



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

85TH ANNIVERSARY



Congressional Proclamation honoring the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for 85th anniversary

Congress honored the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary with a proclamation read by Rep. Nick LaLota recognizing the significant and enduring contributions of Auxiliarists across the nation. Lieutenant Chris Booth from the Office of the Chief Director of Auxiliary at Coast Guard Headquarters described the proclamation as, "Truly unforgettable recognition that serves as a fitting tribute to the selfless volunteerism continuously exhibited by Auxiliarists as they educate America's recreational boating public and augment important Coast Guard missions." This special acknowledgment highlights the unwavering dedication and impact of our volunteers supporting Team Coast Guard.



DISTRICT COMMODORE'S QUOTE OF THE QUARTER



*District Commodore
Michael Kierig*

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Commodore for these past two years".



On November 10, 1975

The Great Lakes ore-carrier *Edmund Fitzgerald*, caught in an unexpected storm on Lake Superior, sank with a loss of all 29 hands. Coast Guard units helped conduct a search for the ship and survivors although all efforts proved to be futile.



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District Commodore's Message

*District Commodore
Michael Kierig*



My thoughts as 2024 comes to an end-

We have an exciting future to look forward to with Commodore Jodie Nelson and Chief of Staff Lennie Cantor stepping forward to take the district's bridge, but they will need everyone's support to move us forward.

As I wrap up my final year as Commodore, I thought it would be best to share some considerations coming down the road, and some thoughts on how well we have done as a District.

Some of the challenges that we'll face next year:

1. C-School funding has been cut back dramatically. Here's the link to get the 2025 schedule: <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=aux00>
2. The Continuing Resolution for the 2025 budget is approved only through Spring. There is always a measure of uncertainty as we plan our district training programs.
3. We need more instructors at all levels! Plan on getting qualified and get involved. Member Training and Public Education are at the core of our mission of Recreational Boating Safety.
4. As of this writing, only 59.4% of our members had their uniforms inspected. This is the second lowest in the Auxiliary. If you weren't inspected this year all of your qualifications went into REYR. Without a uniform you cannot be of service to the Coast Guard or the boating public.



District Commodore's Message (Continuation)

Some of the good news:

1. We have exceeded our pre-Covid headcount.
2. We qualified several members for the new Auxiliary RBS Device.
3. We hosted highly successful National Safe Boating Week activities throughout the district.
4. We performed a wide range of services throughout the district, contributing to date nearly 25,000 hours of service to the Coast Guard and the boating public.
5. We were able to offer several important training programs with minimal funding support, including D-Train, the Fall Conference, and Elected Officers Training.

Finally, I am excited that USCG Rear Admiral Sean Regan has come to District Fourteen as our District Commander. RADM Regan has shown a profound interest in what we do and what we have to offer, and I believe this will lead to an increase in opportunities for our members to better serve with their Active Duty shipmates.

Well, that's it. It has been an honor to serve with you as your District Commodore these past two years, and I hope that we have a chance to work together in the future in our many important operations and activities.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for your service.

Semper Paratus!



District Chief of Staff Message

*District Chief of Staff
Jodie Nelson*



As I reflect on the past few months of serving as your Chief of Staff, I am reminded of the many reasons why I joined this organization. I have had the opportunity to interact with active duty members, train on the boat, and spend time with people who are committed to improving the boating community. We are indeed fortunate to serve in such a unique organization. I want to thank everyone for being a part of the District 14 team. A big shout-out to the newly elected Chief of Staff, Leonard Cantor, for organizing a very productive elected officer training session that took place in mid-December. We covered a variety of topics that will be highly beneficial to newly elected officers as well as those who have previously held elected positions. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with everyone as the newly elected Commodore for District 14. Please feel free to reach out to me if you ever have any concerns or just want to share what your flotilla has been doing to promote boating safety in your region. It has truly been an honor to serve as your Chief of Staff for the past two years. Thank you again for all you do.



DCAPT- Execution Message

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*District Captain - Execution
Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera*



Hâfa Adai, Aloha, and Talofa! The past quarter has been a remarkable period of growth, dedication, and achievement for our team and community. The Emergency Management Team has made significant strides, diligently working on the Request For Forces project and standing ready to send Everbridge messages while maintaining daily vigilance over storm monitoring across the Pacific. Their responsiveness to emergencies underscores their readiness and commitment to safety. Our Operations Team has further enhanced its expertise, completing 20 hours of Zoom training and scheduling an on-site visit to the Big Island to solidify their learning. On Oahu, six crew members have demonstrated exemplary dedication, with four already completing their Annual Currency Maintenance requirements and the remaining two on track to finish by January. Meanwhile, Aviation Flotilla 10 continues to excel, successfully operating five facilities. Educational outreach has also flourished. Alongside the integral "Boat America" course, the engaging "Story Hour with Coastie Time" presentations have made a meaningful impact, reaching families and youth through partnerships with local organizations and virtual sessions. Over 30 participants joined these enriching activities, and the success of these initiatives has led to the exciting introduction of a hybrid format, allowing both in-person and Zoom participation. Our members have been at the heart of these accomplishments. Their volunteer spirit and dedication are unmatched, and their contributions have united our divisions and propelled us toward collective success. As we reflect on our progress, we look forward to continuing our mission with optimism and purpose. A heartfelt Si Yu'os Ma'âse' (Thank You) to all members for your unwavering dedication and effort in creating a positive impact in our community. Together, we embody the principle that "individually, we are one drop; together, we are an ocean." Let us carry this momentum into the next quarter, confident that with collaboration and commitment, there is no limit to what we can achieve. Biba District 14!

