

D-7 Connection



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The Pledge

The pledge you are about to take is your commitment to support the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, an organization dedicated to the promotion of boating safety and providing assistance to the United States Coast Guard in the fulfillment of its civil functions. You accept this membership volunteer, and as a

member you are you are charged with certain responsibilities and obligations. These include your willingness to support the Coast Guard Auxiliary and its purposes, to faithfully execute your duties and to participate in its authorized programs to the best of your ability and to the extent that time and circumstances permit.

As an Auxiliarist, you enjoy certain honors and privileges, among them, wearing the Auxiliary uniform and flying the Auxiliary Ensign. Wear the uniform neatly and correctly and fly the Blue Ensign proudly. Remember that your conduct reflects directly upon the image of both the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary.

The satisfaction you derive from your Auxiliary membership will be in proportion to your level of participation in the organization's activities. The success of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will depend upon the extent of your participation and upon the quality of the Auxiliary leaders that you, the member, select.

If you feel that you can be an active and productive member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, please raise your right hand and repeat after me:

"I, (your name), solemnly and sincerely pledge myself to support the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and its purposes, to faithfully execute my duties and to abide by the governing policies established by the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard."



Commodore Allen Brown

USCG Auxiliary District 7 From the Bridge



Donald L. Frasch, Vice-Commodore

“Personnel Services”, what does that mean to you? What images of your job as a “PS” Officer in the Auxiliary does the phrase create? I’ll bet you think of two very important parts of the job, Recruiting and Retention. If those were your responses, you are right on target and represent the huge majority of PS Officer’s thinking.

But, in District Seven, we need to be more creative and more effective than the “majority”. We, as the largest District in the Auxiliary, need to set the standard for others to follow. We need to show the rest of the Auxiliary what a PS Department can really do and become for our members and for the Coast Guard.

All of you are part of a fantastic team led by our DSO-PS, Rhonda Hebert. As such, you have demonstrated your ability to both recruit and retain members. Our District’s membership stood at 4, 633 as of January 1st 2007. We are now at about 5,200 members. That is a tremendous achievement especially when you consider that most of the other Districts in the Nation are going DOWN in membership and we are going UP. I want you to be really proud of that. You did it, not the Commodore or me or the RCOs. YOU did it!!

Now I’d like you to think about getting even better at “PS”. What does a “PS” officer do in private industry? What services do they provide for the company and the employees? Could we be doing the same things? I’ll bet we can!

My memory of past corporate experiences is that the “PS” people were the experts on every facet and function of the corporation. They knew everything about anything from pay to benefits and lots more. If I needed any info about corporate policy, the “PS” people had the answers.

We have a great document that provides most of the answers to questions our members have. It’s called “The Auxiliary Manual”. Add to that the District Policies posted on the Director’s web site, the “Operations Policy Manual”, and the “Auxiliary Boat Crew Manual” and you have just about everything anyone would want to know.

I’m not suggesting you know all the answers, or take responsibility for solving members issues, but I bet you could be the “Subject Experts” on where to find the answers and information they need. You could be a tremendous resource for our members and a real asset to your Flotilla and Division leadership. What do you think?

Thanks & Regards,

**Don Frasch
VCO-7**



From the Bridge



Logistics Department
James E. Dennen, D-CL

In addition to the obvious role of Recruiting and Retention, the Personnel Services Department plays an integral role in the Marketing Group of the Coast Guard Auxiliary along with Public Affairs and the Publications Department. The Logistics Department consists of the Marketing Group and the Information Technology Group consisting of Information Services and Communication Services. I am delighted to see that the PS Department has decided to produce its own newsletter to inform and entertain the membership in D7. Last year alone, this group helped recruit almost 1000 new members. The new e-Responder Program has contributed a great deal to this process. Obviously, once we get a new member, it is our responsibility to create enough excitement and opportunity to keep this member on our rolls. The D-7 Connection is one more step in the process of informing our members about the happenings in the PS world. Hopefully, we will get contributions from throughout the Logistics Department. I want to congratulate and thank Rhonda Hebert DSO-PS and Angela Pomaro ADSO-PS for making their idea a reality. Good luck in this new venture.



The Pledge

PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

LISTEN & LEARN YOUR MEMBER NEEDS

EFFICIENT, FRIENDLY & QUALIFIED

DARE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GUARANTEE DIVERSIFIED EXPERIENCES

EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER SERVICES





The DSO-PS Team



Rhonda Hebert, DSO-PS

Welcome District 7 members to “The D-7 Connection”. We hope you will enjoy the PS publication and we look forward to hearing from you. The PS Team is a great group of members who are dedicated to working with all members in the Auxiliary. Our primary purpose is to recruit members to the USCG Auxiliary and to keep them happy, productive and informed. You will meet the 16 Divisions from District 7 here in this publication and the members who make everything happen



Commodore Guy Markley
ADSO-PS Retention

It has been my experience of almost thirty years in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary that we have never had a problem with recruiting. We always have had sufficient numbers of new members joining our organization. The problem is with RETENTION. Retention is not only a leadership responsibility, it is a membership responsibility. Every effort should be made to keep people active by our own innovations and by a prudent and caring leadership. Retention is a part of Personnel Services that we need to constantly work at. Pay attention to our members when they speak and make every attempt to answer their questions. The success of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is up to all of us.



