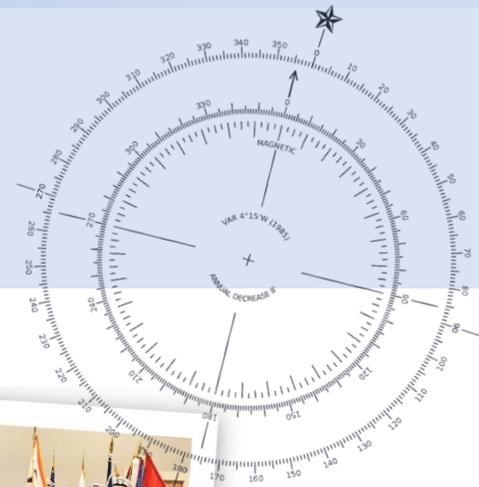


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*Conference Highlights Gig Harbor, WA.*

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# From the Bridge...



## COMMODORE'S LOG

*With Sincere Gratitude for All You Have Done for the District 13 USCG Auxiliary...*

- Commodore Kathleen Goodwin



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As my terms of office as Acting District Commodore (a large portion of 2015-2016) and District Commodore (2017-2018) will come to an end at midnight on 31 December 2018, I want to share a brief summary of District and personal accomplishments, challenges, and experiences during these past four years.

### 2015

- \* I began distribution of my monthly *Underway* message from the bridge to all D13 Auxiliarists expressing my appreciation of missions accomplished and sharing information about challenges we would experience as well as future plans of our organization.

- \* I initiated making personal contact through phone calls and cards to members and their families experiencing personal struggles such as illnesses, deaths in the family, etc.

- \* Served as the D13 representative for the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Program that provided support to some of our members to help them get through difficult situations ranging from challenging financial issues to major life transitions (2015-2018).

- \* Even though the District dues have not been increased in several years (and during my terms of office there were definitely no intentions to do so), the \$12 national dues increase was a hot topic that resulted in a loss of members.

- \* Launched the Auxiliary Rescue and Survival Systems (RSS) Program which ensures that every boat/aircrew member has the required personal protective equipment necessary to perform each mission, as well as ensuring that PPE is properly maintained and that there is documentation affirming this.

- \* Implemented Auxiliary assistance to the Coast Guard Ombudsman Program.

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- \* Encouraged members to pursue training in Auxiliary programs of personal interest.
- \* A test accountability drill message was sent to all D13 members using the Auxiliary Incident Management System (Everbridge) and communicated in several paths—text, home phone, cell phone, email, etc. In the 4-hour exercise, we recorded a 67% confirmation rate of the system that will be used to accurately account for our members in event of a crisis.
- \* District 13's Boat/Sportsman Shows took place and continue to thrive through 2018 to serve across Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon as one of our most successful public affairs events in reaching out to recreational boaters who look to us for knowledge, educational outreach, and meaningful partnerships in our Recreational Boating Safety missions.
- \* Many Life Jacket Loaner Stations throughout our District have been supported by Auxiliarists to ensure the availability of properly sized and maintained life jackets for use by the boating/waterside public who are not carrying their own life jackets.
- \* Each year we celebrate National Safe Boating Week with "Wear your Life Jacket to Work Day" and "Wear It!" promotions, VSC events, proclamations, and partnership activities within our boating communities, allowing us to put the spotlight on Recreational Boating Safety.
- \* I participated in at least one Change of Watch for every Division throughout my tenure as well as for all District and Sector Commanders.
- \* In 2009, the Auxiliary Food Service (AUXFS) became a National Auxiliary Program. Since that time, numerous requests for Auxiliarists to fill in at Coast Guard small boat stations have been received. Several Auxiliarists (2009-2018) have augmented the Coast Guard in this very worthwhile and greatly appreciated program.
- \* I participated along with several Auxiliary members (2015-2018) who teamed with active duty Coast Guardsmen and state and local agencies to secure and protect the Portland waters during the Rose Festival and Navy Fleet Week activities.

## 2016

- \* An Auxiliary personnel accountability drill was conducted which included a mock 9.0 earthquake scenario occurring along the Cascadia fault line off the coast of Oregon. The drill restricted the use of online systems, such as Everbridge, email, and DSL/VOIP. We were limited to landline telephones, cellular telephones, text messaging, radios, satellite phones, and visits to a member's house or place of work to provide notification and obtain accountability. This drill lasted 48 hours with a 70% confirmation rate.
- \* The Auxiliary Clergy Support (ACS) Program was established and three of our members applied, were accepted, and have provided assistance to the D13 Chaplain since 2016.

\* From 2016 through 2018, I was honored to join the AUXAIR crew during some of their missions on the Willamette, Columbia and Snake Rivers as well as the Multnomah Channel.

\* Mandated Training (AUXMT) was introduced in 2013 which required completion by members in order to be eligible for certain awards, elected and appointed offices, issuance of Auxiliary ID cards, attending C-Schools, and augmenting the Coast Guard. Even though we have had one of the highest completion rates in the nation, that did not prevent us from losing many members due to disenrollments and retirements.

\* During the busy annual (2015-2018) August Buoy 10 fishing season, Auxiliarists staffed boat ramps on the lower Columbia River to prevent boating accidents and deaths by engaging boaters who may not be familiar with the sometimes-treacherous local waters.

## 2017

\* My District 13 Operational Plan, which contained measurable and attainable goals and strategies, was finalized and distributed. This plan served during 2017-2018 as a living document and was embraced by all.

\* A District 13 Events Calendar was installed on our website for use by Auxiliarists at all levels of the organization. It provides the dates of important district and national events, deadline dates, references and routing information for required reports and notification, and submission cutoff dates for district and national awards.

\* We created a District-wide campaign using a team approach for Paddle Craft safety to bring the full strength of the Auxiliary and its resources to expand non-motorized vessel education in reducing accidents and fatalities on our waterways.

\* Photographs depicting flotilla/detachment/crew/member activities were integrated into a video production about District 13 which can still be found at: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/about.php?unit=130>.

\* The Coast Guard Financial Educator (AUXFE) Program was introduced to Auxiliarists to assist in providing counseling to active duty and reserve Coast Guard members who have questions regarding the new military retirement system. One of our members serves in this capacity.

\* I was pleased to join several District 13 Auxiliarists who partnered with the active duty and reserve components manning crucial positions for the Commissioning Ceremony for the Coast Guard's sixth National Security Cutter, USCGC Munro, at Pier 91 in Seattle, Washington on 1 April 2017.

\* Thirty-six Auxiliarists from our District volunteered to assist the Coast Guard and victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma; however, the Auxiliary deployment team was augmented by resources in the affected districts.

\* The Standing Rules Collection Project was initiated to ensure that all District 13 units have properly approved standing rules, as well as any required appendices, to guide them through the normal course of doing business.

## 2018

\* The year began with a Federal Government shutdown that was communicated to all District 13 members by the Auxiliary Incident Management System (Everbridge) notification system. We had a 76% confirmation rate.

\* 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.

\* 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!” 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 also focus on life jacket awareness.

\* The District 13 USCG Auxiliary has a new official Facebook page on which daily content is added to make it informative, including photos from District events, safe boating information and much more.

\* I participated in a Coast Guard Field Unit Commander Roundtable held in Seattle where strategic planning discussions took place that included issues and concerns common to both the active duty as well as the Auxiliary.

\* I hosted the annual Pacific National Area Planning Meeting in Portland where DCOs and DCOSs from Districts 11, 13, 14 & 17 met to discuss the ups and downs of each District.

