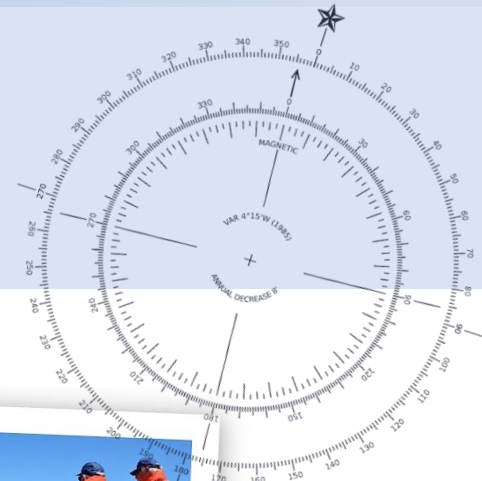


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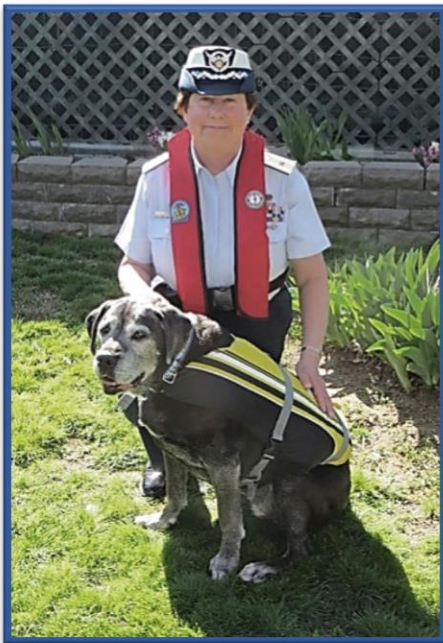
From the Helm...



COMMODORE'S LOG

As I visit with Auxiliarists across our District, I am continually reminded how one event, one experience, or one person can make a powerful impact on our organization. Joined together with over 1,000 members and the results are incredible!

- Commodore Kathy Goodwin



Courtesy Photo

I'd like to recap 2017 before it comes to a close. The year began with Changes of Watch that welcomed new and seasoned elected and appointed officers who showed enthusiasm for the job, a willingness to learn the required knowledge and skills, and an enlightened determination to fulfill the obligations involved. We held our February District Meeting in Clackamas, Oregon, where training was focused for Qualification Examiners, Flotilla Commanders and those who participate in our Color/Honor Guard Programs. Auxiliarists did a remarkable job of staffing twelve boat and sportsman shows across Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. The District 13 Paddlecraft Program emphasized the ashore portion using Member Training, Public Affairs, Publications, Materials, Public Education, Vessel Examinations and Program Visits to reach out to those who choose non-motorized vessels for their recreational boating enjoyment. The newly introduced Financial Counselor, Auxiliary

Clergy Support, and AUXBUILD Programs welcomed members with a background and a passion for participation in those fields. Eighteen Auxiliarists joined with the active duty and reserve components manning crucial positions for the Commissioning Ceremony of the new National Security Cutter USCGC *Munro*, and represented the Auxiliary in the finest traditions of the U.S. Coast Guard. In May, led by our Public Affairs team, we went above and beyond during National Safe Boating Week. From proclamations all over the District (even reaching the Governors in both Oregon and Idaho), *Wear your Life Jacket to Work Day*, *Wear It!* campaigns, Vessel Safety Check stations, visits to local schools, parades, publications in newspapers, TV appearances, etc., our effort towards National Safe Boating Week put a major spotlight on Recreational Boating Safety. The productive and successful Telecommunications Academy held at MSU Portland resulted in a team of communications-qualified people from all divisions and set the ground work for further relationships between members District-wide. Excellent instructors focused on five specific

