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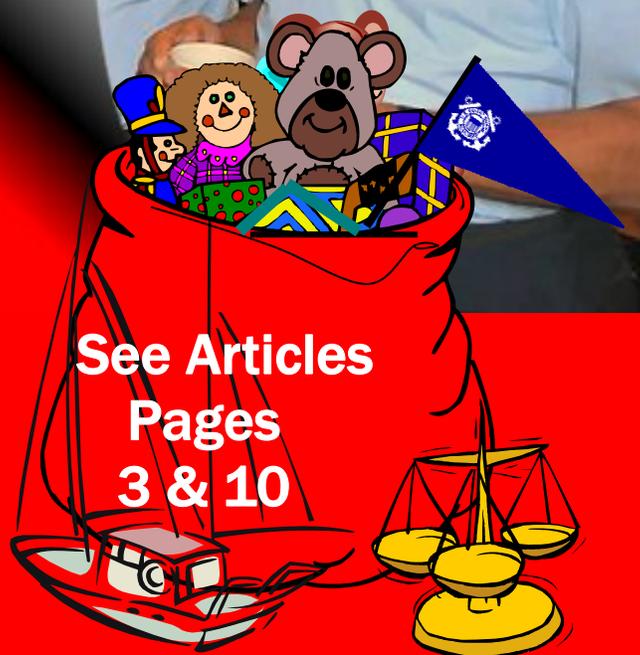


Division 2 is facing Delta change in 2010.

The newly elected Division Commander for term 2010 has pronounced "change."

New staff and paradigm shifts automatically spell change.

Also, *True North News* is closing its publication door after nine years.



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SUBMITTALS SUSPENDED

Submittals to the future Division 2 Newsletter must necessarily await announcement of the names of the Publication, and of the new SO-PB 130-02 Editor.

TNN DEADLINES NO LONGER APPLY

**This is the closing (final) issue of *True North News*.
Thank you for your past participation.**

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Division 2 Elections, Leadership & Common Lessons

by Bonnie Jean Schiesswohl
SO-PB 130-02

Election Results Open Way for New Platform

This article randomly addresses leadership procedures and issues that many of our newer Auxiliarists know nothing about..

Elections in Division 2 came and went on the second evening of the week, on the tenth day of the tenth month in this tenth year in the new millennium. The selections of Division 2 leadership for year eleven, 2010, have been determined.



AUX Photo/ B. J. Schiesswohl

Shown center front, CDR Michael A. "Andre" Billeaudeaux, USCG, Director of the Auxiliary, D-13, adds final rallying words at the close of the Division 2 unit meeting on 'Election Night.' Behind him, l. to r., are Douglas K. Julien IPDCDR 130-02; Noel S. Paterson VCDR 130-02; John E. Bureson DCDR 130-02; Richard M. Coons DCAPT-N; William "Bill" Barnes VFC 02-02; and Joseph LeCointe FC 02-01.

The race for the top leader position in Division 2 never took place. There was no need. There were no contenders in the anti-climactic culmination of latent paradigm stir. The Auxiliarist who stated she had her new

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staff lined up weeks ago, ran unopposed. In the case of Division 2 on the evening of November 10th, the anticipated lead runner for the Division Commander (DCDR) position was the already-proven incumbent, John E. Burreson DCDR. But Burreson had *"thought it through"*, he said, and decided to forfeit his advantage as benefice. He had decided not to run for an allowable second term. Likewise, trained Chief of Staff Noel Paterson stepped back, choosing neither to run upward for the DCDR position, nor as the incumbent for his current Vice Commander (VCDR) position.



AUX Photo/ Schiesswohl

Mary Ann Chapman
Division Commander
(elect) 2010
DCDR (elect)

Chapman had recently resigned her Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC) position, effective December 31, 2009, which freed her to run for DCDR. (Current AUX Man policy does not require that a DCDR candidate have pre-training as the VCDR.) With Burreson stepping down, and with no others stepping up beforehand, nor nominations from the floor, MaryAnn Chapman ran virtually unopposed. The practical consequence was unanimous. A vote from the Board was not unnecessary. The appointed head of the Election Committee, Lynn McClellan FL 02-04 had carefully followed rules of order.

In her earlier candidacy remarks, Chapman stated her intentions to "bring change" but did not specifically address issues. She did, however, tell those present at the meeting that she has three goals, e.g., To: 1) Build the flotillas; 2) Strike a balance between the three core competencies that are currently being emphasized by ADM Thad Allen, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard; and 3) Build leadership.

Elected by Board vote was the new Chief of Staff, the Division Vice Commander (VCDR.) With Noel Paterson having declined to re-run for the position, votes were privately cast by the Board between just two candidates, Joseph LeCointe FL 02-01, North Seattle and Patrick C. "Craig" Smith FL 02-04, Seattle-Elliott Bay. Smith was elected. So it is that the two lead officers in Division 2, both from Flotilla 02-04, have been supplanted by yet two more from Flotilla 02-04 — the newest, and now largest of the four flotillas in Division 2. (Last year, FL 02-03 was disbanded. In the end, most of those members were transferred into Flotilla 02-04.)

POLICIES AND BURDENS

Plenty of policy guidance exists to assist the Division Commander. In addition to the AUX Man standard resource, COMDTINST M16790.1F, there is more specific policy help. The Auxiliary Division Procedures Guide, COMDTPUB P16791.3 (series) offers detailed division level guidance.

TERMS OF TITLE ENDEARMENT

By AUX Man policy, elections are held annually in the district divisions across our land to determine who will be installed to manage and guide their divisional group of flotillas for the coming year. Until recently, these two positions were known as Division Captain and Division Vice Captain.



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Above, l. to r., Noel S. Paterson VCDR and John E. Burreson DCDR give the TNN camera a relieved smile. Both will end their terms effective 31 December 2009. Burreson has since been appointed DSO-PS for 2010.

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Public Affairs Booths Garner Awareness

by B. J. Schiesswohl SO-PB 130-02

Much more than Boating Safety information is distributed in the hand-outs and conversations at the annual Verizon Wireless (VZW) Safety Fair held in late October this year in Bellevue.



AUX Photo/ Anonymous Vendor

Shown above, a Verizon employee gets safe boating information from Ted Schiesswohl FL 02-02. In background, Bonnie Schiesswohl checks a (proprietary information) blog site's video clip of Coast Guard Mission activity.

For at least eight years now, Bellevue Flotilla 02-02, as a PA vendor of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary concerns, has brought a stacked cartload of materials and set it all up for action at the annual VZW Employee Safety Fair. The company is proactive in keeping their employees abreast of information available from government, non-profit agencies, and specialized product businesses. Last year, the Flotilla 02-02 booth was adjudged 'best' by VZW's host, Jay Hart, Chairman of VZW Safety Committee. There was no specific feedback on that this year, not exactly any way, but the volunteers from Bellevue Flotilla 02-02 arrived to find a prime windowed location in a sunny corner had already been reserved for them by Hart.

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As of 1 January 2009 these titles became Division Commander and Division Vice Commander respectively. For the Auxiliary (only), these are not ranks but rather positional titles that go away after one's term, or terms, is/are fulfilled. The member retains the device and stripe as indicator of past volunteer service position.

