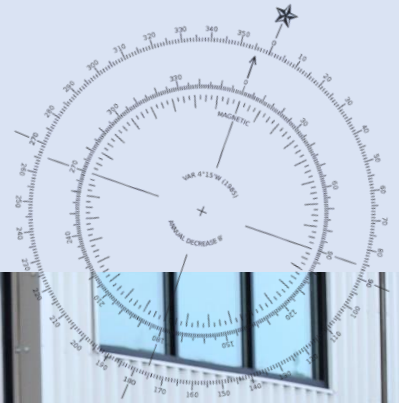


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From the Bridge...



COMMODORE'S LOG

The phenomenal success of our organization is a reflection of the ever-increasing dedication and enthusiasm our volunteers play on a continual basis.

- Commodore Kathleen Goodwin



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A New Beginning. Spring is my favorite season of the year. As the snow finally melts, crocus and bright green grass leaves are poking their heads through the earth to let us know there is new life, new hopes, and new dreams that can be fulfilled. 2018 is the year of growth for the District 13 Coast Guard Auxiliary. Growth in the number of new members, growth in the goals and achievements of our members, and growth in the number of opportunities presented and missions accomplished. I am very proud to serve as your District Commodore where my focus is on our people. It is because of you that our organization can thrive and survive.

Thank you to all who attended our recent District Meeting held in Clackamas, Oregon, where training, workshops, awards, meetings, and good fellowship re-energized our members and set future goals.

We presented a Human Resources Academy at our recent D-Train. All SO/FSO-HRs received orders to attend, and Division Commanders were encouraged to participate. Topics covered included fingerprints, ID photos, error-free applications, how to encourage prospects while waiting for their DIRAUX letter and ID numbers, and steps to take during and after their 90-day provisional membership period. Discussion took place of present problems and possible solutions involved in the whole process of a prospective member who is interested in joining the Auxiliary through to a highly functioning member pursuing one or more Auxiliary qualifications. Many thanks go to the instructors as well as the participants.

Numerous successful Boat and Sportsman Shows have been completed throughout Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. Last weekend I stopped by the Great Rockies Sport Show in Helena, Montana, where it was snowing very heavily, to visit our Montana Auxiliarists who, working in partnership with Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, reached out to recreational boaters who look to us for knowledge, educational outreach and meaningful partnerships in our mission of Recreational Boating Safety. Various shows of this nature have taken place across the District. It takes a lot of effort to set up and take down the booths, order supplies, schedule times that Auxiliarists can participate in good and bad weather, and reach out to the public to offer classes, vessel inspections, or interest in joining the Auxiliary. A sincere "Thank you!" to those of you who stood watch and supported these outreach missions.

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A New Beginning Cont'd

A canvas display *face in the hole* banner was created to promote life jacket awareness at public affairs events. This is a banner on a stand that has holes for a face and hands for children and adults with the message “Expect the Unexpected—Good thing I was wearing my Life Jacket!” One banner has been mailed to each Division Commander. Since almost everyone has the ability to take photos on an electronic device, we are pleased to promote this safety message during outreach events that will not only feature a friend or family member’s picture, but will also focus on life jacket awareness.

New “Join the Auxiliary” posters were created for recruitment purposes. Members from across the District supplied photos that were featured in posters designed for the Northern, Southern and Eastern areas. These posters were distributed to leaders at the District Meeting. Digital copies or templates are available that can be modified with local photos and printed at your local Office Depot/Max for a nominal cost.

The District 13 Auxiliary has a new official Facebook page. We are adding content daily to make it informative, including photos from District events, safe boating information and much more. The more members that have knowledge of and interact with the new Facebook page, the greater success it will be as a public affairs, boating safety, and recruiting tool.

The D13 Member Involvement Plan was conceived in 2016 and has been fine-tuned. It starts with a short survey to members requesting information on their training interests, including areas where they are REYR and REWK. After the surveys are sent back, a summary spreadsheet is forwarded to the Flotilla Commander and copied to the Division Commander for their appropriate action. There has been a lot of positive response by leadership as well as the members involved. This is another way to engage our fellow Auxiliarists and let them know that we are interested in their training desires and that we will try to accommodate them as resources permit.

National Safe Boating Week is coming up quickly. The week of 19-25 May allows us to put the spotlight on Recreational Boating Safety. To kick off the week, 18 May is “Wear your Life Jacket to Work Day” and 19 May is the “Wear It!” celebration day, when organized groups attempt to set a new world record for the most life jackets worn in one day. Now is the time to begin plans to support this event which could include PA booths, VSC events, NSBW proclamations and partnership activities within your boating communities to promote the safety message.

The phenomenal success of our organization is a reflection of the ever-increasing dedication and enthusiasm our volunteers play on a continual basis. I would like to personally thank you for your time, energy and enthusiastic support of the District 13 USCG Auxiliary.

Very Respectfully,

Commodore Kathleen Goodwin
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
District 13

CHIEF OF STAFF

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Willing, Able, and Ready to Serve: Active ICS Training is Key

A common theme discussed in Auxiliary meetings is, "we never get called." It quietly asserts that Auxiliarists are not being used to full potential by the U.S. Coast Guard. I don't agree that we never get called, but I do agree we are an underutilized force multiplier.

We work hard as we inspect recreational vessels, stock display boxes with brochures, teach boating safety classes, patrol water and airways, and conduct other vital missions. But when the ground shakes or the winds blow, countless of us may be needed to respond to help manage the life-threatening event, and to help those affected get their lives back to normal.

For that, we joined. We put on the uniform. We *state* we are ready. Yet the phone doesn't ring. Why?

Basically, it is because we may be trained, but we are not qualified.

Those familiar with the Incident Command System (ICS) courses have learned that during disasters such as hurricanes or oil spills, the Coast Guard needs ICS *qualified* personnel, not just *trained*. There's an important difference and a piece we often miss. ICS courses like 100, 200, 700, 800, 300 and 400 are educational training, but not qualification.

Think of it like driving. Passing Drivers Ed doesn't get you a license to drive. You need hands-on training and then pass a driving test. Like it, ICS courses teach you about many important subjects, but they do not provide *real world*, hands-on training. So how do we get it?