interlocking areas to build on, and each geographic region was addressed individually while still considering other area relationships that addressed the needs of all stakeholders. Operations personnel provided on-the-water support during the Portland Rose Festival, Tri-Cities Hydroplane events, SeaFair, Coos Bay Festival of Sail, PATON and Bridge inspections, special swim events, Shiprider Program, as well as Maritime Observation Missions, training, Qualification Examinations and holiday patrols. Members in the eastern area provided boat crews that worked with the Montana National Guard Blackhawks during basket and harness hoist rotations. Florence, Oregon was awarded the status of the twenty-fourth Coast Guard City thanks to Flotilla 52 and special efforts by our Auxiliarist of the Year Deborah Cordone. We had a very successful fall District Conference in Gig Harbor, Washington where our fourth cornerstone of *fellowship* was never more evident. The weekend was filled with EXCOM, District Board, and Ways and Means Committee Meetings, Investigator and Division Commander Workshops, excellent guest speakers, good food and great camaraderie. At that meeting, we presented many, many well-deserved awards. Auxiliary Food Service became a National Auxiliary Program in 2009 and District 13 continues to conduct several classes to qualify members to augment the Coast Guard at small boat stations and on cutters. Our team of SO/FSO-PEs and instructors have truly shined with the following series of classes taught: About Boating Safely, Radio Training, Cold Water Boot Camp, Confidence in Boating, Boating Skills and Seamanship, GPS for Mariners, Boat Oregon Classes, Navigation Charts and GPS, Advanced and Basic Coastal Navigation, Weekend Navigator, Crossing the Columbia and Tillamook Rivers Bars, etc. Our District actively supports the Coast Guard by providing qualified Watchstanders, Auxiliary Food Service personnel, Clergy Support, Engineers, Public Affairs Specialists, and more. The District 13 Incident Management and Preparedness Plan was completed and distributed to leadership including Auxiliary Sector Coordinators as well as Coast Guard units that we support. It is posted on the District 13 Incident Management and Preparedness website. For the first time in several years, we had a Coast Guard Command presence from Sector Puget Sound east of the Cascade Mountains. Both officers received a warm welcome from local sheriff's departments, Auxiliarists, etc., and they were able to tour three lakes which made their visit productive and memorable. Since there are no Coast Guard stations in this part of the District, plans are being made to add active duty visibility and join forces with their Auxiliary partners.

We have been tracking the measurable and attainable goals and strategies of the District 13 Operational Plan. At the beginning of the year, I asked all our members to review the plan frequently, discuss it with fellow Auxiliarists and incorporate it into their missions. I knew that this would be the only way that we could turn our Operational Plan into a living document that would be embraced by all. So, how did we do in pursuing our goals? We are strong in some areas and need a little more work in others. I know that a lot of the paperwork has not been turned in yet, so I am confident that the numbers will increase. However, as of right now, I am very, very pleased with the results!

One area that I requested special emphasis in this year was *Reaching Out to Children* programs. Fantastic results consisted of Water 'n Kids classes all over the district including four sessions at

grades K-5 for 1,133 children. We also partnered in the About Boating Safely program with the Sea Scouts, participated in the Kitsap Water Festival with Water Safety Training for 125 Fourth Grade Students, and supported the Bay Area Hospital Safety Fair by covering beach and on-the-water safety to 720 Third Graders, including fitting of PFDs. We assisted in the teaching of a variety of topics, attended a Family Safety Fair, and taught Boat Oregon classes at Newport High School for 41 students and 6 Boy Scouts who earned merit badges through their attendance.

We also welcomed and said farewell to some members of our Auxiliary family. We welcomed CDR Darkeim Brown as District 13's Director of the Auxiliary. CDR Brian Hofferber retired in June and at the end of August, we had a farewell party for Charles Claytor, Auxiliary Affairs Specialist, who served in that capacity for 14 years. We have welcomed 64 new Auxiliarists since the beginning of the year. However, several members lost family and friends due to health issues, etc., and several of you had broken hearts because of pets that passed away. To those of you that have lost a loved one, please accept my deepest sympathy. A number of our members donated to (thank you) and some received Coast Guard Mutual Assistance to get them through difficult situations ranging from challenging financial issues to major life transitions. Good luck to those getting back on their feet. We also had a few members that had to be temporarily evacuated from their homes due to fire danger in the Brookings area. Thankfully, no damage was reported.

We are all one Coast Guard and Auxiliary family and I ask that you please take good care of yourselves and those you care about. Also, please advise me of any struggles our members are having so I can contact them personally.

When I became District Chief of Staff (DCOS) three years ago and took part in the two-year Auxiliary Senior Officer's Course, I continuously bragged about District 13's accomplishments, dedication, loyalty and pride to my counterparts across the nation. When I became District Commodore (DCO), my feelings became even stronger. Compared to other Districts in the nation, our numbers might not be the highest in every program, but D13 steers with its heart. Our Auxiliarists are deeply rooted in their communities and have established long-standing relationships with their partners. I have always encouraged and supported the expectation that every member should develop to their maximum potential. We joined the Auxiliary because we believed in its missions and the public counts on us. Only through your dedication have we been able to deliver such exceptional results in every mission area. As you are aware, I think and act from my heart. With that in mind, I want each of you to know how grateful I am for who you are and for what you accomplish for the District 13 Auxiliary each and every day. I am proud to serve alongside you!