As volunteers, Auxiliarists are self-managing in accordance with the policies delineated by the Commandant of the Coast Guard via the AUX Man, ALLCOASTS, and the policy statements of the D-13 Commander, as well as the Director of the Auxiliary (DIRAUX) of that same district. Auxiliarists primarily support their administrative activities through their own membership dues donations, and enhance the budget with token profits acquired through fringe opportunities that can arise from Public Education Classes and Public Affairs events. Indeed, Auxiliarists are the entrepreneurs and altruists of the para-military U. S. Coast Guard organization colloquially referred to as 'the Auxiliary.'

MEETING WRAP UP

The second half of the election night meeting included officer reports. With this came the announcement by the Officer of Publications, Bonnie Schiesswohl SO-PB 130-02 that *True North News (TNN)* would be disbanding at years end, whether or not invited by the new administration to take an appointment renewal. The publication, following newsletter predecessor *Securite'* (which was regularly published by Bonita "Bonnie" Harding in the late 90s) will completely close shop after the final November-December 2009 issue, concluding nine consecutive years of informational services to the Division 2 readership.

Director of the Auxiliary (DIRAUX) CDR Michael A. "Andre" Billeaudeau, USCG, was in attendance on election night and made an enthusiastic "share point." He was, he pointed out in obvious fond recollection, standing "*right on this spot*" where he was married in the Bear Room on New Year's Eve in 1993. Moving on, he said, "*Opportunities abound*", adding, "*You can do anything you want to; all you have to do is ask.*" "*There are tons of opportunities.*" Indeed, the D-13 DIRAUX sees what he declares as being, "*nothing but potential.*"

By AUX Man policy, COMDTINST. M16790.1F, Chapter 4, selection of the following year's Division Commander and Vice Commander is done by voting process and is limited to the votes by the standing Board. The Board in Division 2 is composed of four Flotilla Commanders, the standing Division Commander and Vice (Chief of Staff), the Immediate Past Division Commander, and the District Captain (DCAPT) whose votes only in the case of a tie. No vote was necessary as there were no contenders for the position.

A Planning Meeting for 2010 followed this election on Saturday, 5 December 2009 in the Ranier Room, Evans Bldg 4, Pier 36. (Please see separate article on page 10 of this issue.) ■

[Note: The last woman to serve as Captain (now titled Commodore) of Division 2 was the renowned Alki Lighthouse Manager and Public Education guru for many years, Elizabeth "Betty" Hamilton.]

"A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received."

Albert Einstein

Sector Seattle Shares ‘Heart’

Photography by Scott G. Dittberner, USCGA National Press Corps
Article by B. J. Schiesswohl SO-PB 130-02 and Scott G. Dittberner FL 02-04

Location, location, location. There can be little doubt but that having a unit meeting right on the Pier 36 Coast Guard base will accommodate even one of the busiest local Coast Guard officers.

Flotilla 02-04's locale fortune was obvious when they were given an outstanding training opportunity at their October unit meeting in the Bear Room. Lieutenant Commander Martin L. "Marty" Smith, USCG, Sector Seattle, was their guest speaker and Auxiliary history enlightener.



Close up of the Auxiliary's WWII Temporary Reserve (TR) patch.

AUX Photo/Scott Dittberner FL 02-04

Above, LCDR Marty Smith making presentation of watch standing and Sector Seattle's heartbeat program.

History and current opportunity merged as the group was caught up on a wide variety of topics, including the history of how the Auxiliarists dressed as 'Temporary Reserve' (TR) forces during World War II. The TRs wore khaki shirts with unique TR patches on the sleeve. But watch standing was the primary topic. CDR Smith covered the Watch, Quarter and Station Bill (WQSB), identifying the different types of watches stood by the Active Duty Coast Guard and the Auxiliary.

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As for the huge heart seen on Smith's demo board, it is the 'CPR' icon demonstrating Sector Seattle's big 'heartbeat' push for excellence. CPR stands for Collaboration, People, and Readiness. As applied to this, Collaboration is about optimizing talent in the Coast Guard's internal and external communities to complete the Coast Guard's missions in Sector's AOR. People, well, they need an encouraging work environment that promotes both personal satisfaction and professional excellence. Readiness means each member is prepared and delivers the best response for any situation.



How motivated are you to assist the Coast Guard with direct support as a watch stander? Do you recognize your own self as a personal stakeholder in the results of protecting the population within the Thirteenth District? Do you have a talent or experience to contribute with an applied attitude of excellence? If so, why not talk with your Flotilla Commander and discuss the volunteer options that are out there awaiting your services. In addition, for direct support opportunities, contact either MaryAnn Chapman ASC who will be liaison with the Sector until 31 December. After the first of the new year 2010, contact Bob Hays, the new ASC appointee. 📄

RECOGNIZING AND COUNTERING IDENTITY THEFT



When military units deploy, or when great cutters like the USCGC Healy leave for scientific missions, personnel aboard remain as much a target of identity theft as when they were in homeport. Only they are all the more vulnerable by reason of distance. Whether Officer, Enlisted, Reserve, or Auxiliarist, we are all vulnerable and could be one of the 8.3 million Americans victimized by identity fraud. The U.S. Department of the Navy offers advice.

SIGNS That You May Be a Victim of Identity Theft:

1. Seeing accounts you did not open show up on your credit report; 2. Failing to receive bills or other important mail (a thief may have submitted a change of address in your name); 3. Receiving credit cards for which you did not apply; 4. Denial of credit for no apparent reason; 5. Receiving calls from debt collectors or companies about merchandise or services you did not buy.

IMMEDIATE STEPS FOR ID VICTIMS:

1. Contact the Federal Trade Commission; call 1-877-ID THEFT or visit www.consumer.gov/idtheft to file a complaint.
2. Place a fraud alert on your credit reports by calling one of the three main credit companies and review your credit report.
 - ◆ Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
 - ◆ Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN
 - ◆ TransUnion 1-800-680-7289
3. Close the accounts that you know have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
4. File a report with you local police and keep a copy of the report.
5. Keep records of all actions taken.



USCG Photo
USCGC Healy in Arctic Ice

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B.J. Schiesswohl FL 02-02

As for the setting up, well that means standard PA booth work — wheeling in boxes of brochures, placards, free litter bags imprinted with Vessel Safety Check (VSC) contact numbers, coloring books, State and Federal boating regulation pamphlets and the like at least half an hour prior the event's opening. This year, short on hand-out goodies, i.e., whistles, pens, etc., the Auxiliarists brought a big jar of individually wrapped mint patties to signify, "we're really glad you dropped by."

Auxiliarist participation in Public Affairs events like this at VZW sometimes develop casual friendships with the other 'vendors'. Sometimes 'regulars' are seen year after year, i.e., this was the seventh year for one or both of the Schiesswohls to man VZW's event booth where fellow vendors are mostly non-profits or government agencies. (Take "Detective Dan." He is a Bellevue Police Department regular with wise tips on local crime trends and ways to offset them. It was he who donated crayons to the Auxiliary last year for handing out with the CG coloring books.)