Begin by going to the U.S. Coast Guard ICS Position Qualification and Certification page on Homeport. For convenience, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/ybtupk4w>. There is a list of links to Personal Qualification Standards (PQS) down the right side. Each one is for a separate ICS job. Find one you are interested in and print it out.

An Example

Let's look at ICS-UL3, Type 3 Logistics Unit Leader Positions. What do we need to become qualified? The PQS shows the required training, in this case ICS-100, 200 and 300. The booklet later lists required individual tasks performed under instruction, and while involved in actual events or drills.

Once all required tasks are completed, forward the signed PQS (be sure to save a copy!) up the chain to your respective Sector Commanders. They may or may not have you sit for an oral board, depending upon the position. Once the Sector Commander signs the letter, you are fully qualified to serve in that position and entered into the USCG computer system.

The qualification lasts seven years. It can be maintained by regularly working in the position or taking refresher classes. No need to re-do the PQS.

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Active ICS Training Cont'd

Staffing

To staff an Incident Management Team, the Coast Guard checks its records for qualified individuals. Their check at this point is only to learn who is qualified in the active duty, reserve, civilian or auxiliary.

Please note the PQS qualification requires active participation in actual events or drills.

Remember too that our active participation means a great deal to our CG shipmates. Every incident management position we can staff, may help allow an active duty or reservist do the job that he or she really wants *and needs* to do in an emergency.

Let's Run Our Own Drills

However, there seems to be a popular assumption that we must wait for the USCG to stage a drill, and to be available for it. However, the Auxiliary could plan and stage our own drills. We could invite active duty or reserve members to attend, thus perhaps helping us through the PQS. With sufficient interest, we could then work with District or Sector staff to draft and stage our own complete ICS drills, specifically designed to meet our training requirements.

The Auxiliary was created specifically to assist the Coast Guard in fulfilling its missions. So, I encourage all Auxiliarists to carefully study the ICS positions. Become qualified in as many as you can.

You bring unique talents to the table, along with Auxiliary experience and invaluable local area knowledge. Regular incident command training will help us truly be . . .

Semper Paratus!

David Larkin
District Chief of Staff



Auxiliary facility participates in Coast Guard Mass Rescue Exercise at USCG Air Station Port Angeles, WA. 2016. Photo Credit: Michael Sealfon, USCGAUX PA1.

DISTRICT CAPTAIN SOUTH

It is a good first quarter for the Southern Division. We started the year off with excellent recruitment efforts. Division 5 led the way with signing up eleven new members, with a goal of thirty for the year. Divisions 6 and 7 also have several new members. The one thing that all the southern Divisions have in common is recruiting done *the old fashion way* via Public Education courses and Public Affairs events—i.e., simply speaking with people with an interest in Boating Safety.

All three Divisions have compiled substantial hours in RBS, OPS Support, PA, PE, MT, VSC, and PV. Plans for National Safe Boating Week include PA events and contacting boaters at launch sites. Fishing season is under way and these programs are important. We are assisting Station Portland and the USCG Reserve with their training needs. Division 7 is busy filling facility and crew requests for water events this summer.

In mid-April, the Auxiliary had facilities on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, along with Aux Air, to help provide unrestricted passage for the new USS PORTLAND coming to town for christening.

Bravo Zulu to everyone for a great start in 2018. If we keep going at this pace (and I am confident we will), this will be a great year to reflect on as one of hard work and contribution to Team Coast Guard.

Very Respectfully,

Richard Williams
District 13 Captain South



Auxiliarists speaking with attendees at KEZI Eugene Boat and Sportsman Show at the Lane County Convention Center. Left: Robert Redfern, FL52. Right Randy Wolfer, FL66. 03FEB18. Photo Credit: Brad Hooper, FC FL52.

DISTRICT CAPTAIN EAST

Due to the Government shutdown, Division Eight was ordered to stand down from all activities. Subsequently, we could not hold our annual Change of Watch as scheduled. An additional consequence was Flotilla 85 was unable to staff a booth at a local sportsman show. Many more of us throughout the area were affected as well, but we have plans for future events.

Some Highlights:

- Division Eight completed its annual crew academy -- except for water training, slated for April.
- Flotilla 87's annual B&S class will wrap up in early April.
- The District is hosting an AUXLAMS C-School in April at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, WA. Please contact Mark Hannibal FL87 for availability
- Congratulations to Coxswains Keri Ballard and COMO Kathleen Goodwin and crews, who saved lives while underway last summer and received commendations.
- BZs to eastern area members for their faithful attendance to MT requirements with 74% completion. Flotilla 10-05 is at 100%! Congratulations to Flotilla 10-05 for the NACO 3 Star Award for Excellence in Auxiliary Mandated Training (AUXMT). Keep it going!
- Kudos to those Divisions and Flotillas and individuals with ribbons and Certificates of Appreciation from the District Meeting. They really show your hard work!

Some of us are coming up on the five-year mark for mandated training. Flotilla Commanders must ask IS officers to check members' MT currency. We don't want to be surprised with REYRs, which would prevent getting operational or travel orders or even new ID cards.

Paul Otey
District 13 Captain East



Lin Otey, wife of DCAPT-E, receives a certificate of appreciation for helping at D-Train. L-to-r: David Larkin, DCOS; COMO Kathleen Goodwin; Lin Otey. 24FEB18. Photo Credit: Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCSAUX PA3.

AUXILIARY SECTOR COORDINATOR PUGET SOUND



U.S. Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound presents the COAST GUARD AUXILIARY COMMENDATION MEDAL

Captain Michael Balding, Deputy Commander U.S. Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound, presented the Coast Guard Auxiliary Commendation Medal to Jeanne C. Suchodolski from Issaquah, WA, a member of Flotilla 130-02-02, Seattle Eastside. The presentation occurred at the recent joint Change Of Watch ceremony for D13 Divisions 2, 3 and 4 at the Naval Undersea Museum in Keyport, WA.