Very Respectfully,

Kathleen Goodwin, DCO

CHIEF OF STAFF



Courtesy Photo

Semper Gumby!

We have all heard the official motto of the United States Coast Guard, *Semper Paratus* (Always Ready). You may or may not have heard of the unofficial and some would argue more applicable *Semper Gumby* (Always Flexible). That second motto could easily be the motto of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

As we have now passed the 78th anniversary of the Auxiliary, it's good to take a look back and see where we came from, the changes we have gone through, and with those changes in mind, plan our course forward.

In June of 1939, Congress created our organization then named the Coast Guard Reserve as a volunteer arm of the U.S. Coast Guard with the purposes of “promoting recreational boating safety and facilitate the operations of the Coast Guard.” If there is any question that we are indeed an organizational element of the Coast Guard, I would invite you to read Title 14 United States Code Chapter 23, Coast Guard Auxiliary.

In 1942, as World War II was threatening to spread to our side of the pond, Congress changed our name to the Auxiliary and created the Reserve. Many of our members were dual-hatted in both the Auxiliary and the Temporary Reserve and over 50,000 of us served during the war patrolling harbors, bridges and docks, providing emergency and disaster assistance, conducting SAR missions, training, recruiting SPARS and many other missions. The Coastal Picket Force was formed and large surface facilities conducted anti-submarine patrols along the 50-fathom curve off the Atlantic coast.

The Courtesy Marine Examination program, now called Vessel Examination, was started in 1947 in District 7 and a year later we started the public education program. In 1962, we began our partnership with NOAA for chart correction missions. In 1973, the Auxiliary took over seven small boat stations on the Great Lakes, a mission that still continues today.

The year 1990 began the full integration of Auxiliarists into everyday operations. Those operations included Commercial Fishing Vessel examiners, air observers on C-130 aircraft, work in Coast Guard offices and qualifying as Coast Guard boat crew. In 1996, Congress expanded our role to include any Coast Guard mission, except direct law enforcement and military operations, as authorized by the Commandant.

September 11, 2001 ushered in a philosophical change to the Auxiliary. While we perform RBS and routine operations on a day to day basis, we need to be trained, equipped and ready to shift gears and provide more direct operational support to the Coast Guard when the situation dictates.

Recent events of national significance such as Hurricanes Katrina, Harvey and Irma, the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and others have required rapid response and deployment of trained

and skilled Auxiliarists to a variety of missions from incident management to logistics to communications to food service to...fill in the blank.

We should discuss these and future events in our Flotilla and Division meetings. The staff officers at all levels, all the way up to the National staff, need to think outside the box about how we can prepare our organization to meet the next call for service.

Not all of us will be able, available or even interested in those missions, but as a group we need to be ready. Compare us to your local fire department. On a day-to-day basis, they do their equivalent of RBS. They conduct inspections, teach public safety classes and train. And when the bell rings and something is on fire, they immediately shift gears and become operational. We need to be ready to do the same. Perhaps that call will never come, but history teaches us that it will and we need to be ready to do our part to “facilitate the operations of the Coast Guard” as direct by Congress.

In short, we need to forever be Semper Gumby.

Very Respectfully,

David Larkin, Chief of Staff



Notes from Editor:

For more information on the history of the Coastal Picket Force, [click here](#) and [here](#) for interesting online articles.

For a more extensive history of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in WWII, please [click here](#).

To read Title 14 United States Code Chapter 23 in its entirety, [click here](#).



DISTRICT CAPTAIN SOUTH

Hello all,

This year has been an excellent year for the Southern Divisions.

Not only did we have one outstanding Flotilla award, but we received two. We also had two Flotillas receive the NACO Three Star Award for Diversity. The Southern Area has once again completed goals set by the DCO for several programs ahead of time. We do this by working as a close-knit group in the service of the U.S. Coast Guard.

We all serve because we enjoy doing this kind of work. We have fellowship and enjoy working with the USCG in every capacity that we are able. I am not going to give you figures, but ask you to look at your Flotilla and Division flags to see the banners that you have received over the years. This is what you have accomplished because you enjoy doing it. Yes, over the past few years more and more regulations have been introduced to bring the USCG AUX up to the same level and preparedness that the USCG is required to maintain. We have met some of those goals and are working towards completing the rest of them.

The Aux membership has been on a slide for a couple of years, but this year we have started to turn it around. We have training for Operations, Communication Watchstanders, Food Services and RBS programs throughout the Southern Area. Membership is coming back slowly, but the work is still not done.

The Southern Area is due a big BRAVO ZULU for all the work that all these members do!