Windy Ortega, ADSO-PS
Puerto Rico & US Virgin Islands

I’ve been a member of the USCGAUX since November of 2005. It has been a great experience to work in the Personnel Services Department these past few years. Like everything it has its ups and downs but the positive results are worth the challenge. The Personnel Department for District 7 has great communication with its Divisions. If you have any questions we are all more than willing to assist in anyway we can. I would like to congratulate all the Auxiliary members whom have embraced the challenge as elected and or appointed staff for 2008. Remember to always keep a positive *attitude*, prepare for constant *changes* and keep your *integrity*.



Angela Pomaro, ADSO-PS
E-Responder Program

The E-responder Program is an electronic way of gaining new members. Any US Citizen 17 years of age or older can go online and request information regarding membership in the USCG Auxiliary.

The information received by the National Website is then sent to the closest District where the individual lives. Upon receipt by the District, the individual is contacted and the recruiting process begins by the various Personnel Services Officers. The individual is qualified (US Citizen and 17 years of age) by the SO-PS and then forward to the Flotilla closest to the E-responder’s area. It is then up to the FSO-PS, acting as the salesman for the Auxiliary, to explain “what we do” and answer any questions the individual may have.



The SO-PS Team

Division 01



The island of Puerto Rico is located about 900 NM South-East of Florida. Division 1 consists of 9 flotillas located on the North, South, East and West coasts of the Island. The 9 Flotillas are: 11 Fajardo, 12 Cangrejos, 13 Ponce, 15 Dorado, 16 Mayagüez, 17 Aguadilla, 18 Cabo Rojo, 1-10 San Juan, 1-12 Santurce. Division 1 has 367 members.



Rafael Martinez

Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen is located on the North-West Corner of the island. The primary mission of Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen is search and rescue. Sector San Juan is responsible for all Coast Guard missions in the Eastern Caribbean area. Sector San Juan includes the Captain of the Port and Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection zones which are comprised of both the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands and the adjacent waters to the outermost extent of the EEZ. Sector San Juan is also designated a Rescue Sub-Center and is responsible for Search and Rescue Operations for the Eastern Caribbean Sea area east of and including the Dominican Republic and the Lesser Antilles islands chain.

Division 02

Division 2 is comprised of “inland flotillas” with units on most of the major lakes in Georgia and SC. We are comprised of the following flotillas: 21 Augusta, 22 Lake Altoona, 25 Lake Hartwell, 28 Central Georgia, 29 Lake Lanier, Northeast Georgia (Consolidation of 24 and 26)

FSO-PS Officers in Division 2 are: 21 (not assigned), 22 Keith Nelson, 25 David Haus, 28 Randy Wiggins and 29 Vince (Tex) Boyer. We have over 200 members and have a pretty active membership involved in all the major program areas.

Division 03

Division 3 Area of Responsibility includes Hollywood North to Boca Raton and eastward from the ocean to the Everglades.

Division 3 supports Station Ft. Lauderdale with radio watch standing, Auxiliary cooks, medical support and an active patrol schedule.

FSO-PS Staff Officers are: 31 Barbara Dombrowski; 32 Colin Taylor; 34 Arnold Greenhouse; 36 Marc Brody; 37 Jane Mueller; 38 Vincent Barth.



Matt Cooper



Arnold Greenhouse

Division 04

Division 4 consists of 8 Flotillas: 42 Palm Bay; 46 Cocoa; 49 Titusville; 48 New Smyrna; 44 Daytona Beach; 4-11 Orlando area and 43 Tavares. Flotillas 42, 46, 49, 48 and 44 patrol areas that are located in the Intracoastal Waterway; Flotilla 4-11 is responsible for the lakes and waterways around the Orlando/Kissimmee Chain of Lakes. Flotilla 45's area is the St Johns River from Sanford north to Lake George. Flotilla 43's area is the Chain of Lakes around Tavares consisting of 4 lakes.



Bob Richmond

All Flotillas support the Coast Guard and Kennedy Space center during Shuttle and Rocket launches by way of establishing picket lines to prevent recreational boaters from entering into danger zones. Two Coast Guard Stations support Division 4, Port Canaveral Coast Guard Station and Coast Guard Station Ponce de Leon, Ponce Inlet at New Smyrna.