\* I participated in a Command Officer and Officer in Charge Conference in Astoria, Oregon where I was overwhelmed with the great appreciation and partnership that the active duty shares with District 13 Auxiliarists. They requested augmentation from the Auxiliary for the following activities:

1) ANT Astoria—Tongue Point—for construction of dayboards/range boards, etc. The ANT’s buoy yard provides all of the dayboards for District 13.

2) Station Seattle operational support throughout the summer in remote regions which include Oak Harbor, Olympia, Hood Canal, Tacoma Narrows, and Everett.

3) Gardeners in the Seattle area to work on the grounds at the Alki Lighthouse.

4) Auxiliary Clergy Support Program applicants for additional support in the Port Angeles, Astoria, Seattle, and Kennewick areas.

5) Additional Food Service personnel in the Seattle area where support is needed at the flag quarters.

6) An Ombudsman in Yaquina Bay, Oregon.

\* The Auxiliarist of the Week project was put into place as a morale-boosting commemoration of our members. Since this recognition has been implemented, 17 members have been honored.

\* I was very pleased to join other Auxiliarists to participate in Seattle Seafair activities. Members manned the public boat launches at Magnuson Park and Gene Coulon ramps to distribute boater education cards and remind boaters of carriage requirements, boating under the influence laws, and safe speed regulations. Operational facilities also supported the Seafair Air Show Performance Safety Zone to educate mariners and assist in notifying boaters of traffic patterns.

\* Members and operational facilities supported the Tri-Cities Columbia Cup races, as well as responded to boaters and swimmers in distress, and served on regatta/MOM/PATON patrols. We are volunteer lifesavers, and I commend and thank you for serving your community, partnering agencies and the Coast Guard in numerous missions both on and off the water.

\* During the National Auxiliary Convention held in Orlando, Florida, a Memorandum of Agreement between the Auxiliary and Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) Sea Scout program was signed. This MOA provides the framework for developing a Youth Leadership Program called AUXSCOUT and expands the already strong relationship between the two organizations. No action will be taken by our District until further guidance is issued.

\* It was my honor to participate in the Flag Passing Ceremony during Captain Brian Gilda's retirement celebration held on 4 May at Pier 36. Captain Gilda, the former District 13 Chief of Prevention, credited the Auxiliary with his humble beginnings in the Coast Guard and was thankful for the support he was given by Auxiliarists throughout his career.

\* One of my most memorable experiences occurred when I participated in an Honor Flight event in Seattle, Washington. Very early one morning in September several Coast Guard members and a few Auxiliarists assembled at the Alaska Airlines terminal at SEATAC Airport to welcome 53 veterans and their guardians who were traveling to Washington, DC, to tour the memorials and participate in various activities. Visiting with the veterans was such an honor and welcoming them onto the flight was an experience I will never forget. As the plane backed away to begin its journey, all military personnel gathered on the tarmac and saluted. I can only imagine that the travelers felt the same emotion as those of us holding our salutes until the plane made its way down the concourse. Of special note, the person coordinating the Honor Flight in Seattle is an Auxiliarist that works for Alaska Airlines and has put 18 of these activities together. The Alaska Airline captain that day was also an Auxiliarist!

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I have truly had some great experiences!

All District Commodores have watchwords by which they stand, and mine have been “People”, “Partnerships” and “Pride”.

\* Let me begin with “People”—that is you, our most valued and appreciated Auxiliarist. Without the professionalism and dedication you exhibit during the countless hours that you volunteer for the Auxiliary, our organization could not even begin to accomplish the enormous number of missions that we complete each year. Thank you!

“People” are also the students we teach in public education classes, boaters we reach conducting vessel safety checks, public affairs missions, program visits, and when providing assistance and saving lives during patrols. This concept extends to the boating families we touch with our color and honor guards, life jacket awareness programs for children, as well as numerous relationships we establish each and every year.

\* “Partnerships” are more than our various and numerous augmentations with the Coast Guard but also involve the Boating Law Administrators in each of our four states, the US Power Squadron, Navy League, Army Corps of Engineers, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Canadian Coast Guard, Sheriff departments and many new and exciting relationships that we form each day.

\* “Pride” is a reflection of our accomplishments. It is what our members feel inside of them when they reach their personal goals and when a mission is successful. “Pride” is also what those partners that we engage with feel towards working with the District 13 Coast Guard Auxiliary.

As I traveled throughout District 13 during these past four years, I was continually reminded how one event, one experience, or one person can make a powerful impact. Special thanks go to all of the members in our great District who have welcomed me with open arms and allowed me to serve alongside them sharing many outstanding activities, special events, and unforgettable memories. Sometimes we feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less because of that missing drop. Everyone has unique abilities to make contributions to our volunteer team. You are an integrated, valued member and your time, energy and talent are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your dedication to the District 13 Coast Guard Auxiliary. It is because of your efforts that our organization truly shines!

Very Respectfully,

Commodore Kathleen Goodwin  
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary  
District 13

## CHIEF OF STAFF

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### Ready, Relevant, Responsive

These are the watchwords of Admiral Karl Schultz, the 26th Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. I can't think of better words to describe the Auxiliary component of Team Coast Guard.

Admiral Charles Ray, Vice Commandant U.S. Coast Guard, stated at NACON that they need us to "become more a part of the team," and Captain Michael Balding, Deputy Commander Sector Puget Sound, advised us at the District Conference that we need to "integrate more." These statements indicate we have some work to do, but it is not out of reach for our active membership.

### *Ready.*

From the newest AP member to the longest serving Auxiliarist, we need to be ready for whatever is requested. In the Auxiliary, unlike the other components of Team Coast Guard, we individually have the option to participate or not participate in our various missions and tasks. But once we choose to be part of a mission, it is incumbent on each of us to be as ready for that mission as possible. That mission may include teaching Public Education courses, conducting vessel exams or program visits, life raft inspections, pollution response, and surface/air/communication operations. Be the best you can be at whatever Auxiliary missions appeal to you. Sometimes this can take significant work on your part to find the experiences needed to become fully mission ready, but we all joined for some intrinsic passion. When the Coast Guard calls, we need to be ready.

### *Relevant.*

The Auxiliary exists for one purpose; "...to assist the Coast Guard as authorized by the Commandant, in performing any Coast Guard function, power, duty, role, mission, or operation authorized by law" (14 USC §822). To meet those purposes, we have taken on a variety of missions. The Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) mission is one example of a mission that we have completely embraced. It is a Coast Guard mission operated out of BSX-2, the Office of Boating Safety. We are not the only ones conducting the RBS mission on behalf of the Coast Guard. The US Power Squadron, State Boating Offices and others teach and conduct RBS programs under grants or agreements with BSX-2. We have a large piece of that pie, but we are only one cog in the RBS machine.

We are also tasked by the Commandant, in the Auxiliary Policy Statement, to assist the Coast Guard in two other equally important areas: (1) "To provide a diverse array of specialized skills, trained crews, and capable facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways and coast regions," and (2) "To support Coast Guard operational, administrative and logistical requirements." We are clearly relevant to the Coast Guard in RBS, but what about the other areas?

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We have been in a steady decline in the number of trained crews and capable facilities over the past five years. That decline has only recently slowed, and we are holding our breath to see if the trend reverses or continues. We are approaching the point when we will no longer be relevant to the Coast Guard in the operations area. Our communications mission is growing and we now have regular radio watches in the Commencement Bay area and new members are getting qualified as watchstanders at various Coast Guard units. Our AUXAIR mission is one broken airplane part or one failed medical exam away from disappearing completely. When the Coast Guard calls us for a critical event, like hurricane response, we have almost no one qualified in ICS to respond. Again, we are in danger of losing our relevancy.

