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Our days are growing shorter, and our weather is changing. Be flexible and open to change as conditions warrant. Flotilla Commanders, get your Flotillas up to roster strength. Call members, make sure they have their needs met and invite them to re-engage. Staff, get your reports done and make sure there are accurate and reflect your area of expertise. Remember, there is one color we wear and it's BLUE. We are not National, District, Division or Flotilla people. We ARE Coast Guard Auxiliary, and we all have the ability to cross sift our talents and help the good of the whole. Look for ways to promote our organization and reach out to potential members. If you ever need help, you call on each other for that help. It'll be there. We are a team. We are part of something greater than ourselves, yet we do not submerge our identities into some amorphous collective. Finally, use the talents God has given you to be the best you can be. Remember the Pledge you swore, the Uniform you wear and the job(s) you signed on to do. In all things be SEMPER PARATUS! Bravo Zulus to all.



BOW WOW DAYS 2022 IS IN THE BOOKS. AUX INFO, CANINE RACES COSTUME CONTESTS, STRANGE & DIFFERENT ANIMALS (4 AND 2 LEGGED)



13 October:

Division Elections meeting at 1900 HRS **no uniforms** free pizza

11 November:

Veterans Day

14 January:

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“A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE” by Doug MacPherson, VCDR

Welcome aboard shipmates to another outstanding edition of the Valley Beacon. Don asked me to fill in for him this month and I thought I would share a few thoughts on the importance of having a mentor within the CG AUX, as well as providing your time to be one.

As you know, the Divisions priorities for this year include: retention of existing members, re-engagement of existing members and recruitment of new members. A robust mentoring system can be a huge help with these important goals.

There is an excellent Auxiliary Mentorship Guide from June of 2019 which can be accessed here:
https://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/AUX60/AUXILIARY_MENTORING_GUIDE_6_19.pdf

But for the purpose of this newsletter, let's keep it simple. Mentorship, in its sparsest form, is one person helping another to develop and grow.

Who can be a mentor?

- Someone with experience and proven success in the AUX.
- Someone that will take the task seriously and has the time to do it.

Mentoring is a partnership, and mentors often get as much from the experience as their mentees. Mentors experience renewed enthusiasm and develop their own leadership skills.

What does the Mentor do?

- Review Membership involvement Plan with new members and re-engaging members.
- Be available to cut through" red tape". Answer questions.
- Be available to help with computer and online challenges.
- Call the mentee at least once a month:
 1. Review activities complete past month
 2. Review activities anticipated for next month
 3. Make sure mentee is coming to the next Flotilla meeting
- Anything else the mentor and mentee agree would make sense in the relationship and help the mentee grow.

If you believe you could benefit from either having a mentor? Or being a mentor? Contact your Flotilla Commander. This is important work that can go a long way to ensuring that our Division Goals for the year are met.

And...thanks for another great month of dedication to our important cause!