Captain Balding cited Ms. Suchodolski's outstanding achievement while serving as the Thirteenth Coast Guard District Auxiliary Legal/Parliamentarian Staff Officer [DSO-LP] from January 2014 to December 2017. He noted she provided advice on complex and often sensitive matters for myriad leaders ranging from National Auxiliary Staff to the cadre of elected Auxiliarist leaders serving throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Sharing her additional talents and expertise, she provided key assistance to the Coast Guard Research and Development Center [RDC] by deploying to the Arctic onboard Coast Guard Cutter HEALY in 2015 as a communications test engineer. In this capacity, she operated test equipment, recorded measurements, and served as radio coordinator between Coast Guard and contractor teams during test evolutions that simulated offshore Search and Rescue missions, ultimately helping to improve operational communications in the polar region in direct support of the Coast Guard's Arctic Strategy. Captain Balding noted she has deployed numerous times to participate in arctic expeditions and research, in particular HF propagation at high latitudes.

Jeanne currently serves as the Auxiliary CC-AP (Assistant Chief Counsel – Pacific) and oversees the contributions of seven Auxiliary attorneys. She joined the Auxiliary in 2003, yielding to a "post-911 urge for community service, fueled by an article on AUXAIR in *Flying Magazine*."

Jeanne attended Duke University as an undergraduate, then attended the University of Washington, where she received her Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering (flight dynamics and controls), and later University of Southern California Law School for her Juris Doctor.

She has practiced as an Intellectual Property Law and Patent attorney and co-owns at least two U.S. Patents. One of those is named Method, Apparatus and Computer Program Products For Alerting Submersible Vessels and Surface Vessels To Hazardous Conditions. She is currently pursuing a Masters of Law full time. (photo provided by Kent Brown, FL12)

Kent H. Brown, Jr
Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC-PS)
USCG Sector Puget Sound

AUXILIARY SECTOR COORDINATOR NORTH BEND**Safety Fair Coos Bay**

Flotilla 51 joined with Bay Area Hospital in a health and water safety event for all third graders in Coos County, Oregon. About 550 students, over three days, were provided small group instruction in water safety. All students tried on a life jacket and were taught proper fitting. Teachers were presented with curriculum materials for follow up in the classroom. All students received boat related *fun decals* and temporary tattoos to take home. The Auxiliary was assisted by Active-duty from Station Coos Bay, who are now applying for Flotilla 51 membership.

The sponsor, Bay Area Hospital, provided lunch for all the students, funded the program, and devoted staff to the event. The program is in its 10th year of support by the hospital and takes place on the local Boys & Girls Club indoor tennis courts. Flotilla 51 in Coos Bay, Oregon has been a partner in this program and considers it a fun public affairs outreach activity.

George Tinker, VFC FL51

Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC-NB)

USCG Sector North Bend



Photo l-to-r: Jerry Evans (FL51); SN Josh Caudillo, Station Coos Bay; Richard Gutierrez (FL51); SN Zach Pierce, Station Coos Bay; Cindy Hughes (FL51); George Tinker (FL51) standing at Public Education table at water safety event. 20FEB18. Photo provided by George Tinker, VFC FL51.

DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER - PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Covering U.S. Coast Guard and Auxiliary Public Affairs events in a four-state area stretching from the Pacific Ocean to the western boarder of North Dakota, and South from the Canadian border to Northern California is a 24/7 challenge! There is a tremendous amount of Team Coast Guard activity, with the majority underreported. One of the Public Affairs missions for 2017 was to communicate with District Thirteen SO and FSO-PAs via email and social media, and use one or more platforms as a central clearinghouse for pictures and articles. Another was to more effectively use qualified District Thirteen Public Affairs personnel.



Courtesy Photo

Michael Sealfon, DSO-PA

Divisions Five and Two were the Public Affairs leaders in contributing to the 7008 hours amassed equally by Sectors Puget Sound and North Bend, each with approximately 3,500 hours. Included in these hours were the publication of multiple high-quality newsletters and augmenting active-duty Coast Guard units.

There was a wealth of both District and Flotilla-specific events. Florence, Oregon, served by Flotilla 52's Florence Detachment, was declared a Coast Guard City, with the FSO-PA playing an integral role in completing the Coast Guard City application. Division Two sponsored the Seattle Boat Show, the Monroe Sportsman Show, and special events at Ballard's Fisherman's Supply, Tacoma's Bass Pro Shop, Cabela's of Lacey, plus a special promotion for life jacket safety by the Washington State Ferry System at the Coleman Ferry Terminal. Additional Boat Shows were covered in Boise, Idaho and in the towns of Eugene, Roseburg, and Portland, Oregon. Many Sector Puget Sound Auxiliarists participated in Seattle's premier summer event, the Sea-Fair Festival. Sector Puget Sound Auxiliarists proudly supported multiple Honor Flights from SeaTac Airport.

In addition, Auxiliary Color Guard teams from each state proudly participated in public memorial activities as well as private Auxiliary Memorial services. Members of the Division Two Color Guard traveled at their own expense to Orcas Island and Snohomish, WA for private memorial services. The Sector Puget Sound Auxiliary Color Guard was specifically invited to present the National Colors at the 2017 Change of Watch for the new Sector Puget Sound Commander. The importance of standardized Color Guard performance was stressed during two days of joint Color Guard training at the 2017 District Thirteen Training Meeting in Clackamas. A *joint* District Thirteen Color Guard was utilized to present the colors at the start of the meeting.

One of Seattle's little-known tourist attractions, the Alki Point Lighthouse, welcomed over 2,300 visitors during the brief Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend season. Sector Puget Sound Auxiliarists worked over 450 hours to accommodate visitors and provide them with a favorable impression of Team Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel! There are many PA RBS events scheduled for May to coincide with National Safe Boating Week.

Internal Public Affairs activities included maintaining and expanding the District Thirteen Facebook™ social media and WOW sites; participating with AUXPA oral boards; producing a District Thirteen recruiting and retention video; participating in monthly PA/PB webinars; submitting articles to the *Navigator*; and enriching PA training. Public Affairs Officers, in D13, also continue to augment active-duty in various ways with press releases, photo shoots of various events and activities, video production, and other missions.

