



USCG AUXILIARY 14th DISTRICT: Serving the Hawaiian Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Saipan Area

History of the Fourteenth District



The Revenue Cutter Lawrence sailed into Honolulu Harbor Sept. 4, 1849, escorted by Native Hawaiians in outrigger canoes. This marked the beginning of the U. S. Coast Guard presence in the Pacific. For the next 90 years, cutters from the West Coast routinely plied Hawaii’s waters on patrols. In 1939, the Fourteenth Coast Guard District was established ashore in Honolulu with 230 personnel.

Today, more than 1,150 active duty, 150 reserve, 80 civilian, and 353 Auxiliary men and women make up the Fourteenth District, which boasts the Coast Guard’s largest area of responsibility. The district covers more than 14 million square miles of land and sea, with units on Oahu, Maui, Kauai, the Big Island, and in American Samoa, Saipan, Guam, Singapore and Japan.

The Fourteenth District’s boundaries of responsibility stretch from the Hawaiian Islands and across most of the Central and Western Pacific. The District Commander oversees 25 operational units ashore and afloat throughout the Pacific, which regularly perform missions in maritime safety, protection of natural resources, maritime security, homeland security, and national defense. In 1939, the Fourteenth District was comprised of one 327-foot cutter, two 125-foot patrol boats, two buoy tenders, five small boats and 64 aids to navigation.

United States Coast Guard - Pacific Area. (n.d.). Retrieved March 29, 2024 from <https://www.pacificarea.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/District-14/>

DISTRICT COMMODORE’S QUOTE OF THE QUARTER



*District Commodore
Michael Kierig*

"The only thing worse than getting it done today is getting it done tomorrow"

Quarterly Highlight



**U.S. COAST GUARD
COMMANDANT ADMIRAL
LINDA FAGAN MAKES
HISTORIC VISIT TO SAMOA.**

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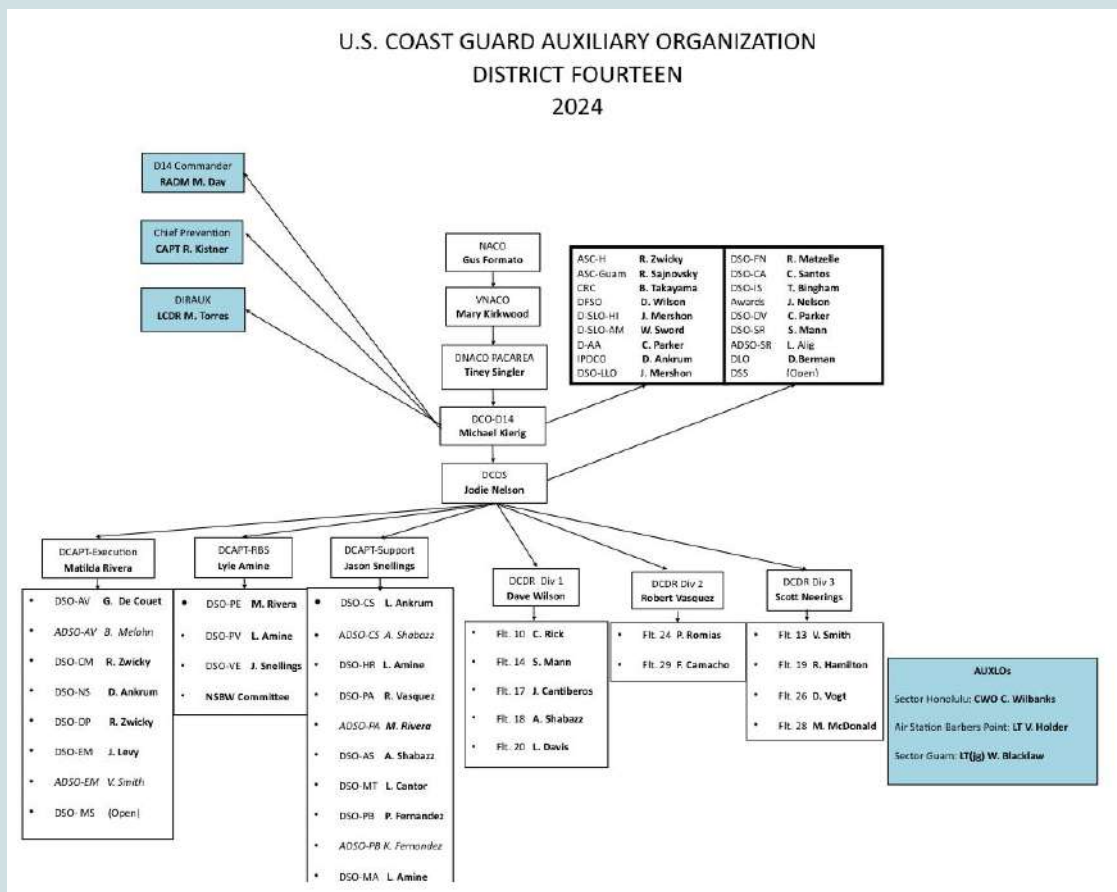
Coast Guard News

