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COMMANDER COMMENTS

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Division Change of Watch

January 10
1000 -1300
Fort Worden, Pt. Townsend

Guest Speakers:

Captain Willian Devereaux
LCDR Dana Reid
LCDR Peter Cook
CWO Stephen Jones

Visit the Division Website:
<http://a13004.uscgaux.info/>

Ahoy Shipmates,

It's that time of year where some of us will move on to other jobs in the Auxiliary. Such is that time for me. 2008 was a pretty rough year for me. The rough part for me was the broken ankle which resulted because of my encounter with a ladder. Since old bones don't heal as rapidly as young bones, I was laid up for nearly ten weeks. I could not have remained your Division Commander without the excellent assistance of your, then, Division Vice Commander Grant Winther. He stepped up and took over the Division in his usual superior manner and I owe him much. Grant, thank you for the extra time and great job you did while I was down.

I would like to thank you all for the good work accomplished in 2008. A particular thanks to FC-47 Henry Loesch who has spent the last two years rebuilding Flotilla 47. Flotilla 47 is well on its way to re-establishing itself as a strong and viable flotilla in the division. Thanks Henry!!

Thanks to all Flotilla Commanders, Dee of 41, Leo of 42, J.B. of 45, Henry of 47 and Loretta of 48. Thank you for your leadership and assisting Grant through the year. And, thanks to all the Division Staff Officers who put in many hours of their precious time to make our Division one of the best in the Nation.

But, now it's time to turn the page. We are off to bigger and better things by having charge of the Northern Area. I would like to have a watch word for 2009. That watch word is INVOLVEMENT. We need to be more involved within the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard. We are needed by the Coast Guard, more than ever, to assist when and where we can. This involvement needs to be dedicated time. All it takes is to be where you say you will be, and do what you promise to do.

I'm looking forward to working with the Northern Area Division Commanders in 2009. I have great faith in their leadership and will continue to do my very best to assist them in their duties.

Semper Paratus



Steve DeMaggio, DCP

VDCP NOTES

Year 2008 was a hopeful year for the Division. We are pleased with the efforts of our members, Division wide, participating in The Boater's Fair in May, Seafair in August, The Wooden Boat Festival and West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium in September. The importance of Boater's Education was emphasized at all events.

I am particularly pleased with our Division's performance in completing, by the end of the year, required Bridge & Paton inspections. This done under the watchful eye of SO-AN Tim Westcott. We are very lucky to have Tim in this capacity as he does work full time for the United States Coast Guard. Thanks for doing this, Tim.

It would have been good to have seen a Newsletter from each Flotilla. The ones that were published were of exceptional quality. Posted online the Newsletter is a great way to communicate to fellow Auxiliarists passing along all sorts of valuable information. I save every one and refer to them regularly.

The Division membership totals 212, we have 31 coxswains, 46 crew members, 35 facilities which performed 846 hours of Safety Patrols and a whopping 2531 hours of USCG OPS Support. We have 41 VEs who conducted 536 VSCs, 21 PVs who made 3165 Marine Dealer Visits and the Division conducted 60 Public Education Sessions over 183 hours. We can take pride in all we do.

Our Public Education programs are strong, but we will have to have better publicity in local media to attract more participants in 2009. All boat operators 25 years of age and younger will need Mandatory Boater Education and the Boater Education Card this year.

Our mentoring program is working well in all Flotillas. One of our Flotillas is having success with, "A Quick-Start Guide for New Members." The materials contained in the 13-page guide cover all that a new member needs to know to start to enjoy the benefits of membership. For ex. USCG AUX Who's Who, USCG AUX Qualification Requirements, Uniform Purchase, Survival Gear, USCG AUX Missions and more. Get a copy and take a look. We can add this idea to our goals for 2009 to have a similar guide, Division wide.

Most all in the Division, that are required to take it, have taken either ICS 300 or ICS 210. For those still needing it, the Division will do as much as it can to make sure that a convenient ICS 210 class is held prior to the March 31 REYR cutoff time. Our SO-MT will provide all FSO-MTs with necessary information.

