



DIRAUX NOTES FOR JUNE 2014

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

In Abstention.

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

Greetings D13 Auxiliary!

Hopefully everyone has had an opportunity to enjoy the spring/summer weather. I think I've said this before in describing the other seasons of the North West but I must admit, isn't the summer the best time of the year?! Sorry, I just had to pause and reflect over the month of June and all of the excitement and accomplishments it has brought.

I would first like to send a final farewell to Kent Chappelka, CDR, USCG retired. For those of you that may have not heard CDR Chappelka had a wonderful retirement ceremony and is now off continuing to do great things in the next chapter of his life! CDR, if you are reading this, on behalf of your DIRAUX office and the Auxiliary membership we would like to wish you and your family continued success and may you always have fair winds and following seas! Semper Paratus!

Also, Happy 75th Anniversary AUXILIARY! This DIRAUX office has had a wonderful week celebrating; and hopefully the Coast Guard units that you support in your areas and our D13 Flotillas have taken a moment to pause and observe this mementos occasion. It was also great to see the COMDT recognize the 23rd of June by presenting the COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION to all Auxiliary members who served within the last 5 years. In addition, this office was very proud of the 75th Anniversary plaque the Admiral presented the Commodore on behalf of all the great volunteers of this District. The plaque has been mounted proudly in our DIRAUX office work space.

My last talking point surrounds a couple of trends that I have noticed w/I AOM this summer and would like to clarify the policy.

- Patrol orders are exclusive to the daily mission and all reimbursements must be in support of each individual mission. For example, fueling a facility prior to patrol is not authorized. All entitlements are based on reimbursement (repay) not pre-patrol expenses.
- Another example is receiving fuel that supported 3 previous missions. This is not commonly authorized however if time permits and with budget office approval; I'm willing to pursue authorization by on a case-by-case basis.
- Final example is that if a member requests patrol orders and the intent of their mission is going to be past the fatigue standards (ie: camping/sleeping aboard their facility) and the Aux facility will be in a BRAVO (standby status rather than ALPHA) then that needs to be communicated to the OIA before the mission is approved and executed.

Thanks in advance; let's continue to keep a sharp eye on each other.

FOREVER AND ALWAYS -- NEXT WATCH!!!

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

Summer is here and I know a lot of festivities and parades are happening. The DIRAUX office has acquired 2 new PFD Pandas for use amongst the flotillas. If you would like to reserve one for your event please contact me at Jennifer.L.Gonzales@uscg.mil and I will be happy to ship it out to your location.

If you're new to the Auxiliary and have not done so, please set up your direct deposit information by going to this website, https://www.fincen.uscg.mil/aux_info.htm and clicking on the sign up for EFT online. That will bring you to another page where you need to click on EFT/ACH Member Enrollment Form. You can no longer just hit submit. You must either email as an attachment or fax it to the email address or fax number provided. If you need help with this process please let me know. If you plan on doing any Auxiliary travel you need to set up a direct deposit account up as soon as possible or if you recently changed banks.

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

We now have a few more Finger Print Technicians than we did just 2 years ago. And, for the most part they are doing an excellent job of capturing legible fingerprints. But we are still continuing to have returned finger print cards for a variety of reasons. I would ask that all Finger Print Technicians review the guidelines for finger printing. I have added three different documents on your District Thirteen website located at the DIRAUXFILES at <http://www.d13cgaux.com/sites/members/Diraux/DirauxFiles.aspx>. OPM relies on FBI fingerprint readers for both hand-taken and electronic fingerprints. Turns out electronic versions are not fool-proof in terms of readability. SECCEN was asked if it would be worthwhile for DIRAUX offices to promote applicants going to their local PDs for electronic printing...and their answer was "No." Turns out, the best method for fingerprinting is a well trained/well practiced Fingerprint Tech who can get the right prints, in the right boxes, in the right way.

The DIRAUX office has sent by postal mail and email a message to every Auxiliarist that is due a 5th year Identification card renewal that we require a new photo. A new photo application is also preferable as our weight and height seem to change as we get older...I wonder why? Anyway, my point is that up until this writing we have received only 1 new photo and we have at least 20 Auxiliarists whose 5th year Basic Entry Date Anniversary is in the month of July.