PACIFIC REGION

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DISTRICT 14 LEADERSHIP



Auxiliary Units Reporting to District 14

District 14's members serve in 12 flotillas organized into 3 divisions

DIVISION 1: Oahu Area

Flotilla 1-10: Western Oahu

Flotilla 1-14: Kaneohe

Flotilla 1-17: Kailua

Flotilla 1-18: Barbers Point

Flotilla 1-20: Honolulu

DIVISION 2: Guam Saipan Area

Flotilla 2-24: Guam

Flotilla 2-29: Saipan

DIVISION 3: Neighbor Island Area

Flotilla 3-13: Kona

Flotilla 3-15: Lihue

Flotilla 3-19: Hilo

Flotilla 3-26: Maalaea

Flotilla 3-28: American Samoa



District Commodore's Message

2023 was a difficult year-

Between the devastating impacts of Typhoon Mawar on Guam and Saipan and the fire disaster in Lahaina, many of us felt the loss to our neighbors, friends, and shipmates, and stepped up to assist in recovery efforts wherever they could.

As many of you know, we are trying to organize interested Auxiliarists through the Request For Forces (RFF) application process in order to prepare for future disaster recovery deployment needs and to give Auxiliarists a chance to serve using their unique personal skill sets. We are interested in all skill sets-not just disaster recovery. Those who are interested should contact ADSO-EM Don Smith for more information at campsmitty1@gmail.com.



*District Commodore
Michael Kierig*

Our venue for D-Train and the 2024 Awards Banquet changed abruptly as a result of the closing of our proposed facilities at Marine Corps Base Kaneohe, but we are back on track now, re-scheduled for May 3rd-5th at CG base Sand Island and the Ala Moana Hotel. District-sponsored meetings have always been an expensive, time consuming, and difficult process because of our being located so far from each other. Like many of you, I have gotten a little spoiled with the use of virtual meetings, and if anything good can be said to have emerged from the Covid epidemic, it is that we have gotten pretty good at using this option, but nothing beats seeing you all in person. This year we face federal funding challenges, but we expect that our proposed training will remain on schedule. I hope to have as many of you attend as possible.

As we continue to rebuild many of our district programs, we are always looking for enthusiastic, hard-working members interested in participating in the teamwork that makes the district function effectively. In particular we are looking for persons to work in Marine Safety and occupational safety. Those of you that may be interested in assuming the responsibilities of District Staff Officers or Assistant District Staff Officers, please let me know. We are also anxious to identify members interested in serving as Chaplains, Culinary Assistants, Watchstanders, and Psychologists.