Bravo Zulu to all the hard-working members of Team Coast Guard's District Thirteen Public Affairs Team!

Note: For new FSO and SO PA/PBs, the Aux C-12 School is an excellent tool to quickly develop your Auxiliary PA expertise and network with similar Auxiliary officers. Submit your request for travel/training to your FC who should forward to D13 DSO-PA for review and endorsement. It will then be submitted to D13 DIRAUX for approval. The online AUX 20 course must be completed *prior* to the application process.



Six Commodores gather at the District 13 Conference in Clackamas, Oregon during the formal Saturday night dinner and awards event. It is an historical moment when four District Commodores muster together in one location. L-to-r: Past District Commodore Peter Raiswell, Past District Commodore Dean Wimer, Immediate Past District Commodore Richard Coons, Commodore Kathleen Goodwin, Deputy National Auxiliary Commodore Fred Gates, Past Assistant National Commodore Daren Lewis. 24FEB18.

D13 DTRAIN CLACKAMAS, OREGON 2018

Deborah Heldt Cordone, PA3 DSO-PB FL52

District 13 members converged in Clackamas, Oregon for the annual Auxiliary District Training meeting at the Monarch Hotel and Conference Center on February 23-25th. The fun and informative conference included leadership meetings, fellowship gatherings, the Human Resource Academy, various workshops, and recognition for members.



Auxiliary members from four states attended alongside active-duty United States Coast Guard, enjoying three days of events in an upbeat atmosphere. Special guests included USCG Commander Steven Keel, Deputy Chief Director of Coast Guard Auxiliary; USCG Commander Darkeim Brown, Director of Auxiliary District 13; USCG Captain Michael Mullen, Commander Sector North Bend; USCG Captain William Timmons, Commander Sector Columbia River; USCG Petty Officer 2nd Class Aaron Eckstein, Aviation Survival Technician Sector Columbia River; and COMO

Fred Gates, Deputy National Auxiliary Commodore–Pacific Area & Mission Support (DNACO–MS).

Friday's agenda included QE training, EXCOM meetings, Ways and Means Committee, and the Human Resources Academy. The well-attended HR Academy was led by Henry Phillips (FL78), assisted by instructors Debbie Kienle (FL78) and Deanna Green (DSO-HR, FL52). That night, a buffet dinner and open house was hosted by Commodore Kathleen Goodwin. Petty Officer 2nd Class Aaron Eckstein gave a riveting presentation on perilous Coast Guard rescues.

During the EXCOM meeting and later conference events, COMO Goodwin unveiled a D13 Public Affairs project that she and DSO-PB Cordone worked on—a *Face in the Hole* photo-op banner for RBS events. The banner was such a hit, it was decided a banner would be sent to each Division. As of press date, all banners have been delivered. More recently, COMO Goodwin presented the banner at a National conference held in Portland, Oregon. Other Districts, across the country, are now ordering the banner as well.

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Saturday events included the District Board meeting, continuing HR seminar, fellowship lunch, and workshops at MSU Portland. Some newly elected officers were installed during the general meeting. The day culminated with a formal dinner followed by an engaging keynote address by USCG Captain Michael Mullen, Commander Sector North Bend. Captain Mullen entertained guests with quick humor and sincere appreciation for Auxiliary contributions.

Several D13 Auxiliary members were then recognized for their many accomplishments and service. Art Cummings, Flotilla 19, received District 13 Auxiliarist of the Year. Division 5 received Division of the Year. Flotilla 53 received Flotilla of the Year. Various other awards were given out as detailed. Bravo Zulu to all!

Another Commodore's open house followed the aforementioned festivities on Saturday night. And on Sunday, the HR Academy held its final session, and several attended the Past Division Commander's Association breakfast.

Awards

D13 Auxiliarist of the Year	Art Cummings FL19
Auxiliary Achievement Medal	Sheila Langue FL66
Auxiliary Achievement Medal	Heidi Bredehoeft FL22
Auxiliary Achievement Medal	Bonita Harding FL25
Auxiliary Achievement Medal	David Tribolet FL11
Medal of Operational Merit	Keri Ballard FL11-04
Medal of Operational Merit	Thomas Blodgett FL11-04
Medal of Operational Merit	Camille Hallam FL11-04
Medal of Operational Merit	Kathy Goodwin FL84
Medal of Operational Merit	Steven Beckerman FL82
Medal of Operational Merit	Jan Jenne FL84
Medal of Operational Merit	James Dickinson FL22
Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation	Tiney Singler FL59
Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation	James Carroll FL53 Karen Andreika FL53 Beverly Divis FL54 Frank Lamberson FL54 Thomas Divis FL54 Robert Megel FL73

Individual Program Awards

Member Training	Leo Leonard FL42
Navigation Systems	Ken Babick FL73
OPS Communications	Bradley Hooper FL52
OPS Patrols	Ken Babick FL73
Program Visits	Cheryl Lundine FL53
Public Affairs	Mary Liebert FL24
Public Education	Henry Phillips FL78
Vessel Examinations	Richard Williams FL76

Division Awards

Division of the Year	Division 5
Member Training	Division 8
Navigation Systems	Division 8
OPS Communications	Division 5
OPS Patrols	Division 7
Program Visits	Division 5
Public Affairs	Division 2
Public Education	Division 8
Vessel Examinations	Division 11
Human Resources	Division 4

Flotilla Awards

Flotilla of the Year	Flotilla 53
Member Training	Flotilla 87
Navigation Systems	Flotilla 85
OPS Communications	Flotilla 52
OPS Patrols	Flotilla 73
Program Visits	Flotilla 53
Public Affairs	Flotilla 53
Public Education	Flotilla 78
Vessel Examinations	Flotilla 59
Human Resources	Flotilla 38

Golden Quill Awards

Division	Publications
	<i>The Flag Hoist</i> – Doug Kroll
	Division 6
Flotilla	<i>Alert 11</i> – Penelope Milczewski, Flotilla 11
	<i>Plimsoll Lines</i> – JoAnn McCollum, Flotilla 78

Past DIV Commanders Assoc Mileage Award

Division 5

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Top: As keynote speaker at the Saturday night dinner and ceremony, Captain Michael Mullen engages the audience with quick humor and sincere appreciation for Auxiliary contributions. Click [here](#) to listen to his final comment. Center left: I-to-r- Commander Keel (DCHDIRAUX), Captain Mullen (Commander SNB) and Commander Brown (DIRAUX D13) enjoying some fellowship before dinner. Center middle: Ron Hilburger (left), ASC-CR and Rick Williams, DCAPT-S conduct Missing Man Table Ceremony. Center right: COMO Daren Lewis getting ready to entertain us with his raffle commentary. Lower Left: Captain Timmons (Commander SCR) having fun during the festivities.