Division 05

Division 5 is made up of 7 Flotillas which serve the Treasure and Gold Coasts of southern Florida. The Division's Area of Responsibility extends from Delray Boynton Beach, in the south, to Vero Beach in the north. There is also a Flotilla in Lake Okeechobee. Division 5 has close to 400 members who donate thousands of hours in support of Coast Guard missions. We, in Division 5, work directly with the men and women of Coast Guard Station Lake Worth Inlet and Coast Guard Station Fort Pierce.



Mel Schumacher

The Division has very active Surface and Air programs. Ongoing patrols are conducted both by plane and boat. FSO-PS: 51 not named; 52 Laura Bruce; 54 Stu Landau; 56 Fred Combs; 58 Meg Gaunce; 59 Diane Riggan

Division 06

Division 6 is located in a very unique geographic area, Not only is our Station (Miami Beach) co-located on the same small island as Sector Miami, but, Miami is also home of the 7th District Command and Air Station Miami. All TCT training here is done by the Auxiliary, which includes Station, Sector and District. We also train and help qualify Coast Guardsmen at the Station, as watch standers, Boarding officers are trained by Auxiliarists at the Armory and our Command Centers also require their members to learn basic boating safety from the Auxiliary. In addition to training, we also routinely perform the duty of standing watch at Station radio, Sector's Hawkeye, the Ships arrival's desk, Sector Clinic. Auxiliarists also work for Sector Water Ways Management, Planning and in the Directors Office. We're blessed with beautiful Biscayne Bay and a rather large variety of ways local boaters can get into trouble. Our multi-mission patrol boats perform their missions on Biscayne Bay every weekend and especially Saturday nights. Our aircraft fly every day and often several times a day.



Joel Aberbach

One of the recruiting areas we're very proud of is our Division Prospective Members Orientation meetings. Over the past several years, we've developed a two hour training session, usually with a large group of prospective members and representatives from each Flotilla. The program covers a PP presentation explaining the duties and responsibilities of Auxiliarists, the Auxiliary structure, the various educational courses offered, location of our Flotillas and a Q&A period. The date for a follow up meeting is announced for those who wish to commit, new member information is then passed out including instructions on what will be needed for that meeting.

Division 07



Gil Thomas

Division 7 is located in the Tampa Bay area of Florida.

Our flotillas support U.S. Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg and the U.S. Coast Guard Clearwater Air Station providing assistance in non-law enforcement programs such as boating education, recreational vessel safety checks, safety patrols, search and rescue, marine environmental protection, and Homeland Security.

Division 08



Thomas Johnson

Division 8 consists of eight Flotillas located on Florida's West coast. Its area of operation extends from the main ship channel in Tampa Bay south to Boca Grande.

In addition, the Flotillas from Bradenton and Palmetto perform Maritime Observation Missions at the Skyway Bridge and into Port Manatee. Coast Guard Station Cortez in Bradenton is the Division's main POC with the gold side and many Auxiliarists providing volunteer services as watch standers, trainers and mess cooks to the Station.

Division and Flotilla Personnel Officers: 81 Manuel J. Lamela; 82 Hristos Moshonas; 83 Paulette Parent; 84 Allegría Bouquet; 85 Thomas J. Johnson; 86 Paul Corcoran; 87 William Davis; 89 Holly Roth

Division 09



Max LeFevre

Division 9 has eight flotillas from as far south as Marco Island all the way up north to North Port including Cape Carol and Charlotte Harbor.

Flotilla 91 meets regularly at the Fort Myers Beach Coast Guard Station. We have a good rapport with the Fort Myers Beach CG Station and they been very supportive to the Auxiliary. Several Auxiliarists in our division support the station with radio watch-standing and patrol duties with the Coasties.

Flotilla Staff Officers – Personnel Service are: 91 Ft. Myers Beach, William Burch; 92 North Port, Bernard O'Grady; 93 South Naples, Michael Hettinger; 94 Upper Caloosahatchee, Donna Donivan; 95 Marco Island, Michael Harris; 96 North Naples, Wiggins Pass, Maxim LeFevre; 97 Charlotte Harbor, John Sneddon; 9-10 Fort Myers, John Durkin

Division 10



Ted Phillips

Division 10 is located along the very southern South Carolina coast and the entire Georgia coast. We have 4 flotillas in our Division. They are 10-1 in Beaufort, SC; 10-2 in Savannah; GA, 10-10 in Brunswick, GA and 10-11 in Hilton Head, SC. We all operate under Sector Charleston, SC, including the local USCG units. Our Flotilla Staff Officers for Personnel Services are: 10-1, Don Becker; 10-2, Ted Phillips; 10-10, Linda Clavin; 10-11, Karen Wilson.

We are fortunate in this area to have several USCG units. There are boat stations at both Brunswick, GA, and at Tybee Island (Savannah), GA, co-located at Tybee is ANT Savannah. Additionally, there is a USCG Air Station in Savannah located on Hunter Army Air Field that flies the HH-65 Dolphin helicopter and the Marine Safety Unit located downtown Savannah in one of the Federal Buildings. Having these units gives us opportunities to serve the Coast Guard in several capacities. There are Auxiliarists working at each of the units in various positions.

