



# Trade Winds



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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF COAST GUARD AUXILIARY OCEANIA DISTRICT

## USCG AUXILIARY OCEANIA DISTRICT: Serving the Hawaiian Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Saipan Area

### *District Commodore's Quote Of The Quarter*



*District Commodore  
Jodie Nelson*

*"Communication is  
the foundation to an effective team."*



## COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025



### *August 04, 2008*

The Coast Guard commissioned the new 418-foot Legend-Class cutter CGC *Bertholf* (WMSL-750) on this date. The cutter was named for Commodore Ellsworth Bertholf, former commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. *Bertholf* was constructed at Northrop Grumman Ship Systems in Pascagoula, Mississippi. It was the first of the new National Security Cutters built to replace the aging 378-foot Hamilton-Class High Endurance Cutters (WHECs). *Bertholf* was assigned to its homeport of Alameda, California.



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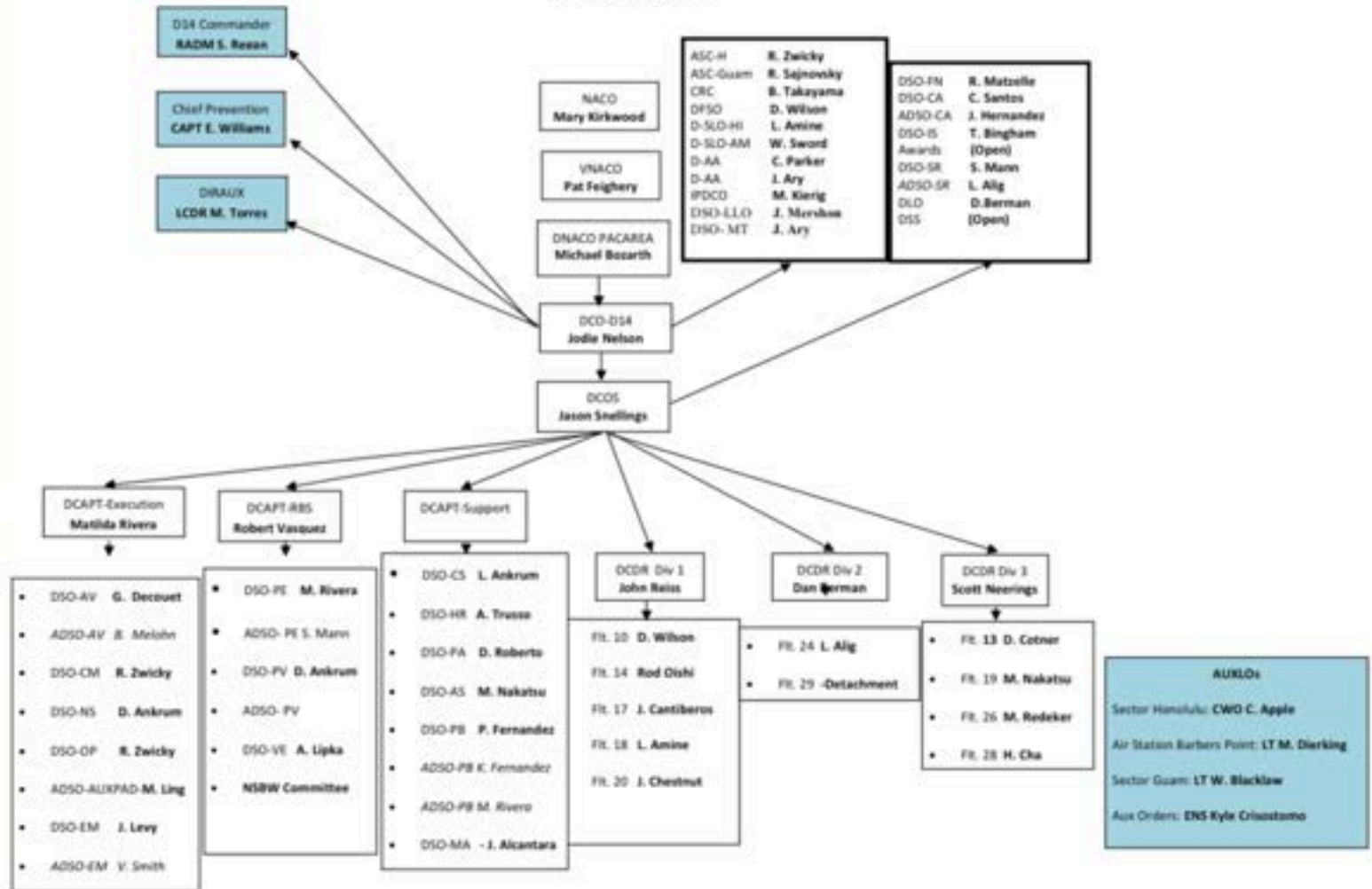
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# U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Organization Chart Oceania District

