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Greetings D13 Membership,

We had our District 13 Awards Ceremony on Saturday, February 17, at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, Oregon. We announced the Division and Flotilla awards for 2023, Team Commendations, Individual awards, and the Auxiliarist of the Year. We had some prestigious guests who attended, which was an honor and privilege to have with us. The guests were the Sector Commander for Columbia River, Captain Noggle and his Wife Jessica; Captain Jackson, Commander of Air Station Astoria and his Wife Melani; Lieutenant Saylor, OIA, and Wife Elizabeth; Captain Moon, Deputy Commander Sector Puget Sound, MCPO Mullins, Command Master Chief Puget Sound, Commander Jantzen, our D13 Director of Auxiliary, CWO4 Lynch (our new OTO) and his Wife Pam, YN1 PoChing our favorite and indispensable Yeoman, Christopher Robinson our new D13 RBS Specialist, and Jennifer MacArthur, our Auxiliary Affairs Specialist.

We had eighty Auxiliarists including family members join us for the Saturday night awards dinner, and all looked like they had a great time. The Master of Ceremonies was Commodore Daren Lewis, who has done this multiple times for us and who once again did a fantastic job of keeping the Chief of Staff, Commodore Kienle, and Coast Guard Officers all on track and moving along.

The night started off with remarks from Commodore Kienle, who gave us a statistical insight into the Recreational Boating Community, DNACO Singler, who spoke about our members and their need to keep reaching out to the public regarding boating safety, and Captain Jackson who gave shout outs to members that are doing exciting things in our district!

We then moved to the Change of Watch Ceremony, where the District Captains were sworn in, Team Commendation awards were presented, and unit awards which included Divisions, Flotillas, and Individual Member personal awards. The Flotilla and Division Units that took honors for the best results in 2023, plus the individual members who took honors for the best results in 2023 are listed below:

**Air Station Astoria                      Presenter: CAPT Jackson**

**Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation**

*Air Station Astoria Open House 08/19/2023*

<b>Flotilla 62</b>	Dennis Forest
	Ron Hilburger
	Sally Kiess
	John Lester
	Wilhelm Mayorga
	Marcus Smith
	Della Wilson

**Sector Columbia River                      Presenter: CAPT Noggle**

**Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation**

*Helicopter Operations*

<b>Flotilla 62</b>	David Haugsten
	Lael Hepworth
	Ron Hilburger
	John Lester
	Ray Latham
	Wilhelm Mayorga
	John Molina
	Elena Righettini
	Gary Righettini

Marcus Smith

**Flotilla 63**

Camile Hickman

**Sector Columbia River      Presenter: CAPT Noggle**

**Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation**

*Thanksgiving Dinner for Sector Columbia River and Station Portland*

<b>Flotilla 54</b>	Dennis Wood
<b>Flotilla 73</b>	Jim Fenske
	Laurie Marks
	Robert Megel, Sr
	Ken Reis
	John Stuhr
	Carel Verlinden
<b>Flotilla 76</b>	Michael Pigg
	Mary Schuck
<b>Flotilla 7-12</b>	Mark Monson

## **DISTRICT 13 AWARDS**

### **Division Awards**

10 – Member Training  
03 – Human Resources (Retention) Brown  
02 – Human Resources (Recruiting) Orange  
04 – Navigation Systems  
05 – CG Operations Communications  
06 – CG Operations Support  
07 – Operations Patrols  
05 – Program Visits  
02 – Public Affairs  
01 – Public Education  
05 – Vessel Exams  
02 – Food Services  
**05 – Division of the Year**

### **Flotilla Awards**

10-3 – Member Training  
10-5 – Human Resources (Retention)  
24 – Human Resources (Recruiting)  
41 – Navigation Systems  
73 – Navigation Systems  
56 – Operations Communications  
63 – Operations Support  
76 – Operation Patrols  
54 – Program Visits  
52 – Public Affairs

- 12 – Public Education
- 85 – Vessel Exams
- 22 – Food Services
- 52 – Flotilla of the Year**

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

Member Training	Dave Hansen	FL 10-3
Navigation Systems	John Stuhr	FL 73
Operations Communications	Barbara Rockfort	FL 56
Operations Support	Corey Deck	FL 63
Operations Patrols	Robert Megel	FL 73
Program Visits	Thomas Murphy	FL 54
Public Affairs	Deborah Cordone	FL 52
Public Education	George Tinker	FL 51
Vessel Exams	Linda Severin	FL 85
Culinary Assistance	Richard Pinches	FL 22
Aux Clergy Support	Lyle Schrag	FL 11

**DISTRICT CAPTAINS AWARDS**

District Captain's Award for Member Training Achievement

DCAPT-S	Flotilla 51	Coos bay
DCAPT-N	Flotilla 33	Tacoma
DCAPT-E	Flotilla 10-3	Helena

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS**

		<b>Presenter</b>
Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation	Jenny Shea	CAPT Jackson
Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation	Janae Dixon	CAPT Jackson
Auxiliary Achievement Medal	Kevin Thiel	CAPT Moon
Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit	Mary Schuck	CAPT Noggle
Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit	Ron Hilburger	CAPT Noggle
Member Service Award for 50 years	Ron Fritz	CDR Jantzen
Auxiliarist of the Year	John Stuhr	CDR Jantzen
Auxiliary Achievement Medal	John Stuhr	CDR Jantzen

I want to say once again to each of you that it is an extreme honor to serve you as your District Commodore and that you at the Flotillas make us one of the greatest districts in the Nation. We have clearly come out of the pandemic, and I know we will have a fantastic year. Thank you!

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Dan M. Kienle

Commodore



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