Lastly, I am thrilled at the creation of this first issue of *Trade Winds*! We will be looking to get this out to you at least quarterly. Don't be surprised if you get a message from our editor, Piola Fernandez, about getting an article from you, (or doing one about you!). This is our chance to share with other members of the district the things that you unsung heroes have been up to.

Take care and, as always, be safe!

COMO Mike Kierig



District Chief of Staff Message

Hafa adai,

My name is Jodie Nelson and I am honored to be serving as your Chief of Staff. I hail from St. Louis, Missouri but have been a resident of Guam since 2005. I joined the Auxiliary in 2012. Being a part of the Auxiliary has been such a tremendous opportunity for me. As someone who was always interested in joining the military, this was a great way to be involved in helping our country. I initially joined to learn more about boating but quickly learned that the leadership opportunities were very fulfilling for me. Over the years I've done my best to help our Flotilla, and now the District, to grow & stay closely integrated with the "Gold side" & the communities we serve.



*District Chief of Staff
Jodie Nelson*

I am also a people person so my entire Auxiliary experience has been remarkable, meeting & working with amazing & selfless people who also do their best to serve our islands & nation. This organization has led me to meet more people than I could have ever imagined & learning things about the Coast Guard, Auxiliary, & myself, every day.

In my everyday life I am an elementary teacher for Merizo Elementary School. I have been teaching for 19-years on Guam which has also been very gratifying for me. Sometimes I think the kids teach me more than I teach them but that's one of the joys of the job. I get to spend a lot of time with kids from all over the Pacific region like Chuuk, Pohnpei, Yap, Palau, the Marshall Islands, & more. Learning more about these rich cultures through the children has opened my eyes a lot to expand my worldview. I love seeing how people do things around the world.

I also love God, family, travel, adventures, food, exercise, & fun. My husband Richard & I try to exercise for at least an hour every day. Even if it's just a walk, we get out there & move our bodies. Fun fact; I volunteered to work in my favorite Thai restaurant kitchen for four years just so I could learn to cook great Thai food. Through that experience I became friends with the owners who invited me to spend a month with them in Thailand teaching English. What an adventure!!! My husband & I are also very active members of the Lutheran Church of Guam. Through everything I do, I try to have fun doing it because if you're not having fun, you're not doing it right. For me, Faith, Family, & Fun are my Core Values & what I believe to be the key ingredients to a joyous life.

I am so very thankful for Piola and Kin Fernandez for making this newsletter happen. It has been a vision of Commodore Mike for some time and we are excited to have found this dedicated couple to make it happen. I look forward to learning more about our members throughout the district in our spotlight section.

Thank you all for your service to this great organization & nation. For me, the Coast Guard Auxiliary represents hope.



District 14 Elected Officers

Serving the Hawaiian Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Saipan Area
Meeting Location: Zoom

Meeting Time: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00p.m. (Hawaii Standard Time)



District Commodore (DCO)
Michael Albert Kierig



District Chief Of Staff (DCOS)
Jodie M. Nelson



DCAPT-Execution
Dr. Matilda N. Rivera



DCAPT-RBS
Lyle Yasuo Amine



DCAPT-Support
Jason Snellings

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Welcome to Division 1, District 14

OAHU AREA

MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Location: USCG BASE HONOLULU CLUB 14 CONFERENCE ROOM
Meeting Time: SECOND THURSDAY of each month, at 1900 hours.



Division Commander (DCDR)
David Gerald Wilson



Division Vice Commander (VCDR)
John Emanuel Reiss



Human Resources (SO-HR)
Ronald Usher Bregman

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US Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 1, District Fourteen. Our Division consists of 5 Flotillas with over over 200+ uniformed skilled men and women

DIVISION 1 FLOTILLA COMMANDERS & VICE COMMANDERS

Flotilla 1-10 Western Oahu

Commander (FC)	Vice Commander (VFC)
Christopher Edward Rick	Jerry D. Mershon

Flotilla 1-14 Kaneohe

Commander (FC)	Vice Commander (VFC)
Suzanne Eileen Mann	Lonnie E. Briggs

Flotilla 1-17 Kailua

Commander (FC)	Vice Commander (VFC)
Jourdan Thomas Sadao Cantiberos	John Paul Schallau