## U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY ORGANIZATION OCEANIA DISTRICT 2025 (Updated 10/6/25)



# District Commodore's Message

## A Collective Effort: Celebrating Recent District Events and Membership Achievements



*District Commodore  
Jodie Nelson*

Since our last newsletter, our district has experienced a flurry of activity, collaboration, and celebration. I'm proud to highlight the recent success of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Oceania District Training Weekend, held in Oahu at the end of September. This event was the result of extensive planning, including weekly meetings to coordinate logistics and ensure a seamless experience for all participants.

A special thank-you goes to **Jack Ary**, who stepped into the role of Member Training Officer and served as emcee for the banquets. Jack was instrumental in scripting the event, developing the program, and making the weekend memorable for everyone involved. Your leadership and dedication, Jack, truly made a difference!

A special shout-out also goes to the entire **D-Swag Team**—Laurie Alig, Dr. Darlene Roberto, and Ann Marie Trusso. Their countless hours of preparation and dedication were essential in making our district events and training weekends a success.

Community spirit was exemplified by **Rear Admiral Regan**, who graciously opened his home for our Friday night fellowship at the Diamond Head Lighthouse during district training. Despite the last-minute venue change, it turned into a memorable evening of camaraderie, thanks to everyone's help with setup and cleanup.

The recent Oahu District Training Weekend was a resounding success, featuring excellent presentations—including a captivating session on the aviation program by **Dr. Gert**. The aviation team's ongoing support, dedication, and flight hours are vital to the Coast Guard's mission, and it was inspiring to see such passion and professionalism on display throughout the weekend.

Congratulations to **Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera** of Flotilla 24 on being named Auxiliarist of the Year for 2024! Her hard work and dedication to the Auxiliary have been exceptional. She currently serves as our D-Captain for Execution, as well as DSO-PE and ADSO-PB. She also serves as FSO-PE, FSO-CS, AFSSO-PB, and AFSSO-MA. My job as Commodore is definitely less stressful knowing that she is on our team. Thank you, Matilda!

It has been several months since my Chief of Staff, **Lennie Cantor**, resigned due to injuries sustained while attending ASOC in St. Louis, Missouri, back in March. During the District Fall Elections, **Jason Snellings** was elected as the new District Chief of Staff, effective immediately. He will serve out the remainder of Lennie's term, which ends in December 2026. I look forward to working alongside Jason—his experience will benefit our district tremendously.



# *District Commodore's Message Continued*

Being able to attend the **National Training Summit in Dallas** was a particular highlight for me in August. This training provided an opportunity to meet with my fellow Commodores from across the nation and collaborate on new ideas. It was there that I met our new OTO, **Andrew Knox**. I had the chance to share my ideas with him and learn more about his vision. It's always great to connect with colleagues face-to-face, and the dedication and innovation showcased at the summit were truly inspiring.

Guam's very own **Dr. Darlene Roberto** attended the Public Affairs School and earned her PA3 certification! Darlene's dedication is evident through her numerous contributions—creating flyers, designing a new coin, crafting plaques for our banquet, and supporting countless initiatives. Her enthusiasm and professionalism continue to elevate our district's public outreach and foster camaraderie among our members.

Our committed team members **Henry Cha** and **April Esera** attended the **AUX Leadership and Management Course (AMLOC)**, sharpening their leadership skills and preparing for new roles within our organization. Attending these schools is a great opportunity for those who wish to enhance their leadership abilities, and I deeply appreciate their willingness to participate.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your ongoing commitment and support. Your efforts are what keep our district strong and our mission alive. It is truly an honor to serve alongside such dedicated volunteers, and I eagerly look forward to all the achievements yet to come.

**Thank you for all you do!**



# Oceania District Coin

*As District Commodore, I wanted to redesign our district coin to reflect who we truly are — a diverse and united team representing all the islands we serve. My vision was to create a symbol that brings Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and Hawai'i together in one shared spirit. Having the proa as the background truly fulfilled my vision.*

*Thanks to the dedication and creativity of Darlene Roberto, that dream became a reality. With the help of a Native Hawaiian, a CHamoru and an American Samoan collaborator, Darlene incorporated the words Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty in each of their native languages. She coordinated with a company to ensure the coins were produced and delivered just in time for our District Training — where they made their grand debut.*

*This coin now stands as a lasting symbol of our unity, culture, and commitment across Oceania.*



*District Commodore  
Jodie Nelson*



# District Chief of Staff



*District Chief of Staff  
Jason Snellings*

Aloha, Hafa Adai, Talofa, I just wanted to say hello to you all and let you know how exciting a time it is to be here. I am looking forward to serving the Commodore, the District Board, and the Auxiliarists of this District as your District Chief of Staff. I am truly humbled and honored to serve you!

