

Auxiliarist of the Week

September 1 / Div 1 /
Edmonds / Art West



Mr. Art West is the Commander of Flotilla 12 in Edmonds.

Art is being recognized for his steadfast devotion to duty and leadership during the highly sensitive and tragic event surrounding the suicide of one of his Flotilla members last month.

During the fast-paced day's event and immediately after the incident, Art maintained close communications ties with D13 and the senior Auxiliary staff thereby ensuring the integrity of important case details.

Despite having to deal with his own emotional response, Art took it upon himself to organize a special Flotilla meeting to answer myriad questions, provide council and updates about the controversial and high-profile loss. Further, Art courageously reached out to the deceased member's family.

As a final tribute to a member that had been an upstanding volunteer, he led a contingent of eight Auxiliarists to Richland, WA to attend the funeral and comfort the family.