Flotilla 1-18 Barber's Point

Commander (FC)	Vice Commander (VFC)
Alim Husain Shabazz	Justin D. Keller

Flotilla 1-20 Honolulu

Commander (FC)	Vice Commander (VFC)
Leonard Chase Davis	Christopher John Robertson

DIVISION 1 NEWS/ UPDATES

OAHU AREA

Division 1: What's New!

AUXDIRECT

Interested in working closely with Active Duty USCG personnel from units throughout District 14?

Looking for non-traditional or “out-of-the-box” opportunities to support operations in the AOR?

Have a unique skill, trade or profession that you feel may contribute to the overall operational effectiveness or personnel assigned to the D14 units?

Then AUXDIRECT is the program for you! AUXDIRECT Program works one of two ways:

1. USCG Auxiliary Liaisons advertise immediate-fill, critical-need solicitations to Auxiliary members in hopes of recruiting or “hiring” Auxiliarists to assist with or perform the duties and responsibilities advertised in the solicitation.
2. Auxiliarists that possess unique skills, trades, professional certifications, etc. can submit their name and contact info to the the various Auxiliary Liaisons to be put in the Auxiliary Job Bank, to be utilized as operations or personnel needs arise.

See link below for more information:

<https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=140&category=auxdirect>

Ongoing Air and Surface Operations Crew Recruiting

Division 1 is constantly recruiting for Auxiliarists who wish to qualify with the Air and Surface operations in our Division. Please contact your Flotilla Staff Officer of Operations or the Division Staff Officer of Operations, Edward Stanwood for more information on becoming qualified and active with these missions.

Link to boat crew and air crew manuals and PQS worksheets:

<https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=H-DEPT&category=auxiliary-manuals>

District Fourteen Auxiliary Facebook page

Check out the District 14 USCG Auxiliary Facebook page at the below link. Photos and stories to be added there can be done though the Public Affairs chain of leadership.

<https://www.facebook.com/USCGAUXD14/>



Division 2 News and Updates

GUAM SAIPAN AREA



MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Location: Tamuning Senior Center, Tamuning Guam

Meeting Time: 2ND TUESDAY of each month, at 19:00 hours.



Division Commander
Robert Vasquez
Guam/Saipan 140-02



Vice Division Commander
Carmen Fernandez
Guam/Saipan 140-02



Division 2 News and Updates

GUAM SAIPAN AREA



2024 USCG Auxiliary Guam Flotilla Change of Watch



140-02-24 USCG Auxiliary Guam Celebrated the Promotion of Division Commander Robert Vasquez

Flotilla Commander Romias

Vice Flotilla Commander Marston

Capt. Nicholas Simmons, commander of U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam joins Jodie Nelson, District Chief of Staff in the Change of Watch Ceremony



Division 2 News and Updates

GUAM SAIPAN AREA



2024 USCG Auxiliary Saipan Flotilla

Meeting Location: DFS GALLERIA, GARAPAN

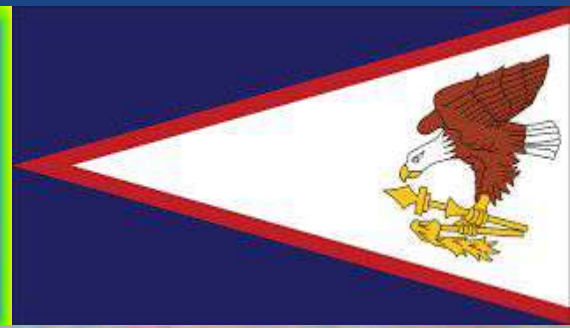
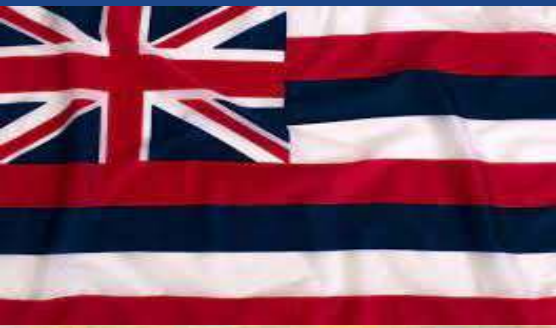
Meeting Time: 3RD THURSDAY of each month, at 19:00 hours