I wanted to say thank you to all of the Auxiliarists who do so much for our country, our Team Coast Guard, and our community. If it wasn't for your efforts we could not have done 27,000 hours without your selfless volunteer service, which is a testament to your hard work and contribution.

Further, a shoutout and big thank you for the planning committee, presenters and attendees at our recent DTRAIN, and District Awards Banquet, where both active duty and the Auxiliary Chain of Leadership and Management were able to recognize Auxiliarists for what they have done. There is a lot to do and I look forward to assisting you all as we continue to work together for our organization, its proud traditions and worthy missions!

Very respectfully,  
Jason Snellings  
USCG AUX

## *Newly-Elected Oceania District Board Members.*

Pictured left to right: Jason Snellings, District Chief of Staff; Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, DCAPT-Execution; Cheryl Parker, DCAPT-RBS; Dan Berman, DCAPT-Support; Jodie Nelson, Commodore; and Mike Kiereg, Immediate Past Commodore,



# DCAPT-Execution Message



*District Captain - Execution  
Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera*

## *Hāfa Adai, Aloha, and Talofa!*

The Oceania District continues to exemplify dedication and excellence, with members demonstrating outstanding teamwork and service throughout the third quarter. From successful aviation patrols to engaging public education initiatives, the district's enduring spirit of volunteerism and collaboration remains stronger than ever.

Auxiliarists across Guam, Hawaii, Saipan, American Samoa, and beyond have successfully carried out numerous missions in support of Coast Guard operations and community outreach. The Story Time with Coastie initiative reached dozens of youth and families, promoting both literacy and boating safety in an engaging and meaningful way. Additionally, hybrid educational courses such as Boat America and Suddenly in Command have expanded access and participation across the Pacific, allowing members from multiple islands to engage in shared learning opportunities.

In aviation, Flotilla 10's operations reached new heights with 26 flights totaling 61 engine hours conducted in partnership with the Coast Guard and interagency collaborators. These missions not only enhanced search and rescue readiness but also increased visibility for pilot recruitment and aviation safety outreach.

Innovation continues to be a driving force within the district. The implementation of improved digital systems, the expansion of emergency management credential pathways, and the adoption of hybrid learning formats have empowered members to train effectively and serve more efficiently. The integration of Auxiliary Emergency Management resources into Coast Guard systems further strengthens operational readiness and fosters greater community resilience.

Recruitment and retention efforts have also shown significant progress, reinforcing the district's commitment to cultivating a strong, capable, and engaged volunteer force ready to serve at every level.

Looking ahead, the district anticipates continued success through upcoming youth outreach events—such as the holiday Story Time series—and the establishment of a new aviation flotilla on Maui. Through dedication, innovation, and shared purpose, the Oceania District continues to embody the highest ideals of service, professionalism, and fellowship.

Si Yu'os Ma'āse', Mahalo, and Fa'afetai to every Auxiliarist whose time, talent, and commitment make these accomplishments possible. Together, we continue to strengthen our Coast Guard partnership and make a lasting difference across our island communities and beyond.

Semper Paratus!



# Division 1

## New Auxiliarist of the Year for Division 1!



Mark Ling's outstanding enthusiasm for and contributions to the AUXPAD program RBSPV programs have been great! He established partnerships with the local paddling community, has represented Oceania District well at national forums, and has created a lot of excitement within the local flotillas here for AUXPAD.

With the explosion of interest in paddle sports since the COVID-19 pandemic, and the new guidelines promoting AUXPAD, he has really been a great asset in these areas.

*Mark Ling*



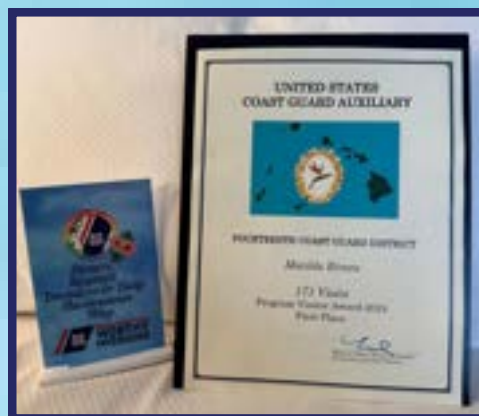
# Division 2

## Awards



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## Coastal Cleanup

On September 17, 2025, the Guam Coast Guard Auxiliarists proudly participated in the 2025 Annual Coastal Clean-Up held at Tanguisson Beach in Dededo. Members of the Auxiliary, along with community volunteers, came together to remove trash and debris along the shoreline, helping to protect Guam's coastal environment and marine life.