So how do we correct this? Aggressive recruiting and training. We don't need to recruit 50 people, we need to recruit 1,000. We are aware of the attrition rate for new members due to a variety of reasons, so we need a large number in order to end up with a reasonable number of trained and team-ready members. We need to aggressively train those new (and current) members. Don't wait for classes to come, set up your own. Research ICS qualifications that interest you and for which you qualify. Work to obtain those qualifications so when they need ICS qualified responders for a large-scale event, you will be available. We need to strive to be the relevant force the Coast Guard can depend on when they need that extra manpower or mission assist. Together, working as a crew, we can do that.

### *Responsive.*

When you call 9-1-1, you expect someone to show up. When the Coast Guard calls us, they need us to show up. Being volunteers with outside lives means that we are not always available as individuals, but as a collective organization, we need to have enough depth in the ranks to be responsive to their needs. Our leadership needs to be looking forward, not a month or a year, but years in the future so we can work now to obtain the manpower, training and experience we need to meet emerging Coast Guard needs.

New vessels are being built to join the international marine trade that have new ecological requirements and autonomous ships are being designed to sail the oceans with no crew at all and those will need inspectors. The opening Arctic routes and newly acquired cutters need shoreside support at all levels. Every office in the Coast Guard can use more people and the Auxiliary component is in position to provide some of that human capital at a reasonable cost. For example, the Coast Guard would like to use us on the water to assist more with marine events, safety zones and SAR response standby, but we don't have the crews or facilities to meet that need. We are not responsive. Just this year we were unable to find four members to work the boat ramps around Lake Washington for Seafair. They didn't even need to be qualified, just bodies. We ended up with the Commodore from Idaho, the District Captain South from Oregon, myself from Port Angeles and one member from Division Three traveling to Seattle at great cost to man those docks. For the Rose Festival in Portland, they were down to the minimum number of surface facilities to pull it off. If the trend continues, will we be able to support those events next year? The trend needs to be reversed. We need to find new, innovative ways to move us forward and prepare ourselves for whatever they request. The course we have been on over the past few years has taken us in the wrong direction, and we need to do some course corrections to get back in line with Coast Guard needs and desires.

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## Long Range View

Once upon a time, the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve was in many ways a mirror image of the Auxiliary. They had separate units, separate command and control structure, separate administrative chains, separate meeting spaces and drill days, etc. They would respond to active duty requests for assistance, but overall they did their own thing, just like us. The Coast Guard used to use words like “augment” when referring to the Reserve forces. Then things started to change. They would say “integrate” rather than “augment”, just like they are doing now. In 1996, everything changed. The Coast Guard fully integrated the Reserve forces with the active-duty and civilian forces. The reserves were (and are still) assigned to active-duty commands and no longer have “drill weekends” but work on a schedule arranged with the command and function as part-time employees. While I don’t foresee anything that drastic happening with Auxiliary forces, I have been hearing things from senior Coast Guard leadership over the past few years that leads me to believe we may undergo some fundamental changes in the next ten years or so. Headquarters has started talking about “selection vs. election” for the positions of District Captain and above, more interaction with our sister service, the Air Force Auxiliary, and the U.S. Marine Corp approaching the Coast Guard about starting their own Auxiliary. Changes are coming and if we are not prepared, we will get left behind. We can no longer continue to operate the same way we have in the past.

## Personal Gratitude

This will be my last article as your Chief of Staff. I have had the pleasure and honor to serve you, and worked to fulfill the Operational Plans of Commodore Goodwin. I have overseen a large, diverse and highly capable District staff and have enjoyed every minute of it. I had hoped to continue to serve you as District Commodore and had prepared for that over the past two years, but your District Board voted to go in another direction. I respect that decision and will move to the background in District 13. My best wishes to all of you and remind you to be safe, keep training and always watch out for your shipmates.

Semper Paratus!

Very Respectfully,

David Larkin  
District Chief of Staff  
District 13

## DISTRICT CAPTAIN NORTH

We have two months left this year to complete our goals. Now, moving into the new year, we should look not at where we started, but how we can finish.

As you complete this year, consider these questions:

- \* Have you personally accomplished all you have wanted this year?
- \* Have those accomplishments helped inspire fellow Auxiliarists in their own goals?
- \* What is your Auxiliary style? Is it to just do the “normal” thing?
- \* Do you really like what you do?
- \* Are you always trying to improve and willing to go the extra mile?
- \* Have you helped build collaborative relationships to help your unit grow and strengthen?

One area needing attention is the elevation of members from AP status to BQ. We should make personal contact to determine the needs and concerns of those in AP status. Let’s help them to make needed changes. At this point it may be important to ask them if they feel that the Auxiliary is a good “fit” for them. As our Auxiliary culture changes, we need to maintain and grow our membership to sustain our support to the Coast Guard.

Some of us will be ending our terms and transferring our responsibilities to other members. As we do, let’s:

- \* Do these tasks with timely professionalism.
- \* Promote lasting relationships with incoming members. This applies to all “seasoned members” helping new members or taking other offices.
- \* Be positive and encourage regular communication during the coming year.

We want to finish 2018 with strong standings as individuals and units. Let’s stand proud in District 13 as we continue to provide our support to the USCG and our communities.

Respectfully,

Joseph Treece  
D13 District Captain North

Miscellaneous D13 North photos  
from various Auxiliary sources.



## DISTRICT CAPTAIN EAST

In this, my final article before leaving office, let me say it has been a pleasure serving the Eastern Area as DCAPT-E for the past two years. Jonathan Wells of the Billings, MT, Flotilla was elected to replace me. The eastern area does not have the numbers that the Northern and Southern Areas have, but I still put the Eastern members on a par with everyone else.

Division 8's 80 members in six flotillas have more than 350 combined MT hours, 160 PA hours, and 58 OPS missions assisting 25 persons and saving one life. Div 8 also amassed 5,578 "other" hours. Members conducted 114 VSCs with 16 examiners, and 89 PV visits with 11 visitors. Div 8 has two radio facilities. One is the crew's only form of communication when patrolling Wanapum Lake on Memorial and Labor Day weekends. Div 8 also provided facilities with crew to the Coeur d'Alene Triathlon, CDA Crossing swim, Water Follies in Kennewick and two QE sessions. One member from Div 11 attended and was re-qualified.

Division 10, with 41 members in three flotillas, conducted 74 MT hours, 297 PA hours, 66 OPS hours, 5,980 Form 7029 hours, 33VEs and 23 PVs. Members also responded with three PWC's to a request from the National Park Service for PWC assistance at a motor boat accident with fatalities. Div 10 has six radio facilities of which one has HF capability. Members conducted four PE classroom sessions.

Division 11 has only 12 members in one flotilla. Their members are still in the rebuilding stage from three years ago after a mass retirement. Div 11, unfortunately, competes with Idaho Park & Recreation for PE classes, and loses to their free classroom. Div 11 members have examined 47 vessels, conducted 119 dealer visits, 233 CG OPS support hours, and 56 PA hours. Public Affairs included proclamations from the Governor of Idaho and the Mayor of Boise for National Safe Boating Week.

My hat is off to all Eastern area members for conducting safe and professional operations, both on and off the water.

Respectfully,

Paul Otey  
D13 District Captain East

Miscellaneous D13 East photos  
from various Auxiliary sources.