**Flotilla Commander (FC)
Fernando Camacho**



Welcome to Division 3, District 14



Meeting Location: Zoom
Meeting Time: Third Monday of each month
8:00p.m. Hawaii time, 7:00p.m. American Samoa time



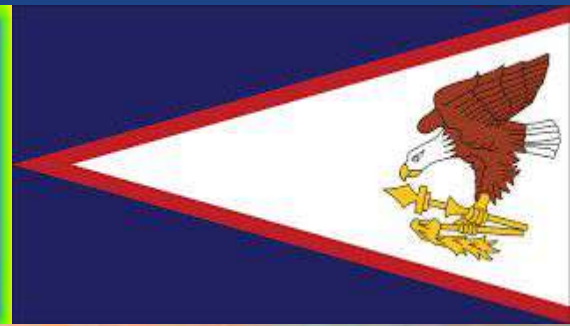
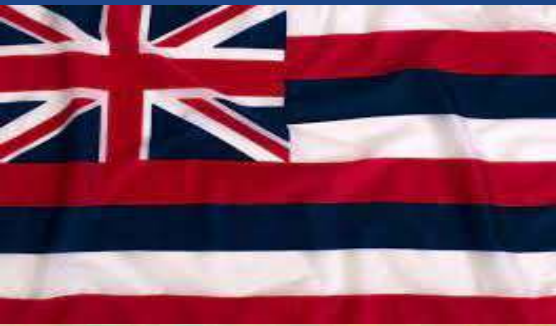
Division Commander (DCDR)
Scott Davey Neerings



Division Vice Commander (VCDR)
Raul E. Paiz



Welcome to Division 3, District 14



DIVISION 3 FLOTILLA COMMANDERS & VICE COMMANDERS

Flotilla 3-13 Kona

Commander (FC)	Vice Commander (VFV)
Vernon D. Smith	David Sanny Cotner

Flotilla 3-19 Hilo

Commander (FC)	Vice Commander (VFC)
Robert T. Hamilton	Lucille K. Walsh

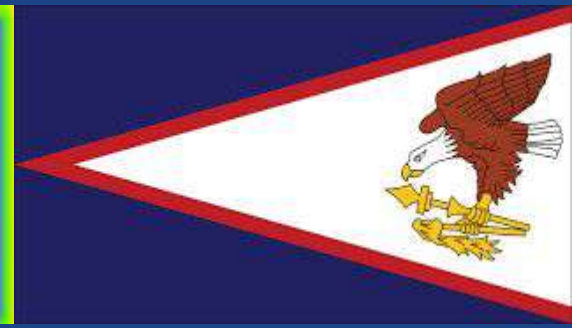
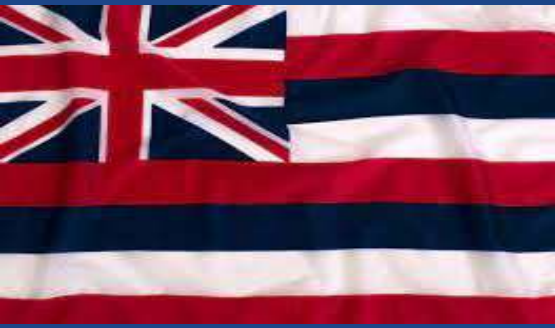
Flotilla 3-26 Maalaea