The King County Office of Emergency Management table was stacked with interesting materials, much of them associated with the "3 Days, 3 Ways — Are You Ready?" program. The county offers valuable materials explaining to citizens how to prepare for handling home responsibilities in case of an area-wide emergency. Special interest business booths were set up with specific lines of security and safety product lines such as emergency survival kits and components.

VZW's own Safety booth and their Health and Wellness team were near the door to greet, and to manage. They distributed raffle tickets to employees who later won a variety of prizes donated by the vendors. (The Auxiliary donated cobalt blue plastic water bottles with Coast Guard Reserve logos.)

The Eastside Domestic Violence Program (EDVP) had an outstanding backboard display this year, and played up Twitter-type communication tools. The USCG Auxiliarists were innovative, too. They brought a large laptop computer and utilized (pre-screened) blog site clips of USCGA activities, and hung a large National Ensign for backdrop emphasis.

Feedback from booth visitors at VZW may have reflected effects of the current economy. A few who had once owned a boats can no longer afford their care and maintenance. Others are postponing purchase for now. Some took literature for friends or relatives with whom they boat, and who need to take classes or get State boating cards. Some have tighter schedules, adding more work hours to meet ends. Though interested, they could not consider volunteering at this time. Some have relatives in (or were in) the United States Coast Guard. They spoke with noticeable pride of their kin links to the Coast Guard. 📄

"Strive for perfection in everything. Take the best that exists and make it better. If it doesn't exist, create it. Accept nothing 'nearly right' or 'good enough.'

Sir Henry Royce, co-founder of Rolls-Royce

Preparing for the Planning of 2010

They came. They heard. Next month they will plan.

All four Division 2 flotillas were represented at the annual planning meeting (Part I) held by Division Commander (elect) Mary Ann Chapman in the Ranier Room on 5 December. The largest number of participants came from the two largest of the Division 2 flotillas, Eastside 02-02 and Seattle-Elliott Bay 02-04.

Using Sector Seattle's State of the Unit **SWOT** acrostic, Chapman pulled the group together with exercises that drew upon their opinions and assessments of **S**uccesses and **W**eaknesses within their own flotilla units, and challenged them to think about their **O**pportunities and **T**hreats.

These latter covered 'threats', events and situations being beyond a unit's control, were not readily on these Auxiliarists minds or tongues. (Though negative, they are real, and recognizable when pointed out, e.g., loss of strategic personnel (illness, death); CG personnel changes during transfer season (and at any possible time in the Auxiliary); changing political environment; high probability of a high visibility event in one's AOR; negative personalities, &c. The threat topic could occupy hours of discussion. *"We'll cover this at a later time,"* Chapman told the group.)

Mary Ann Chapman presented her new platform as a push for "successful members." She gradually rotated so as to directly face sections of members/officers gathered in a huge circle in the sun-struck room. She referenced the big changes that took place in the local Coast Guard in 2005. At that time, Auxiliarists, like as

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AUX Photo/ B.J. Schiesswohl

Center front, Division Commander (elect) Mary Ann Chapman leads a room filled with Division 2 Auxiliarists at the annual planning meeting, held this year in Building 4, Pier 36.

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the Active Duty Coast Guard and Reserve forces in Seattle, had to make adjustments as Group Seattle, the Marine Safety Office, and Visual Transport System (VTS) merged to become 'Sector Seattle.' "Now," she said, "everything's changing again." Per Chapman, by summer 2010 we will be seeing a "complete transformation" of the areas of responsibility in this district, with streamlined communication features.



It's a challenging task, but Division Commander (elect) Chapman says her intentions are to bring about a three-way balance between volunteer involvement in Recreational Boating Safety (RBS), Boat Operations (Ops) and Direct Support to the U.S. Coast Guard (beyond our standard Coast Guard support missions as outlined in the AUX Man.)



AUX Photo/ B. J. Schiesswohl SO-PB 130-02

Above, l. to r., (seated) Bryan H. Dees FC 02-02 (elect); Mary Ann Chapman DCDR (elect); unidentified new member North Seattle FL 02-01; CWO Steve Jones, USCG, Operations Training Officer (OTO), DIRAUX office.

Each flotilla's responses to the SWOT questions were recorded on flip pages and posted for group discussion. When the topic of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) popped up as a 'threat' it was re-routed to weakness based on the possibilities of sharing around PPE not being used regularly. But the OTO didn't miss a beat. He was instantly up front explaining budget limitations versus expanding demand. CWO Jones is known for his conscientious efforts to serve Auxiliarist needs in the Operations equipment area.

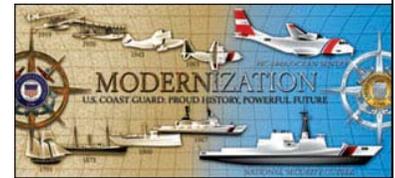
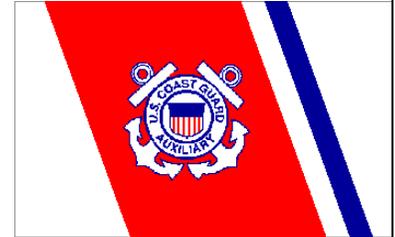
The meeting was limited to two hours. Part II (for planning) is scheduled for 9 January 2010. 📄

USCGA National Realignment [All Auxiliary ALCOAST 673/09]

The following ALCOAST was released by Rear Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara, Deputy Commandant for Operations on 9 November to help Auxiliarists keep abreast of the tile changes that correlate with the U.S. Coast Guard's National Realignment modernization mission.

To: ALAUX
From: CHDIRAUX
Subj: COAST GUARD AUXILIARY NATIONAL REALIGNMENT -061/09

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ALCOAST 673/09
 COMDTNOTE 16790
SUBJ: AUXILIARY NATIONAL REALIGNMENT
 A. AUXILIARY MANUAL, COMDTINST M16790.1 (SERIES)



1. PURPOSE. TO SUMMARIZE AUXILIARY NATIONAL REALIGNMENT AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF COAST GUARD MODERNIZATION.

2. BACKGROUND. OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, AUXILIARY NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL LEADERS HAVE PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED THE MOST SWEEPING AUXILIARY REORGANIZATIONAL EFFORT IN ITS 70 YEAR HISTORY. IN AUGUST 2008, THE AUXILIARY LAUNCHED THE FIRST PORTION OF ITS REORGANIZATION - THE SEA-LEVEL REALIGNMENT OF AUXILIARY UNITS WITH THE SECTOR CONSTRUCT. NOW, AS THE COAST GUARD CLOSES IN UPON ITS MODERNIZED STRUCTURE, THE AUXILIARY HAS MOVED FORWARD WITH THE FINAL PORTION OF ITS PARALLEL STRUCTURE - REORGANIZATION OF ITS NATIONAL COMPONENTS. THESE ORGANIZATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS WILL TRANSFORM THE AUXILIARY'S LEADERSHIP AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK, SUPPORT SYSTEMS, AND BUSINESS PRACTICES TO BEST POSITION AUXILIARY PROGRAMS, RESOURCES, AND CAPABILITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE AUGMENTATION OF THE COAST GUARD. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS EFFORT, THE AUXILIARY WILL HAVE RESTRUCTURED ITS NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE IN COMPLETE LOCKSTEP WITH THE TENETS OF COAST GUARD MODERNIZATION.