## DISTRICT DIRECTORATE CHIEF - LOGISTICS

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Photos from various  
D13 Auxiliary sources.

### Highlights thru October 2018

Submitted by D13 DDC-L James Ehnborn

I had the opportunity to manage the Logistics staff. Who are we and what do we do?

Our primary responsibility is to help provide support for YOU to accomplish your goals in the Auxiliary. Our areas of responsibility include Communications, Diversity, Food Services, Human Resources, Information Systems, Material Supplies, Publications, Secretary/Records, and Technology. It is a rewarding experience to work alongside fellow members who unselfishly give their time to help accomplish Auxiliary missions. I am amazed how our members balance Auxiliary duties with life's challenges. I am truly thankful for the wonderful support of our members.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Dan Kienle, DSO-HR, and his staff enhanced the District 13 website as the place to go for critical information. Some of the new items include: (1) Enhancements to District Staff Officer links, (2) Helping divisions and flotillas update and maintain their WOW website, (3) Developing and updating the Auxiliarist of the Week section, (4) Updating the information for the District Spring and Fall meetings. In addition, many updates were made to the Member Training section. The District 13 website is an excellent resource to obtain information for our members.

**DIVERSITY:** Kevin Coulombe, ADSO-N, and Ed Leckert, ADSO-E, worked with divisions and flotillas to help insure that we are creating a culture of acceptance by valuing the uniqueness of each individual member. They also explained "Key for Success" that is a guideline for the NACO Three Star Award that can be earned by Flotillas. It provides guidance for creating a positive environment in YOUR Flotilla. Flotillas need only complete four of the eleven steps to submit an application for the award. Flotillas 44 (Port Angeles), 53 (Depoe Bay), 56 (Brookings), and 73 (Pacific) earned the NACO Three Star Award for 2017. Several flotillas are completing their requirements for the 2018 Award.

Flotilla 24 (Seattle) sponsored a Diversity FEMA Awareness Training session and each member was challenged to pass the IS-20.18 Training Course. Asia Wright, FL24 FSO-DV attended the luncheon aboard Holland America's MS *Eurodam* cruise ship to support women and diversity in the maritime industry. Coast Guard Retired Admiral Taylor was the guest speaker.

## District Directorate Chief- Logistics (Cont'd)

Donna Cox, Flotilla Depoe Bay, is assigned as Branch Chief for Diversity for the Pacific Area. She has helped flotillas work towards and achieve the NACO Three Star Award for Diversity. In September 2018, at the D13 Conference in Gig Harbor, she received the Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation for "promoting the National Commodore's Strategic goals for diversity."

FOOD SERVICES: Robert Megel, DSO-FS, and Dennis Wood, ADSO-FS, managed the AUXFS program and coordinated the staffing of our AUXFS services requested by Coast Guard stations. The Coast Guard requested our assistance in the galley at MSU Portland to help prepare and serve meals each month for about 100 Navy and Marine Corps Reservists during their drill weekend. The team was also busy performing their AUXFS augmentation duties at Coast Guard stations Cape Disappointment, Brookings, Florence, Base Seattle and on board the CG cutter at the Rose Festival.

Kristy Cates, Ed Leckert (14 days), Robert Megel, and Pat Wilcott (16 days) assisted the Coast Guard Culinary Specialist at Cape Disappointment while two active-duty Culinary Services staff were assigned to other stations in October and November.

We prepared breakfast and lunch for the District 13 Auxiliary members attending the District 13 conference workshops at MSU Portland in February.

Dennis Wood, Robert Megel, and Jim Ehnborn planned, prepared and served lunch for the Division 6 summer meeting for about thirty people. The menu included BBQ beef short ribs served over egg pasta covered with beef gravy, BBQ chicken seasoned and cooked to perfection, tasty twice baked potatoes, fresh corn on the cob, steamed mixed veggies, roasted mixed veggies, green salad, cut fruit, fresh baked corn bread, and strawberry cake/ chocolate cake for dessert.

Patrick Wolcott and Mark Murphy, both from the Hillsboro Flotilla, attended the AUXFS Basic Course in March and completed their AUXFS certification shortly afterwards. We scheduled two additional classes at MSU Portland this fall. We are scheduling two classes at Base Seattle in 2019.

Maxamillian Scheinder, Seattle Flotilla, graduated from the five-day Coast Guard Advanced Pastry School conducted at Base Seattle for the Coast Guard Culinary Specialists in District 13. The assignments included French pastry, cake decorating and sauces, ice sculpting, seafood cookery, special event planning, and setup/performing VIP wardroom service.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Deanna Green, DSO-HR, and Debbie Kienle, ADSO-HR worked as a team to review and approve new member applications received from D13's 41 Flotillas prior to being submitted to DIRAUX. They are also responsible for approving disenrollments and transfers. They made many phone calls and sent emails to help keep the processes flowing.

HR workshop– District 13 Spring Conference: Deanna and Debbie worked with Henry Phillips, DSO-MT, to develop and conduct the HR Academy for 32 members attending the District 13 Conference at Clackamas in February. The workshop provided the opportunity for the HR officers to network and exchange ideas.

HR workshop - Northern Area: Debbie Kienle, DSO-HR, and Heidi Bredehoeft, Div 2 (Seattle Metro) SO-HR, conducted a one-day HR workshop at Base Seattle for the members that were not able to attend the District 13 HR workshop in Clackamas.

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## District Directorate Chief- Logistics (Cont'd)

**INFORMATION SYSTEMS:** John Stuhr and his team worked with the Division and Flotilla IS officers to help insure information was correctly recorded in AUXDATA. The accuracy of the data is dependent upon members submitting correct information to their IS Officer. John Stuhr is also team lead for members working at DIRAUX to help record Auxiliary awards, certifications, and transfers. For his outstanding support to DIRAUX during an "acute staffing crisis", he received the Auxiliary Commendation Medal presented at the District 13 conference in September 2018.

Seven members completed the basic AUX-10 Auxdata/Auxinfo class this year: Debra Alderman and Howard Cohen (Seattle Flotilla), David Dodge (Renton Flotilla), Larry Daugherty (Vancouver Flotilla), Jonathan Wells (Billings Flotilla), David Clague (Helena Flotilla), and Ed Leckert (Canyon Flotilla). Ed Leckert was appointed the SO-IS officer for Division 11 (Southern Idaho), Larry Daugherty was appointed FSO-IS for the Vancouver Flotilla, and David Clague for the Helena Flotilla.

We have 113 members in District 13 that have completed this class.

**MATERIALS:** Matt Epstein and his team helped Material Officers insure there was sufficient material for events. Matt also manages the District store where you can purchase uniforms and other related items at reasonable prices. The store was a success at the February District Conference and Southern Area Training Conference. The District 13 website section for Materials includes information, order forms, and links for uniform and supply websites. Matt participated in the Materials Workshop at the District 13 Fall Conference.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Deborah Cordone, DSO-PB, is responsible for publishing the District newsletter *Buoy 13*. Officers and other members submit reports and articles to make a successful newsletter. During her time as DSO-PB since October 2017, she has published three district newsletters with this one being her fourth.

