



DIRAUX NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2014



FROM THE DESK of CDR Brian Hofferber, District 13 Director of Auxiliary Forces

The Four Forces of the Coast Guard

So here WE are – “Team Coast Guard District 13 Auxiliary”, “Team Coast Guard District 13”, or just “Team Coast Guard”. Slice and dice the organization and name however you wish but we are all members of same Coast Guard agency, serving on a unified team to forward the missions of the Coast Guard. While we are organized into four separate forces for the purpose of effective personnel administration, the purpose of each force remains the same:

Active Forces: These team members are full-time, uniformed, paid employees which are organized under a separate personnel organization with many unique personnel policies and procedures. These forces support and execute Coast Guard missions.

Civilian Work Force: These team members are full-time, non-uniformed, paid employees which are organized under a separate personnel organization with many unique personnel policies and procedures. This force supports and executes Coast Guard missions.

Reserve Forces: These team members are part-time, uniformed, paid employees which are organized under a separate personnel organization with many unique personnel policies and procedures. These forces support and execute Coast Guard missions, especially during surge operations.

Auxiliary Forces: These team members are part-time, uniformed, unpaid volunteers which are organized under their own personnel organization with many personnel policies and procedures unique to their status. These forces support and execute Coast Guard missions.

I repetitiously belabored the key conforming aspects of the four Coast Guard forces to address a point, establish my posture as District 13’s designated advocate of the D13 Coast Guard Auxiliary Forces, and to set my expectations for the conduct of our Auxiliary members.

I recently attended the National Convention of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in August where I noticed that both Active and Auxiliary personnel frequently referred to the Coast Guard Auxiliary as being disparate from the Coast Guard. As I attempted to convey in the preceding force descriptions, this is clearly not the case. It is likewise important to note that the words “Coast Guard” aptly precede “Auxiliary”. You are not the “Auxiliary Coast Guard”. That would, indeed, imply a separate agency or entity. No, you are the “Coast Guard Auxiliary” and so you are an integral force of the Coast Guard agency organization, first, and a member of the Auxiliary personnel organization, second. This is how I shall advocate the Auxiliary to our D13 Coast Guard operational commanders, district staff, and external stakeholders.

While membership in the Coast Guard is a privilege for any of us, membership also comes with inherent responsibilities that should not be taken lightly. As members of the Coast Guard, Auxiliary Forces must be held to the same standards of professional and courteous conduct (as captured in the Coast Guard’s Core Values) as any other Coast Guard forces whenever Auxiliary members are conducting Coast Guard business and representing the Coast Guard, either internally with a Flotilla, Division, District, Station, Sector, etc., or

externally with the public. My stance on this is that ALL business of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is the business of the Coast Guard.

So, to all the Auxiliary leaders of our fine Coast Guard organization, I shall lean on you to build esprit de corps within the Auxiliary Forces which is geared toward professionalism, competency, and teamwork; promptly, decisively, and consistently address member conduct which conflicts with Coast Guard Core Values; lead by example; and, support, and seek support from, your Chain of Leadership, your peers, and those to which you are charged with leading.

If you are a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary then you are also a member of the Coast Guard. If you are a member of the Coast Guard then you are also a leader, however junior or senior you may be within the organization. It is therefore to every Auxiliary member that I am addressing these leadership expectations.

FROM THE DESK of CWO Chris Brown, Operations Training Officer/Assistant DIRAUX

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FROM THE DESK of YN1 Jennifer L. Gonzales, Travel & Office Manager

The District Meeting is just around the corner and I will be there on Saturday and Sunday morning to answer any travel or PPE questions you have and to help do your travel claims Sunday morning. Just a quick note on travel claims, you all have been very good with the blue ink thank you, but also you need to make sure your hotel receipts are itemized and have a remaining balance of zero. The pay center has been returning travel claims that do not have a balance of zero. We're coming to the end of the FY14 and all travel claims that the travel has been completed that have not been submitted need to do so now.

Hope everyone had a great summer!