**AIRSTA NORTH BEND
PUBLIC AFFAIRS TAKES TO THE AIR**

Deborah Heldt Cordone, PA3 FL52

Date: 02JAN18 Tues.

Primary Mission: Aerial photography of Coast Guard facilities within Sector North Bend AOR.

Additional Mission: Area Familiarization.

Location: Sector AOR from Coos Bay to Pacific City on the Oregon Coast.

Transportation: USCG MH-65 Dolphin 6514.

Crew: Captain Michael Mullen, Lieutenant Jesse Cremeans, AMT1 Dale Melton.

Passengers: COMO Kathleen Goodwin and Deborah Cordone, Aux PA3.

United States Coast Guard Auxiliarists augment active-duty Coast Guard in myriad ways, extending the resources of the USCG as *force multipliers*. Public Affairs is one of the areas Auxiliarists can help by performing functions for active-duty members so they can focus on other pertinent missions.

Towards the end of 2017, USCG Lieutenant Jacob Rettig contacted Deborah Cordone, Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist, concerning a mission involving an aerial photo shoot of Coast Guard facilities along the Oregon Coast. Previous photographs, donning the hallways of Sector North Bend, were outdated and quickly fading.

The mission was successfully executed on January 2, 2018. Weather and visibility were favorable during the approximate 200-mile flight. COMO Kathleen Goodwin was invited on the flight for the purpose of area familiarization.

Above: MH65D crew and COMO Kathleen Goodwin get ready to take off on an all-day photo mission along the Oregon Coast. Standing in front of the MH65D on the tarmac at AIRSTA North Bend, I-to-r: AMT1 Dale Melton, COMO Goodwin, CAPT Michael Mullen, Commander Sector North Bend and LT Jesse Cremeans, MH65D Aircraft Commander. 02JAN18.

Public Affairs Takes to the Air Cont'd

The Auxiliarists were in good hands with Captain Mullen and Lieutenant Cremeans as pilots. LT Cremeans has served twelve years with the Coast Guard, six of those as a pilot. CAPT Mullen has been a pilot since 1998. AMT1 Melton has served nineteen years in the Coast Guard, the past three in North Bend.

Following a thorough safety briefing and equipment check, the flight started at Sector Headquarters then continued over other units in Coos Bay including STA Coos Bay, ANT Coos Bay, and USCGC ORCAS. To obtain the best quality photos, the door was open and the photographer was secured with a gunner's belt.

The flight then progressed north along the coast to STA Umpqua River, STA Siuslaw River, STA Yaquina Bay, STA Depoe Bay and on to Pacific City where the MH-65D turned around. A fuel stop was made for both passengers and aircraft in Newport. During lunch, Captain Mullen literally recruited three people for the Auxiliary and information was exchanged and later provided to the appropriate Flotilla.



The USCGC ORCAS was underway concurrently with the flight and several images were obtained. Coos River. 02JAN18.

A total of fourteen Coast Guard units/structures were photographed plus other areas of interest. Approximately 800 photos were taken, which were later culled and edited with about 275 high resolutions photos provided to Sector. Each image was individually assigned and labeled with a standard Department of Defense Visual Information Reference Identification Number (VIRIN). We are currently working on printing and framing the photos for display. Time did not allow for a flight south to STA Chetco River, but that mission is in the planning stage and will hopefully occur in May.

For more information about becoming an Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist, visit the A-Directorate Public Affairs on the WOW website [here](#) or contact your local Auxiliary Public Affairs or Publications officer.



Above: Taking off from Sector North Bend with the Conde McCullough Memorial Bridge and Coos Bay Rail Link Swing Span Bridge in the background. 02JAN18



Above: STA Coos Bay aerial photo. Below: In-flight scenery along the coast. 02JAN18.



D13 Auxiliary Clergy at TRACEN Petaluma

Doug Kroll, CDR DIV 6 FL66



Due to the limited numbers of Navy chaplains assigned to the Coast Guard, the CG Auxiliary Clergy Support program was established in 2016. For a timelier response to the religious ministry needs of Coast Guard personnel, the Auxiliary Clergy Support program was born to supplement and support missions by active-duty Chaplains. Those in the Auxiliary Clergy program are not referred to as Chaplains, but rather they are Coast Guard Chaplain support.

Qualified clergy members of the Auxiliary can apply to participate in the aforementioned program by submitting their qualifications as spelled out in COMDTINST 1730.5. Auxiliarists with clergy credentials need to meet the same educational and ecclesiastical endorsement requirements as Navy chaplains, as well as be members of good standing in the CG Auxiliary. The program is managed by the Chaplain of the Coast Guard at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The first Auxiliary Clergy Support individuals were approved and appointed in May, 2017. Three more were approved in August. Of the current nine, three are in the Thirteenth District—Lyle Shrag (FL11), Michael Bernard (FL51) and Doug Kroll (FL66).

Recently, the value of the new Auxiliary program paid off when there was a need for assistance at the Training Center in Petaluma, CA. TRACEN's chaplain, LT Kevan Lim, was going to the POLAR STAR to ride it on its return voyage to Seattle, having completed its Antarctic mission. Doug Kroll, Division Chief of the new Clergy Support program, was invited to TRACEN to *back fill* for LT Lim.

Chaplain Lim would be departing on February 15th for several weeks. Deputy Chaplain of the Coast Guard Judy Malana found Navy Reserve Chaplains to cover the time he would be gone, except the first week. Knowing that Doug Kroll lived in the Pacific Northwest, he was asked to cover the first week of the chaplain's absence. Mr. Kroll responded and served there from February 15th-21st, 2018.