Ms. Cordone implemented and monitors the official District 13 Facebook page, conducts Auxiliary classes on social media, maintains the DSO-PB page on the D13 website, and performs various PA duties at the district/division/flotilla levels. She worked with DCO Goodwin on the PA/RBS Face-in-the-Hole banner, and organized production/ mailing of the banner to each division. Ms. Cordone frequently works with the active-duty Coast Guard taking photographs and writing press releases. Some of her work includes obtaining aerial photos of Coast Guard Stations along the Oregon Coast during two missions aboard MH-65D helicopters; various photo shoots, including surf drills, at Station Siuslaw River; and official photographer for three changes of command over the summer. She helps admin two active-duty Facebook pages. Her photos and videos are on display at Sector North Bend, STA Siuslaw River and the Oregon Coast Military Museum.

She received the National Photography Award for Team Coast Guard category and wrote the application for her Flotilla's Meritorious Award for 2017, both awards presented at the recent D13 Fall meeting in Gig Harbor. In Spring, Captain Mullen, previous Commander Sector North Bend, presented her with the Auxiliary Achievement Medal for her PA work for active-duty within the sector. Deborah gives unselfishly of her time to help other members create excellent PB publications.

**SECRETARY:** Neil Christenson and his staff are responsible for insuring that our minutes are being maintained and to help train SR officers in using the web-based form on the District 13 website. He attends all District meetings to take minutes.

**TECHNOLOGY STAFF:** John Costic completed the Member Involvement Survey to provide our leaders with a summarized review of what our members want in training and key areas of interest. The summarized information was sent to Flotillas and Divisions. We are listening to each member!

**DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS****2018 Highlights****Submitted by Joseph Notch, DSO-CM**

Thus far in 2018 we have added six new Telecommunications Operators, four High Frequency (HF) facilities, nine mobile facilities, and eleven fixed/transportable facilities. We also had five re-inspections. Anyone that has HF should contact Gary Nepple and join the weekly HF net.

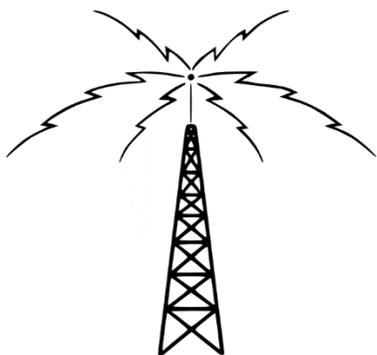
In District 13, we have been fortunate not to have any major events requiring HF, but I know many HF operators on the West Coast have monitored hurricane recovery efforts on the East Coast and Hawaii. Thank you to all who participated.

We are currently working with the active-duty side to develop and initiate a program to help the active-duty team train their station members on HF ALE (Automatic Link Establishment). I believe all three Sectors should now have the transportable Micom 3T HF ALE radios. This is a new addition since the HF radios were removed from the Sectors in the 2012/2013 timeframe. The transportable HF ALE radios were added back into the mix because Sectors have HF ALE consoles that connect via internet to the ALE network. When a major outage occurs that takes down the internet, Sectors have no HF (long range) coverage. The transportable HF ALE radios will help fill the Sectors' HF ALE needs during a major outage. In District 13, all boats and cutters 45 feet or longer should have HF ALE radios. Once the Sector is up and running on the transportable HF ALE radio they should be able to regain communications.

I submitted a new Offer for Use Addendum for approval. Hopefully that will be approved in the next few weeks. The draft was created by Andy Cochran, so I thank him for his efforts.

For general knowledge: I typically review and forward (or return) all Offers for Use within 72 hours. If you submitted an OFU and have not received a response in that amount of time, please call my cell phone so we can ascertain what happened to the submittal. DIRAUX is fairly quick approving submittals and we usually have them back in just a few weeks. Any HF OFU must have a marine radio included in the OFU and needs DIRAUX approval before it gets submitted to National for HF approval. The response time from National varies greatly as does the time frame for approval.

With new leadership taking over soon this will be my last update. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Communications community. It was a pleasure and a real learning opportunity.



**DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER PUBLIC AFFAIRS****District Thirteen Public Affairs Training****Submitted by Michael S. Sealfon, DSO-PA/AUXPA1 D13**

The approximately one-thousand Auxiliarists of District Thirteen possess unique skills with which they perform a wide variety of specialized USCG and Auxiliary functions. Sadly, most of their contributions and accomplishments are unrecognized due to a variety of reasons. The prime cause for this situation is the demonstrated lack of Team Coast Guard Public Affairs training. A quick glance at the Auxiliary directory indicates that the majority of D13 Public Affairs Officers at the Flotilla and Division level, have not taken the basic AUX-20 series Public Affairs courses. As a corollary, if events are not photographed or published, the active-duty Coast Guard and the general public are unaware of the extent of Auxiliary participation and involvement.

To be an effective Auxiliary Public Affairs Staff Officer requires a working knowledge of: (1) USCG Auxiliary and USCG Public Affairs regulations, (2) Digital Photography, (3) Effective writing skills, (4) Efficient and legal utilization of Social Media, (5) How to produce a flotilla or division newsletter, and (6) Auxiliary mission and methods of operations. The productive FSO-PA should be Auxiliary AUXPA3 qualified, which though time-consuming, is an outstanding program whose tools can additionally be used in other volunteer groups, or in the civilian workplace.

The Auxiliary and the active-duty USCG provide an excellent internet and in-residence source of formal training. The AUXPA3 rating requires either three AUX-20 courses or a single AUX-20 level course and attendance at a weekend AUX-12 PA School. Either route requires the completion of an AUXPA3 PQS checklist and subsequent PA oral board examination. Few Auxiliarists wear the coveted red/white PA ribbon! If one desires additional PA training, one can pursue AUXPA2 and AUXPA1 qualification through a similar internet/in-residence, PQS, oral exam pathway.

A key aspect of Public Relations is to sense when a situation is newsworthy and respond accordingly. An effective Auxiliary Public Affairs Staff Officer is always looking for potential Public Affairs opportunities. A Flotilla or Division Public Affairs Officer should be participating in community and regional public affairs events such as parades, trade shows, special community events, speaking to community groups, and at Recreational Boating Safety activities. Be highly involved with the public, preceding and during National Safe Boating Week. Be involved in the Marine Dealer Visitation Program. Monitor District Thirteen Color Guard activities or participation in special local projects, i.e., the Alki Point Lighthouse, which continuously provide opportunities for photographs and articles. Local Auxiliary and active-duty USCG member's accomplishments are also a continuous source of newsworthy material, and assist in both retention and recruiting of Auxiliary members.

Are you up to the Auxiliary Public Affairs challenge? Wouldn't you like to see your article or photographs published nationally in the Navigator, Navigator Express, or regionally in Buoy 13? For more info, contact your local Public Affairs Officer or DSO-PA via chain of leadership.



## DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER VESSEL EXAMS



### Submitted by Wil Lampa, DSO-VE

The boating season is ending. The District is currently at 99% of what it accomplished in 2017. I believe the smoke from this summer's wild fires kept boats off lakes and rivers. Now the Oregon Fish and Wild Life is closing coastal rivers to salmon fishing above tidewater as well as reducing the daily limit to one salmon. We can't control the weather, but we can train new Vessel Examiners and plan for 2019.

The 2019 Decals will be issued around the middle of December to the current elected officers. It is important Flotilla Commanders turn them over to their FSO-VEs to manage. Division Commanders will receive their division's emergency allotment and they need to be managed by their SO-VEs.

The National V-Directorate recently awarded Flotilla 53 (Depoe Bay) the First Place trophy for the Flotilla Best in Vessel Safety Checks and Marine Dealer Visits for the second year in a row.