FROM THE DESK of Charles K. Claytor, Auxiliary Affairs Specialist

Greetings everyone from downtown Seattle! Things are changing here faster than a tornado in a sand box! Have a lot on my plate this month so here I go...first, as of 1 October 2014, DIRAUX will no longer accept Offer For Use forms (vessel & radio) in paper format. So don't mail them. They must be sent electronically directly to me or via Diraux@uscg.mil. Unless your Offer For Use is for a new facility, your acceptance will be sent back to you (and the VE) via email. New facilities will continue to receive their acceptance by mail because of the enclosed decal and wreath. I know some of you find this hard to accept, but it is the wave of the future and it will decrease the amount of time we spend on every facility acceptance.

Our new Commander has made the decision to follow the Identification Card policy as it states in the AUXMAN. Henceforth, you will have more uniform options when taking the ID card photo. In addition, the "unknown" for Blood Type is now accepted. So, even though everyone should know what their blood type and Rh Factor is, reporting on your ID card is no longer a requirement. Many of you may have noticed that your ID card has expired and you did not receive a new one on your 5th year membership anniversary. We have been sending emails and letters to everyone prior to their 5th year anniversary informing them of the requirement to submit a new photo and photo application. That's right, everyone's beautiful face changes over 5 years. Yes we are getting better looking every year. Of course, there isn't much you can fix on my mug! Please send me directly or via Dirauxid@uscg.mil a new photo and photo application just prior to your basic entry date.

As I mentioned in an earlier issue of DIRAUX NOTES, we will be digitizing all of our personnel records. Therefore, I am now asking for a couple of volunteers to help with that process. This is at least a 1 year project

working at least 8 hours per day, twice a week. The project requires someone who is computer & technical savvy. I need someone who is not averse to making decisions and can follow instructions closely. You will be required to submit for Direct Operational (DO) status as you will be required to obtain an ALAC so that you can access the CG network. So if you believe you can commit to this, please send me an email as soon as possible. The Commander has given the go ahead and we need to get started right away.

FROM THE DESK of Shirley A. Blanchett, Auxiliary Program Assistant

Auxiliarist of the Month



STEVE AND JULIE KRISTROM

FL 33, 22 JUNE 2014



BILL McINTOSH

FL19, 13 JULY 2014

CONGRATULATIONS! To Steve and Julie Kristrom, Fl 33, and Bill McIntosh, Fl 19 for receiving the Auxiliarist of the Month awards.

AUXILIARIST OF THE WEEK: If you have an Auxiliarist in mind for the Aux of the Week award email a paragraph telling the DIRAUX what the Auxiliarist did to merit the award and attach a couple of pictures of the candidate. Email your request to: shirley.a.blanchett@uscg.mil.

DISENROLLMENTS AND DUES: Be advised that ANSC Form 7035, Change of Membership Status, for inactive members needs to be submitted to DSO-HR, David Larkin, no later than 15 November. Failure to do so may result in a delay of disenrollment beyond the calendar year. In such cases, an inactive member will be carried on a Flotilla's active roster into the new calendar year and the Flotilla will then be ultimately responsible for payment for the member's division, district, and national dues.

PICTURES OF YOURSELF DURING MILITARY DUTY, PEACE CORPS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, OR OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE:

Do you have pictures of yourself from your time served in uniform or other public service? The DIRAUX is requesting pictures of our Auxiliary membership who have served through many different avenues. We are collecting items for the history of the Auxiliary in the Thirteenth District and the uniformed public service of

many of our members. Please submit pictures that you would like to share, along with year and type of service, to the DIRAUX office. Point of contact: Shirley Blanchett, email: shirley.a.blanchett@uscg.mil



George Long, FL 64 Shown at Mobile Command Unit for Willamette Valley Communications Center (9-1-1 center)



Paul Hunter, FL 32, battery commander CPT Paul Hunter, US Army, with his driver and gunner. Vietnam 1969



Henry Phillips, Fl 78 Adjutant and Instructor St John's University ROTC Detach Jamaica, NY, 1969-1972



Hyatt Barnes, Fl 47, 2nd Lt, US Air Force 1962

