

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
DIVISION 39 9WR
4709 Golf Rd, Skokie, IL
03 JAN 2018 Minutes

Uniform of the Day is Tropical Blue long or appropriate civilian attire.
Meeting 1st Wednesday of Month

1900 hrs. Fellowship including pizza
1930 hrs. CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDEES: DCDR Tom Remec, VCDR Tim Darrey, IPDCDR/SO-IS Bob Reczek - From 39-02: FC/SO-PB Chas. Hague, VCF/ SO-SR Bridget Darrey, SO-HR Virginia Haase – From 39-04 FC Shawn Landa - From 39-06: FC/SO-VE John Lenhard, SO-MA Carol Deleskiewicz, SO-DV Stuart Galesburg, SO-CM Gregory Kmiec, SO-VE Marc Pullman - From 39-08: (via telephone) FC/SO-PA and NS Ron Dziagwa – From 39-10: FC Joe Conte

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – John Lenhard

SWEARING IN OF STAFF OFFICERS: DCDR Tom Remec, VCDR Tim Darrey and all staff officers in attendance were sworn into office.

Approval of the Previous Meeting MINUTES for: Dec2017

1st motion – Robert Reczek 2nd motion – John Lenhard Motion – Passed

GUESTS: None

DIVISION COMMANDER REPORTS Tom Remec

As we begin 2018 in Division 39, I would like to congratulate all of the FC's and VFC's who were elected by their respective flotillas. Well done! Despite the many challenges which face us, I am confident that by working together, we can complete all of the tasks which will make us one of the more powerful divisions within District 9WR.

A recurring theme which you will hear from me is that we need to communicate: both up the Chain of Leadership as well as down. While using emails or text provides a nice record of what happened and when, I subscribe to the philosophy of any port in a storm. Please do not fail to communicate if for some reason the computer or phone might not be available. Use whatever means is available to ensure that your message is passed promptly. If course, this same requirement will be tasked to the division bridge and staff.

Let me be the first this year to state the local reporting requirements to all five flotilla bridges: you as well as your staff are required to submit a monthly report to the Division Vice Commander or the appropriate division staff officer of activities planned or completed. In the event that there is nothing to report, please instruct your staff to send up a "Nothing to report" message. There is no admission of failure in such a report, since any given staff position may have periods of quiet during the year. By analogy, each division officer is required to submit a report (combining subordinate unit submissions if available) to the officer who is assembling the agenda.

The division staff has been assembled, and this year's group has a few new members for whom this is the first experience at division level. This situation was planned for, since we need to provide a wide spectrum of members to fill each position as a requirement of a healthy organization. This is our first attempt at achieving this goal.

Below is the listing of Division Officers for 2018.

Division Commander	DCDR	Tom Remec
Vice Division Commander	VCDR	Tim Darrey
Immediate Past Division Commander	IPDCDR	Robert Reczek
Staff Officer Communications	SO-CM	Greg Kmiec
Staff Officer Communications Systems	SO-CS	Jeff Gilmore
Staff Officer Diversity	SO-DV	Stuart Galesburg
Staff Officer Finance	SO-FN	Ronald Tragasz
Staff Officer Human Resources	SO-HR	Virginia Haase

Staff Officer Information Systems	SO-IS	Robert Reczek
Staff Officer Materials	SO-MA	Carol Deleskiewicz
Staff Officer Marine Safety	SO-MS	Jay Katzman
Staff Officer Member Training	SO-MT	Tim Darrey
Staff Officer Navigation Systems	SO-NS	Ronald Dziagwa
Staff Officer Operations	SO-OP	Tom Remec
Staff Officer Public Affairs	SO-PA	Ronald Dziagwa
Staff Officer Publications	SO-PB	Charles Hague
Staff Officer Public Education	SO-PE	Robert Auchinleck
Staff Officer Program Visitor	SO-PV	Edward Siegel
Staff Officer Secretary Records	SO-SR	Bridget Darrey
Staff Officer Vessel Examination	SO-VE	Marc Pullman

You might notice from the above listing that several flotillas do not have any representation on the staff. This did not occur in the absence of several requests. One of the tasks for 2018 will be for each division staff officer to try to mentor a candidate to replace him, and this would be a fine opportunity to identify suitable candidates from the under-represented flotillas who might move up into division staff positions.

This division bridge is committed to continuing seamlessly last year's mission to increase significantly the number of division members who have achieved qualifications or certifications offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. To the maximum extent possible, I will be encouraging division staff officers to determine the need for specific training so that it can be offered by division if flotilla resources are insufficient.