The Training Center is located about 40 miles north of San Francisco and just west of Petaluma. It occupies more than 800 acres of land and includes housing and other buildings. As the largest West Coast Training Center, about 4,000 students are trained there each year. It is one of the two major centers hosting 'A' schools. The other is in Yorktown, Virginia. Graduates from Petaluma are the latest chefs, medics, storekeepers, yeoman, information systems technicians, electronics technicians, and operations specialists. In addition, every Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer comes to Petaluma for Basic EMT training. It is also home to the Coast Guard Leadership Development Center's Chief Petty Officer Academy.

Immediately following his arrival, on 14 February, Mr. Kroll attended a meeting chaired by the Executive Officer, where he met several department heads, the Staff JAG, Administration Officer, and other key officials at the Training Center. As Chaplain Lim departed about 1630 that afternoon, he handed the chaplain phone to Auxiliarist Kroll, who assumed his duties.

During his week at the Training Center, Kroll counseled with training center students, attended a department head meeting, ate in the dining hall with the students and staff, visited the Chief Petty Officer Academy, and conducted a non-denominational service in the Lighthouse Chapel on Sunday.

Auxiliarist Kroll's week serving at TRACEN Petaluma is a prime example of why the Auxiliary Clergy Support program was established. Whenever there are no Coast Guard Chaplains (Navy Chaplains assigned to the Coast Guard) available, the Auxiliary Clergy Support program closes this shortfall and provides the best religious ministry possible for Coast Guard members and their families. It is one of many programs in the Human Relations Directorate which supports the Coast Guard directly.

Above photo: Doug Kroll during a service in the Lighthouse Chapel at TRACEN. Petaluma, CA. Photo Credit: Lana Kroll.



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Color Guard Recruiting

Norm Hoffman, VFC FL52

Flotilla 52 presenting colors during the annual DIV 5 Change of Watch in Florence, OR. L-to-r: Jim Stutz, Brad Hooper (FC), Kirby Ladd, Robert Redfern.
Photo Credit: Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCGAUX PA3.

It is an honor to be a member of the USCG Auxiliary Color Guard. Color Guard members should be ready and willing to serve as needed at ceremonial functions wherever an Auxiliary presence would be appropriate. Members should exhibit outstanding examples of the uniform standard and also serve as examples of our core values. These values mirror the gold side motto of Pride, Poise, and Perfection. Members will be selected based on exceptional attention to uniform standard, pride in appearance, and devotion to the mission of Team Coast Guard while working well in a team environment.

HOW DO WE RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS?

Make the Color Guard an Essential Part of Flotilla/Division meetings and missions. Show other members what it is about. Provide a monthly report including a list of planned events and make sure event photos are distributed to all for both recruitment and retention.

Display High Morale/Spirit: Let members see you are having a good time and proud to be a part of your Color Guard. Display unique Color Guard items, post Colors, and fold flags at monthly meetings.

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Color Guard Recruiting Cont'd

Honor Faithful Color Guard Members in front of everyone. Make sure recognition is worthwhile, leading to Auxiliary Awards for Achievement. Ensure that appreciation is given in the form of coins, notes of thanks, and other recognition is shared with all participating members. Even a coffee card is significant when your volunteer Color Guard team has gone out-of-pocket to participate in an event.

Recruit Future Auxiliarists Specifically for the Color Guard (and then the Auxiliary). In other words, go after who you want on your team.

Invite Auxiliarists to Participate: Specifically ask others to become members of the Color Guard, but get to know them first. Then do it personally, one-on-one, and not just by an email message or general announcement.

Be Prepared to tell people why they need to participate and address WIIFM (what's in it for me). And have a calendar of training and events to share. Explain responsibilities and how they can make the team stronger.

Other Organizations: Stay involved working with organizations that have a shared purpose. Ask interested members to be on your Color Guard team. Encourage other Flotilla members to recruit them as well. Provide members with talking points and recruiting material.

Schedule a Tryout to increase interest and potentially gain membership. Do it at a convenient time such as right after a Flotilla meeting. Invite people from both inside and outside the Flotilla. Take a picture of them with the Colors and make sure they get a copy. Thank them for participating and tell them their next step if they maintain interest.

Advertise: Advertise on the Flotilla web site, make flyers and posters, and send emails to bolster your efforts. Design a flyer for your Color Guard and carry them in your car to hand out to interested citizens. A lot of people have not served in the military and regret it. They sometimes view the possibility of serving in the Auxiliary as another way to serve their country. This is especially true if they see it as non-combat.

Leader Attitude and Involvement: The personal involvement and commitment of leaders contributes immeasurably to the interest level of potential Color Guard members. Equally important is the respect and support displayed by Color Guard leaders, demonstrating a willingness to do the hard things, the difficult things, and always assuming the best motives in their team members.

Everyone Has Potential: It is easy to think that you wouldn't want anyone to serve as a member of the Color Guard. But every member has something to offer and it is better to be inclusive. Someone can be in charge of equipment, help with transportation, secure facilities for practice, keep Color Guard records & history, photograph events, write press releases and PA articles, play musical instruments such as bugle or drum, sound the bells for change of watch and formal ceremonies, sing the National Anthem, coordinate with potential venues for funerals and community events and, maybe even recruit. The goal is to encourage all to participate in areas of personal strengths, and through them we develop the excitement and high morale necessary to grow the Color Guard and attract new members to this essential Auxiliary activity.

Best of Luck!

Norm Hoffman
Assistant District 13 Color Guard Program Manager- South
Flotilla 52, VFC



Southern Area Regional Training Conference 2018

District 13's Division 5 held a successful Southern Area Regional Training Conference in Newport, Oregon mid-April. USCG Auxiliary members traveled from throughout the District, as far away as Idaho and Puget Sound, to attend the informative classes held on Saturday, April 14, 2018. The agenda included a Division Staff meeting, Friday night fellowship dinner, Saturday morning kick-off meeting, Saturday fellowship lunch and the following classes: TCT, OPS Workshop, Marine Safety, Paddle craft, PV/VE, AUXInfo/Forms, First Aid/CPR, and NAV Aid Verifier. Chief Warrant Officer Thomas Molloy, Commander Station Yaquina Bay, was the guest speaker for the kick-off meeting. Pam C-K, D13 DSO-NS, traveled from Bellingham, WA to teach the intense NAV Aid Verifier class. Nationally recognized paddle craft expert Tom Murphy (FL53) taught a section on paddle craft and demonstrated paddle craft safety in the hotel pool.