Commander (FC)	Vice Commander (VFC)
Donald Francis Vogt	Denise Ankrum

Flotilla 3-28 American Samoa

Commander (FC)	Vice Commander (VFC)
John Howard Goeke	Michael J. Mc Donald

Welcome to Division 3, District 14



U.S. COAST GUARD COMMANDANT MAKES HISTORIC VISIT TO SAMOA, ENCOURAGES COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENT AND SPREP

U.S. Embassy
Chargé d'Affaires
Noriko Horiuchi,
Minister of Police,
Prisons and
Corrections
Services
Honorable Fauolo
Harry Schuster,
U.S. Coast Guard
Commandant
Admiral Linda
Fagan, and
Director of
International Affairs
and Foreign Policy
Advisor to the
Commandant,
Holly Haverstick.



"The partnership between the U.S. Coast Guard and Samoa, as well as our strong commitment to the Pacific region, is crucial in maintaining maritime safety, security, and stability. Together, we safeguard the vast waters, bridge gaps, and forge stronger bonds, ensuring a prosperous future for our shared interests and the well-being of coastal communities in the Pacific," said Commandant Admiral Linda L. Fagan.

"During her visit, Admiral Fagan engaged in a high-level discussion with the Honorable Minister of Police, Fauolo Harry Schuster, along with a round-table discussion with representatives of Samoa Ports Authority, Ministry of Police, Prisons and Corrections Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Ministry of Customs and Revenue. These discussions centered around strengthening maritime security, increasing search and rescue capabilities, sharing best practices in the field of maritime law enforcement, and future collaboration in the Samoa and the Pacific region."

Reference: U.S. Embassy Samoa. (February 16, 2024). Retrieved March 29, 2024 from <https://ws.usembassy.gov/u-s-coast-guard/>



DCAPT- Execution Message



*District Captain - Execution
Dr. Matilda Rivera*

District Captain - Execution Corner

Hafa Adai, Aloha, and Talofa,
I am reaching out to commend each and every one of you for your dedication and commitment to our mission of promoting boating safety and supporting the United States Coast Guard. Your hard work and unwavering support are truly appreciated, and I am proud to lead such a dedicated team.

As we continue our important work in safeguarding our waterways and serving our communities, I urge you to stay focused, stay vigilant, and continue to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and service. Your contributions make a significant impact, and together, we can achieve great things.

I want to extend my gratitude to our Execution Team for their exceptional work in maintaining seamless operations and their commitment to timely quarterly report submissions, which plays a crucial role in advancing our goals and executing our missions. A special Bravo Zulu to DSO-AV G. Decouet, ADSO-AV B. Melohn, DSO-CM/OP R. Zwicky, DSO-EM J. Levy, ADSO-EM V. Smith, and DSO-NS D. Ankrum for their outstanding contributions.

Additionally, I must commend our Diversity & Inclusion Team, BA S. Mann and DSO-DV C. Parker, for their pivotal role in managing diversity and inclusion efforts within our district with sensitivity and inclusiveness, ensuring that we value and recognize the contributions of everyone. Their dedication also ensures our district's ongoing commitment to the NACO 3 Star Award submissions. For those who have yet to submit their applications, I urge you to do so soon.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase' (Thank you) for your service and for being an integral part of the USCG Auxiliary. Let's continue to work together to make our waterways safer for all.

Semper Paratus!

Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera

DCAPT-EXE/BC-DPH/BA-TMSB/DSO-PE/ADSO-PA/SO-DV/PV/FSO-CS

140-02-24



DISTRICT 14 OFFICIAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES
2024 D-TRAIN
SATURDAY-SUNDAY MAY 4 & 5
COST \$FREE
GET THE LATEST DISTRICT
INFORMATION
&
TRAINING



The Creative Side of District 14

By DCAPT Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, 140-02-24

*Upon the waves, where freedom's call does ring,
Stands proud the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.
A branch of volunteers, in unity,
They serve with fellow Coast Guard shipmates proudly.*

*Since 1939, by Congress brought to life,
They strive to counter the sea's harsh strife.
More than twenty-one thousand souls so brave,
Embrace the call to save others in the vast Tradewinds' wave.*

*With safety patrols through the Tradewinds' sway,
And rescues bold, where danger freely plays.
They teach the masses, classes on the tide,
For safety's cause, they stand as one worldwide.*

*Their vessel safety checks, offered free of charge,
With literature, their wisdom they enlarge.
Recreational, the boating safety plan,
Engage they must, to save lives, as much as they can.*

*District Fourteen, though smaller in its crew,
A vast dominion, a patrol area anew.
Three forty-five in number, yet they stand
With thousands more, a vigilant command.*

*Across twelve million miles of sea's expanse,
Hawaii, Guam, Saipan, and American Samoa—
Their service does not tire,
With more than twenty-two thousand hours that transpire.*

*For every wave that breaks upon the shore,
Reflects their unwavering service at the core.
Semper Paratus they shall be,
To uphold Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty!*



District 14 Pacific Area

Historical Fact

In February 1941, a military reserve was created and the volunteer Reserve was renamed the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Following America's entry into World War II in December of 1941, recruits flooded into Auxiliary flotillas in a burst of patriotic fever. In June of 1942 legislation allowed Auxiliarists to enroll in the Coast Guard Reserve on a part-time temporary basis. Throughout the war, some 50,000 Auxiliarists constituted the core of the temporary Reserve membership.

Following the war, by 1950 the four traditional Auxiliary cornerstone missions of public education, operations, vessel examination, and fellowship had been established.

<https://join.cgaux.org/history>

Next Quarter on Trade Winds

- Safe Boating week Highlights
- In the Spotlight
- Auxiliarists talent on Creative Corner



District 14 DSO- Publications

Editors Welcome Message

Hafa Adai, I am DSO-PB Piola Fernandez and it is my pleasure to welcome you to District 14 Pacific Area Quarterly Newsletter titled "Trade Winds". It is exciting to start this first quarter of 2024's publication and welcome all District, Division, and Flotilla leaders to forward all announcements, updates, news, and pictures you have pride in sharing across the district.

In this quarter, it begins Trade Winds Journey out to sea, so we are excited to introduce to you our District, Division, and Flotilla Leadership. We would like to update all pictures throughout the year, so we welcome you to forward your USCG Auxiliary photos in uniform and/or in action on a mission that we can upload.

We are inspired by the voices of the Auxiliarists within our District from across the Pacific Ocean, and when there are opportunities to make your voices be heard, or seen, please allow us to share by forwarding to me or my assistant editor ADSO-PB Kin Fernandez.

Editorial Mission Statement

"Trade Winds" means a wind blowing steadily towards the equator from the northeast in the northern hemisphere or the southeast in the southern hemisphere, *especially at sea*.

Our mission is to promote comrade, keep members informed, and the latest information, News and announcements pertaining to the District, Divisions and Flotillas.

As a publication we see our newsletter as a sacred space for District, Division and Flotilla voices and that it is our responsibility to highlight the diversity in our District.

Our intention is to provide members with the opportunity to show your District, Division, and Flotilla Pride with all of everyone in District 14. What a better way to get to know our Pacific Area USCG Auxiliarist.

Trade Winds is committed to freedom of speech, which allows all member to express or articulate their ideas and opinions pertaining to your division, and stays within the legal limits of free speech.

As the editors, we would like to be as transparent as possible. We gladly welcome any comments and critiques you may have as a reader. Letters to the editor are also highly encouraged and will be considered for publication. We are excited to be promoting our mission of Trade Winds and to hearing from our Pacific Auxiliary leaders and members.



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