And a final note to all division members: the upcoming year should be marked by changes to the division. Whether we are talking about specific members, or division activities, or any other aspect of the Auxiliary, the end of the year will see differences from what we do in January. To this end, evaluate your responsibilities to determine where change might be valuable and document the specific shortcomings and predicted benefits. While generally we will not execute a change merely to make a change, once identified and brought forward, we can determine its value and how best to move forward.

Attachments to Cover Letter for this Agenda

- A) 2018 COW Invitation rev 11162017
- B) Div 39 2017 Goal for Member Certification
- C) Division Stats IS Mtly Report 2017
- D) USCGAUX-Div-Flo Hrs p-Member
- E) Div 095-39-06 Officer List 2018

MEETING GIVEN TO VCDR Timothy Darrey

Division 39 ----- 39% of membership have no quals/certs
 Flotilla 39-02 --- 40% of membership have no quals/certs
 Flotilla 39-04 --- 55% of membership have no quals/certs
 Flotilla 39-06 --- 34% of membership have no quals/certs
 Flotilla 39-08 --- 24% of membership have no quals/certs
 Flotilla 39-10 --- 50% of membership have no quals/certs

Division 39 is 2nd active in the District, Division 41 is 1st in the District.

SCORECARD FOR MANDATED TRAINING				
ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	% COMPLETED	MONTHLY CHANGE	Need 100, 700*
Division 39	134	72%	+5%	12
Flotilla 39-02	20	83%	+12%	2
Flotilla 39-04	22	30%	+11%	1
Flotilla 39-06	61	78%	+6%	4
Flotilla 39-08	17	60%	-1%	1
Flotilla 39-10	14	47%	+10%	4
Note: These are raw numbers based on the AUXDATA report run 30DEC2017 at 1300.				
* Members who only need ICS 100 and ICS 700 to complete the training.				

STAFF OFFICER REPORT - SO Reports due to VCDR the Saturday prior to Division Meeting

Report deadlines: FSO reports due to SO by Thursday before Division meeting.

SO reports due to VCDR by Saturday before Division meeting copying their DSO in the e-mail.

SO – Name	Office	Report Status	Additions
CM – Greg Kmiec	Communications	Y	Received report from 39-08. Re: who should handle their missing radio, should be discussed between Flotilla and Division commanders.
CS – Jeff Gilmore	Communication Systems	X	A – Looking for pictures for Division website.
DV – Stuart Galesburg	Diversity	X	NN
FN – Ron Tragasz	Finance	X	A
HR – Virginia Haase	Human Resources	X	3 prospective members. I am compiling end of year numbers.
IS – Robert Reczek	Information Systems	Y	Handed out members end of year reports to FCs.
MA – Carol Deleskiewicz	Materials	X	NN
MS – Jay Katzman	Marine Safety	X	A
MT – Tim Darrey	Member Training	Y	39-06 will offer Boat Crew Classes. Robert Reczek to do a short presentation on proper use of forms 7029, 7030 and 1038 at February's meeting.
NS - Ronald Dziagwa	Navigation Systems	Y	NN
OP – Tom Remec	Operations	Y	NN
PA – Ron Dziagwa	Public Affairs	Y	Sign up for Chicago Boat Show.
PB – Charles Hague	Publications	X	39r went out. I am also looking for pictures.
PE – Bob Auchinleck	Public Education	X	A
PV – Edward Siegel	Program Visitor	X	A
SR – Bridget Darrey	Secretary/Records	X	NN
VE – Marc Pullman	Vessel Examination	Y	1 Exam already completed this year. New VE stickers have arrived.

Y= Reported N= Nothing to Report X= No report submitted A=Absent NN = Nothing New to report

MEETING RETURNS TO DCDR Tom Remec

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

New 39 AUCR is Jim Cohen. An inquiry will be sent up the chain as to why recommended AUCR candidate Gail Raith was not appointed to the position. Shawn Landa to Tom Remec requesting he look into the situation. The AUCR is appointed by the Commodore with strong recommendations from the OTO, the OIC and DIRAUX.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Digital Communications Committee: Refer to SO-CS report. Tim waiting for an answer back from Mark West. There was discussion about the emails. This topic was then tabled until next month.

NEWS / EVENTS -- Mark your Calendar

Division 39 Change of Watch – January 21st COW details. Requested updated number of registrations from Ron Tragasz. Challenge coins will be given to Active Duty personnel attending our Change of Watch.