In addition to performing our regular patrols, we do patrols for the Marine Safety Unit, boating along the commercial piers on the Savannah River logging data about the various vessels docked there. On Mondays and Thursday, the flotillas take turns doing Helo-ops for the Air Station, acting as distressed vessels for the aircrews to practice basket drops, swimmer deployments, etc. Some of our members work with the ANT keeping records and performing repairs along the local waterways. We are in an active Coast Guard area and have an active Auxiliary Division. We are very proud of this and really enjoy being a part of a great team.

Division 11



Greg Gamache

Division 11 is located along the Gulf of Mexico on the West coast of Florida and is comprised of Flotillas 11-1 Clearwater; 11-10 Dunedin; 11-9 Tarpon Springs; 11-6 New Port Richey and 11-7 in Hudson. The Division is very tight knit with all of the flotillas interacting in public education, member training, vessel examinations, surface operations, and public affairs. Our CG Station is Sand Key which hosts our Division-wide Operational Excellence weekends and assist in our ISAR training.

Our Division is relatively small with just under 300 members, but what it lacks in size is made up for in dedication and a total team atmosphere and effort. Our Flotilla Staff Officers for Personnel Services are Greg Gamache 11-1; Marie Garrison 11-10; Kevin McConn 11-9; Rich Cove 11-6, and William Pfaff 11-7.

Division 12

Here in Division 12, we are coming off a year of exciting new ventures that resulted in significant progress in membership. We continue to foster growth in our newest Flotilla (12-12) at Edisto Island, S.C. that was established less than 2 years ago with virtually no prior Auxiliary experience to draw on. Neighboring Charleston-area flotillas have volunteered formal training and mentoring that is paying off with substantial PE and OP growth. With new detachments established on Lake Marion (12-3) and another precedent-setting one at the S. C. Military University (12-8), The Citadel, we're expecting even more growth this year.



Charles McCarty

The Division leadership has concentrated efforts in reaching out to previously untreated waterside communities inland while at the same time looking to parts of our community that has been previously up tapped.

Our PS team this year includes wily veterans like Jack Stacey, Grand Strand (12-2) in N. Myrtle Beach; Russ Jernigan, Lake Murray (12-3), and Jack Connelly, East Cooper (12-6), as well as energetic new faces like Alan Miles, Charleston (12-8); Chuck Woods, Georgetown (12-10) and Be Moore who is both FC and FSO-PS at Edisto (12-12).

Division 13

Division 13 is composed of the five Flotillas in the Florida Keys. Flotilla 13-01 (Key West) covers the Southern portion of Station Key AOR; 13-02 (Marathon) covers the same AOR as Station Marathon; 13-03 (Big Pine Key) generally covers the area around Big Pine Key and is in the Northern section of Station Key West's AOR; 13-04 (Ocean Reef) covers the Northern part of Station Islamorada's AOR; 13-08 (Upper Keys) is the fifth Flotilla in Division 13 and has the Southern section of Station Islamorada's AOR.



Jim Maloney

FSO-PS 13-01 Elsie Metcalf; 13-04 Keith Pugh; and 13-08 Steven Heide.

Division 14

Division 14's AOR extends from Fernandina to Palm Coast and from Jacksonville to Palatka. In addition to the Atlantic seaboard and the Intracoastal Waterway, our Division is also responsible for about 60 miles of the lower St. Johns River, through Jacksonville, a very busy and important seaport. Our seven Flotillas work very well together in support of Sector Jacksonville and Station Mayport in such areas as radio watch standing, Coast Guard licensing document investigator, area disaster center planning, and harbor patrols. Currently, about 12 members are being trained by Station Mayport to work on vessels supporting helicopter training evolutions.



Bob Lehman

Personnel Services in Division 14 are focused this year on "Targeted Recruiting", and the prevention of member lapses into inactivity. Our FSO-PS crew is Tom Basore 14-1; Jane Coy 14-2; Ewa Benevides 14-3; Don Mooers 14-4; Bob Lehman, 14-7; Charles Smith, 14-8 and Cecile Langston 14-9. This team is balanced between very experienced and brand new officers, and the plan for the year has been developed and accepted by the Division 14 Bridge. One unique aspect of our plan this year is to ask each new member to take and pass the Administrative Procedures Course within the first year. Since this course is no longer part of the AUXOP series, few members are taking it, and in some flotillas there is a scramble to qualify for elected office. We expect this training activity together with more involvement from new member mentors will get our new members functioning out of the gate.