Semper Paratus!

Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera
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In The Spotlight

2025 US Coast Guard Auxiliary Commodore and Guam Flotilla 140-02-24 Elected Officers



*Commodore Elect
Jodie Nelson*

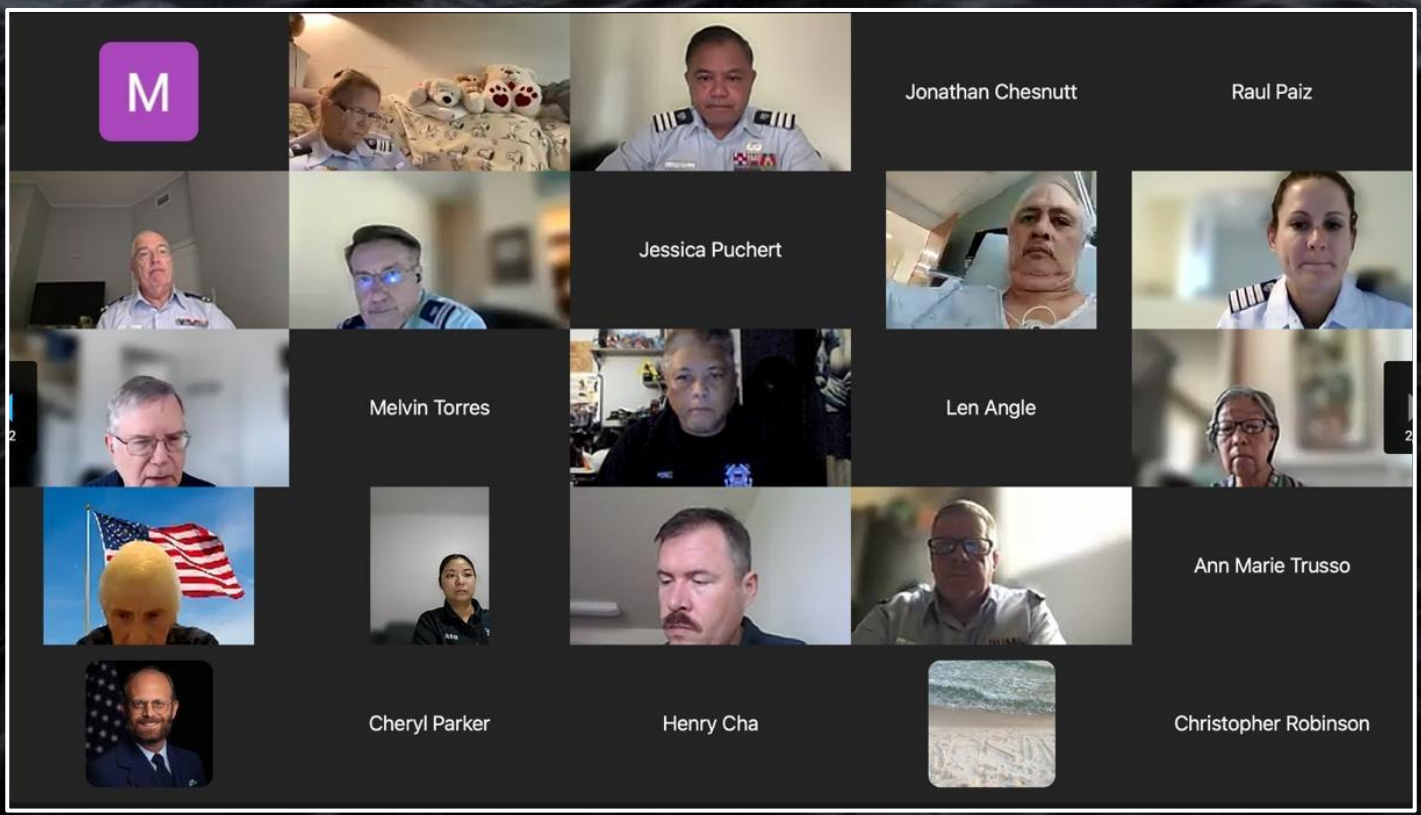
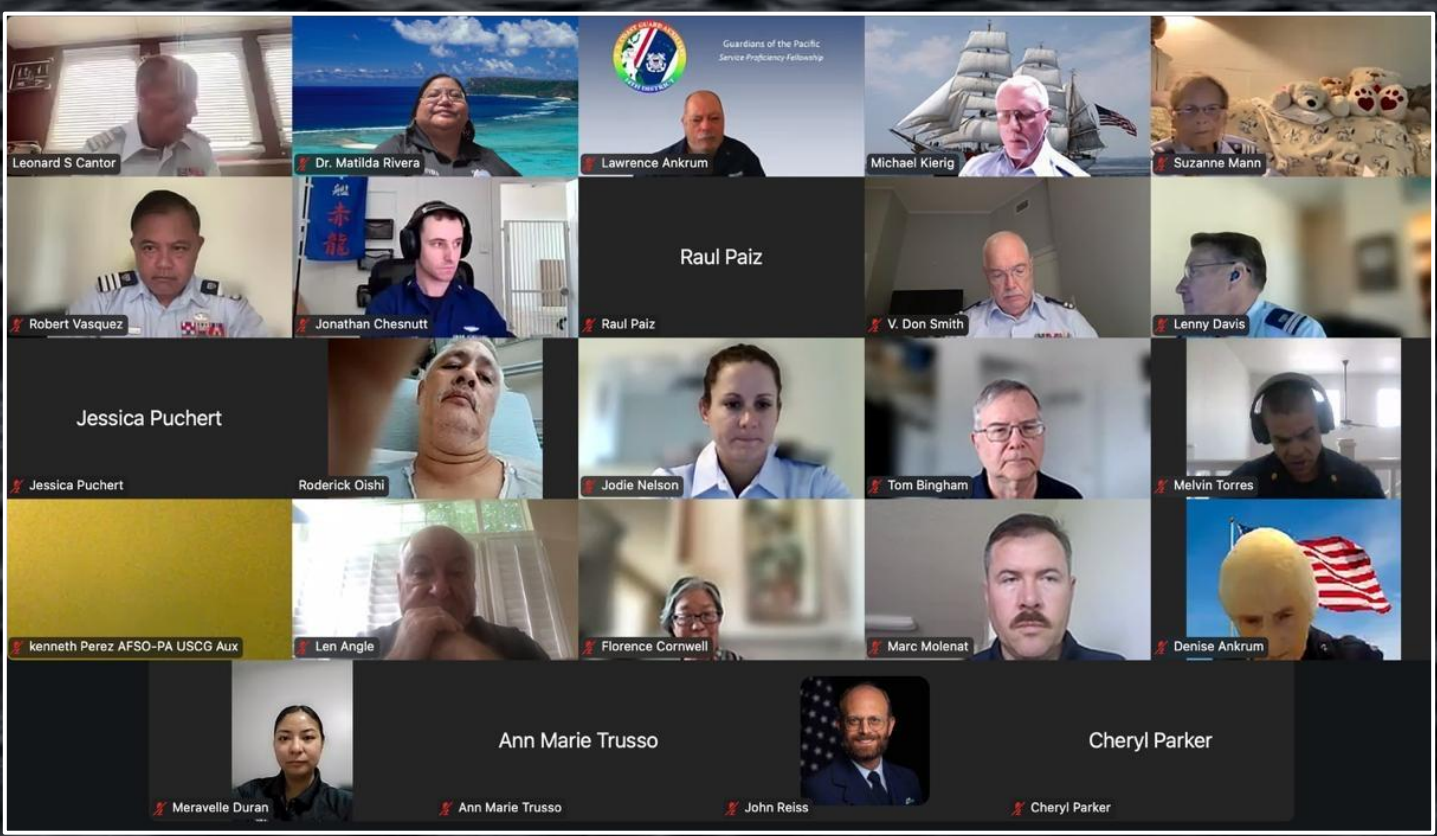
*FC Elect - Laurie Alig
VFC Elect - Ann Marie Trusso*