We look forward to seeing you at the DIVISION CHANGE OF WATCH which will be held January 10, 2009 at Fort Warden, from 1000 to 1300. We will have an interesting and informative program followed by a buffet lunch, all for \$17. In attendance, amongst others, from the Coast Guard will be Captain



Grant Winther, VDCP

CALENDAR 2009

January

10 Division Change of Watch
Fort Worden, Pt. Townsend
23, 24, 25 Seattle Boat Show

February

7 FC/VFC/SO Division Meeting,
FL 47, Pt. Townsend
12-15 District, Clackamas, OR

March

April

5 Quarterly reports due
to Mark IV (SO & FC)
25 Division Meeting, FL 45/48

May

2 Boater's Fair
10 Seattle Maritime Festival
23 Brinnon Shrimp Fest

June

July

2 Quarterly reports due
to Mark IV (SO & FC)
18 Division Meeting, FL 41
30, 31 Seafair

August

1, 2 Seafair

September

Unlimited Light Hydroplane Races
11-13 Wooden Boat Festival
TBA: West Coast Sea Kayak
Symposium

October

2 Quarterly reports due
to Mark IV (SO & FC)
10 Division Election, FL 42

November

December

10 Quarterly reports due
to Mark IV (SO & FC)

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DIVISION BOARD

Grant Winther, DCDR

Henry Loesch, VCDR

Steve DeMaggio, IPDCP

Division AUX-C

Sandy Pinckert

Division Staff Officers

AN Timothy Westcott

CM Donald Millbauer

CS Dick Read

FN Rolland Kenitzer

IS Sharon Reseck

MA Phillip Ransford

MS James Kight

MT Larry Brown

OP John Reseck

PA Bill Davis

PB Loretta Rindal

PE Joseph Dunstan

PS Jackie Ayzenberg

PV William Gainey

SR Gay Sipes

VE Larry Kight

VDCP NOTES

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Bill Devereaux, D13 Prevention Division Chief, LCDR Dana Reid, Air Station Port Angeles, LCDR Peter Cook, Logistics, Sector Seattle and CWO Stephen Jones, OTO.

I have enjoyed my year as your Vice Division Captain and look forward to my next job as Division Commander. All in the Division congratulate Steve as newly elected District Captain. Thanks to all for what you do. You all are truly unique.



NEW 2009 WORKSHOPS

The Operations (Response) Department has posted resource documents and PowerPoint slides for the 1 hour 2009 TCT Refresher course on the O-Dept website.

This refresher session is a required currency maintenance for all coxswains, crew, and PWOs for 2009 and must be completed by 31 December 2009. This session consists of 3 documents, a facilitator resource guide, a participant guide and a PowerPoint presentation.

Also posted is the 2009 Operations Workshop. This consists of 2 documents, a PowerPoint presentation and a facilitator reference guide. This is an optional but highly recommended workshop for 2009. This workshop may be a requirement at the local level. Check with your SO/FSO-OP.

O Department web site: <http://www.auxodept.org/>

- OPs Workshop Facilitator Guide
- OPs Workshop PPT slides
- TCT Refresher - Power Point Slides
- TCT Refresher - Facilitator Guide
- TCT Refresher - Participant Guide

Public Affairs & Marketing C School (AUX-12) Comes to Seattle!

Prospective students (FSO/SO/DSO-PA/PB) for the Public Affairs & Marketing C School (AUX-12) should submit their Short Term Training Request (STTR) ASAP to their DIRAUX via their Flotilla Commander to help assure selection for one of this year's classes. Seats are still available for the 6-8 February class in Miami. See www.training.auxpa.org/aux12 for details on all five AUX-12 offerings for FY-2009.