Currently, Mary Lee, from the Depoe Bay Flotilla, ranks #1 for VSCs in D13 and #2 nationwide. How does one complete 873 VSCs? One gets up, puts on ODUs and drives 100 miles or more to the boat ramp and remains on site at least eight hours greeting boaters and inspecting their boats. You get back in your car and drive 100 plus miles home and fill out a 7038. Mary Lee put over 10,000 miles on her vehicle in 110 outings. Bravo Zulu to Mary and all the VEs who completed inspections this year.

We are also encouraging every Flotilla to join the RBS Device team in 2019. You will find your flotilla's VSCs numbers should increase as well as PV and PA hours. The device represents two consecutive years of 120 points or more each year in a range of specific Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) activity."

For more info on how to earn the RBS device, please visit <http://live.cgaux.org/?p=5567>



Recreational Boating Safety Device  
(graphic)

Photo: Depoe Bay Flotilla now has thirteen RBS Device holders, recently welcoming Bob Wheatley to those ranks. L-to-r: Mary Lee, Jim Fryckman, Jenny Shea, John Welch, Bob Wheatley, Larry Cox, Donna Cox, Wil Lampa, and Tom Murphy. Not pictured are Jim Carroll, Paula Boeckman, Larry Karan, and Ellen Karan. November 2018 photo by K. Johns, USCGAUX.

**DIVISION CHIEF DIVERSITY PACIFIC AREA****Auxiliary Diversity Picks Up in the Pacific Area**

Submitted by Donna Cox, DVC-DP (Division Chief- Diversity Pacific Area)

Until recently, diversity in the entire Auxiliary Pacific Area lagged well behind that in the Atlantic Area. Since 2017, however, there is a little shining light in the Pacific darkness, and it is District 13!

District 13 Diversity Awards doubled in 2017. At the National Auxiliary Conference in August in Orlando, Commodore Kathy Goodwin accepted *The National Commodore's 3 Star Award for Excellence in Diversity Management* for four of her District 13 flotillas. This was an amazing increase in the history of the whole Pacific Area!

BRAVO ZULU to Port Angeles Washington Flotilla 44, Depoe Bay Oregon Flotilla 53 (their fourth DV award), Chetco River Oregon Flotilla 56 (their second DV award), and Pacific Oregon Flotilla 73. These four units are actively enriching their flotilla effectiveness through embracing differences. You rock District 13! Keep up the great work. We still have a ways to go.



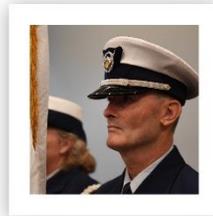
At the Division 5 meeting, Steve Mathis, VCDR-elect, presented *NACO's 3 Star Award for Excellence in Diversity Management* to Depoe Bay Flotilla 53 and Chetco River Flotilla 56. Donna Cox, DVC-DP (right), gave a talk encouraging all Flotillas to apply for this award as a means of promoting and enriching Flotilla effectiveness. Photo: 13OCT18. Sector North Bend. by Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCGAUX PA3.





**DISTRICT 13 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**  
 Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCGAUX PA3

The Fall District meeting was held on September 28-30, 2018 at the Best Western Wesley Inn in Gig Harbor, Washington. During the bi-annual meeting, newly elected officers were formally installed and D13 Auxiliary members were recognized for their many accomplishments and service. Auxiliary officers and members from four states converged with active-duty Coast Guard command, to attend this informative Auxiliary event. The agenda included finance training, workshop on social media, committee meetings, a District Board meeting, elections, presentations, plus food, fun and fellowship!



**Photos: District 13 Color Guard members help open the Board Meeting in ceremonial fashion. 29SEP18. Best Western Wesley Inn. Gig Harbor, WA. Color Guard photos on this page, including cover photo, by Patricia King, Edmonds, WA Flotilla.**

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## CAPE MAY SHIPMATES REUNITED IN AUXILIARY

By Cam Johnson Chittim USCGAUX PA3

When Rick Woodruff joined the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in 2017, he knew he'd likely meet other former active-duty Coast Guard. He had no idea how much he would have in common with his Bellevue, Washington Flotilla Commander, Steven Alexander.

"After a flotilla meeting, we were chatting to get to know one another better," said Woodruff. "He asked me what year I went to boot camp, and I told him 1979. He said, "Really, that's the same year I joined."

"I wasn't surprised, but very curious," reflected Alexander.

Curiosity led to more questions: Where did they go to boot camp, Alameda or Cape May? What month did they graduate? And finally, what company?

The answers led to a stunning conclusion.

"Steve and I were in the same boot camp company at Cape May, New Jersey 39 years ago! How's that for a coincidence?"

It may have seemed a little too coincidental for no-nonsense Alexander.

"I did not remember Rick, and I still had my reservations until I looked at an old Delta Company group photo."

That photo offered Alexander the proof he needed, showing both men among a class of forty proud graduates. "We were in Delta Company, 1979. The fourth Boot Camp company of '79."



**Cape May, New Jersey, 1979.  
Coast Guard Delta Company's  
Steven Alexander stands in the  
top row, second from the right.  
Shipmate Rick Woodruff is top  
row, fifth from left.**

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## Cape May Shipmates Reunited in Auxiliary (Cont'd)

While Woodruff and Alexander don't remember each other as classmates, it's easy to understand why. Both describe Coast Guard boot camp as the hardest, most stressful weeks of their lives. They had little opportunity for sleep, let alone socializing.

"Coast Guard boot camp was very difficult. From my experiences meeting other enlisted men and women from the Army, Navy and Air Force, the Coast Guard Boot camp was by far the hardest in terms of physical training and mandatory classes," said Alexander.

Woodruff added, "The purpose of boot camp is to break you down from being a civilian and re-mold you into a disciplined member of the armed forces. When you finish, you have a great sense of pride and an affinity for those who went through it with you."



Once again shipmates, Steven Alexander (far right) and Rick Woodruff (center) participate in July 2018 boat crew training on Lake Washington. Photo Credit: Cam Johnson Chittim, CGAUX PA3.

After the two men retired from active-duty, it was years before they found their way back to Team Coast Guard. Alexander had just bought his first boat and learned about the Auxiliary while taking a Boating Safety and Seamanship class. For Woodruff, it came down to a chance meeting.

"I met an Auxiliary member, Michael Sealfon, at the Kent Cornucopia Days. When I mentioned I was a Radioman in the Coast Guard many years ago, he asked me, "Why aren't you in the Coast Guard Auxiliary now?""

Woodruff didn't have a good answer for that, so he signed up.

Alexander is glad he did. Asked whether he feels a special bond with his former boot-camp shipmate, Alexander said, "The short answer is yes. The longer answer is I feel a brotherhood to all enlisted Coast Guard men and women."

Woodruff stated, "it is special to have gone through such an intense, shared experience." He's also grateful for the opportunity to return to Team Coast Guard.

"The Auxiliary allows me to be involved and serve on a limited basis and still make a difference."



## FELLOWSHIP AT THE RACES

By Lee LaFollette, FSO-PB FL62 ILWACO, WA

**Fellowship** within the Auxiliary comes in many forms when our active-duty Coast Guard members are involved. It is more than just TEAM COAST GUARD... it is all about fun!

For the past three years, Lee LaFollette (Ilwaco, WA Flotilla) has become involved with the annual Friday afternoon Ilwaco Slow Drag races. There was a real need for more volunteer judges to come forward and make this long-time event happen. Thus, during an all-hands muster at US Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment, the announcement was made requesting a handful of Coast Guard members to step up and get involved. Both active-duty and Auxiliary members became involved.