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District 14 Elected Officers Training



The Creative Side of District 14

Biba District 14!

By Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, DCAPT-Execution

*Hāfa Adai, Aloha, Talofa, we say,
A quarter of triumph in every way.
From Pacific winds to tropical skies,
Our dedication continues to rise.*

*The Emergency Team stands vigilant and true,
With Everbridge messages ready to ensue.
Storms they monitor, disasters they face,
Guardians of safety in every space.*

*On Oahu, crew members shine,
With unmatched dedication, their efforts align.
Aviation Flotilla, steadfast remains,
Facilities where excellence sustains.*

*Across the seas and through the air,
Their mission proceeds with utmost care.
In education, outreach begins to shine,
From "Boat America" to Coastie Time.*

*Families engaged, young hearts inspired,
Partnerships formed, as dreams are aspired.
Together we've shown what unity brings,
Achieving the success with wings.*

*One hundred percent, a remarkable feat,
Proof of our teamwork, resilient and sweet.
Si Yu'os Ma'āse', a thank-you sincere,
To every member, far and near.*

*Your spirit uplifts, your efforts shine bright,
Together, we're stronger, a beacon of light.
Individually a drop, together an ocean,
With hearts full of purpose and endless devotion.*

*Semper Paratus, our motto so true,
District 14, we salute you!*



District 14 DSO- Publications

“*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.

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 members 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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