# Division 2

## Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera Named Auxiliarist of the Year for Oceania District!

Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera (center) is pictured with one of the many awards she received at the 2025 USCG Auxiliary Awards Banquet, held on September 27, 2025, in Hawaii. She was named the Oceania District's Auxiliarist of the Year. Pictured left to right: Jason Snellings, District Chief of Staff; Dr. Rivera; and Commodore Jodie Nelson.



The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary proudly announced **Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera** as the **Auxiliarist of the Year** for the Oceania District in recognition of her outstanding service, dedication, and leadership. Dr. Rivera's tireless commitment to the mission of the Auxiliary and her steadfast support of recreational boating safety, public education, and community outreach have made a profound impact across the district.

In addition to being named **Auxiliarist of the Year**, Dr. Rivera was honored with prestigious awards for her exemplary performance. Among these recognitions were:

- **First Place, Program Visitor Award (171 visits)**
- **Century Club Award** for completing over 100 vessel examinations and/or program visits during FY-2024
- **Coast Guard Auxiliary Achievement Medal** for Superior Performance of Duties



# Division 2



- **Certificate of Appreciation** from DCO-14 for outstanding cooperation and assistance in furthering the purposes of the Coast Guard Auxiliary
- **Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award** for services in excess of 176 vessel examinations and/or program visits during the year 2024
- **Second Place, Instructor Award** (38 hours)
- **Second Place, Public Education Award** (37 hours)
- **Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award**

These awards highlight her exceptional dedication to strengthening boating safety awareness, educating the public, and mentoring fellow Auxiliarists.

Further underscoring her contributions, Dr. Rivera was presented with three distinguished challenge coins—from the Commodore, the Branch Chief for Support (BSX), and the Deputy National Commodore (DNACO). These coins symbolize the highest levels of respect, appreciation, and recognition for her extraordinary service.

Dr. Rivera's achievements embody the very spirit of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's mission: service, safety, and community. Her leadership continues to inspire fellow members and set a shining example of excellence within the organization.



# Division 2

## New Auxiliarist of the Year for Division 2!

In Recognition of Outstanding Service - 2024  
New Auxiliarist of the Year Presented to  
Delbert Diaz Calvo For exceptional  
performance as a new member of Flotilla 24,  
Division 2, during the 2024 calendar year.

Since joining in April 2024, Mr. Calvo has consistently demonstrated professionalism, initiative, and unwavering dedication to the missions of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. He has quickly distinguished himself by actively participating in outreach events that have strengthened community partnerships, coordinating venues for monthly meetings, and devoting countless hours to leadership activities, recreational boating safety, Auxiliary training support, and Sea Partners environmental initiatives.



***Delbert Diaz Calvo***

Mr. Calvo also showed great enthusiasm for the Coastie program, successfully completing the training required to operate it and contributing to its educational outreach with energy and care. His conduct, uniform appearance, and steadfast commitment to the core values of the Auxiliary and the United States Coast Guard reflect great credit upon himself and have been a tremendous asset to Division 2. Beyond his Auxiliary service, Mr. Calvo continues to serve his community as the leader of a cultural dance group and through his professional role with Federal Customs and Border Protection, exemplifying a deep commitment to public safety, cultural stewardship, and civic engagement.



# Division 2

## Honoring Service with a Distinctly Oceania Design



SO-IS

Robert "Bob" Sajnovsky

About 20 months ago, Lennie Cantor asked me if I would design an Auxiliary Certificate of Appreciation that was reflective of the uniqueness of our District (14) at the time. He said the standard AUX Certificate of Appreciation was boring and an embarrassment to give to deserving Auxiliarists who work hard at our missions. So I agreed.

I came up with a design based on the standard cert. with respect to wording and general layout, but added a border of blue waves to reflect the unique nature of our District which is made up of Pacific Islands that encompass every hemisphere of the Pacific Ocean from east to west and north and south. And the area is the largest of any other Coast Guard District.

I decided to include images of: 1. Sailing canoes which were once abundant and used by islanders to travel among the islands and catch fish to sustain the people with nourishment; 2. Hibiscus flowers whose beauty flourishes on all the islands and adds to the joy of living here; 3. Coral and tropical fish which color the lagoons with their living beauty; and 4. Our District logo, newly named District Oceania.