Chicago Boat and RV Show – January 11 – 14

D Train – Dan O’Connell is new DSO-MT, please send him any ideas you have for classes you would like to attend.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

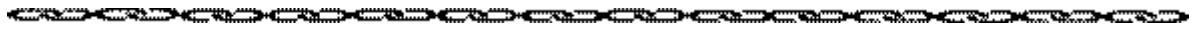
Flotilla 39-02

Flotilla 39-04

Flotilla 39-06

Flotilla 39-08

Flotilla 39-10



OPEN FORUM – Robert Rezcek congratulated the new Division Bridge and Staff Officers and also the new Flotilla Bridges.

Refreshment for February's Division meeting to be provided by Flotilla 39-04.

Please send pictures to Jeff Gilmore and Chas Hague.

Each Flotilla Commander is to bring a list of 5 things his flotilla wishes to engage more in 2018.

Tom Remec thanked Robert Rezcek for his service as DCDR for the past two years.

ADJOURNMENT

1st motion – Robert Rezcek 2nd motion – John Lenhard Motion –

FELLOWSHIP

Flotilla Commander Reports

Flotilla 39-2 Des Plaines Charles Hague, FC, Bridget Darrey, VFC
Meeting 1930 3rd Wednesday Prairie Lakes Community Ctr 515 E. Thacker Road, Des Plaines IL

Our December Flotilla meeting and pot luck was a huge success with members Hague, Jacobson, Rezcek, T. Darrey, Haase, Valente, R. Larson, L. Larson, Tragasz, Weiler, Joslyn and Siegel. In addition the guest list included Marco Ortega, Tom Gierut, Michael Haase and Helene Jacobson.

Our current Flotilla roster is at 20 members as we had two leave the Auxiliary and one longtime member retired. Our mandated training percentage is now at 95% (or 100% using the "ARCHER" option of not including members who are within one year of their base enrollment date). Using either formula, we will again for the second year in a row, be one of the few flotillas nationwide to qualify for the NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Mandated Training! I will file the paperwork for this ASAP.

Our Flotilla enjoyed a successful year in terms of participation in events (we have the absolute largest number of hours, 350 per member – the highest Flotilla by far in D39) including PA with a high focus on NSBW activities, PE, having significantly increased our ABS class attendance, OP with very good participation in surface patrols in Wisconsin and Illinois, 4 members having completed Boat Crew "Shore School" and one having already begun his on-the-water training, gained a new Coxswain with another well into the training program, we recruited one new very active member, received countless personal and flotilla awards, had significant increases in RBS visits as well as Vessel Examinations, exceeding last year totals and this year's objective, and, of course, as mentioned above, saw an astounding MANTRA success rate!!! This brings me to a final reflection, none of the above was accomplished alone---it is the result of either a team effort or an individual effort with the strong support of the rest of the Flotilla and the member's family.

I thank my 19 fellow members for allowing me to serve and to be able to boast of all of the 2017 success of this small but powerful family of volunteers! Again, I will miss serving as Flotilla Commander but hope to have the opportunity to possible again "pull up that chair" in years to come. Happy New Year to all, see you in January!

DCDR note: below is a late receipt from the incoming FC Charles Hague. It is being included because it discusses the flotilla's upcoming meeting.

It has been suggested that we dispense with a January meeting, due to the proximity of Change of Watch and seasonal ennui. But we have usually had a January meeting, and, much as I would like to stay inside and warm, we will have one 17 January at Prairie Lakes, 19:00. We will hand off the Bridge and discuss what we want to do this coming year.

This would have come out in the Bilgewater, but several members were asking.

Nothing additional to add.

Flotilla 39-4 Four Chicago Shawn Landa, FC, William Weisfuse, VFC
Meeting 1930 2nd Thursday. Chicago Maritime School. 5744 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago IL
No report received.

Disenrolled nine, we are down to 21 members. Two of our members are still in AP status for 2 years. It is recommended to send a follow up e-mail to Leslie Harness for anyone in AP status for that long.

Flotilla 39-6 Wilmette Harbor John Lenhard, FC, Dan O'Connell, VFC
Meeting 1930 3rd Thursday 4709 Golf Road, Skokie IL
No report received.

Nothing additional to add.

Flotilla 39-8 Chicago Air Ronald Dziagwa, FC, Mark West, VFC
Meeting 1930 3rd Monday Schaumburg Regional Airport 905 W Irving Park, Meeting Room #113, Schaumburg IL

The Chicago Air Flotilla never has had a December meeting because of it's closeness to the Holidays; therefore, this report will again be a short one. I'm happy to say that only one member had to be dis-enrolled for nonpayment of dues and unhappy to report that another member left because of the lack of flying opportunities now in the 9WR Air Program and one other member requested to be put on retirement status.