Division 15



Cecil Spencer

Division 15 is a large geographic area of Florida extending from the Pasco Hernando county border to the Florida Georgia state line and essentially the area west of highway I-75 and includes all or parts of the 15 counties. The coastal area extends northward from Aripeka to the Fenhollowa River. The cities of Tallahassee west of the coastal AOR, and Gainesville and Ocala east of I-75 are also part of the Division AOR. Coast Guard Station Yankeetown is our order issuing authority. Our most southern Flotilla covers parts or both Station Sand Key and Yankeetown AOR. The Division consists of seven Flotillas, six of which have Coastal responsibility and one is totally inland. Two of the six with Coastal responsibilities also have significant inland responsibility.

The names of our FSO-PS are: Andy Render, Dolores Brand, Louis DeNunzio, Michael Dever, Raymond Pullen, Barbara Roberts, and William Stolz. Division 15 is strong in safe boating education, marine safety and in surface and air operations.

Division 16



Bob Marcy

Division 16 consists of 2 flotillas: Flotilla 01 on St. Croix and Flotilla 02 on St. Thomas. These Flotillas are separated by about 45 nautical miles with St. Croix approximately due south of St. Thomas, which entails flying or sailing for division meetings. We are unique in that we are surrounded by the Caribbean Sea and boating safety is an integral part of life here.

We have a Coast Guard RIO Station on St. Croix and another Coast Guard contingent is located on St. Thomas. The closest division to us is Division 01 on Puerto Rico, about 40 miles by sea west of St. Thomas and 75 miles northwest of St. Croix.

We have been diligently conducting fund raising events to provide equipment for our 2 facilities. To that end, I produced a Cabaret Night last year which included music played and lyrics written by myself.

Dedication

This first D-7 Connection Publication is dedicated to all the SO-PS Officers in District 7. Without their input, these pages would be blank.

Each Division should be proud of all their PS Officers not only for their 100% input each month in submitting reports to the District but how they have represented their Divisions in this Publication. What we have in this Department is COMMUNICATION.

We, in the District, are proud and honored to work with them and the best part is that “we have fun.” Thanks to all of you.

A True "Blue" Commitment

On January 18, 2007, I received an unusual request from the National Recruiting Website from a Mr. Richard Owings who was interested in taking a safe boating course online. Mr. Owings mentioned that prior to purchasing his current boat, he lived on a rather large lake in Minnesota. A Power Squadron camp was located on one of the Islands and he became aware of the ABC course through their website but was not able to take the course before purchasing his new boat.

As time unfolded, Mr. Owings ordered his new boat and began his new adventure from Toronto, Canada traveling down the east coast and finally stopping at the Bahia Blue Marina in Thunderbolt, Ga. He had decided that since he was going to be there awhile, he would go online and take the ABC course. While registering online, a computer glitch occurred. He emailed the website asking for help to resolve the situation. Within 24 hours, I received that message and contacted him. After learning of his problem, I agreed to send him a CD and a course book so that he could study the ABC Course. I then inquired whether he had considered joining the USCG Auxiliary. He said he had not but would not mind knowing more about the organization. During the course of the conversation, I invited Mr. Owings to the West Palm Beach area to take the safe boating course and possibly join the Auxiliary. He agreed and stated he would call when he arrived in the area. I notified Angela Pomaro, ADSO-PS who then contacted Mr. Owings and sent him the necessary information to become a member of the USCG Auxiliary. Several months went by, then true to his word, Mr. Owings called and said that he was in West Palm Beach and was ready to join Flotilla 51. Both Angela & I met with him at USCG Station Lake Worth Inlet and processed his membership paperwork.

Mr. Owings claimed he was surprised to learn how involved the Auxiliary was with the Coast Guard and liked the idea of expanding his boating knowledge. "Rhonda and Angela were so helpful and made the Auxiliary sound so interesting that I took them up on their offer

and sailed to West Palm Beach to join the Auxiliary. I started the Boat Crew class and am looking forward to taking more classes and becoming more involved." After receiving his membership ID number and taking the ABC course at Flotilla 51, Mr. Owings sailed south on his boat "Blue."



On November 12, 2007, Mr. Owings returned to the area and was sworn-in on "Blue" at a Marina in Stuart, Florida by Rhonda Hebert, FC and Angela Pomaro, VFC of Flotilla 51. Richard Owings has a



home with Flotilla 51 of the Palm Beaches in District 7. Because of his membership, he admits that in his travels, he has made contact with many Auxiliarists and knows he is welcome at any port where there is a USCG Auxiliary Flotilla.

As DSO-PS of District 7, I just wanted to share this story. Many Divisions are receiving requests from the National Website every day from people who want information pertaining to a wide variety of subjects. Naturally, we should not expect such success in answering every inquiry and having them become a member of the USCG Auxiliary -- but it's worth a try and I must admit FUN!

By Rhonda Hebert, DSO-PS

Pulling Tabs for Ronald McDonald

Submitted by Joel Aberbach , SO-PS Division 06

One of our several interesting and enjoyable community outreach efforts is the collecting of aluminum pull tabs throughout our CG family and given to the Ronald MacDonald House (Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami). Each pound represents 1,550 tabs. The tabs are then sold to a recycling company and the money supports the every day operation of the House. This humanitarian effort costs us nothing and is accomplished with very little effort.