I want to thank each and every member and spouse for the work they have done this year and please continue on with what you enjoy doing.

Dennis Wood, DCAPT-S



DISTRICT CAPTAIN EAST

Fellow Auxiliary Members,

By the time this newsletter is published, another year will have almost passed. Summer came and went and the Holiday season is upon us.

Here in the Eastern area, we had a so-so year. Summer was marred with forest fires keeping us off the water due to thick smoke. We thusly missed a much needed QE session and several members will go into REYR. We can handle that late spring or early summer before the public wants to go boating. The smoke was bad enough to keep even the public away, so our lack of presence was not too bad. Accidents were down. Division 8 did have an early QE session that was bundled with their summer Division meeting early in June. Several members of Division 10 went over from MT to get re-qualified/initial qualification. This session took place in the beautiful Farragut State Park of Idaho on the lower portion of Lake Pend Oreille over a three-day period.

Division 10 was able to participate in a joint SAR training exercise on Canyon Ferry Lake with several SAR agencies in Central MT before the smoke became unbearable.

I want to especially send out a BIG thank you to the members of Division 11 who have chosen to stay with it and continue their Division in the Southern Idaho area. They are very dedicated and I know they have already begun to re-group and grow membership.

On the lesser note, we had to stand down yet another Flotilla. My thanks go to Flotilla Commander Kyle Allison, who did his best to recruit new members for the past four years with no takers. And thank you to the other three members of Flotilla 88 who remained to assist Allison until waivers ran out.

Hopefully 2018 will be a better year for all of us. What is left to burn? No major hurricanes to deal with here and I predict we will have a very peaceful and productive year. Now, go out there and be safe and thank you for doing what you do.

Paul Otey, DCAPT-E

DISTRICT DIRECTORATE CHIEF - PREVENTION

MEMBER TRAINING **Vessel Exams** **State Liaison**
Public Affairs **Marine Safety**
PUBLIC EDUCATION **Paddlecraft** **Program Visitor**
NAVIGATION SYSTEMS **Color Guard**



The District 13 Prevention Department has undoubtedly some of the best DSOs (District Staff Officers) and PMs (Program Managers) in the nation. Our department covers Color Guard, Marine Safety, Member Training, Navigation Systems, Paddle Craft, Public Affairs, Public Education, Program Visitors, State Liaison, and Vessel Examiners. We cover a very diverse area which incorporates four different states (Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana) with terrain differences varying between oceanside, lakes and rivers! The focus is always on RBS (Recreational Boating Safety) whether it is giving a boating safety class, doing a program visit, vessel examination (which can be a paddle craft, sail or powerboat), giving paddle craft seminars, making sure lights are functioning properly on a bridge or aid to navigation, or public affairs events and endeavors to help get the word out about the Auxiliary and Coast Guard mission. There were over 69,000 hours spent on RBS by District 13 thus far in 2017. The following are the different departments and their functions:

COLOR GUARD: They perform at local functions, for the Coast Guard, for the Coast Guard Auxiliary or for the public. They are requested for all these events because of the professional manner in which they perform!

NAVIGATION SYSTEMS: There have been 69 bridges checked and verified plus 147 aids to navigation verified for location, depth and proper lighting. The tasks are not always easy, but highly important to insure public safety for both recreational and commercial vessel operations and to save lives.

MARINE SAFETY: There were 1,684 hours spent with 115 CFV (Commercial Fishing Vessel) exams completed, 2 UPV (Uninspected Passenger Vessel) exams completed plus multiple life raft examinations. The department is also involved in port safety along with port environment applications.

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District Directorate Chief- Prevention (Cont'd)

MEMBER TRAINING: There were over 3,000 hours expending in the district for member training thus far. The way our members get trained and developed for each program (including mentoring) is the key to the success of any district in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

AUXPAD: Focus on Paddle craft is needed to curb the fatality rate in our states. There is much work going into the Outreach Ashore and Afloat with a complete program to come out very soon. This year, focus has progressed with public education events, public affair events, vessel examinations of paddle craft, and our program visitors getting the word out to our marine dealer partners. We are working toward a goal with still a lot of work in front of us. However, we do have an excellent Program Manager who thinks of nothing else but this area!

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: There has been over 7,000 hours spent in the district with fantastic results coming from this effort. We had two state proclamations signed by governors of those states, several city proclamations signed by mayors and the City of Florence named as a Coast Guard City (which was a heck of a job done by the Public Affairs Officer in Flotilla 52). We had coverage in newspapers, TV stations, various publications, and we did several Sportsman Shows in all four states. There have been public affair events at our local marine dealers and some in conjunction with state marine deputies. This has culminated in disseminating important RBS messages.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: We have expended over 2,900 hours teaching the boating public covering subjects such as state boating safety classes, marine navigation, GPS, paddle craft safety and numerous other subjects. I like to always think that every time we give a class we possibly saved a life or numerous lives!