You can also see by our individual FSO reports to their corresponding SOs, what we have been actually doing since my last monthly Division report. I do know that certain SOs do not ask their FSOs for reports and in that case, my FSOs may have not been sending in their monthly reports when it is not requested.

Addition:

I'm still in FL and went to the Venice, FL Flotilla meeting last night. I'm trying to get my friend Peggy to join their Flotilla now for 15 years. She lives four blocks away from the old CG Loran Station that is now their Flotilla's meeting place; right on the Gulf of Mexico and across the street from the Venice Regional Airport. John Cusack said he would be at your Division meeting tonight representing 39-08.

Nothing additional to add.

Flotilla 39-10 Ten Chicago Joe Conte, FC, Juanita Silva, VFC
Meeting 1900 2nd Thursday 5801 N. Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL
No report received.

We disenrolled one member. One member is now a part of the Division Color Guard.

Division Staff Reports: SO Officer

Note 1: below are the detailed contributions of the 2017 staff officers for the last (December) report. Listed, however, are the 2018 staff officers (as complete as are available when this agenda is published).

Note 2: Insofar as there was not enough time to contact all officers so that they might begin work on their agenda submissions, a "No report received" is provided only for the sake of completeness of this document.

SO-CM Greg Kmiec --- 39-02 Michael Valente, 39-06 Greg Kmiec, 39-08 Ronald Dziagwa
39-02 --- Nothing to report

39-04 --- Nothing to report.

39-06 --- Nothing to report.

39-08 --- Good news from our DCO. He acknowledged our Flotilla's problem with missing Flotilla CM property, mainly our antenna and about fifty feet of cable. He said he would get back to us after the holiday and this was all done through the COL/COM, so I am expecting good results. I do still believe AUXDATA still has our radio listed as part of Flotilla 39-06's and I do hope that is corrected before the DCO gets back to me on this matter.

39-10 --- Nothing to report.

SO-CS Jeff Gilmore ---- 39-02 Andrew Weiler, 39-04 Carlos Gonzalez, 39-06 Jeff Gilmore, 39-08 Scott Migaldi, 39-10 Yvette Ocasio
No report received.

SO-DV Stuart Galesburg ---- 39-06 Stuart Galesburg, 39-08 John Kane
No report received.

SO-FN Ronald Tragasz ---- 39-02 Ron Tragasz, 39-06 Tom Remec, 39-08 Ron Dziagwa, 39-10 Joe Conte
No report received.

SO-HR Virginia Haase ---- 39-02 Virginia Haase, 39-06 Robert Mack, 39-08 John Cusack, 39-10 Joe Conte
No report received.

SO-IS Robert Reczek ---- 39-02 Robert Reczek, 39-06 Robert Bush, 39-08 James Fellers, 39-10 Brent Barker
No report received.

SO-MA Carol Deleskewicz ---- 39-02 James Davy, 39-04 Carlos Gonzalez, 39-08 Richard Grinius, 39-10 Juanita Silva.
No report received.

SO-MS Jay Katzman ---- 39-06 Jay Katzman, 39-08 Ron Dziagwa
No report received.

SO-MT Timothy Darrey ---- 39-02 Barry Jacobson, 39-06 Tom Remec, 39-08 Paul Bornstein, 39-10 Brent Barker
39-02 --- No report received.

39-04 --- No report received.

39-06 --- As the new year begins, there are several training topics which will rise to the top. First and foremost, since it begins in January, will be the Boat Crew training class. This class will be taught primarily by 39-06 instructors, but we will see whether any other division instructors would like the opportunity.

Not far behind this item will be the Mandated Training class, the Vessel Examiner class, the Instructor Training class, and then as a group, any other class which pertains to qualification and competency.

39-08 --- We still have six members that need Mandated Training and no progress has been made since my last report. Only one member had to be disenrolled for nonpayment of dues, another asked to leave because of the lack of opportunities to fly and one member retired.

Since I have been offering MT before almost every Flotilla meeting and only getting one or two members to come in early to receive additional training, I will be giving up the FSO-MT position to Paul Bornstein to see if he will have better luck in getting MT done in our Flotilla during 2018. The numbers are still not all in AUXDATA and they don't have to be, since this report is being done on 28DEC17 for the 03JAN18 Division agenda, but our instructors having been their part in MT and have been filling out the appropriate forms for AUXDATA entry.

39-10 --- No report received.