3. ACTION. THE FOLLOWING AUXILIARY NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED:

A. THE NATIONAL COMMODORE (NACO, 3-STAR), UPON COMPLETION OF COAST GUARD MODERNIZATION, SHALL REPORT TO THE VICE COMMANDANT (VCG) AND SHALL REMAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION AND OVERALL OPERATIONS OF THE AUXILIARY.

B. THE NATIONAL VICE COMMODORE (NAVCO, 2-STAR) HAS BEEN RETITLED THE VICE NATIONAL COMMODORE (VNACO, 2-STAR). VNACO REPORTS TO THE NACO, AND FUNCTIONS AS THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (COO) OF THE AUXILIARY.

C. THE THREE AREA COMMODORES (ARCO ATLANTIC AREA-EAST, ATLANTIC AREA-WEST, AND PACIFIC AREA, 2-STARS) HAVE BEEN RETITLED DEPUTY NATIONAL COMMODORE (DNACO, 2-STAR) FOR OPERATIONS (DNACO-O), OPERATIONS POLICY (DNACO-P), AND FORCE READINESS (DNACO-R), RESPECTIVELY. UNTIL COMPLETION OF COAST GUARD MODERNIZATION, THEIR TITLES SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THEIR ARCO LANT-EAST, LANT-WEST, AND PAC DESIGNATORS. THESE LEADERS REPORT TO THE VNACO WITH GUIDANCE FROM THE NACO, THEY OPERATE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE ATLANTIC AREA COMMANDER, THE DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR OPERATIONS (DCO), AND THE FORCE READINESS (FORCECOM) COMMANDER,

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RESPECTIVELY.

D. THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF (NACOS, 2-STAR) HAS BEEN RETITLED DEPUTY NATIONAL COMMODORE FOR MISSION SUPPORT (DNACO-S, 2-STAR). DNACO-S REPORTS TO THE VNACO WITH GUIDANCE FROM THE NACO.

4. NEXT STEPS.

A. THESE CHANGES ARE THE CULMINATION OF A CHARACTERISTICALLY BOLD AUXILIARY INITIATIVE TO FORTIFY ITS ABILITY TO MEET CHALLENGES TODAY AND INTO THE FUTURE. ITS NATIONAL STRUCTURE WILL BE ORGANIZED TO FACILITATE GREATER SYNERGIES AND EFFECTIVENESS AS THE COAST GUARD MOVES TOWARD FULLY IMPLEMENTED MODERNIZATION. BY FULLY LEVERAGING THIS NEW AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONSTRUCT, WE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY DELIVER MORE EFFICIENT, RESPONSIVE, AND CAPABLE SERVICE TO OUR NATION.

B. THESE CHANGES, ALONG WITH A DETAILED ORGANIZATION CHART, ARE REFLECTED IN THE NEWS RELEASE POSTED ON THE AUXILIARY WHATS NEW WEB SITE:

<http://sites.google.com/site/uscgauxnacon2009/coast-guard-auxiliary-restructures-national-organization>.

THEY WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT CHANGE TO REF A.

5. I CONGRATULATE NATIONAL COMMODORE NICK KERIGAN AND HIS LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR ONCE AGAIN ANSWERING THE NEEDS OF THE COAST GUARD.

6. RELEASED BY RADM SALLY BRICE-OHARA, DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR OPERATIONS.

[NOTE: This ALCOAST is also posted on the Coast Guard's General Message site: <http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/>.]

Your Public Library Taxation Dollars at Work for You

Why not put your tax dollars to work on your own behalf?

For many of you readers, annual property taxes and assessments take literally hundreds of dollars from your pocket each year specifically to fund your county's Library system. Why not get some bang from your hard earned bucks and get some payback by actually using the public library?

What will you find at your library? You'd be amazed. Everything from standard reading materials to video, DVDs, CDs and e-Books. There are books on tape, MP3 players, wireless internet connection areas, and in-house computers with internet access. It's the place to find or access multilingual materials, government documents, business resources, and a variety of online information databases. Oh yes, a valuable perk for economizing on your personal printer ink cartridge, is to do some printouts at the library. As of last week, 74 black and white pages could be printed out per week at **no charge** to the user.

Faced with writing a proposal for an Auxiliary funding project? The Redmond Regional Library has a "Philanthropy Resource Center." You should be able to find all kinds of information there on the regular issues that face volunteer organizations.

What? You don't have a library card? Not a problem. You can get one **free** at the library by bringing in your photo and address verification (good time to have your Auxiliary ID handy) and filling out an application. In the King County Library System (KCLS), you have the option of signing up online at www.kcls.org. (The card will be mailed to you and you then take the ID stuff in with you at your first visit to the library.) This URL also leads to the "Ask a Librarian" service that provides sought information through live chat or e-mail. 📄



Division 2 Explores Intra-Communication Tools

“The economy” has been hitting the Coast Guard, and the Auxiliary, just as hard as the greater community. (There are now 15.4 million jobless in the nation per national news on 6 December.) With wave after wave of financial shortfalls, there are sound reasons to consider better and cheaper ways to do our business.

Conference calling has been common in the public workplace for several decades now, but newer methods for doing it are emerging. On 10 November 2009 D-13 Communications Officer, Jon Jacques Umphrey DSO-CS gave a Div 2 meeting presentation about one of them.

One economizing option for the division officers is to make better use of the various electronic communication options. Usage of SKYPE is one of several conferencing possibilities. Other options will also be explored. The training session was simply a review of this particular option. 📄



AUX Photo/ B.J. Schiesswohl
Jon Jacques Umphrey DSO-CS explains SKYPE, one of several electronic age communication options, to Auxiliaries gathered in the Bear Room on election night.

“Assumptions are the breeding ground for poor judgment.”

Jeannette Wells, TCT Administrator

NATURAL DISASTER AND EMERGENCY READINESS



It need not be pointed out that an Auxiliaries as First Responders need to be sure their families are prepared in case of a natural disaster or man-made emergency crisis.

IN THE CASE OF FLOODING: If you live in or near Kent, Renton, South Seattle, Tukwila or Auburn, King County recommends that you be prepared for Green River flooding. For details please visit www.kingcounty.gov/floodplans. For the King County Flood Warning Center you may call **206.296.4535**, or **800.768.7932**.