PROGRAM VISITOR: There has been over 5,700 visits completed by District 13! What an accomplishment and our hats should be off to this accomplishment!!! The old saying that action speaks louder than words rings so true in this department.

STATE LIAISON: This department is the bread and butter for not only us receiving word on various laws and changes, but also conducting communication with different states within our district. They have done an outstanding job and we really appreciate everything they do.

VESSEL EXAMINATIONS: We have done a total of 4,483 vessel examinations, which include 3,664 power boat inspections and 819 paddle craft inspections. Fantastic job done by all the vessel examiners in the district and to the fine leadership by the district staff officer.

The Prevention Department of District 13 is very proud of the accomplishments of its departments for the year, which means we are proud of the members in the district that worked long and hard hours to accomplish the above items. The prevention department is about Recreational Boating Safety, saving lives, and planning how we can continue to accomplish the above production now, during the coming year, and many more years ahead!

Very Respectfully,

Tiney Singler

DDC-P District 13

DISTRICT DIRECTORATE CHIEF - LOGISTICS

Human Resources

Materials

Diversity

SECRETARY|RECORDS

PUBLICATIONS

Technology

Information Systems

Comm Services

Food Services



2017 Highlights thru November

This year, 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 challenges. I am truly thankful for the wonderful support of our members.

COMMUNICATIONS: Dan Kienle and his staff enhanced the District 13 website as the *place to go* for critical information. Some of the new items include: 1) Record of Meeting for all units and available for all members to review; 2) Calendars for District, Division and Flotilla which can be downloaded to Outlook; 3) District 13 overview video that can be used at various events; 4) Enhancements to District Staff Officer links; 5) New Member Application Guide; (6) Paddle Craft Guide; (7) District Incident Management Plan.

FOOD SERVICES: The Coast Guard is in need of Auxiliarists performing food service duties. The District set a high goal for the group in 2017... double the size of the team and have two training classes. It was a new adventure and challenge for Dennis Wood, Jim Ehnborn and Jim Dickinson to be appointed to lead the team and achieve those goals. We set a new record for training since the program started in 2011 and certified nine members in one year. Dennis Wood recruited and trained five members from Oregon, one member from Idaho and one member from outside the District. The program would not have been successful without the full assistance from the Coast Guard team. The Coast Guard signed off on all the qualifications necessary for members to become AUXFS certified. We also made a joint presentation, with a CG recruiter, at the Maritime Career Day for Port Townsend High School students. We discussed the Coast Guard/Auxiliary FS program in detail and answered questions.

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District Directorate Chief- Logistics (Cont'd)

DIVERSITY: Thomas Todd and his team worked with Flotillas to help insure that we are creating a culture of acceptance by valuing the uniqueness of each individual member. The team also explained 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.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Deanna Green and Debbie Kienle worked as a team to review and approve New Member Applications received from the 42 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. Their New Member Enrollment Application Guide was a best seller and is available on the District 13 website. The guide includes screen shots of how to complete the ANSC 7001 Enrollment Application. This can help avoid member frustration when waiting for the entire process to be completed, including PSI security clearance and issuance of the member ID card.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS: Charlies Caddy, who retired from the Auxiliary in June, and John Stuhr and their 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.

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. The District 13 website section for Materials includes information, order forms, and links for uniform and supply websites.

PUBLICATIONS: Deborah Cordone was appointed as DSO-PB in October this year. Thank you to editor Gary Bell for all the years of hard work and dedication. DSO-PB is responsible for editing and publishing *Buoy 13*. Officers and other members are responsible for submitting information and articles to be a successful newsletter. According to Cordone, "Our District newsletter is an important tool for a myriad of reasons. Through the newsletter, we collectively reach out to the membership and that helps maintain relationships and hopefully serves as encouragement. We may highlight individuals, special events, training ideas and a plethora of other information." Suggestions to streamline the publication process include sending articles in their entirety instead of tidbits sent piecemeal; providing photos with complete captions, pertinent information and photographer(s) name (per Coast Guard/Auxiliary policy); if sending photos with minor children, a signed photo release from a parent/LEGAL guardian must be included.

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 new web-based form on the District 13 website. They also assisted in the preparation of the District Strategic Operations Plan 2017-2018.