Seattle, WA
15-17 May 2009

CADRE OF DIVISION COMMANDERS



JB Hall, Peter Raiswell, Grant Winther (2009), Don Millbauer, John Reseck, Steve DeMaggio with USCG LT CDR Andre Billeaudeau

OCTOBER ELECTIONS AT A GLANCE

Congratulations to newly elected officers:

Grant Winther, DCDR and
Henry Loresch, DVCDR



Don Millbauer presides



DECEMBER ICS 210 BIG DRAW

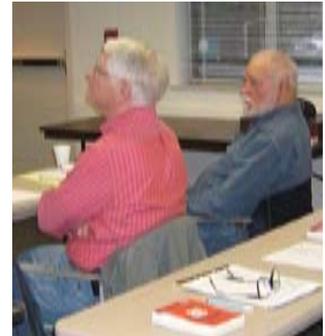


Henry Loesch

Division IV flotillas well represented at 210 training.



Reminder ICS210 is REQUIRED for all Pilots and Coxswains by 31 March 2009 to maintain your currency. Without this certification in AUXDATA, you will go into REYR status.



John Langjahr and Dee Meek

NATIONAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT RESOURCES:



Electronic Communications Course

E-Mail, Voice, Telephone and Face to Face Communication

http://www.auxtdept.org/Members_New2.htm

E-mail: Making it work for you

<http://www.auxtdept.org/EmailfinalnormRevised.pdf>

FLOTILLA 41—PORT LUDLOW

I want to congratulate Flotilla 41. We are a unique flotilla, different in several ways from all others

With the leadership of John and Sharon Reseck, we are the first in the nation to implement the paddle craft program, resulting in having the largest number of kayaks as facilities. This has resulted in our abilities to safely go where no boat has gone before and inspect places only guessed about by others, as well as increase safety for the large number of kayakers.

Thanks to Don Millbauer we now have a state of the art communication center that incorporates local, state and federal government, plus Ham emergency networks, into a system of rapid and complete communication. It has already been used to manage Chanel 16 during periods of Coast Guard shutdown. It stands ready at the Port Ludlow Firehouse to help in any case of emergency. Other division have requested information and are emulating us.

Mentoring new members has always been a concern. Ian McFall, with input from Sharon Reseck and Dick Rein, formulated a new handbook that brought all the scattered requirements, items of information and guidance policies into one very useful volume. This will greatly improve our capabilities of helping all of us make our new members feel welcome and included. This endeavor has spread not only throughout our division but also to district.

Division 4 utilized one of our facilities, the tug Elmore, to act as a floating recruitment station at the Northwest Wooden Boat Foundation Boat Show. The show has over 10,000 paid attendees and over 1,000 of them went on board to talk to our members and receive information. It was the largest exposure of public contact to Auxiliary personnel in memory. The results were gratifying with individuals interested in almost every flotilla of the division plus some referrals to ther flotillas out of our area.

Our membership grew this last year as opposed to the national trend of declining membership. We did lose seven at the end of the year, one crossed the bar, one is seriously ill, two others are experiencing physical limitations and three by choice. As always, we hate to say goodbye to our comrades.

Flotilla 41 carried the load of operations for Division 4. While being the only flotilla shared by both Port Angeles and Sector Seattle we provided 52 percent of all "on-the-water" functions. To keep up with this, we also trained more crew and coxswains that passed the QE exams. We will be gaining several more facilities this next year, and if the Coast Guard utilizes us in the ways they are now considering, we should be very busy.

Dick Moore and his crew of examiners conducted over 100 vessel exams this year. Although it is not a record number, it is still very good and one that the Coast Guard appreciates very much. The Coast Guard is constantly conducting

exams and wants to see more of our examinations stickers.



Congratulations to our newsletter editor, Phil Keys. He has consistently produced a critically acclaimed monthly issue that has brought much praise from others outside our own flotilla. It has been submitted for a Golden Quill Award, which would be richly deserved.

All of these activities are highlights of the products of our staff officers. The FSOs are the backbone of the organization, and I am proud of all the accomplishments achieved this year by you, our membership, supporting them in their endeavors.