FEMA (preparedness info)

www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/plan.shtm

DHS (co-sponsor of **The Ready Campaign**)

www.ready.gov

King County Office of Emergency Mgmt

www.kingcounty.gov/prepare

Regional Public Information Network

www.rpin.org (sign up to receive emergency updates)

National Weather Service Forecast Office

www.wrh.noaa.gov/sew/

NOAA Weather Station* (by radio)

KHB60 — 162.550 MHz and **AM 1000** or **FM97.3**

Road Alerts (conditions and closures)

www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/roads/roadalert/default.aspx

Cross State Travel (routes)

www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/travelroutes

American Red Cross (preparedness)

www.3days3ways.org and seattleredcross.org



CANNED FOOD: Stores may close during a crisis. The Canned Food Alliance recommends you store a 7-day supply of emergency food: Formula: multiply number of people in household X 2 cans per day X 7 days = how many cans to buy for a week's supply (so each will have 2 cans per day.) Please visit www.emd.wa.gov/preparedness and www.mealtime.org [*NOTE: Consider buying a weather radio. It can be set to broadcast just for warnings.]

RMTT Makes Sneak Preview Appearance

by Bonnie J. Schiesswohl SO-PB 130-02



AUX Photo/ B. J. Schiesswohl

Above, just left of center, Scott Dittberner, National Press Corps member from Flotilla 02-04 works with breakout group on problem solving task at the Resource Management Team Training preview given in Parkland, Pierce County, Washington. In rear by the screen are, left to right, TCT facilitators Jeanette L. Wells, Bellingham FL 01-01 and Ted Schiesswohl, Eastside FL 02-02.

A few dozen District 13 Auxiliaries, some from Division 2, got a big surprise Saturday, 21 November. The sun shining at the Parkland firehouse they were gathered in, and what they had thought would be a rather predictable repeat of past Team Coordination Training (TCT) was anything but.

What they had unknowingly devoted their Saturday to was the surprise training package the United States Coast Guard (USCG) has been working on for some time now — Resource Management Team Training (RMTT.) Jeannette Wells, a longtime member of Division 1, has served the USCG for some years now in a direct support venue. Wells, who holds a Master's in Education and has over 2,000 hours in OPS, administers TCT training for the coastguardsmen. She is the primary TCT instructor and facilitator for the Active Duty and Reserves. All the while, she is the Auxiliary's lead TCT instructor and coordinator of the TCT classes and responsible for the USCG monies that fund the course's presentation throughout the nation. For more than a year she has additionally been working behind the scene with the USCG to partake in the development of the

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RMTT Makes Sneak Preview Appearance

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new RMTT course.

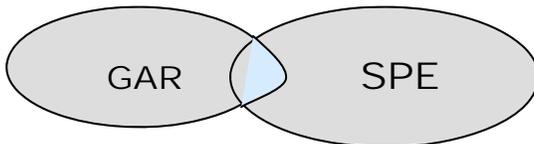
Wells, with TCT instructor Ted Schiesswohl as her technical support for the day, sprang the brand new RMTT course on the class. No complaints were heard. It was a win-win as far as class attitude goes. The course was slightly shorter than the old TCT and the new approach interesting.

The sneak previewing of this delta change RMTT course showcased that Saturday gave these recipients of random opportuneness a jumpstart on what's new out there for Operations. In effect, it put them on the cutting edge of the new training emphasis — addressing hazards and applying counter methods to avoid instigating them.



AUX Photo/ B.J. Schiesswohl
Above, RMTT class gets 5-minute break.

Auxiliarists learned that monitoring for change can open the way for identifying and acting upon those unavoidable boating operation events that may offer only 'momentary correctable opportunity.' In essence, some on-the-water events do not allow enough reaction time for a safe and appropriate response. With an additional "what if" training tool such as an SPE discussed casually afore embarking, say as over coffee somewhere, the Operations crew's preparedness. Response will be altered to favor a successful split-second prevention response so as to capture and use those moments of 'correctable opportunity.'



Risk versus Gain will be an operative phrase as Operations folk learn how to meld the standard GAR with the more specific SPE pre-deployment assessment tools. As shown in the diagram below, they will overlap their values and usage. The latter, the SPE, will be receiving a greater emphasis. It isn't

"either, or" but both the GAR and the SPE that will serve today's OPs teams out there doing SARs, MOMs, and the like on the waters of the nation.

Though RMTT will be replacing the Coast Guard's 8-hour TCT course for Ops, the one-hour TCT will continue to be offered by the Auxiliary as a member training refresher class. □

No More Drive & Text for On-duty Federal Employees

According to a DHS Employee Communication sent out 15 October by Sharie Bourbeau, Deputy Under Secretary for Management, President Barack Obama has made it official.

His executive order became effective 1 October. All Federal employees are now banned from text messaging when driving a government-owned vehicle, when driving their privately owned vehicle while on official government business, or when using electronic equipment supplied by the government while driving. In July 2009 the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) reported that texting truckers were 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash or a near miss than their non-texting counterparts. ☹

MSST 91101 Returns From Guantanamo Bay



They're home! After serving a six-month deployment to perform port security duties in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, members of MSST Seattle, No. 91101, returned to homeport Seattle on November 20th.

MSST 91101 is assigned to the Coast Guard's Deployable Operations Group. It is a rapid response force capable of nationwide deployment via air, ground or sea transportation to meet emerging threats. Unit personnel are trained in Anti-terrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) and Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE) policies and practices. This enables them to augment Coast Guard forces during National Special Security Events, major marine event, contingencies, and other Coast Guard law enforcement operations, primarily in ports, harbors, internal waterways and coastal regions.

MSSTs were created under the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) in 2002 and are part of the Department of Homeland Security's layered strategy directed at protecting our seaports and waterways.

Every MSST designation number begins with "911" to signify the purpose for which MSST was created following the September 11, 2001 ground zero events. MSST Seattle was the first established and was thus given number 91101. We can surmise their prime number will be added to signposts signifying the units that have been deployed to Guantanamo. According to the *USCG Reservist magazine*, Vol. 56, Issue 3-09, the other MSST units already memorialized on those signposts are MSST 91102, Chesapeake, VA; MSST 91110, Boston, MA; MSST 91112, New Orleans, LA; and MSST 91114, Miami, FL.. Also on those signposts are eight U.S.C.G. Port Security Units (PSU) from around America's ports and a PACAREA PSU unit. Some of the above units' members have served several deployments to Guantanamo since December 2001. 📄

For more general information about Joint Task Force Guantanamo, please visit www.jtfgtmo.southcom.mil.



USCG Photo Gallery

Above, MSST 91101 transfers authority at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Coast Guard Station Seattle Awarded for Exceptional Readiness



The Sumner I. Kimball Readiness Award was presented to CG Station Seattle during a ceremony at the USCG Base Pier 36 on 12 November 2009.

The award was established in April of 2001 to recognize CG shore unit boats and personnel of the highest readiness posture. The status was determined through an inspection of vessel conditions and survival systems, performance of underway drills, and examination of unit training programs.

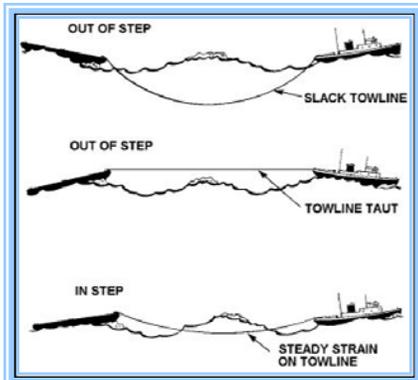
The award is named for Sumner I. Kimball who was the General Superintendent of the U.S. Life-Saving service from 1878 to 1915. Only 10 percent of shore-based boat force units earn the Kimball Award each year. 📄

Towage Tips for Future Leaders

B.J. Schiesswohl SO-PB 130-02

Webster's gives 'towage' as a noun for 'a towing', or for 'being towed.' 'In tow' is defined as being under one's influence or charge. In loose application, we could say that Auxiliaries are in tow of those they have elected to lead them.