Check out the You Tube™ video from the event!



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary District 13 has a [NEW OFFICIAL FACEBOOK™ PAGE!](#) We are adding content daily to make it informative, including photos from District events, Safe Boating information, and much more. If you have content to add to the page, just send a note to the page via Messenger or contact Deborah Cordone, DSO-PB. Members of the public are already making inquiries about joining the Auxiliary by messaging the page. Please visit the new D13 page, like us and share! The more members who have knowledge of and interact with the new Facebook™ page, the more successful it will be as a Public Affairs, Safe Boating, and Recruiting tool. The old D13 *group* page is still available as a closed group for discussion and questions amongst members.



Above collage from Official D13 Facebook™ Page cover. <https://www.facebook.com/USCGAUXD13/>



Easy Reports Not So Easy?



Tips for Easy Reports

Dan Kienle, Div 7 CDR, DSO-CS

You have just submitted your monthly report using Easy Reports; but when you review your work, you find that part of the text is missing. So, what happened and what do you do now?

Chances are you copied your text directly from Microsoft Word or a similar word-processing program. Unfortunately, word processors like Word are full of hidden instructions that the application we use for Easy Reports can't understand. This can result in losing a portion of your report when it is saved. The same limitation applies to the online 7017 form. You can always compose (type) directly into these two forms to avoid this issue, but many times that just isn't very convenient or productive. So, what do you do?

#1 Use a generic text editor like Notepad. Notepad is included with all versions of Microsoft Windows. It allows you to create, open, and read plaintext files. Notepad is not a word processor. It does not include special formatting, a spell checker, grammar checker, font sizes, multimedia, etc. If you copy your work from Notepad into the Easy Reports form, however, you should not have the truncation problems you have with Word. If your work is in Word, copy and paste it into Notepad and then copy and paste it as plain text from Notepad to Easy Reports. For Apple users, the Apple macOS does not include Notepad, but you can use the TextEdit program instead.

Even if you copy your work from Word into Notepad, there may be an issue with apostrophes or quotation marks. You have one more thing to consider.

#2 Use straight quotes not smart (curly) quotes. Smart quotes have little directional tails. Their direction depends on their location in the sentence. Straight quotes are straight up and down and are the same no matter where they are used. This also applies to the apostrophe which has the same characteristic. Unfortunately, Easy Reports doesn't understand smart quotes. By default, Microsoft Word uses smart quotes, but this can be changed. To do this in Word:

Change Word to use straight quotes not curly quotes by unchecking two boxes:

1. On the **File** tab, click Options.
2. Click **Proofing**, and then click **AutoCorrect Options**.
3. In the AutoCorrect dialog box, do the following:
4. Click the **AutoFormat As You Type** tab, and under **Replace as you type**, clear (uncheck) the "**Straight quotes**" with "smart quotes" check box.
5. Click the **AutoFormat** tab, and under **Replace**, clear the "**Straight quotes**" with "smart quotes" check box.
6. Click OK.

If you load a document with smart quotes, you can convert them if you have made the above change. To do so:

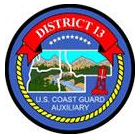
Click **Home** > **Replace** in the **Editing** group or press **Ctrl + H** to display **Find and Replace** dialog and enter ' or " in **Find what** box, and enter ' or " in **Replace with** box.

Summary: Using Notepad and making sure you are using "straight quotes" should avoid problems with missing text. Always view your report after it is submitted to ensure it is correct and if you have questions or you submitted an Easy Report or Record of Unit Meeting and you need to amend-or delete it, please contact DSO-CS Dan Kienle.

So Now You Know!



USCG Station Siuslaw River personnel participating in the 2018 National Safe Boating campaign. 07MAY18. Photo Credit: Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCGAUX PA3.



National Safe Boating Week May 19th-25th

National Safe Boating Week is around the corner! *What can we do as Auxiliarists?*

- 🌀 Educate the Public About Boating Safety via PA, PE, PVs and VEs!
- 🌀 Help your local town or community with a National Safe Boating Week proclamation!
- 🌀 Do a press release via your Public Affairs Officer concerning National Safe Boating Week, Safe Boating Tips and any local Safe Boating Week events!
- 🌀 Help publicize Safe Boating with events like Wear Your Life Jacket to Work day on May 18th and Life Jacket World Record Day on May 19th. Register and Organize an event [here!](#)
- 🌀 Visit this link for more information about National Safe Boating Week and Wear It! events outlined by the National Safe Boating Council <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/>.



UPCOMING EVENTS



May 19-25 National Safe Boating Week

The Safe Boating Campaign kicks off the weekend before Memorial Day with **National Safe Boating Week** and continues throughout the year with various events and activities. **National Safe Boating Week** is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water. There are numerous activities planned around the District for **National Safe Boating Week**. Please contact your Flotilla or Division Commander for dates and locations. It is a fun time to start out the boating season!

May 18 Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day



Wear your life jacket, snap a picture while at work and share on social media with the hashtags #lifejacket2work and #safeboating. Photos may be shared directly with the NSBC at outreach@safeboatingcouncil.org. Hosted by the National Safe Boating Council, this annual event is a fun, educational way to heighten life jacket awareness and highlight the various styles just prior to the official launch of the Safe Boating Campaign. Above photos taken in Florence, OR from previous years events.

May 19 Life Jacket World Record Day



Life Jacket World Record Day. This year is a bit different from years past. There are four dates to register an event instead of one date, with May 19th the first event. Interested in planning a Ready, Set, Wear It event in your local area? Select one or more of the event dates to participate in, browse the NSBC planning resources online, recruit people to help you, and register your awesome event! All registered events are required to tally how many people and pets attend. Take group or individual photos and have everyone sign the tally sheet to be in the official count. Visit <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/> for more info and registration. Above photo taken at STA Siuslaw River during a past Wear It! event. The NSBC utilized the photo this year to kick-off their Wear It! email campaign.