Barry Feigenbaum, Don Blechman, Angel Martinez, Carol Ann Lane and Mario Gutierrez.

USCG and Division 10 Escort Ship

Submitted by Ted Phillips SO-PS Division 10

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, a large ship carrying cranes to be unloaded, mounted and used for loading and unloading containerized cargo made its way up the Savannah River after a voyage from China. The ship was escorted by the Coast Guard and CG Auxiliary up the river and under the Tallmadge Bridge. The trip was planned so that the ship with the cranes passed under the bridge at dead low tide. The estimate was that there would



be 8 feet of clearance between the top of the cranes and the bottom of the bridge. The speed of the ship was approximately 1.5 knots for the passage.

The Auxiliary has been providing pickets for a security zone around the ship while the cranes have been unloaded on several occasions during the last week and a half

USCG/Aux Assist in Sugar Cane Explosion

Submitted by Ted Phillips SO-PS Division 10

On the evening of Feb. 7 at about 7:15 PM there was an explosion at the Dixie Crystal (owned by Imperial Sugar) refinery on the Savannah River. The initial death toll of 6 has climbed to 10 as 4 of the employees who were critically injured have succumbed to their injuries. At one count there were 40 employees injured. The cause of the explosion was found to be fine sugar dust. The source of the ignition has not been determined and is still under investigation.

One of the members of Flotilla 10-2, who is qualified in HAZMAT, and who has been working with the Savannah MSU was called to accompany an MST3 from the MSU to investigate the presence of Mercury (used in instrumentation) at the sight of the pollution booms were set in place on the river around the refinery docks.

Coast Guard Station Tybee and ANT Tybee provided several boats and Coast Guard Air Station Savannah provided a helicopter for SAR and to check for any pollutants in the River. No one was found to have been in the river and there was little or no pollution from the incident.

Flotilla 10-11 was able to provide a facility on-scene at approximately 11 pm and it remained on the scene until 4 am. The next day at first light 3 USCG/Aux vessels from Flotilla 10-02 (Savannah) and one vessel from Flotilla 10-11 (Hilton Head) performed picket duty for the security zone established around the area. One other facility was on standby in case they were needed later that evening but were released without being used.



Helo Hoist Training

During the Recruiting process, PS Officers are called upon to brief New Member Prospects on the many opportunities which exist for providing volunteer assistance to the U.S. Coast Guard. One such opportunity for our Auxiliary Members is Helo Hoist training for search and rescue missions. More and more D -7 Auxiliary Members are working with their Air Station personnel to gain Helicopter Hoist training and certification. Since Search and Rescue Missions frequently require helicopter evacuation of sick, injured or stranded mariners, those Coasties and Auxiliarists answering the SAR calls are better equipped to provide assistance if they have had qualification training in HELO Hoist operations.

Don Mooers, a Division 14 FSO-PS officer (and past DSO-PS 7), recently went through (PNACO) to HELO Hoist Training at Hilton

Head Island under Division 10 Mentor Henry Pratt to become certified by CG Air Station Savannah in HELO Hoist. Don put his certification to work last month demonstrating for new Coasties aboard a USCG 47 ft. fast boat various hoist techniques. The following photos of that training show Don and another Flotilla 14-04 Aux Member ready to take in the hoist basket; Don being loaded into the hoist basket by Coasties; being hoisted up to the Dolphin "chopper"; and Don returning safely from the Dolphin HH-65 to the 47 ft. CG vessel all while underway at about 10 knots.

For additional information on Helicopter Hoist Training in your area for you to pass on to your New Member Prospects, your Flotilla Commander might request your local CG Station's training officer's assistance or contact the CG Air Station (Savannah, Clearwater, Miami or Borinquen) in your area.



U.S. Coast Guard Band

Submitted by Andy Render, FC 15-03

On February 2, 2008 the U.S. Coast Guard Band, under the Direction of Commander Kenneth Megan, concluded their southeast tour with a concert at the Savannah Center, The Villages, Florida.

During the 2 hour concert, the band played a variety of presentations, ranging from



Broadway musicals, operatic overtures to military marches. The band received numerous standing ovations from the standing room only audience.

Members of Flotilla 15-3 represented the USCG/AUX with a Public Affairs booth both before the concert and during the

intermission. The display was aimed toward explaining the activities of the Auxiliary and to interest individuals to obtain more information about becoming a member.

Andy Render, FC, Chip Robinson, VFC, Barbara Bickley, FSO-FN, Stan Smith, FSO-PA and Guenther Noder spent the evening handing out pamphlets and talking to over 100 concert goers who visited our booth.



The Citadel

Submitted by Charlie McCarty, SO-PS Division 12

The Citadel experience has shown promise as a useful tool in not only attracting young collegians to the Auxiliary but also providing a fertile field of recruits for our Coast Guard Officer Candidate program.