SO-NS Ronald Dziagwa ---- 39-06 Michael Raith, 39-08 Ronald Dziagwa, 39-10 John Rogers

I asked to go to the Annual WSSPA Board Meeting, but never received an answer, so I went on vacation instead. I wanted to again thank the president myself at the meeting and again ask for their help in getting inspections done next year, but since 067 is a Division Facility, I don't feel I really have to do that anyways. I'm hoping for more Teamwork in 2018 to get more real NS missions done.

39-02 --- No one was put in that office and it does not have to be filled.

39-04 --- No one was put in that office and it does not have to be filled.

39-06 --- Nothing to report.

39-08 --- I have been slowly doing some Bridge Inspections by land, but since the boating season is over here, I decided to go on vacation to Florida where you can go boating all year round.

39-10 --- Here is the 15 page ATON Report that can be downloaded for this month, taken from the latest LNM out of Cleveland. (DCDR's note: No report was appended to this submission. It will be included in the January minutes or the February agenda --- depending on when it will have been received.)

SO-OP Thomas Remec ---- 39-02 Timothy Darrey, 39-06 Richard Conway, 39-08 Rhett Dennerline, 39-10 Joe Conte

39-02 --- Virginia Haase has recommended that we develop a set of criteria for a Coxswain to operate our unit-owned facility. Flotilla members will all brainstorm and bring their ideas to the January Flotilla meeting so we can develop a strategy.

The board of directors of the Wilmette Water Safety Patrol Association (WWSPA) has been restructured. The board is committed to do their part in ensuring that mission opportunities aboard the Operational Facility 251067 owned by the organization will be available to all qualified Auxiliarists serving Station Wilmette Harbor / Division 39. There is now representation among the WWSPA board from Flotillas 39-02, 39-04 and 39-06.

39-04, FSO-OP: No FSO-OP Assigned NO REPORT SUBMITTED

39-06, FSO-OP: Rick Conway NO REPORT SUBMITTED

39-08, FSO-OP: Ron Dzaigwa No real Air Operational Patrols were done by our Flotilla during 2017, but some training missions were again offered in December, but none were flown. Other Surface Training and Operational Patrols are now over for the 2017 year. Also, nothing more about our Flotilla's Operational Radio still being listed in AUXDATA as part of 39-06's, even though it was again sent in for inspection and passed, but could not be certified because of the still missing antenna and cable.

39-10, FSO-OP: Joseph Conte NO REPORT SUBMITTED

SO-PA Ronald Dziagwa ---- 39-02 Barry Jacobson, 39-06 Adrienne Allen, 39-08 Richard Grinius

39-02 No report received.

39-04 --- No report received.

39-06 --- No report received.

39-08 --- Since my last PA report, our Flotilla held events at the Golden Corral in Gurnee and at the Old Country Buffet in Chicago's Bricktown Square on their Military Day and on their Family Night. We were also back at CiCi's Pizza Restaurant in Niles on one of their "Kids Eat Free" with a paying adult days.

39-10 --- No report received.

SO-PB Chas Hague ---- 39-02 Chas Hague, 39-08 Ron Dziagwa, 39-10 Brent Barker

SO-PE Robert Auchinleck ---- 39-02 Virginia Haase, 39-06 Dan O'Connell, 39-08 Ronald Dziagwa, 39-10 Juanita Silva

No report received.

SO-PV Edward Siegel ---- 39-02 Edward Siegel, 39-06 Jay Katzman, 39-08 Ron Dziagwa, 39-10 Juanita Silva
No report received.

SO-SR Bridget Darrey ---- 39-02 Bridget Darrey, 39-04 Paula Wix, 39-08 Ronald Dziagwa, 39-10 Brent Barker
No report received.

SO-VE Marc Pullman ---- 39-02 James Davy, 39-06 John Lenhard, 39-08 John Cusack, 39-10 Joe Conte
39-02 --- Total of 125 vessel exams this season. At present 39-02 has 8 examiners.

39-04 --- Nothing to report

39-06 --- Total of 286 Vessel Exams during 2017 season, a 5% increase over previous year. 39-06 has 20 qualified VE's. 2 VE's did not do any VSC's this year due to focus on other USCG AUX however they plan to refocus their efforts next year and get back into good standing. Marc Pullman will be taking over FSO-VE position for 2018

39-08 --- Flotilla 095-39-08 has eight qualified examiners at end of 2017. Exams encompassed 425.6 hours of flotilla activity. Ron Dziagwa was able to use December vacation time in Florida to complete some vessel exams. All other VE activities for the flotilla ceased locally around October 1. At our last flotilla meeting, I mentioned that next year I will personally like to focus on Montrose Harbor due to the availability of parking. I will retain my status as FSO-VE.

39-10 --- Nothing to report