THE CUTTER

WHEN SHE STEAMS INTO THE HARBOR,
 FOLKS DON'T FLOCK AROUND LIKE BEES,
 FOR SHE AIN'T SOME GRIM DESTROYER
 – NO DARK TERROR OF THE SEAS!
 AND THERE AIN'T A LOT OF ROMANCE,
 FOR FOLKS NOT IN THE KNOW,
 IN A SHIP THAT JUST SAVES VESSELS
 – WHEN THE ICY NORTHERNS BLOW!

FOR WHEN THE NORTHERN SEAS ARE RESTLESS,
 EVERY VESSEL SEEKS A LEE
 – 'CEPT THE CUTTER, THAT WEIGHS ANCHOR,
 AND GOES STEAMIN' OUT TO SEA!
 WHEN THAT RED STORM-SIGNAL'S FLYIN',
 FROM THE BANKS TO OLD CAPE COD
 – THE CUTTER, WITH HER SEARCHLIGHT,
 SEEMS THE MESSENGER OF GOD!

AND FOR THOSE WHO SAIL THE OCEANS,
 IN WORMY, ROTTEN CRAFT,
 WHEN THE SEAS AHEAD ARE MOUNTAINS
 AND A HELL-BLOWN GALE ABAFT,
 WHEN THE MAINMAST CRACKS AND TOPPLES
 AND SHE'S LURCHIN' IN A TROUGH,
 THEM'S THE FOLKS THAT GREET'S THE CUTTER
 WITH THE SMILES THAT WONT COME OFF!

CURT LUNDINE 1964

CWO (MACH) Curt Lundine, USCG Ret., served active-duty in the Coast Guard from 1958-1982. He spent sixteen of those years at sea. He explained the inspiration for this well-known mariner's poem was the USCGC *Half Moon* (WHEC-378), which was a weather ship eventually decommissioned in the 1960s. Prior to advanced technology, this weather ship was stationed in the Northern Atlantic primarily to gather meteorological data. She also saw service in World War II and the Vietnam campaign. Mr. Lundine, IPDCDR, has been in the Auxiliary for about seven years. He recently transferred from Flotilla 53 to Flotilla 66. Who knew? Curt Lundine is a famous wordsmith of the sea! Photo image: USCG *Half Moon* (WHEC-378), date and location unknown. Public domain file from the U.S Federal Government, Office of the USCG Historian.

D13 DTrain 2018 Photos (Friday) Cont'd



Left: QE training included Auxiliary members and special guests USCG Warrant Officers Leavell and DeVoy. Below: USCG Warrant Officer Leavell. 23FEB18.



Above: Human Resources Academy with excellent attendance on the first day in civvies. Right: Human Resources Academy led by Henry Phillips (FL78), with instructors Debbie Kienle (FL52) and Deanna Green (DSO-HR, FL52) looking on. 23FEB18.



D13 D-Train 2018 Photos Cont'd



Left: Fellowship dinner on Friday night. Below: During the Friday dinner, Petty Officer 2nd Class Aaron Eckstein, Aviation Survival Technician Coast Guard Sector Columbia River, gives a presentation concerning dangerous rescues conducted by the Coast Guard in the Pacific Northwest. 23FEB18.



Above: COMO Goodwin unveils the *Face in the Hole* PA banner during EXCOM on Friday 23FEB18. Right: COMO Goodwin presents the banner at the District meeting on Saturday morning. Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. 24FEB18.



D13 DTrain 2018 Photos (Saturday) Cont'd



Various images from District Board meeting on Saturday morning. Clackamas, Oregon. 24FEB19.

D13 DTrain 2018 Photos (Saturday) Cont'd



Images from District Board meeting on Saturday morning. Top: USCG Commander Steven Keel, Deputy Chief Director of Coast Guard Auxiliary, addressing Auxiliary membership. Above center left: USCG Commander Darkeim Brown, Director of Auxiliary District 13, speaking about changes in D13. Above center right: Commander Steven Keel, DCHDIRAUX at the podium. Left: COMO Goodwin presenting Payday to Auxiliary members. Clackamas, Oregon. 24FEB19.

D13 DTrain 2018 Photos (Saturday) Cont'd



Left: Rick Williams, DCAPT-S instructing Auxiliarists at MSU in Portland, Oregon. 24FEB18.



Photos from MSU. Right: Rick Williams, DCAPT-S and Ron Hilburger, ASC Columbia River, instructing Auxiliarists and active-duty. Portland, Oregon. 24FEB18.



D13 DTrain 2018 Photos (Saturday) Cont'd



Left: During Saturday's lunch, command cadre served Auxiliary membership. L-to-r: David Larkin, DCOS; COMO Kathleen Goodwin; USCG Commander Steven Keel, DCHDIRAUX; USCG Commander Darkeim Brown, DIRAUX D13; Joe Treece, DCAPT-N. Below: Lunch fellowship on Saturday. 24FEB18.



Above: COMO Fred Gates, DNACO-MS, addresses the HR Academy on Saturday. Right: USCG Commander Steven Keel, DCHDIRAUX, also addresses the class concerning major changes to the application process. 24FEB18.



D13 D-Train 2018 Photos (Saturday Night) Cont'd



Left: Art Cummings FL19 receiving the D13 Auxiliarist of the Year plaque from COMO Goodwin. Below: Commander Brown presents Sheila Langué FL66 with the Auxiliary Achievement medal and accompanying citation.



Above: Tiney Singler, Division 5 Commander, receiving the Division of the Year Award along with several other ribbons. Right: Beverly Hannibal, Division 8 Commander, also receives several ribbons on behalf of the Div. 8 membership.



Photo of commercial crab boats and clean crab pots docked in Newport, OR at the beginning of January, 2018. The crab fishery had a late start to the season on both the Oregon and Washington Coasts and began shortly after this photo was taken.