The towline provides resemblance to an elected leader's even-handed responsibilities. A leader/manager should know not only how to handle his or her own vessel, but appreciate the vulnerabilities and characteristics of those in tow. Applying an Operations towing practice lesson (as seen in the graphic at left) to human management we can observe that a unit leader is out-of-step when too slack in administration. If too taut, e.g. using an impatient, short term solution? Likewise out-of step. The ideal is 'steady strain.' We might call this the good tow of an in-step, long-term strategy.



The U.S. Coast Guard's LAMS course (C-Scholl and Road Show) suggests that all leaders, while differing in style, personality, and approaches, have their appropriate moments in time. All leaders should garner the respect and cooperation of their followers by demonstrating certain inter-personal skills. Sincere concerns for the individuals under their guidance are readily perceived by meeting people where they are, not just where they would like them to be. The best leaders possess a high degree of integrity (meaning they are sound in character, fair in application, and refuse to use of deception as a goal accomplishment tool. (A commitment akin to the MBA Oath might fit here. The fifth of the eight "I will"s says, "*I will take responsibility for my actions, and I will represent the performance and risks of my enterprise accurately and honestly.*")

While Auxiliary administration is not about 'business' in the same manner as the Harvard MBA students who developed the MBA Oath, personal agenda rice bowls lay wait before them to tempt and tease their egos. The Auxiliaries under their charge should be able to trust their words and actions implicitly. Auxiliaries toying with the possible interest of becoming an elected leader in the USCG Auxiliary might well begin right now to take appropriate foundational coursework and do reading that assists such development.

KNOW THE AUXILIARY'S ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE ROAD

- ◆ Get to know your *Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual* COMDTINST M16790.1F. Every Auxiliary should have received a copy of this soon after being sworn into membership. The policies that the Commandant of the Coast Guard has approved for Auxiliaries are spelled out in this standard guide known as the AUX Man.
- ◆ Take the Auxiliary Procedures Course (APC.) This can be taken online but ask your Member Trainer to consider offering a formal classroom course, as recommended in Section B.8. on 8-9 of your AUX Man.) If nothing else, the course will reveal to you how much you really need to learn about the organization you have joined, and how Auxiliaries are expected to self-administrate.
- ◆ Read some great leadership books such as Donald T. Phillips' *Lincoln on Leadership*, and the book that Admiral Loy co-authored with Phillips, *Character in Action: the U.S.Coast Guard on Leadership*.
- ◆ In addition, the Auxiliary Leadership and Management (AUXLEA) course augments with the basics.
- ◆ Take a LAMS class. (Garrison Bromwell DSO-MT will have future word on this.) 📄

RBS — AN IMMEDIATE PAST DIVISION 6 COMMANDER REFLECTS

Article origin report by Dean Wimer IPDCDR 130-06

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[At a past time, Dean Wimer IPDCDR 130-06 wrote to his Division 6 members of the larger RBS goals that had been set for 2009 by the USCG Thirteenth District. His candid insights are valuable share points.]

“First, we need a new approach to our long established Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) mission. A targeted approach!”

Looking at the loss of life statistics and inventing new ways to lower the loss statistics by moving personnel, resourcing the target areas and recruiting new flotillas, especially in the areas where we have higher losses of life. We will have to create new ways of doing business if we are to be successful! After all, we cannot say our current mode of operations is completely successful!”

“We need to be where the boaters have never seen an Auxiliarist or have never had a vessel examination.”

Now Wimer writes, “... we have tried,” and adds, “we still have a long way to go to accomplish the mission assigned to us!”

“Remember, Recreational Boating Safety involves Vessel Examination, Program Visitation, Public Education and Operations. These have to work together in the Flotilla, the Division and the District! Only when we begin to think outside our “normal” ways of doing our job are we completely successful!

“Second, we need to schedule all our members, not just Vessel Examiners, to be on the boat ramps talking one-on-one to boaters as they prepare to launch their crafts. Wearing Life Jackets, and reminding the boaters to wear their Life Jackets, and be safe. Remind them of local classes that are being offered and providing them with safety literature. Yes, every auxiliary member can do this! There is no qualification needed! This method has proven to be effective in reducing loss of life. Vessel Examination is important, but has not been proven to be as effective as talking to each person going out on a boat. Again, some success, but with much more left to do!

“We have to set the example! We need to be where the boaters have never seen an Auxiliarist or have never had a vessel examination. Going back to the same ramps as we have in past years cannot be as successful as going to new locations, meeting and educating the boaters in these areas. We need to get the message of safety to these uneducated boaters! Let’s split our forces and cover more areas than we have in the past. Maybe, just maybe, we will not get as many Exams for that day, but we just might save a life in that area!

“Third, we need to be creative and supportive of the Sector Changes that start this coming year. It is going to affect the Auxiliary! We have new opportunities for direct support, added missions and new ways of completing our mission. We need to be thinking ahead and planning for these changes. “We can do this and we must do this if we are to be successful! Just as the Auxiliary you know today is different than the Auxiliary you knew ten years ago, so the Auxiliary of 2010 must be different that that of 2009! 📄

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The Flag Hoist. Dean
Wimer IPDCDR 130-
06 wrote reflections
on the Thirteenth
District U.S. Coast
Guard’s goals for
2009 and assessed his
division’s perform-
ance in fulfilling the
largeness of that mis-
sion,

Wimer has been
newly appointed RBS
Initiative Manager for
2010, Division 6.

The Editor (SO-PB 130-
02)





A regular tongue-in-jowl feature by the Editor, Bonnie Schiesswohl SO-PB 130-02

Bleu Hogge regretfully departs his *True North News* friends with this final issue.

He wonders what he'll do now. So far, he has escaped the ongoing H1 N1 pandemic aporkalypse. He washes his little cloven hooves with regularity. So far, no fever or respiratory problems. (His digestive problems are clearly dietary.) All is well.

*"So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, good bye,
Hasta la vista amigos,
Good night, John Boy..."*

Who will I share all my cool trivia stuff with now? Maybe I can do some big traveling and go hang out by the galley dumpster or something fun? Yikes! Maybe they roast holiday hams? Maybe I'll just stay home.

G I-GO! burrrpp (oops)

B. J. Schiesswohl

"A man should look for what is, and not for what he thinks should be."

Albert Einstein

DID YOU KNOW?

Touchtone dialing made its debut right here in Seattle. That's right; "push button" dialing was showcased in 1961 at the Seattle World's Fair.



The **first cell phone call** was made in New York City on 3 April 1973.

District 13 EXCOM is managing all around tight resources by teleconferencing most of their meetings?