TECHNOLOGY STAFF: Garrison Bromwell transferred to District 9 in June. John Costic developed a 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 is sent to Flotillas and Divisions. As of October, the survey has been sent to approximately 475 members. The goal is to complete it for all Flotillas by year end. We are listening to each member! The team also tested various methods to electronically submit the New Member Enrollment Form. The project was put on hold for security reasons, to find a way to protect confidential application information.

Very Respectfully,

James Ehnborn

DDC-L District 13

DISTRICT DIRECTORATE CHIEF - RESPONSE



Surface OPS (FL52) on the Siuslaw River 24JUN17. Photo Credit: Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCGAUX PA3.

2017 has been a busy and lifesaving adventure for the Thirteenth District U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. We provided approximately a thousand hours of trained crews and facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security on our waterways and coastal regions. During several water-related community events, Flotillas (often from different areas) worked together as a team to conduct surface patrols and keep the public as safe as possible.

Divisions 5, 6, and 7 all participated in the Rose Festival and Fleet Week in Portland, Oregon for five days in early Summer. There were seven facilities and twenty Auxiliarists who worked on the river and in the communications shack. DCO Kathy Goodwin took time out of her busy schedule to patrol and work communications as well. During one of the patrols, crew members saved a fisherman that didn't want to lose his fishing pole and went overboard trying to save it. All in all, the Rose Festival was a big success for the Auxiliary as a professional force multiplier!

In Puget Sound, the Northern Divisions handled the Seafair Festival. Seafair is several days longer than the Rose Festival and requires more facilities and Auxiliary members. The Divisions did a great job helping active-duty. In the South, four facilities and crew from four Flotillas helped patrol the Festival of Sail tall ship event in Coos Bay for three days in June. The entire District worked together to provide safety and security at July 4th celebrations and numerous Blues festivals and other concerts.

Facilities across the District participate in surface patrols for community events similar to this one. Four facilities and crew from four Flotillas patrolled the Festival of Sail tall ship event in Coos Bay for three days in June. Photo Credit: Deborah Heldt Cordone, PA3.



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Lifesaving was an immeasurable component of some patrols in 2017. Several medals were awarded for helping the public above and beyond the call of duty. Two of our members, Brian Rollins and Scott Robson, received the Chairman's Award presented by AFRAS in 2017. This is the highest award given for water rescues. Rollins and Robson rescued a sail boarder in distress on the Columbia River in 2016.

AUX Air flew about 90 hours this year thus far. The winter weather was brutal and during better weather months, aircraft needed maintenance and it was difficult to get parts. Aircraft is finally ready and looking forward to nicer weather again.

Let's make next year even better than 2017 and continue to help our active-duty shipmates with a team that can be counted on!

Happy Holidays!

Richard Williams
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DSO-AV
Senior IP/FE District 13
Aircraft Commander N7322V



AUX Facility K2 with Kenny Kent (FL66) and Tom Divis (FL54) on patrol at the Festival of Sail in Coos Bay, OR 3JUN17. Photo Credit: Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCGAUX PA3.



Aids to Navigation Verifier

By Pamela Chelgren-Koterba DSO-NS | Flotilla 130.01.01

Aids to Navigation Verifier (AV): 5 reasons why you might want to participate:

- 1) It is important for mariners (commercial and pleasure boaters) to be able to rely on properly functioning navigation aids. Mariner safety depends on it.
- 2) The AV's work is respected. Reports of discrepancies are almost immediately (less than 24 hours) used to correct navigation information available to all mariners, and in fact, initiates the correction process.
- 3) You can see results over the years. The discrepancy information remains in the "Local Notice to Mariners", online, and written publication, until the particular discrepancy is corrected.
- 4) The satisfaction and comradeship of being on an Auxiliary AV & Bridge patrol with a competent and enjoyable crew. It can be a lot of fun!
- 5) As a qualified certified AV, you can submit corrections and additions to existing NOAA charts and the U.S. Coast Pilot, which provides supplemental navigational information to the nautical charts.

The use of aids to navigate the world's waterways has been essential from the earliest times. They have varied in form over thousands of years and can generally be divided into two types: long range and short range.

Long range aids, most useful on large bodies of water, include celestial and the Global Positioning System (GPS). Short range aids, most useful in coastal and inland navigation, include light houses, floating buoys, signs, sound devices, and lights. Stationary devices such as pylons, bridges and bridge related structures are used to support the appropriate aids. Each of these aids comes in varying sizes, shapes, color combinations, continuous or flashing light combinations and each, as shown on a nautical chart, has a unique meaning to the knowledgeable mariner to guide him or her with safe passage.