Shown here are members of the Citadel detachment in their school uniform with

DCP Bill Riley, Faculty Advisor, CWO Gelwicks, USCGR, and Sector Charleston Commander, CAPT Mike McAllister. The other photo shows Ryan Kilgo making the transition from his graduating Citadel Student-Auxiliarist role to ensign in the USCG.



Cheeseburgers in America's Paradise

Submitted by Bob Marcy , SO-PS Division 16

On Saturday morning, February 23rd, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary hosted a pancake breakfast fundraiser in order to raise funds for the maintenance and repair of the Auxiliaries two boats. These boats are used for patrols and search and rescue missions to assists the U.S. Coast Guard.

The breakfast took place at Cheeseburgers in America's Paradise from 7:30 to 10:30 AM. Close to 300 people attended the breakfast.



The event included a bake sale, and live music provided by Auxiliary members Robert Marcy and Duane Minton.



We want to thank Eileen Byrd, of Cheeseburgers in America's Paradise, who provided us exclusive use of the restaurant for the pancake breakfast

The Flying Circus organization and Auxiliary members volunteered their time to do the cooking which included pancakes, toppings, sausage, eggs, orange juice, and coffee/tea. A special thank you to Laura Ballard for organizing, shopping, cooking and managing the event.

Lieutenant Neal Marcelino and Master Chief John Mahoney, and families, from the local Coast Guard Office attended along with Ensign Rachel Love and other crew members from Sector San Juan

The event was a huge promotional and financial success. The next major Coast Guard Auxiliary event will take place on Armed Forces Day, May 17th during Safe Boating Week at the Fredriksted Pier



What's New



IMPORTANT INFORMATION, UPDATES AND CHANGES FOR 2008

THE ANSC 7001 (01-08)

Previous editions are obsolete. Read and follow instructions on pages 1-8.

1. Only the ANSC 7001 (01-08) must be used
2. Two (2) complete packages are required; pgs 1-5 Blue or Black pen may be used. The second package may be photocopied.
3. Submit 2 fingerprint cards (black ink preferred)
4. Submit the new member exam sheet
5. Submit a copy of the Boating Safety Course Certificate if previously taken
6. Submit one photo of the new prospective member either as a photo print or CD. Include the name of the individual and Flotilla on the rear of the photo or CD. A floppy is not recommended.
7. Submit a copy of the document used to verify citizenship.

SUBMISSION OF THE 7001: ALL new member packages must be submitted to DirAux West via the DDSL or ADDSL

The 7035: CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Please remember when submitting the 7035 for a transfer, disenrollment, death or retirement that the division captain's signature is **NOT OPTIONAL** in District 7. Please forward all 7035s to your DCP for their signature before submitting to the DSO-PS.

Member Deaths: When submitting a 7035 for the death of a member please include the date of death and the relationship of the next of kin (wife, husband, son, daughter).

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Department of Personnel: <http://www.auxpdept.org/>

District 7: <http://www.cgaux7.org/>

USCG Auxiliary: <http://nws.cgaux.org/index.html>

7th District Store: <http://www.cgaux7.org/d7store/default.htm>

Aux Info: <http://www.cgaux7.org/auxinfo/>

Aux Data: <http://auxdata.uscg.gov/>

Zip Code Flotilla Finder: <http://ff.cgaux.org/>

E-Directory: <http://www.auxedirectory.org/>

Uniform distribution Center:
http://www.uscg.mil/UNIFORMS/UDC_Orders.htm

DIRAUX: <http://d7diraux.org/>



Membership Growth Awards



Reward and recognition is a critical component of helping members feel as though their hard work on behalf of the organization has been appreciated. These awards are designed to recognize individual members, Flotillas and Divisions for their contributions to membership growth. It is time for the Flotillas and the Divisions to begin preparing their Membership Growth Awards and Service Awards. Remember if your member qualified for the Auxiliary Recruiting Service Award, he or she will also qualify for the Naco membership Growth Award and the District 7 Auxiliary Membership Growth Award. To earn one of the below awards the individual must have recruited the required number of new members for that particular award and be considered the sponsor of those members. Each new member must have been assigned a member ID number by DIRAUX. All award submissions are due by June 30, 2008

AUXILIARY RECRUITING SERVICE AWARD: To be submitted by the FC to the DSO-PS.
http://www.auxpdept.org/pdf/auxrsa_f.pdf

This award recognizes the individual achievement of an Auxiliary Member, who has recruited at least seven (7) or more new members during a single calendar year (2007).

NACO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD: To be submitted by the FC to the DSO-PS.
http://www.auxpdept.org/pdf/nmga_if.pdf

This award recognizes the individual achievement of an Auxiliary member, who has recruited at least five (5) or more new members during a single calendar year. (2007)

DISTRICT 7 AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD: To be submitted by the FC to the DCP to the DSO-PS. http://www.cgaux7.org/Forms/7D_PS-2.pdf

This award recognizes the individual achievement of an Auxiliary member, who has recruited at least three (3) or more new members during a single calendar year (2007).