Water Logged



- CANOOGANING** — downhill racing using canoes in the stead of toboggans
- PLANGENT** — making a sound like that of waves breaking on the shore
- PUDDING STICK** — canoeist's term for a stiff paddle with no flex in its shaft
- SLATCH** — the space between breakers; quiet, undisturbed areas of water
- SNYE** — a natural channel off a main river that bypasses rapids or waterfalls

UNFRIEND is the Oxford Dictionary's 2009 Word-of-the-Year.

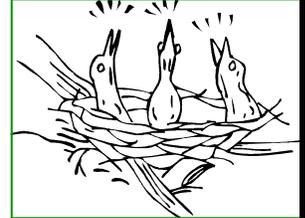
[How is this living language word applied? TNN does not know. Maybe it's a counter solution term for the oxymoronic phrase "friendly fraud" (which describes the current amoral problem plaguing online merchants)?]

TWEETER AS THE YEARS GO BY

Excerpts from a circulated internet tale, shared with TNN by Bill Gasparetti, Ombudsman to the USCGC Mellon

ELECTRONIC CHALLENGES THAT SENIORS FACE

"I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1,800 employees, all without a Blackberry that played music, took videos and pictures, and communicated with Facebook and Twitter.



"I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, 13 grandkids and 2 great grandkids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

"That was before one of my grandkids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twhirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twittererific Tweetdeck, Twitpix, and something that sends every message to my cell phone and to every other program within the texting world.

"My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of *everything*. ... I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

"The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then ... the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes she would sarcastically say, 'RE-CAL-CU-LATING.' You'd think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. ... (Now) I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth (it's red) phone I am supposed to use when I drive. ... When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets, and, while she is starting to develop the same tone as "Gypsy" (the GPS lady), at least she loves me." 📄

RIGHT PIPER, WRONG SITE

An internet tale of a bagpiper who had difficulty finding the funeral site. Shared by Joe McClain, SO-OP 130-01

LOST IN THE BACKWOODS



"As a bagpiper, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man who had no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a cemetery in the remote countryside and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there. As I was not familiar with the backwoods area, I became lost and, being a typical man, did not stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late.

"I saw the backhoe and the crew who were eating lunch, but the hearse was nowhere in sight. I apologized to the workers for my tardiness and stepped to the side of the open grave where I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long, but that this was the proper thing to do.

"The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch. I played out my heart and soul. As I played, the workers began to weep. I played and I played like I'd never played before, from *Going Home* and *The Lord is My Shepherd*, to *Flowers of the Forest*. I closed my lengthy session with *Amazing Grace* and walked to my car.

"As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I overheard one of the workers saying to another, "Sweet J——, *Mary 'n Joseph, I have never seen nothin' like that before — and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years!*" " 📄

NEW Interpreter Corps ADSO-OP-I Position

COMO Dennis Hoppman has filled the newly created position of ADSO-OP-I with **Penny Dustin FL 02-02. Dustin, who will continue to serve as AUX-C to the former ISC in Seattle**, will report to former Commodore Fred Bell DSO-OP. This per Peter Raiswell, Chief of Staff, USCGA, D-13.

Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC) - North

Robert G. "Bob" Hays has been appointed the ASC—N for the year 2010. Hays, now under training to succeed MaryAnn Chapman of FL 02-24, is also busy winding up his current Division 3 responsibilities as DCDR 130-03. She will assist in the background through next summer's Sector changes.

COMPUTER TRAINING

ESU Seattle continues to offer free computer program training to Auxiliaries. These require pre-registration. You may also call the ESU SW III instructors at 206.217.6196.

COAST GUARD PHOTO CONTEST

The Coast Guard is gathering photos for the Coast Guard Performance Report and Posture Statement. All team members, including Auxiliaries, are invited to submit photos for this ingathering contest. Details can be found posted at:

http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/alcoast/666-09_alcoast.txt.

[If the provided URL does not work for you, use your flotilla's unit chain of communication to go up line to the DSO-PA or DSO-PB.]



AUX Photo/Scott Dittberner FL 02-04

Aurora Bridge at Sunset. Seattle, Washington

Holiday Savings at Coast Guard Exchange System

The Coast Guard Exchange System (CGES) offers many promotions and benefits to its patrons during the holiday season.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliaries are authorized to use the CGES to purchase goods and services (excepting alcohol and tobacco products.) Profits help support Coast Guard Morale, Well-being, and Recreation (MWR) programs.



Bravo Zulu to Renton Flotilla 02-05



A discussion of flotilla budget balances came up at the recent Division 2 Annual Planning Meeting. There wasn't all that much left in the coffers after Flotilla 02-05 made a major purchase earlier this year. The flotilla invested about \$10k in the envied PE darling, "Coastie" which draws crowd attention at Public Affairs and Public Education events.

Overheard in the backdrop was Scott Dittberner's clever statement, **"They have put a hotel on Park Place!"**

(It's all win-win for the division, as well as for Coastie's stewards in Flotilla 25.)

USCGC WAESCHE TO BE COMMISSIONED MAY 2010



COMO Vic J. Connell, USCG Auxiliary, Deputy National Commodore, FORCECOM and PACAREA has sent an advisory to those who may want to calendar a trip for this event next May, or who would like to make a donation to support the celebration activities, or both.

The 418-foot National Security Cutter, USCGC Woesche, second of its kind, is scheduled for commissioning in AUX District 11N, at Coast Guard Island in Alameda, California in May 2010.

The Navy League is spearheading the fundraising for this event, as they did for the first National Security Cutter, USCGC Bertholf last year. (Legally, the Coast Guard cannot do this fundraising so the well experienced Navy League, Contra Costa County chapter, is helping out.) Donations pay for a the events surrounding the event, including various events in support of the Woesche's CG Crew. The donations are tax-deductible (501 c3) and will be listed in the donor's brochure prepared for the ceremony. Those who donate will also become "plank owners", or receive some other unique donor award. Please visit these for more information:

Navy League scgcwaesche.com/ or, Navy League www.cccnlus.org/wp/?page_id=34 or, for the journaling by USCG: Commandant's Corner, www.uscg.mil/comdt/blog/2009/08/waesche

COAST GUARD HOLIDAY STOCKINGS

[a message from Marianne Parsons & Bobette Scheid]

Coast Guard Holiday Stockings for Homeless Children

"We were delighted last year when nearly 500 Coast Guard families and volunteers from the community came to stuff a stocking with new toys for a homeless child. We delivered 2,968 Holiday Stockings to 79 shelters just in time for Christmas.

"The C.G. Holiday Stockings has been serving the homeless children for 14 years now. Our need is growing and as of this writing, we are anticipating a 25 percent increase in the number of stocking requests from our shelters and we hope to meet the need for nearly 3,500 stockings this year. Each stocking costs our organization approximately \$19 to fill and represents one more child that we can help. "



Your donation helps this Coast Guard volunteer organization to fill those wonderful stockings with necessities such as socks, hats, gloves and personal needs that children and teens need.

The Holiday Stocking program is an approved 501c3 nonprofit charity. Your donations are tax deductible and may be made online by credit card at their website www.holidaystockings.org or a check may be mailed to: Holiday Stockings, P.O. Box 6392, Bellevue, WA 98008.