Thank you for all of your help and support. With your continued backing, I am certain the new leadership will take us to bigger and better achievements!

Dee Meek, IPFC Flotilla 41



FLOTILLA 47—PT TOWNSEND

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Charles Martin and Jaclyn Ayzenberg. FC Martin and VFC Ayzenberg are the new leadership for Flotilla 47, I am pleased to say that I am very impressed with their qualities and endorse them whole-heartedly.

Martin and Ayzenberg will be supported by a group of staff officers that have proven to be most willing and capable and always eager to strive for improvement. Many of these officers have worked relentlessly to move this flotilla forward. They have decided that the Auxiliary has value and is worthy of their effort. They have adopted the principals of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. They have worked together in harmony and they pursue the philosophy of fellowship and welcome its rewards.

The flotilla they are creating is one that will make the extra effort to reach out to our fellows and by working together, make us all stronger. Those of us who are less capable, but willing, are encouraged and taught and counseled by our brothers and sisters in the flotilla and are made proficient where we were not. Those who were capable but not willing have seen what possibilities exist and have been convinced we are worth their time and effort.

I also want to extend a very warm thank you to the many who have encouraged this flotilla. Sometimes when it seemed impossible you held up the light to show the path. Those of you who helped us see our way by the example of fellowship and sound management that you display in you own flotilla and willingly shared with us. Thank You! You were as the proverbial lighthouse on the point. A special thank you to all who found extra time from the duties of your own flotilla, to help us with ours.

I know the effort all of you have made will be cared for and built upon by Charles and Jaclyn and the staff of 47 in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Henry Loresch, IPFC Flotilla 47



Henry Loresch
Photo courtesy USCG

photo credits: B. Rindal



FLOTILLA 48—NORTH KITSAP

An assessment at year's end shows a small but mighty flotilla with members participating in all levels of the Auxiliary: Division with DVCP and SO officers, USCG Ombudsman, AUXULO Sector Seattle, Air Observer and National trainer, QE, Boater's Fair, Wooden Boat Festival, Western Sea Kayak Symposium, National Public Affairs, National Photo Corps, Marine Patrols, Vessel Safety Checks, Instructors and more. I am very much value the opportunity I have had as Flotilla Commander to work with you all.



This year we took a significant hit in facilities—loosing two mainstay vessels shortly after January. It must be noted that in spite of this, Operations logged a total of 937 hours for the year with *one vessel* on duty 95% of that time. Thanks to all who made sure operations continued as a significant part of our flotilla activities this year. You did a heroic job.



Fourth quarter showed no slacking off: hosting the Division elections, training and marine patrols, election and installation of our own new officers, Change of Watch and Fellowship Dinner, December Boater Safety class, advanced planning sessions, and the addition of a new member!

As we regroup for the new year, we have never looked better. Congratulations to our newly elected leaders Jim Beyea, FC and Larry Brown, VFC.



Training Patrols

Thanks to all for a great year.

Loretta Rindal, IPFC



AUXULO Larry Kight swearing in Jim Beyea, FC and Larry Brown, VFC

Photos by Heather H. Danso and Loretta Rindal

STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Timothy Westcott, SO-AN

Winter is a slow time for the Coast Guard Auxiliary Aids to Navigation program here in the 13th Coast Guard District, but that will soon change with the approach of spring.

In the meantime may I suggest visiting the "CGAux M-Div, Navigation Systems Division" web page http://www.auxmdept.org/latest_navigation_systems_division.htm. This web page has a lot of useful information about the Aid to Navigation program, which was the former "Aids to Navigation Division" and part of Operations, and has since been transferred to the Department of Marine Safety (Prevention).

I'd like to say thank you to all the folks in Division-4 that helped complete the 2008 Bridge/PATON assignments this year. Bridge Inspections and Private Aids to Navigation (PATON) Verification assignments for the entire District were slated to be completed by 31Dec08 and we meet that requirement.