Of the 20 new member applications that I received last month almost half were returned, because of missing data, signatures, incorrect formatting, and a whole list of other errors. Seems the more I try to get everyone to double check new member applications, the more it appears they don't. So I'm going to not try and say anything more...

I can't tell you the number of jokes, videos, linkin and YouTube stuff I get from Auxiliarists. I do appreciate the thought and really do wish I could look at them, but the Coast Guard blocks these types of websites from our view...I guess they don't want us goofing off...and that's understandable.

I will be crabbing on opening day, 3 July in area 8-2. Hope to see you out there...just in case I break down.

Auxiliarist of the Week



DAVID S. TRIBOLET

CONGRATULATIONS! To David S. Tribolet, Flotilla 11, Bellingham WA, for receiving the Auxiliarist of the Week award for the week of 27 May 2014.

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.

DUES PAYMENTS: Please check the AUXDATA flotilla rosters to be sure only Auxiliarists in good standing (annual dues paid) show as active Auxiliary members in your flotilla. If a disenrollment is not processed, and a problem case Auxiliarist is carried on a flotilla's active Auxiliary member roster, the active members in the flotilla must pay dues (division, district, and national) for that individual. There are no exceptions.

It is recommended that all dues notices should go out around the 1st of September. Please send ANSC Form 7035's for inactive members to DSO-HR David Larkin by 15 November.

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



Dr. Marilyn Leonard, FL 42
Sitting in rescue swimmer seat
on helo out of Port Angeles, WA



Shawnle Jones, (on far right), FL 11-04
1980, CG Motor Lifeboat Station
Fort Point, San Francisco area



Dr. Leo Leonard, FL 42
Dean at George Wash U
pictured with Colin Powell

DISTRICT 13 2014 COAST GUARD DAY PICNIC CELEBRATION

Friday, August 8th From 1100-1500 hrs.

Location: Lord Hill Farms, 12525 Old Snohomish-Monroe Road, Snohomish, Washington 98290

Ticket Prices

Tickets are \$5.00 per person (free for children 5 years and under).

Tickets can be purchased at the Base Seattle MWR office, located in the Olympic Peak Performance Athletic Center between 0700–1530 hours, M-F, at the gate the day of the picnic or via mail. To purchase tickets through the mail, send a check/money order (MO) made out to “PACNORWEST MWR” to: Commanding Officer, Base Seattle MWR, 1519 Alaskan Way South, Seattle, WA 98134, ATTN: CG Day.

Cash/checks/MO only at MWR office and picnic site.

No Debit or Credit Cards will be accepted.

THE CG WILL CELEBRATE ITS 224TH BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR

MENU. Mesquite smoked chicken quarters, hot dogs, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, garden burgers, corn-on-the-cob, BBQ baked beans, Caesar salad, dinner rolls, assorted bag chips, sliced watermelon, ice cream bars, and popsicles. Beverages will be bottled water, ice tea, and lemonade. There also will be a pay-as-you-go (cash only) No Host beer and wine bar.

ENTERTAINMENT. Music, horseshoes, kid’s playground, volleyball, golf driving range, competition games & races, tetherball, face painting, climbing wall, kid’s giant inflatable slide, baking contest, caricature artist, 9-hole miniature golf course, paddle boats, kayaks, & more.

BAKING CONTEST (Desserts only, including cakes, pies, cookies, cobblers, etc..) We'll conduct a baking contest at the picnic and the contest judges will be pre-selected by Base Seattle MWR. Unfortunately, due to our picnic time schedule, there will be a limit of one entry per person. Personnel interested in entering the baking contest should send me an e-mail and the subject line should read "CG Day Picnic Baking Contest". The text of the e-mail should state the item being baked and a good contact number. Awards will be presented to the bakers of the top three "great-tasting goodies" immediately following the competition, so if you or

someone coming with you to the picnic has a dessert baking inclination this is an opportunity to show off those skills. Desserts left over from the contest will be distributed to picnic attendees by MWR staff.

DIRECTIONS TO PICNIC. From Seattle, take I-90 or 520 East to 405 North. Follow 405 North to exit #23 (522 East) to Woodinville. Stay on 522 E. to the Monroe/West Main St. exit. Exit and enter the roundabout circle and go to the fourth exit out of the circle (road that goes under the overpass). Proceed exactly 3.4 miles from the overpass. Lord Hill Farms is on the right. You'll see signs directing you into the Lord Hill Farms driveway.