The job of an AV is to ensure aids are operating correctly, and if not, describe the discrepancy and immediately report it to the Coast Guard. The U.S. Government has a legal obligation to ensure the navigation aids under its jurisdiction are charted and maintained, and is responsible for advising mariners of changes and discrepancies. To keep the mariner updated, the USCG uses the *Local Notice to Mariners* which is updated and published weekly.

Aids to Navigation Verifier (Cont'd)

In the federal water of the U.S. and its territories, NOAA is responsible for charting and the U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for supervising the Aids to Navigation system. This includes establishing requirements for the design of aids, approving the type of aid for a particular location, authorizing installation of private aids, and ensuring the aids are properly maintained.



DSO-NS Pam C-K (FL11) recording inspection of Fish Pens in Deepwater Bay, San Juan Islands, WA. 3MAY17. Photo Credit: Auxiliary member Peter Border (FL11).

Aids installed by the U.S. Coast Guard, primarily in the major navigable waterways, are called Federal aids (ATON) and are maintained by the Coast Guard. All other navigational aids installed in navigational waterways are called private aids, defined as PATONS, and include aids installed by other Federal agencies, State, County, City governments, or private individuals and corporations. Every PATON must be approved and authorized by the U.S. Coast Guard and maintained by its owner.

Any bridge which crosses a navigational waterway, as defined by the Coast Guard, must have appropriate aids to navigation as defined by Coast Guard requirements, primarily, navigation lights, bridge fenders and signage. It is the responsibility of the bridge owner to maintain these navigation aids.

All charted navigation aids, ATONs and most PATONs are listed in the U.S. Coast Guard *Light List*. Each navigation aid is assigned a Light List number

with its location, physical and operating characteristics defined. Recently, every bridge over navigational waterways in District 13 is now assigned a Light List number.



Swinomish RR Swing Bridge, Skagit County, WA. 2017. Photo Credit: Auxiliary member James Appleby (FL11).

The Coast Guard has assigned the Coast Guard Auxiliary with responsibility for verifying PATONs and inspecting aids to navigation associated with bridges. Once a year the Coast Guard District, Waterways Management Branch assigns specific PATONs to verify and bridges to inspect. These assignments are disseminated to the FSO-NS who arranges for an Aid Verifier to conduct a PATON/Bridge patrol, generally on an Auxiliary facility evening/night patrol. Some PATONs/Bridges can be verified by car. Divisions 1 through 8 have annual PATON and Bridge assignments. So far in 2017, we have verified or inspected 185 PATONs and 113 Bridges (68% and 72% respectively of the totals.)

If the aid or bridge light/s is observed to be NOT working properly, a description of the discrepancy must be reported to the nearest Coast Guard Sector that day. The USCG then adds the discrepancy information to the *Local Notice to Mariners*. Discrepancies are considered a serious hazard to navigation and the USCG broadcasts the discrepancy information immediately. The discrepancy remains in the LNM until corrected. So far in 2017, 31 PATONs (17%) and 36 Bridges (32%) were found discrepant!

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Aids to Navigation Verifier (Cont'd)

As an AV, your efforts will have immediate impact on maintaining a safe and reliable Aids to Navigation System on the small pleasure boater to the largest commercial ship. In addition, all suggested changes to any NOAA chart or the Coast Pilot are submitted through the Auxiliary District 13 staff officer for Navigation Systems (DSO-NS) to NOAA.



Auxiliary AV Peter Border (FL11) checking PATONS in the Puget Sound area in 2017. Photo Credit: Auxiliary member Kristine O'Connor (FL11).

AV classes/workshops are conducted in the Northern and Eastern Areas by D13 DSO-NS, Pam C-K, who is a retired NOAA Officer. FL51 Ted Stanio (Coos Bay, OR) is the trainer available to the Southern Area. All it takes is a sufficient number of students to schedule a class. Talk to your FSO-NS, SO-NS, or other Auxiliary member in your chain of leadership.

For more information, visit the Auxiliary website [here](#).



ATTENTION! RECALLS!

There is a massive recall of **Kidde Brand Fire Extinguishers**. This may affect extinguishers at home and in marine vessels. This may also affect Vessel Exams and words of warning to the public as Vessel Examiners.



District 13 DCOS Larkin and DSO-VE Myrick have sent out several email notifications concerning this matter. The following links have been supplied to help identify recalled extinguishers and provide pertinent information. Click on links.

[Video Provided by Kidde Manufacturer](#)

[Manufacturer Website Recall Info](#)

[USCG Marine Safety Alert](#)



Recent **Honda Outboard Motor** Recalls: For more information, [click here](#).