There are sixty vehicles involved with the race, going two at a time. On the day of the race, all race team members show up at the Port of Ilwaco about 1500 hrs. to get things in place. The vehicles get in a few practices runs. The race lasts about four-five hours.

One special entrant was the beautiful 1995 TEAM COAST GUARD Corvette driven by former Auxiliary member Janice Weston-LaFollette, with her co-driver John Lester, current AUC for Flotilla 130-06-02 at Station Cape Disappointment. The car is decorated with flags, pennants and a USCG license plate. The announcer made several comments about this car during the race. An announcement is also made that the race officials are



members of Flotilla 62 and Station Cape Disappointment active-duty members. There is always huge applause from the 1,000-1,500 spectators in attendance. There are usually many members of Flotilla 62 and active duty watching the race from the sidelines. This is a family-friendly event.

So, you might be asking, just what is a slow drag and how does it take place? First, set up the race track on the roadway behind the Port of Ilwaco and Ilwaco Marina. Rules are then explained to the participants: all vehicles must have both sides with working brake lights (these will be tested prior to each race);

vehicles cannot go over 20 MPH before coming into the neutral zone where all must shift into neutral and the driver must keep both hands visible on the steering wheel; after shifting into neutral (no braking from this point), coast to the finish line where all four wheels must cross the sand filled fire hose, which is the finish line; the vehicle stopping closest to the finish line with all four wheels across is declared the winner of that heat unless both vehicles travel out of the no-win zone. As vehicles become eliminated during the race period (takes two losses to be out,) the race finally comes down to the top three finishers. This year, all TEAM COAST GUARD race officials pulled the race off in record time, just under two hours. This is what team work is all about!

**Photo Above: TEAM COAST GUARD Corvette and Team Coast Guard judges just prior to race time. Ilwaco, WA. Sept, 2018. Courtesy photo provided by spouse of FL62 Auxiliary member.**

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## Fellowship at the Races (Cont'd)

The TEAM COAST GUARD Corvette did not make it into the top three this year. Last year it was in the top six finishers for this *tons of fun* racing event. Auxiliary member Lee LaFollette is the "Chief Judge" for this event and the recruiter for race track judges. All the race judges go home with a custom-made t-shirt, with an air-brushed picture on the front of the previous year's official race winner. Within 2-3 weeks following the race, a fellowship barbeque lunch takes place for the race volunteers/judges to enjoy, showing appreciation for their time and participation. This race has been going for upwards of fifteen fun years. Next year, we hope to have a retired D13 Coast Guard Admiral driving his sports car, now that he knows what the race is all about. A huge Bravo Zulu to all of our awesome TEAM COAST GUARD judges for their helpfulness.



Team Coast Guard Corvette during the race. Ilwaco, WA. Sept, 2018.  
Courtesy photo provided by spouse of FL62 Auxiliary member.

## QR CODES: PERFECT FIT FOR AUXILIARY

By Cam Johnson Chittim USCGAUX PA3

Unless you work in marketing, you may have missed the decade-long debate over QR codes and why some people hate them. But thanks to their popularity in Asia, and renewed use by global companies, QR codes are making a big comeback. They also offer a no/low-cost opportunity for the Auxiliary to reach out to the public.

What are QR codes? "QR" stands for quick response. Scan the code with your smartphone, and you can be instantly linked to online information without typing or using a search engine. Many android users, especially millennials, already have a QR code scanning app downloaded on their phones and many iPhone users don't even need an app to scan QR codes.

Why should the Auxiliary use QR Codes?

- Ease of finding information: USCGAux.org is a great website, but for the non-Auxiliary member, it can be overwhelming. A QR code can direct people straight to the information you want them to find, whether it's about vessel inspections, joining the Auxiliary, finding a Boating Safety class, or locating your flotilla.
- Potential to Reach More People: Picture a popular annual event like a boat show. Thousands of people walk by an Auxiliary booth. Many of them are curious about the Auxiliary. But since they don't know us, they are wary. The majority keeps their distance. With a QR code mounted on a large poster board, a passerby could be instantly linked to a video or web page about the Auxiliary. Now that they know what we are about, they may be more interested in a conversation. At the very least, we have planted a seed.

QR codes are already being successfully used by some Auxiliary districts. The 9th District Western Region is utilizing QR codes in their handouts at boat shows and other venues. "We have printed it as a handout for people to take with them," offered DSO-PA Shelley Markle. "We've also printed it and mounted it on foam core so that it will stand upright for a table display, and I've got one SO-PA who's printing it and posting it in the windows of marine dealers he visits."

Best of all, you don't need a degree in software engineering to make a QR code to suit your needs. Several websites will do it for you for free, including <https://www.qr-code-generator.com/> or <https://www.qrcode-monkey.com/>

QR codes will never be able to compete with a personal, face-to-face explanation of who we are in the Auxiliary, or why people should join us or take advantage of the great opportunities we offer. But they give us another way to reach out to more people, using technology that Americans rarely leave home without: their smartphones.

From BUOY 13 editor: Here are some examples of QR codes generated in less than five minutes using the above suggested websites.

[www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)



[D13 WOW website](#)



Sometimes thinking outside the box for **Public Affairs** and **Recreational Boating Safety** can be a challenge. Below are two fun examples going beyond the ordinary for Halloween last month.

## Southern Area



"I have not carved a pumpkin for decades and never thought I would get PA hours on a 7030 to do so! This year, I carved a pumpkin with the Coast Guard emblem (or not-so-exact facsimile thereof). The pumpkin did double-duty for Auxiliary and active-duty Facebook pages. The Auxiliary photo was picked up by the National Auxiliary Facebook page and received likes and shares around the country." Photos/carving by Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCGAUX PA3. Heceta Beach and STA Siuslaw River in Florence, OR.

## Northern Area



"Fill a pool with pumpkins, let kids choose one to take home, then have a free swim. Station Bellingham crew join the Flotilla to provide a fun water safety lesson. 'Always wear a life jacket in a boat.' To ride in this Coastie-Powered boat, you have to have a properly fitted life jacket. A long bungee and line allow Station crew to pull the boat through the water. Special Thanks to SN Kraiss, FN Emeny-Smith, FN Bartholomew and FN Johnson, shown above left with Steve Bell, Flotilla Vice Commander. Photos by Penny Milczewski, USCGAUX Bellingham Flotilla.

## AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTION 2018



**Left: Ten of the sixteen District Commodores, from across the Nation, pose at NACON 2018 in Orlando, Florida, for one final photo. Photo taken by National PA Staff and provided by COMO Goodwin.**

**Left (bottom to top)**

**Kathy Goodwin DCO - 13th District  
Thomas McCandless III DCO - 8th CR  
Agostino Formato DCO - 1st SR  
Edward Randall Ventress - DCO - 8th ER  
Barry Kyper DCO - 5th NR**

**Right (bottom to top)**

**David Adams DCO - 5th SR  
David Brubaker DCO - 17th District  
Wallace Smith DCO - 11th NR  
Robert Scofield DCO - 9th ER  
David Johnsen DCO - 9th WR**