Bridge/PATON assignments for 2009 should be out by the end of March. Letters will be going out to the Sector Aids to Navigation (ATON) Officer assigning the work to them along with guidance on further assignment to the Auxiliary. Division-4 Bridge/PATON assignments for 2009 will be coming from CG Sector Seattle as they have in the past. I foresee the Sector Seattle making Bridge/PATON assignments out to the Flotillas during the April/May time frame.

In the meantime please keep in mind; if you are passing by an aid to navigation at anytime and you see a problem with it "report it!" You can call a Sector/Group office or the nearest Coast Guard unit day or night 24/7 to report problems with federal or private aids to navigation as well as problems with bridges or hazards to navigation in a waterway that pose a threat to the safety of the boating public. "Anyone can make a report!"

Don't just look the other way or pass it by thinking someone else took care of it. The next time it may be you that ends up hard aground because the buoy was missing and no one reported as missing!

"Boating Safety, It's Everyone's Responsibility!"

COMMUNICATIONS

Don Millbauer, SO-CM

The section of the Port Ludlow Firehouse roof situated over the Communications Center has developed a leak. Rain water dripped on the equipment but caused no damage. All equipment was covered with a tarp until the roof was repaired. The repair was made by Dec. 11 with success. The center is fully active again.

The COMMs center has been been involved weekly communications drills with the Jefferson County Emergency Communications Center (EOC) and the Amateur Radio Emergency System (ARES) located in Port Hadlock Sheriff's Office. The Jefferson CO. EOC and the Port Ludlow, Fire & Rescue are pleased to have our COMM'S center as a partner in their communications plan.

John Reseck is in the process of developing a plan to include the COMM's Center in on the water training and operations. More info on this plan will follow in the new year.

Two local "HAM" operators have signed up to join FL-41. Their experience and background as radio operators will expand the capability of the center.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the center for making it happen and we, the "AUX Radio Operators" wish all in the Division a MERRY CHRISTMAS and an Exciting New Year.



STAFF OFFICER REPORTS



FINANCE

Rolland Kenitzer, SO-FN

The Division finances are in good order. The Division Annual report will be done by mid-January. Flotilla Annual reports, also due to me by mid-January, will be checked before submitting to the Division captain. FSO-FNs should remember to attach the approved Flotilla Inventory Report to the Annual Report.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Sharon Reseck, SO-IS

All reports submitted to me have been entered into AUXDATA.

I will be gone from January 15 through the month of February so please get all necessary reports turned into your FSO-IS before January 7.



Please remember to check out the dates on all your forms you are using and use the latest edition, especially the one for VE's I am still getting some of the old ones.

Important entries on your Mission Reports for Patrols are the OPCON (Station issuing your orders) and the Patrol Order #. I can't complete the entry into AUXDATA without the patrol order #.

For PE classes remember to complete the End of Course section.

I will be available after June to visit any of your flotillas to answer any questions.

Thanks and have a marvelous 2009.

MEMBER TRAINING

Larry Brown, SO-MT

Division 4 continued to train on a consistent basis through the fourth quarter of 2008. Both on-water and classroom training sessions were held in all Flotillas even though there has been some trouble obtaining the necessary orders for patrols due to increasing Coast Guard budget constraints.

Flotilla 41, due to their central location within the Division, was called upon twice to host large events. An 8-hour TCT was held in November and the much-anticipated ICS-210 also was held in December in Port Ludlow. Thank you 41!

This has been a good year for training, due largely to the dedication and enthusiasm of each of the Flotilla MTs. It has been a pleasure working with them and I thank the Division for the opportunity of serving as your SO-MT for the past twelve months.



STAFF OFFICER REPORTS



OPERATIONS

John Reseck, SO-OP

The year comes to a close with a number of questions to be answered for operations personnel.

