity reported at this time.

Staff Officer Reports: Response

SO-CM, Flannigan – Briefly discussed mass casualty exercise coming up soon and reported that the MARS Station is being used in the Memphis area.

SO-OP, Strobel – No activity reported at this time.

Awards and Member Achievements

Qualifications

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| Michael Armour | 15-03 | Instructor |
| Bill Davis | 15-03 | AUXOP |
| Bill Flanigan | 15-03 | Instructor |
| Doris Ayers | 15-07 | Instructor |
| Sandra, Henderson | 15-07 | RBSVP |

Service Awards

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| Michael Skufca | 15-03 | 35 Years Service |
| Deborah Spears | 15-05 | 7th Sustained Service Award 5250 hours |
| Phil McAdams | 15-07 | Sustained Service Award 750 hours |
| Doris Ayers | 15-07 | Sustained Service Award 750 hours |
| D8WR | 15-08 | Best Operational Photo Blake Sasse |

Old Business:

Calendar Division meetings

October 13, 2018 – Election and final division meeting for 2018

Jan 2019 – Staff pledge and business plan for 2019 (TBD)

Assignment to Duty and Oath of Office reviewed. Review Aux manual and Policy Manual. Must have documentation of mission to verify and protect Auxiliarist.

D-Train hosting for Division 15 in 2019 discussed. Holiday Inn, Airport, Little Rock, April 13, 2019.

Tracy DeLaughter, DCO-Elect discussed ICS classes and other training opportunities in C-School and that training is key to what we do, we must be Certified, Qualified, Ready to go (CQR). There has been a 40% cut for C-Schools, D-train must be justified (CQR Program). He advised to sign up now for C-School (STTR's must be done now). C-Schools are on the first come first served basis.

Staff for 2019 – discussed. Do you want to keep your current position or try another staff position?

New Business:

Comments from senior officers:

T. DeLaughter, DCO-Elect – As the newly elected Commodore, he selected three watch words: Recruit, Restore & Respond. Processing of applications is much quicker now (getting new members within two weeks). Fingerprint cards no longer required for initial application. We have increased opportunities to work with active duty and are the back up for the Coast Guard. We operate military services in saving lives. Through ongoing training (CQR) we develop critical skills to support active duty. Our Mission Statement is: Saving lives through Auxiliary missions. Our Vision Statement is: Preparing Auxiliarist to be Volunteer Leaders.

B. Stevens, DCAP S – No further comments

K. Rardin, DCDR-Elect – Coast Guard Auxiliary is a leader; continue to inspire others to become leaders.

No further discussion

Motion to adjourn by M. Alber; 2nd by S. Hardin, vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1320 hrs.

2019 Division Meeting Dates

January 12: division meeting and Change of Watch. Little Rock. May 18. Hot Springs July 13. Webinar October 12. Fort Smith

Lake Dardanelle Flotilla Report

All ATON and PATON patrols have been completed in our Area of Operations. Jayson Simmons is nearing completion of the IS-requirements. On Veterans Day, the flotilla completed three public affairs missions; served as a color guard in the parade, spoke on behalf of the Coast Guard at a ceremony and participated in the Russellville VFW Veterans Day ceremony.

Hot Springs Flotilla Report



Doris Ayers was sworn in as the new Flotilla Commander and David Keyser as the new Vice Flotilla Commander by Joel Harden, IPFC. Photo by Shelly L. Ayers.

Central Arkansas Flotilla Report

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Tracy DeLaughter, 8th Western Rivers Region Chief of Staff congratulates James Harrison and Jason Ortega after being sworn in as Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander at the Central Arkansas Flotilla

Change of Watch. Photo by Blake Sasse.



Frank Wilson receiving a plaque from Michael Strobel in recognition of his service as Flotilla Commander in 2017-2018. Photo by Blake Sasse.

2018 Officers and Staff

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| DCDR | Dan Turner |
| VCDR | Kevin Rardin |
| IPDCR | Pat Lewis |
| SO-CS | Blake Sasse |
| SO-CM | William Flanigan |
| SO-DV | Kevin McDonald |
| SO-FN | Clara Meyer |
| SO-HR | Pat Lewis |
| SO-IS | William Loupatty |
| SO-MA | Joe Zehler |
| SO-MS | Pat Lewis |
| SO-NS | Frank Wilson |
| SO-OP | Michael Strobel |
| SO-PB | Blake Sasse |
| SO-SR | Doris Ayers |