On the right (Eastern) side I put simple silhouettes in green of the Hawaiian Islands, on the left (Western) side are silhouettes of Guam and Saipan, and on the bottom (Southern) side is a silhouette of American Samoa.

Near each island group, is the local way to say "Thank You." Mahalo Nui for Hawaii, Si Yu'os Ma'ase for Guam and Saipan, and Faafetai Lava for American Samoa.

I am happy with the design, it shows some of the iconic images unique to our part of the world but is not too cluttered. It retains the sentiment of the original (visually boring) certificate and adds color and charm to the document.

Semper par,  
Bob Sajnovsky



Auxiliary Certificate of  
Appreciation Design



# Division 3

## New Auxiliarist of the Year for Division 3!

In recognition of exceptional performance as a new member of Flotilla 26, Division 3, during the 2024 calendar year. Since joining in January 2024, Jarreau Morimoto has consistently demonstrated professionalism, initiative, and dedication to the missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in recreational boating safety. He quickly qualified as both a Program Visitor and Vessel Examiner, and has further taken on the responsibility of serving as SO-VE for Division 3. His conduct, uniform appearance, and sustained proficiency reflect great credit upon himself, the Auxiliary, and the United States Coast Guard.

Beyond these qualifications, Jarreau is always willing to assist in any capacity needed. His commitment extends into the community through his work as a school teacher and with the Pacific Whale Foundation, where he continues to embody the values of service and stewardship.



**JARREAU ANDREW  
BESKA-MORIMOTO**



# Division 3

## Forging Connections, Inspiring Service!"

*Talofa lava, Flotilla family and friends!*

July was a month of connection and collaboration for Flotilla 140-03-28. Our team had the honor of attending a special reception aboard the USCGC Harriet Lane during her port visit to American Samoa. We extend our sincere thanks to LCDR Brittany Panetta for the gracious invitation. Vice Flotilla Commander April Wei and member Tepora Lavatai also took time to meet the ship's galley crew, dedicated cooks who keep their shipmates well-fed and mission ready. It was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen ties with our active-duty Coast Guard family and celebrate the spirit of teamwork that unites us all.



We also kicked off our July Flotilla meeting with excitement and gratitude as we welcomed our newest members! Your enthusiasm and dedication to service, safety, and community play a vital role in growing the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary here in American Samoa. Together, we're building a stronger foundation for the future of maritime safety and public service. Flotilla



Commander Henry Seong-Hwan Cha met with Chief Nofoaiga Ulberg and the Marine Patrol team, along with Deputy Director Arrianna Auva'a from the Office of Veterans and Military Affairs, to strengthen partnerships focused on boating safety and public education. These collaborations are key to expanding outreach programs, enhancing maritime awareness, and promoting a safer boating culture throughout the territory



# Division 3

## Continuation



Our flotilla also partnered with the Pago Pago Game Fishing Association for a special boating safety outreach event. Together, we engaged with local boaters and families to share essential information on life jacket use, vessel safety checks, paddling safety, and emergency preparedness. This joint effort reflects our shared commitment to ensuring that everyone can enjoy American Samoa's beautiful waters safely and responsibly.



In August, we proudly launched the first-ever Recreational Boating and Paddling Awareness event in American Samoa—a three-day initiative made possible through the support of the Office of Veterans Affairs and our strong network of local partners. We extend heartfelt thanks to all who participated, including veterans, local boaters, and agency representatives. Participating organizations included: USCG Sector Honolulu, Office of Veterans and Military Affairs, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pago Pago Game Fishing Association, Office of Marine Patrol, Department of Port Administration, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources. Together, we are building momentum toward a safer, stronger, and more informed maritime community.



# Division 3

## Continuation



Flotilla members also joined three days of AMLOC training in Dallas, Texas—a powerful experience that began with inspiring remarks from National Commodore Mary Kirkwood and National Vice Commodore Patrick Feighery. Their insights on leadership and the future of the Auxiliary reinforced our dedication to service and growth.



Back home, our flotilla met with SSG Joe Stewart-Raigoza and W CIV O'Brien O'Brien of the U.S. Army to discuss PX privilege letters for Auxiliary members. We deeply appreciate their support in renewing this benefit, further strengthening the partnership between the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Army in American Samoa.



In September, our members participated in the two-day DTRAIN at Sand Island Club 14 in Oahu, joining Auxiliarists from across the district for training, leadership development, and fellowship. The weekend was both productive and inspiring— an excellent opportunity to learn, share, and strengthen our collective service to the Coast Guard and our communities.