1. Does the CG really want us on the water doing Safety//MDA//MOM patrols?
2. Because our water temperature is only above 50 degrees about six weeks a year (and then only one or two degrees) we need, according to the policy manual, a full set of cold water gear to go out. To my knowledge only about six people in our Division 4 have this gear, (and some bought it themselves). Does this mean that we should suspend all of our patrols except for the few weeks in the summer?
3. Does the CG intend to give all the qualified crew and coxswains this gear? If not, then we should stop training our new people in operations because they won't be able to get in their required 12 hrs. a year. Qualifying people that are not going to be able to go out is a waste of all our time, effort, and money.

The stats for Division 4 in the year 2008 are as follows:

Flotilla 41 had 116 patrols
Flotilla 42 had 34 patrols
Flotilla 45 had 7 patrols
Flotilla 47 had 26 patrols
Flotilla 48 had 40 patrols

A total of 223 on the water patrols. This was very good. There were patrols that had crew on board from three different flotillas at the same time.

The cooperation between flotillas in Division 4 in the Operations area has been excellent. Everyone has made a real effort to do what the CG has asked us to do with a high number of patrols working with the Navy, Coast Guard or other government agencies.

The Paddlecraft program has expanded in its venue/security patrols, its aids to Navigation patrols and its environmental and harbor patrols, completing 69 patrols during 2008.

Your new SO-OP is Charles Martin of Flotilla 47. I am sure you will cooperate with him as you have with me and I thank you for that cooperation, which has made my year quite easy as SO-OP 4.

May you all keep your bottoms wet and your heads dry – Have a good 2009.

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Sharon Reseck, SO-PS

Division 4 is still holding firm at 222 active members, with 35 new enrollments, 15 disenrollments, 2 retired, and 7 transfers as of Dec 23, 2008.

I have received a number of inquiries about joining the auxiliary from the DSO-PS and they have been forwarded to the respective flotillas.

As of December 21, 2008 there has been a change to the SF86, SF86A and SF85 forms. Note: Please ensure that the July 2008 versions are used for DO PSI packages. SECCEN (Security Center) will no longer accept the 1995 versions effective 01 January 2009.

SF86 and SF86A are used for clearance for National Security Positions. SF85 forms must be used for Direct Operations PSI clearances. A CG Station Commander will request you complete the proper papers.

I am happy to announce that Jackie Ayzenberg will be the SO-PS in 2009. I know she will serve you well.



STAFF OFFICER REPORTS



PUBLICATIONS

Loretta Rindal, SO-PB

It's all about telling the story which can only be done with your participation. Thank you to all who have contributed the photos, articles and reports for the Division newsletters.

Within the Division, we have apparently gone from 3 Flotilla newsletters to two: Flotilla 41, *4-every-1*, newsletter editor Phil Keys and Flotilla 48, *Eight Bells*, newsletter editor Loretta Rindal. Both of these newsletters appear on the Division website. This leaves FL 42 apparently regrouping with a new editor, Barbara Sehl.

In the spirit of participation all newsletters have entered into District 13's newsletter competition, The Golden Quill. Good luck 41!

————— END OF REPORTS —————

TOP TEN RULES E-MAIL



What impression do your emails leave?



10. Use the Spell Check
9. Use a meaningful subject line
8. Avoid smiley faces and IM* jargon
7. Use the "Reply All" sparingly
6. Remember—Your 8th grade English teacher will read your e-mail
5. You're not writing a novel—Be Brief
4. Don't "cc" up the Chain
3. Use the "Bcc" very rarely
2. If an e-mail makes you mad, wait 24 hours BEFORE you send a reply

and then #1 Rule for E-Mail....

1. Read BEFORE you hit the send key!

Examples of IM jargon:

- * lol =laughing out loud
- * brb= be right back
- * btw =by the way

WHAT IS THE MARITIME INFORMATION INITIATIVE



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CENTER FOR HOMELAND DEFENSE AND SECURITY
THE NATION'S HOMELAND SECURITY EDUCATOR

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Maritime Information Initiative

Sponsored by: Citizen's Action Network, Canadian Coastal Watch & America's Waterway Watch

The Maritime Information Initiative brings together citizens, businesses, community representatives and government leaders who are dedicated to advancing education and citizen engagement on and around our waterways via an informal and unclassified forum.