National and Family Preparedness is a concern of the Coast Guard's Chief Director of Membership.

ALCOAST 047/09 advises all members of Team Coast Guard on how they can prepare for natural disasters, terrorism, &c. Please visit <http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/> and look at ALCOAST 561/09 for more information.

KUDOS FOR ATTAINMENT



PROGRAM AWARD

USCGA Recreational Boating Safety Award (with RBS pins)

Bonnie J. Schiesswohl FL 02-02

ACHIEVEMENTS

(unspecified recognitions at unit meeting)

Mary Dossett FL 02-04
Lyn McClelland FL 02-04
Penny Richter FL 02-4

TRANSFERS

(earlier this year)

Bryan H. Dees
from Des Moines FL 03-02 to Eastside FL 02-02

NEW MEMBERS

no submittals

Bonnie Schiesswohl FL 02-02, an Auxiliarist who has been active in the Publications (part of Public Affairs category), Vessel Safety Check, and Public Education venues in the past decade, with consideration of at least her past two years of service in these mission venues, was recently awarded the RBS pin.

The award recognizes “extraordinary effort in support of RBS programs activity over a minimum of two years.”



Above, l. to r., Flotilla Commander Viggo C. Bertelsen Jr. (a past NACO) presents one of two “prestigious awards” given to fellow Flotilla 02-02 member Bonnie Schiesswohl that night at the 21 October unit meeting. Shown in rear right is William “Bill” Barnes, VFC 02-02.

COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION

On the 75th Birthday of the USCGA (June 2009) ADM Thad Allen has directed presentation of the CG Unit Commendation ribbon (or gold star for one they may already have) to Auxiliarists who were active during the 10-year period between 24 June 1999 and 23 June 2009. The ribbons have arrived and are being distributed at the flotilla units.

QUALIFICATIONS

no submittals

TIME and SERVICE

Michael Fearnough FL 02-04

COURSEWORK

no submittals



AUX Photos/ Scott Dittberner FL 02-04

Above, Craig Smith FC 02-04 congratulates unit member Michael Fearnough as a service award is presented.

Below, l. to r., Craig Smith has just presented Lynn McClelland, Mary Dossett, and Penny Richter (all of FL 02-04) with awards.



TASKING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In the Division 2 Staff Report for October 2009, the Marine Dealer Visits and Vessel Examinations performed to that date in 2009 showed outstanding activity numbers for Flotilla 02-04 in both mission categories.

Renton FL 02-05 was second for Marine Dealer visits; Eastside FL 02-02 for Vessel Exams. Bravo Zulu to them, as well as to North Seattle FL 02-01 who came in a very close third on the Vessel Exams.

EDITOR'S FAREWELL

Bonnie Jean Schiesswohl SO-PB 130-02

"There's a time for everything under the sun", so as to paraphrase the wise King Solomon. This is the time for *True North News* to close its publication door.



If you have enjoyed *True North News (TNN)* over all, or a portion of, the past nine years, there are a variety of people to thank.

Without the computer savvy of my husband Ted Schiesswohl, I would have become completely lost in the ever-changing techy software, and hardware, maze. Thanks go to the various RCOs (now called DCAPT's) who, like Ted, from 2000 thru 2009, painstakingly reviewed the newsletter issues. (The DCAPT's had to approve TNN before mailing could take place.)

For the first four or five years *TNN* was a monthly publication that was photocopied and surface mailed. Again, Ted helped collate, fold and stuff 125 to 165 envelopes per mailing. He made address and return labels, and helped me apply them. We licked or sponged more government stamps than I like to recall.)

Without the assistance of at least five different webmasters the newsletter could never have evolved as an e-zine newsletter, or been archived.

My thanks go to all those who are not mentioned here, but were somehow helpers and participants in getting the news out via *TNN*.

Following in the stead of *True North News* will no doubt be another newsletter created by a highly motivated Auxiliarist who desires to work in agreement with the integrity of Coast Guard values. It will have a new name and design. It will be as good as you help it to be. Let the readers know what good things you are doing in support of the United States Coast Guard and its missions by contributing your stories and photos.

Last, if you are an FC or VFC, please submit the award and accomplishment data on your members to the new SO-PB. That's win-win for all. 📧

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CALENDAR

7 DEC	Pearl Harbor Day
12 DEC	Hanukkah
16 DEC	Flotilla 22 Christmas Party. Contact VFC Bill Barnes for details
21 DEC	Winter Solstice; also, the day in 1620 when the Pilgrims landed
25 DEC	Merry Christmas to you!
26 DEC	Kwanzaa; also, Boxing Day in Canada
31 DEC	New Year's Eve; full moon
1 JAN	New Years Day
9 JAN	Division 2 Planning Mtg, Part II, location tba
24-25 JAN	N-TRAIN
29 JAN thru 6 FEB	Seattle Boat Show



Change of Watch is coming up sometime in January 2009. Details tba.

FOR COMPLETE CALENDAR

Please go to the **Division 2 website** found within the D-13 site:
<http://www.d13002cgaux.org> and click "calendar" button.

District 13 Web Directory: Find what you need at <http://www.d13cgaux.org>

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary D-13: Please visit the Internet Homepage: <http://www.d13002cgaux.org>

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary e-News: Current and past issues are at <http://www.auxadept.org/enews>

U.S. Coast Guard Internet Homepage: Please visit www.uscg.mil [A very important resource site for all audiences seeking relevant, important, and timely CG information]

National USCGA web site: Please visit cgaux.org

PHOTO ARCHIVES, BLOGS, OTHER SITES

D-13 AUX Homeport Community: Please visit homeport.uscg.mil/community/CGDI3AUXTasking

D-13 Auxiliary on YouTube. Please visit www.YouTube.com/user/d13AUX

USCG Auxiliary Blog Site: Please visit <http://d13cgaux.blogspot.com>

USCG Auxiliary History: Please visit these archives at <http://www.history.auxpa.org/>

USCG Visual Imagery Gallery: Please visit <http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/mail.php>

DIRAUX. Please visit them at www.uscg.mil/d13/diraux

DIRAUX on Twitter. Please visit and follow them at www.Twitter.com/d13DIRAUX

Maritime Information Initiative (MII) Please visit at www.chds.us

Member Training and PE Class calendars are also accessible from the Division 2 web site. When a web site is not up-to-date, or IF you cannot find the answers to your questions, please contact your flotilla unit's Member Trainer (FSO-MT) or your Public Education (FSO-PE) officer.



For iCommandant:, please visit <http://www.uscg.mil/comdt/blog/>
(and watch for a series of leadership quest blogs)

[TNN protects website privacy. Please use your e-Roster or contact your FC or FSO-IS for unit member contact information.]

MEMBER SURVEY 2009

For the results of the Member Survey 2009, read the latest issue of Navigator, Fall 2009. The results are culled from a total of 5,774 members who responded. Of those, more than half were 56 or older. Less than half own a boat or PWC of any kind. Most were satisfied with the missions they are now engaged in.

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to all a good night



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