# Division 3

## Continuation

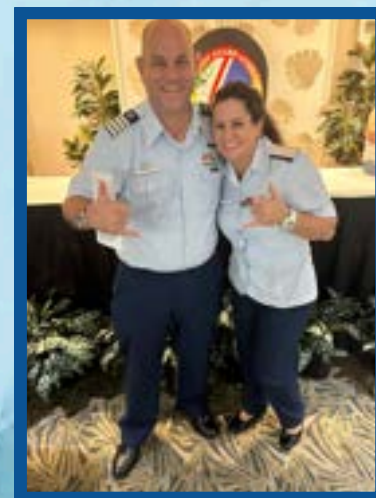
The month concluded with the annual Awards Banquet, a proud moment to celebrate excellence, commitment, and service across the Oceania District. More than just a ceremony, it was a tribute to every Auxiliarist who dedicates their time, skills, and heart to the mission of maritime safety. Each vessel examination, training hour, and outreach effort contributes to a lasting legacy that keeps our waters and communities safe.



As we stood together in pride and gratitude, we were reminded that our greatest strength lies in our shared purpose—service to others and safety for all.



# D-TRAIN 2025



# Fellowship

## *\*Sunset Fellowship at Diamond Head Lighthouse: A Night to Remember for Auxiliarists\**

*A memorable evening unfolded last month during the D-Train dinner hosted by the District at the historic Diamond Head Lighthouse. The event brought together Auxiliarists for an evening of camaraderie, good food, and breathtaking views.*

*As guests enjoyed dinner and drinks, the newly appointed Chief of Staff, along with several others, climbed the lighthouse to capture photos of the scenic surroundings. Their enthusiasm was contagious, and the atmosphere was filled with laughter and conversation.*

*As the sun began to set, the ocean came alive with sailing vessels gliding across the horizon — a sight that many couldn't resist photographing. The golden light reflecting off the water created a stunning backdrop for the evening's festivities.*



*Even as night fell, the energy remained high. Auxiliarists mingled and shared stories, while Commodore Jodie Nelson joined in the fun, clearly enjoying the evening. Around 8:30 p.m., attendees began to tidy up, marking the close of a truly special gathering.*

*The dinner was a resounding success, thanks to the efforts of Commodore Nelson and RADM Sean Regan, whose dedication made the evening possible. The food, the setting, and the fellowship made for an unforgettable experience.*

*Mahalo to Commodore Nelson and Rear Admiral Regan for organizing such a wonderful event!*

*Article by Roderick Oishi  
Flotilla 14 Kaneohe  
Oceania District*



# The Spotlight!

## DSO-PA Dr. Darlene Roberto receives her PA 3



# TCT/Risk Management Workshop

## July 26 HST/ July 27 CHST

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# Investigations 101

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# Honoring a Lifetime of Service

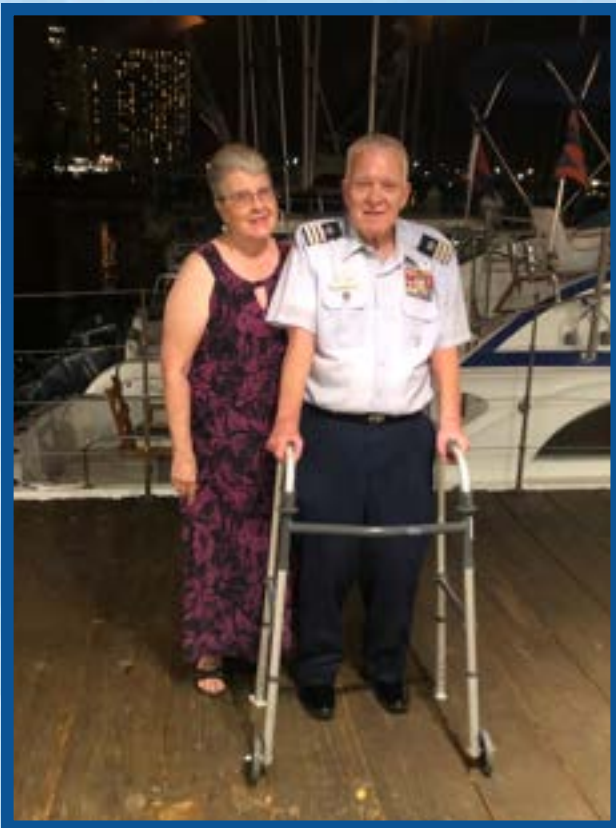
## — Fair Winds, Steve Putnoki

Steve was a member of at least 4 districts D14, D8WR and D11 North and South. He enrolled in the Auxiliary post 9/11. In D11 North he was supporting the USCG Sea Marshal program. In D14 he held positions at all levels of the Organization his biggest contributions were in Information Systems and Communications where he was the FSO, SO, and DSO sometimes all at the same time. On the National Staff he was reviewing and re-writing manuals and courses.