This joint effort seeks to increase the number and diversity of participants receiving and sharing maritime information from any number of maritime related organizations. The goals are to enhance related maritime engagement programs and provide opportunities for collaboration that create an intellectual multiplier effect and furthers the study or management of the marine environment via its users.

This forum provides a cost-effective way to cross-educate participants in an application that ventures beyond the current scope of many maritime focused citizen engagement programs. Through broad participation, the MII creators hope to develop synergies in addressing the challenges faced in the maritime community - from homeland security and safety issues to search and rescue and environmental protection.

This unclassified information exchange site is hosted by The Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS). It is making this forum available to further its broader mission of education and engagement as well as serving as an academic tool.

To apply for MII privileges

1) Go to:

<https://www.chds.us/?special/info&pgm=Maritime>

2) Here you will register to get an account on the CHDS website

3) After your request is approved,

4) You will get an email telling them how to get into the Moodle course (Moodle is the software program hosting MII)

One Example of Best Practices from the Maritime Information Initiative

Public Education 2008 / 2009

Marketing & Publicity Suggestions

Division 2 Staff Meeting

Revised November 14, 2008

November 2008

Mike Brough



CG ADM. THAD ALLEN INTRODUCES SOCIAL MEDIA INITIATIVE

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdEAY1XLapQ>



SOCIAL MEDIA AND UNOFFICIAL INTERNET POSTS

1. This ALCOAST provides interim direction for Coast Guard Personnel who desire to make unofficial internet posts on Coast Guard related topics. The term Coast Guard personnel in this ALCOAST refers to Coast Guard active duty, reserve, and civilian employees and auxiliary volunteers.

<http://www.norwich.edu/about/news/2007/011507-socialnetwork.html>

The term unofficial internet posts in this ALCOAST refers to Coast Guard personnel who express their Coast Guard related thoughts, ideas, knowledge, experience, and opinions by posting any Coast Guard related information to any (Coast Guard or other) internet site. Unofficial internet posts are personal expressions developed and released by a member in an Off-duty status and are not initiated by any part of the Coast Guard organization or reviewed within any official Coast Guard approval process.

2. law ref a, Coast Guard personnel while in an off-duty status (or as specified by paragraphs 3.b. And 3.c. below) are authorized to make internet posts on Coast Guard related topics as outlined in this ALCOAST. The Coast Guard performs valuable services around the world every day and there is nobody in a better position to tell this story than each of you. As a result, the Coast Guard encourages employees and volunteers to responsibly engage in unofficial internet posting IAW the guidelines provided below that are designed to protect the Coast Guard and its members from any harm associated with a potential unauthorized release of protected or nonpublic information. Furthermore, we want to protect Coast Guard personnel from the risks associated with the availability of personal information and potential for targeting. More information on these concerns may be found at:

3. Unofficial internet posting guidelines. Coast Guard personnel who post content on the internet about the Coast Guard bear a responsibility for ensuring information disclosed (including personal comments) is accurate and appropriate. Coast Guard personnel should keep in mind how their posts will reflect upon themselves, their unit, and our service. The following guidelines are established to assist with this responsibility:

a. Identifying oneself by Coast Guard title, position, authority, skill set, status (active, reserve, civilian, auxiliary), rank/rate or public office is authorized. Coast Guard personnel engaged in unofficial internet posting, however, shall take steps to avoid giving the perception

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b. Release of Coast Guard e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, or Fax numbers not already publicly released, including the poster's work contact information, is not authorized.

c. The posting or disclosure of internal Coast Guard documents or information that the Coast Guard has not officially released to the public is not authorized. This policy applies no matter how a poster comes into possession of a document. Examples include but are not limited to memos, e-mails, meeting notes, message traffic, articles for CG publications, white papers, peloruses, public affairs guidance, and all pre-decisional materials. Additionally, for official use only (FOUO) and personal identifiable information (PII) shall not be released in unofficial internet posts.