While at NACON, COMO Goodwin accepted several National Awards on behalf of D13 Auxiliary Members as follows: Association for Rescue at Sea National Chairman's Award to Kathleen Goodwin, Coxswain (Flotilla 84); Steve Beckerman, Crew (Flotilla 82); Jan Jenne, AUX Radio Station (Flotilla 84) for providing medical assistance to a severely injured swimmer at Quilomene Creek, Washington, demonstrating superb vigilance, skill, determination, and teamwork; 2018 First Place National Photography Award (Team Coast Guard Category) to Deborah Heldt Cordone, DSO-PB (Flotilla 52); 2017 National USCG Visitation Program Award First Place to Flotilla 53, Depoe Bay, Oregon for overall performance and excellence; Diversity Management Three-Star Award of Excellence to Flotilla 44, Flotilla 53, Flotilla 56 and Flotilla 73 for creating a positive environment, valuing all members, and promoting individual success. Additionally, 2017 National Century Club Awards to 31 individual members in recognition of completing one-hundred Vessel Examinations and/or Program Visits during 2017 in support of the USCG Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety Program- Division 1: Peter Border, David Church, Anne Cox, Hoyt Hatfield & David Tribolet; Division 2: Mark Taeschner; Division 3: Ronald Holtcamp; Division 4: Leo Leonard, Marilyn Leonard; Division 5: Paula Boeckman, James Carroll, Deborah Cordone, Lawrence Cox, James Fryckman, Norm Hoffman, Brad Hooper, Wil Lampa, Mary Lee, Cheryl Lundine, Brady McNulty, Thomas Murphy, Tiney Singler, John Welch, Robert Wheatley; Division 6: John Costic, Dennis Forest, Charles Kroll, Timothy Kroll; Division 7: Matt Epstein, Richard Williams; Division 8: Kathleen Goodwin. Bravo Zulu to All!





### HONOR FLIGHT SEATAC

On Saturday morning, October 13<sup>th</sup>, John Thoma of the Des Moines WA Flotilla and David Larkin, District Chief of Staff (and Port Angeles WA Flotilla member), joined active-duty members of the US Coast Guard and TSA Honor Guard at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. They assisted greeting, escorting and sending off Veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam as they departed for Washington DC to tour the memorials. Auxiliary member Leigh Ewbank, Division 3 Vice Commander, is the coordinator for the flights.

Two veterans passed away prior to the flight and their burial flags flew in their place. Two members of the USCG Honor Guard carried the flags on the plane, after all passengers were seated, and placed them in two reserved first class seats. The group formed two lines on the tarmac and saluted the aircraft as it pushed back from the gate and began to taxi away.

Submitted by David Larkin, Chief of Staff

## HELP WANTED

### Food Services

How would you like to become an Auxiliary Food Services Specialist and work directly for the active-duty U.S. Coast Guard? You will be trained to the equivalent of Culinary Service Specialist Third Class in the Coast Guard. After your training, you will be qualified to work at shore side facilities or on cutters. This is a great opportunity to have fun doing what you love to do! For more info, contact the District 13 DDC-L or DSO-FS.



### Interpreter Corps

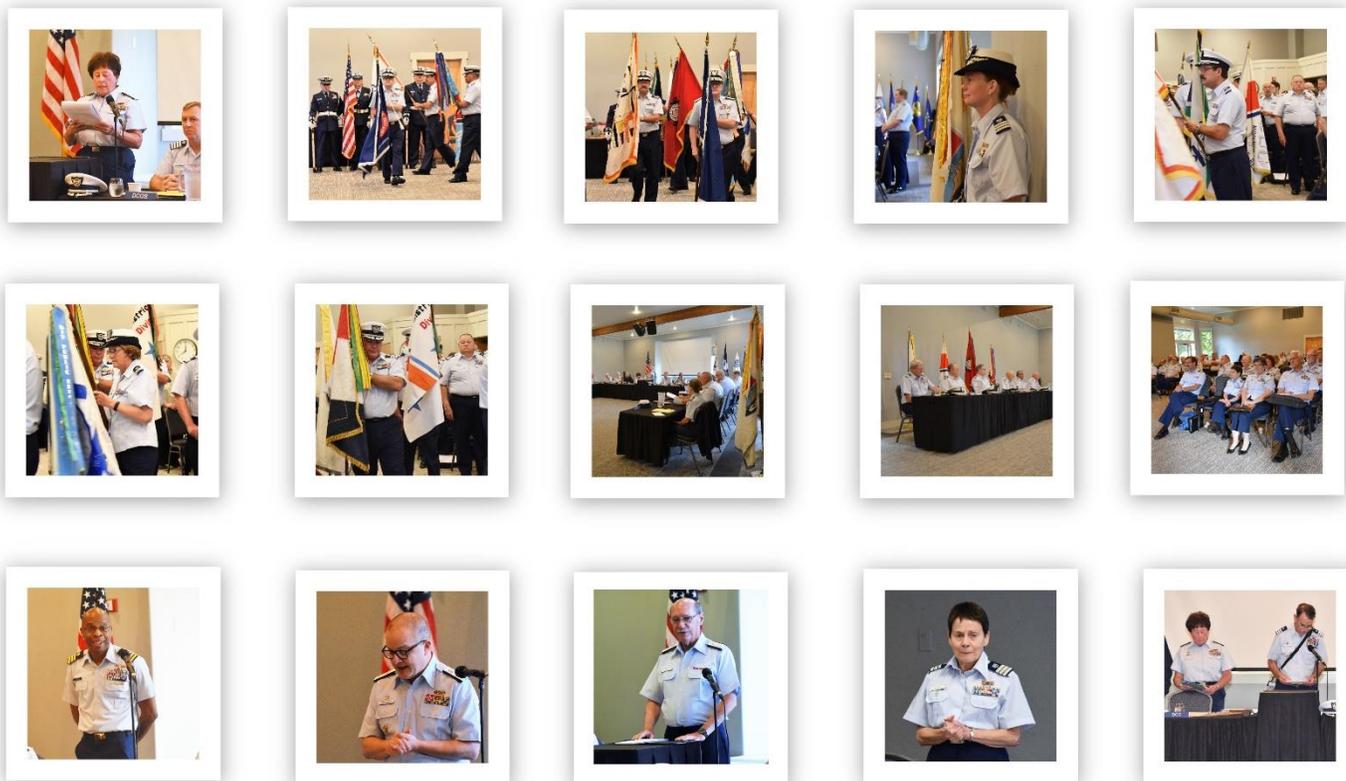
The USCG Auxiliary Interpreter Corps provides the USCG and Department of Defense with capable, qualified and competent language interpretation services for local and international missions. Currently, the Interpreter Corps has over 300 interpreters qualified in over 30 languages.

If you are fluent in any foreign language, you may qualify for missions. If you are ready to get underway, start your journey at

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**ELECTION RESULTS**



The district elections were held in Gig Harbor, WA. on September 29, 2018. A quorum of board members was present with Jan Jenne presiding over the election. There were two nominations for District Commodore: David Larkin (DCOS) and Rick Williams (DCAPT-S). There were two nominations for District Chief of Staff: Tiney Singler (Div 5 CDR) and Randy Wolfer (FC FL66). DCAPT-N, DCAPT-S, and DCAPT-E were unopposed.

- District Commodore-elect**  
Rick Williams
- District Chief of Staff- elect**  
Tiney Singler
- District Captain North- re-elect**  
Joe Treece
- District Captain South- elect**  
Curt Lundine
- District Captain East- elect**  
Jonathan Wells

Above: Collage of various photos from District Meeting held in Gig Harbor on 29SEP18. Photo Credit: Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCGAUX PA3.

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Above: Collage of various photos from District Meeting. Below: Collage of various photos from Saturday night dinner. Gig Harbor on 29SEP18. Photo Credit: Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCGAUX PA3



# UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



**Happy Holidays!**



FOOD

**DISTRICT 13 MEETING**

**FEBRUARY, 2019**

**MONARCH HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER**

**CLACKAMAS, OREGON**

fellowship

Training



awards

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