Steve earned the Silver Hour Glass on the Sustained Service Award for having more than 25,000 hours. He also was an AUXOP. Steve was also a amateur radio operator with his call sign N1CFD. Beyond that he was a great mentor.



**Steve Putnoki**



In other lives Steve was in the Air Force (March 1963 to March 1967) where he earned his “pocket rocket”. Steve met Bonnie when he was in the Air Force he was stationed at Duluth at an installation with 29 nuclear missiles. His group was housed at a small hotel which was next door to a bakery where Bonnie worked while attending college. Brownies brought them together. He came in everyday and bought a half a dozen brownies. After 1967 they didn't have any contact until 1993.

He was also a volunteer firefighter in New Hartford, CT. He was working as a computer programmer for Travelers Insurance (March 1967-March 1998). In California Wellpoint Health (2001-2003). His first job in Hawaii was preparing for Y2K at First Hawaiian Bank (1999-2000). He held contractor positions with HMSA (August 2005-June 2006) and Kaiser Permanente (2004-2006). For HMSA he developed an on-line billing system. For HMSA he did Quality Assurance. For a short while he worked as a civilian for DHS/USCG in Hawaii doing Knowledge Management Metrics (June 2008-March 2009).



# The Highlight

## ALAUX 030/25 - 2024 COMMODORE DANIEL MAXIM AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



United States Coast Guard  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Subj: 2024 COMMODORE DANIEL MAXIM AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

1. The 2024 Commodore Daniel Maxim Award for Excellence in Education recognizes the best of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's instructors across our Nation.
2. Please join me in congratulating the awardee of the 2024 Commodore Daniel Maxim Award for Excellence in Education, Auxiliarist Robert M. Sajnovsky of the Pacific Area Oceana District's Flotilla 2-24.
3. Please also congratulate Auxiliarist Dan S. McIntyre of the Southeast District's Flotilla 17-6 as the Atlantic Area East runner-up and Auxiliarist Anthony K. Griffin of the Heartland District – Eastern Region's Flotilla 11-5 as the Atlantic Area West runner-up.
4. Auxiliarist Sajnovsky will receive an Auxiliary Commendation Medal and trophy, and Auxiliarist McIntyre and Auxiliarist Griffin will each be awarded an Auxiliary Achievement Medal and trophy. Initial award presentations will be made at the upcoming National Training Summit in Dallas, TX in August 2025.
5. Bravo Zulu to all awardees!
6. Internet release is authorized.

Sincerely,

Brent R. Schmadeke  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-BSX)



# Robert Sajnovsky Receives the Commodore Daniel Maxim Award



*Congratulations to Robert Sajnovsky on receiving the prestigious Commodore Daniel Maxim Award for the Coast Guard Auxiliary. This national honor, presented annually to recognize sustained, superior performance, highlights Robert's exceptional leadership, professionalism, and commitment to the Auxiliary's core values. His tireless dedication to promoting boating safety, mentoring fellow members, and supporting Coast Guard missions has made a lasting impact on both the Auxiliary and the community. This award is a well-deserved recognition of Robert's outstanding service and devotion to excellence.*



# The Creative Side of Oceania District

## *Oceania's Guardians*

By Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera  
DCAPT-EXECUTION

Across the islands where the trade winds call,  
The Auxiliaries rise, united, standing tall.  
From Guam to Hawaii, to Saipan's shore,  
And American Samoa—service evermore.

Engines hum in the golden skies,  
Twenty-six flights where courage flies.  
Flotilla 10, with hearts so bright,  
Guides the way through day and night.

In every harbor, on every tide,  
Stories of service and pride reside.  
"Story Time with Coastie" lights young eyes,  
Where learning and laughter harmonize.

Through storm and calm, they lend their hand,  
Protecting lives across sea and land.  
Innovation fuels their noble quest,  
Each challenge faced, they give their best.

From data streams to skies of blue,  
They craft new paths, their vision true.  
With every flight, with every course,  
They strengthen the Coast Guard's trusted force.

Recruitment grows where passion leads,  
New pilots rise to meet the needs.  
From Maui's peaks to Guam's embrace,  
And Samoa's spirit finds its place.

Together they build, together they soar,  
A fellowship strong forevermore.  
Through service, learning, and hearts aligned,  
The Oceania District shines—refined.

So here's to the members, steadfast and true,  
Who give their time for the red, white, and blue.  
Si Yu'os Ma'āse' and Mahalo ring clear—  
Fa'afetai too, for all you hold dear.