d. Coast Guard personnel are responsible for adhering to Coast Guard regulations and policies concerning OPSEC, ONFOSEC, and the Privacy Act as in all other forums of communication. Ref b covers the specifics of the OPSEC program. Unauthorized disclosure of protected information may result in adverse disciplinary action including potential violations of the UCMJ or civilian personnel rules under ref c.

e. The release of Coast Guard information that is prohibited from release by refs d and e is not authorized. As a general rule, releasing your personal or medical information, although not recommended, is authorized, however, releasing another Coast Guard member's information, as well as classified, operational, proprietary, or investigatory information, is not authorized.

f. A photo, video, or sound recording taken at a Coast Guard unit by Coast Guard personnel in any duty status is considered official Coast Guard media, as well as media taken by personnel engaged in a mission away from the home unit. All media that is releasable per Chapter 5 of ref d may be posted unofficially by Coast Guard Personnel. Newsworthy media should be released officially to news organizations in conjunction with or copied to a unit's servicing Public Affairs office before posting unofficially. All unit Command Cadre are reminded to

prohibit the unofficial posting of Official Coast Guard media that is not releasable per Chapter 5 of Ref d, e.g., law enforcement sensitive, investigation related, and Media that is in poor taste and/or not in keeping with security,

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D13 ANNUAL COMPETITIVE WRITING CONTEST

Deadline: 15, April 2009

A. Thirteenth Coast Guard District Annual Competitive Writing Contest, D13inst 5060.1a

1. The Pacific Northwest is a fantastic venue in which to serve our nation. We enjoy both a diverse mission set and geography where operational and support challenges abound. In our individual roles, each of us experiences noteworthy events or missions on a regular basis. In short, we all have worthwhile stories to tell. Through sharing of experiences and ideas, we can broaden common understanding of our mission tasking, as well as expose our shipmates to the challenges we face. Organizational improvement can result from a better common understanding and well thought out recommendations for improvements based on actual experience.

2. Accordingly, I am pleased to announce the Second Annual D13 Competitive Writing Contest. This contest is intended to encourage all members of the PACNW Coast Guard team, including active duty, reserve, civilian, and auxiliary, to share stories with your shipmates, to relate how you do your job, to share your successes and challenges, and to learn from each other's experiences. The D13 AOR is unique within the Coast Guard in that we perform in every cg mission area, delivering services to the public in extreme weather conditions and operating environments. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in how we do business in PACNW, to improve upon our successes, and advance our writing skills.

3. Submission guidelines/deadline: all submissions must comply with the guidelines in reference (a) and be sent via e-mail to the POC by COB 15apr09. Submissions should not have been previously published and/or professionally edited.

4. Prizes: the coast guard foundation has generously offered to provide the following awards for this contest.

- a. First prize: \$500
- b. Second prize: \$250
- c. Third prize: \$100
- d. All submissions: formal recognition

5. Judging: submissions will be judged by an independent panel of three published authors who have previously served in the Coast Guard officer and/or

enlisted ranks. Submissions will be provided to the judges without identifying the author. The winning submissions will be announced on 05Jun09.

6. Publishing: The winning submissions will be published on the D13 CG central website. Author names will be withheld upon request. Additionally, the winning submissions may be used in a d13 public affairs document at a later date.

7. Writing assistance: In accordance with reference (a), each pacnw command is encouraged to solicit volunteers to act as writing coaches for this contest. Volunteers should send their contact information via e-mail to the POC by 15Jan09. A list of writing coaches will be posted on the D13 cg-central website for authors to contact. While not required, I encourage each author to contact one or more coaches early to establish a working relationship, help get started, and to assist in the editorial process.

8. POC: LT Matthew N. Jones, D13(dl), 206-220-7155, matthew.n.jones(at)uscg.mil.

9. Internet release authorized.

10. Radm John P. Currier sends.
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