FLOTILLA/DIVISION NACO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD: To be submitted by the FC or DCP and submitted to the DSO-PS. http://www.auxpdept.org/pdf/nmga_fdf.pdf

This Flotilla award recognizes an individual Flotilla that has recruited enough new members to net 2 additional members from the previous year-end totals.

The Division award recognizes an Auxiliary Division that has gained a net of at least two (20 or more new members multiplied by the number of Flotillas in the Division during a single calendar year (2007) from the previous year-end totals.

You may find the application for the Individual Naco Membership Growth Award, the application for the Flotilla and Division Naco Membership Growth Award and the application for the Individual Auxiliary Recruiting Service Award on this website. <http://www.auxpdept.org/awards.htm>

Another website that you may use to obtain these awards along with the District Seven Auxiliary Membership Growth Award can be found at: <http://www.cgaux7.org/>

2008 Retirees

Department of Homeland Security

United States Coast Guard



Takes pleasure in conferring to:

Donald J. Price	Division 8	26 years
Elsa A. Price	Division 8	26 years
Bradley Smith	Division 2	19 years
William F. Dyer	Division 8	16 years
Charles W. Hawkins	Division 2	15 years

RETIRED STATUS

in the

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

*In recognition of significant contributions and devoted service to the organization
and its boating safety programs.*



2008

**Division 5—Joseph DiLiddo
Melvin Levine**

**Division 9—Joan Durkin
John B. Heistein
Robert C. Tingle**

Division 10—Diane B. Miller

Division 11—Robert L. Grace

Division 13— Joseph Welty

Crossing the Bar

*Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,*

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;*

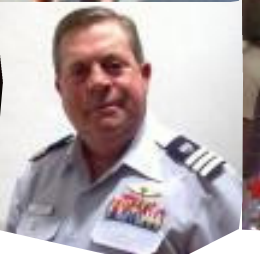
*For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.*

By Alfred Lord Tennyson

The Picture Page



The Picture Page Too



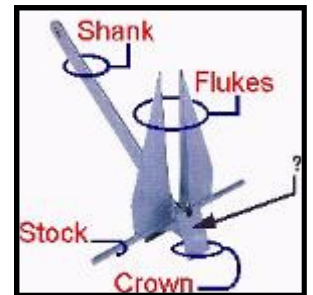
Trivia Questions

- 1 What famous Structure was the first electrified lighthouse in the U.S.?
- 2 The German three-masted training baroque “Horst Wessel” is now know as _____
- 3 If a captain announced “Sun Over the Yardarm” what action would the crew be likely to take?
- 4 What is the common term used to describe the body of water next to a pier or wharf where a boat or ship floats?
- 5 What term is used in the US Virgin Islands to describe a PWC?
- 6 What is most likely the origin of the international distress voice signal?
- 7 What is the name of the only lighthouse in the world ever to be lighted using natural gas?
- 8 The term “Seven Seas” has historically been applied to what seven waters?
- 9 What is the last place on earth that welcomes the New Year?

- 10 Who flies this flag?



- 11 What is the name of the Danforth Anchor part indicated by the black arrow?



- 12 Can you name these 5 people and what do they all have in common?



See next page for answers!

Trivia Answers

- 1 The Statue of Liberty, in 1886, the year it was dedicated. An arc light was placed in the statue's torch as an aid to navigation. Lady Liberty served as a lighthouse until 1902.
- 2 USCG training vessel "Eagle"
- 3 The first drink of the day! (usually rum)
- 4 A dock — many people think they can stand on a dock — but that would be impossible.
- 5 A Thrillcraft
- 6 From the French m'aidez or help me.

7. **Barcelona Lighthouse**
Barcelona, NY

Barcelona Light is presently a very good- looking private residence with an inactive light tower attached. The grounds are not open to the public, but are easily viewed from NY-5 (the Seaway Trail).



This 40-foot tower of natural fieldstone was constructed in 1829 in response to increased shipping traffic after the opening of the Erie Canal. It was de-activated in 1859. The light had a very innovative fuel system, consisting of a wooden pipeline running from a nearby pocket of natural gas, burning 11 lamps with 14-inch reflectors. The lighthouse thus became the first public building in the US lit by natural gas. To this day there is a gas street light shining from the tower.

8. N. Pacific, S. Pacific, N. Atlantic, S. Atlantic, Arctic, Antarctic and the Indian Ocean
9. Falealupo, Samoa
10. US Customs
11. Tripping Palm or Crown Plate
12.
 1. Arnie Palmer
 2. Humphrey Bogart
 3. Caesar Romero
 4. Ted Turner
 5. Rudy Vallee

They all served in the Coast Guard