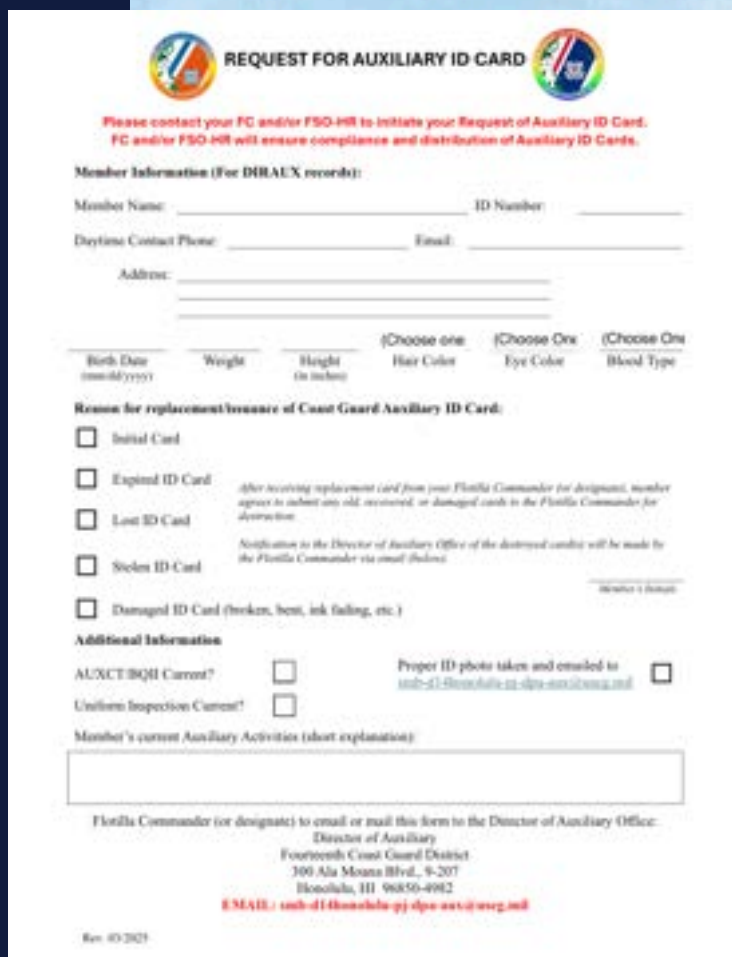
# Auxiliary ID Cards

Auxiliary ID Cards are processed via an off-network system. This creates an inefficient and cumbersome process. Due to this, AUX ID requests are processed on a bi-weekly basis. This is to allow for a bunch of requests to be gathered and processed together. Additionally, the function of U.S. Postal mailing is not in the DIRAUX office control and is subject to schedules that may put that function on the back burner. To give a realistic expectation of when IDs are received, please allow for 4 weeks upon receipt of a completed AUX ID Request package.

On another note, we are working towards getting a new, on-network system. We are pushing the concerns up the chain and hopefully will have the new system functioning within the next couple weeks. Along with that, I am trying to get authorization for the function of U.S. Postal mailing for Auxiliary.

I thank you all for your continued understanding and patience as we work towards a more efficient system.

Jessica A. Puchert  
Auxiliary Affairs Specialist



**REQUEST FOR AUXILIARY ID CARD**

Please contact your FC and/or FSO-HR to initiate your Request of Auxiliary ID Card. FC and/or FSO-HR will ensure compliance and distribution of Auxiliary ID Cards.

**Member Information (For DIRAUX records):**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Height (in inches) \_\_\_\_\_ (Choose one) Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_ (Choose One) Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_ (Choose One) Blood Type \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for replacement/issuance of Coast Guard Auxiliary ID Card:**

☐ Initial Card

☐ Expired ID Card *After receiving replacement card from your Florida Commander for designation, member agrees to submit any old, expired, or damaged cards to the Florida Commander for destruction.*

☐ Lost ID Card *Notification to the Director of Auxiliary Office of the destroyed card(s) will be made by the Florida Commander via email (below).*

☐ Stolen ID Card

☐ Damaged ID Card (broken, bent, ink fading, etc.)

**Additional Information**

AUXCT/BOQH Current? ☐ Proper ID photo taken and emailed to [aux-id-1@hawaii-coast-guard-aux.org](mailto:aux-id-1@hawaii-coast-guard-aux.org) ☐

Uniform Inspection Current? ☐

Member's current Auxiliary Activities (short explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

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# Oceania District 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 view our newsletter as a sacred space for District, Division, and Flotilla voices, and we believe it is our responsibility to represent the unique perspectives and contributions found throughout our District.**

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

**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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