Other Marine Safety Alerts:

[USCG Carbon Monoxide Warning](#)

[USCG CO2 Warnings](#)

[Leaky Lifejacket Lights](#)



DISTRICT CONFERENCE- FALL 2017

The Fall District meeting was held on September 22-24, 2017 at The Inn at Gig Harbor 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 and productive Auxiliary event.

The agenda included investigator and leadership training, committee meetings, a District Board meeting, DCAPT elections (results to follow), plus food, fun and fellowship! Special guests included USCG Rear Admiral David Throop, Commander of the Thirteenth Coast Guard District and Mrs. Throop; USCG Commander Steven Keel, Deputy Chief Director of Coast Guard Auxiliary; USCG Commander Darkeim Brown, Director of Auxiliary District 13; USCG Captain Linda Sturgis, Commander Sector Puget Sound; USCG Captain Brian Gilda, Chief of Prevention District 13; Commodore Larry King, USCG Auxiliary Vice National Commodore; and Derek VanDyke, Recreational Boating Safety Education and Outreach Coordinator for Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission.

Awards highlights included both Flotillas 52 and 53 receiving the Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Medal, Auxiliarists Brian Rollins (FL73) and Scott Robson (FL76) presented with the AFRAS Chairman’s Award for a lifesaving event in 2016 (story to follow), and Flotillas 53 and 56 earning the NACO Three Star Diversity award. Other significant awards included Cheryl Lundine, FC FL53- National Association of Commodore’s Award for Best Flotilla in VSCs and PVs and JoAnn McCollum for a National Photography Award- 1st place PE category.



Photos from Board Meeting on 23SEP17. Above left: Richard Williams, DDC-R and DCAPT-S elect, giving report at the meeting. Left: Commodore Kathleen Goodwin speaking to members. Above: District 13 Color Guard members help open the board meeting in ceremonial fashion.

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District Conference: Fall 2017 (Cont'd)



COMO Daren Lewis conducting Leadership Training on Saturday afternoon with a full class.



At the Podium l-to-r: Commander Steven Keel, Deputy Chief Director of Coast Guard Auxiliary, speaking to members at Saturday's luncheon. Rear Admiral David Throop, Commodore Kathleen Goodwin and David Larkin, Chief of Staff, having their turn at the podium during Saturday's formal dinner and awards/recognition ceremony. Below: David Larkin, Chief of Staff, giving out various awards on Saturday night. For more photos from the Fall conference, [click here](#).





ELECTION RESULTS

District

District Captain North- elect

Joe Treece

District Captain South- elect

Richard Williams

District Captain East- elect

Paul Otey

The district elections were held in Gig Harbor, WA. on September 23, 2017. A quorum of board members was present with Craig Brown presiding over the election. There were two nominations for DCAPT-N and DCAPT-S each, with DCAPT-E unopposed. DCAPT-N elect Joe Treece is currently DCDR for Division 4. DCAPT-S elect Richard Williams is the Division 7 IPDCDR as well as AUC MSU Portland, DDC-R and DSO-AV. DCAPT-E Paul Otey was re-elected for another term. A special thanks to DCAPT-N Art West, DCAPT-S Dennis Wood and DCAPT-E Paul Otey for serving over the past year. To see more photos from the Fall D13 meeting, [click here](#).



Richard Williams, DCAPT-S (elect) changing shoulder boards after the election. Mrs. Williams (left) and Commodore Goodwin helping out. 23SEP17.



Above: Joe Treece, DCAPT-N (elect) and Richard Williams, DCAPT-S (elect) swearing-in ceremony conducted by Rear Admiral David Throop. Larry King, Vice National Commodore standing to the left. Below: Richard Williams (left), DCAPT-S (elect) and Joe Treece, DCAPT-N (elect) taking oath to office.



Joe Treece, DCAPT-N (elect) changing shoulder boards after the election at the District meeting in Gig Harbor, WA on 23SEP17. L-to-r: Larry King, Vice National Commodore; Joe Treece, DCAPT-N elect; Kathleen Goodwin, D13 Commodore.



Please note: Commodore Kathleen Goodwin and Chief of Staff David Larkin were elected in 2016 for two-year terms and will continue to serve in 2018.

ELECTION RESULTS (CONT'D)

Divisions

Division 1

Edward Madura- DCDR elect
 Thomas Todd- VCDR elect

Division 2

John Warner- DCDR elect
 Matt Kitchner- VCDR elect

Division 3

Steven Kristrom- DCDR re-elect
 Leigh Ewbank- VCDR re-elect

Division 4

Henry Loesch- DCDR elect
 David Grant- VCDR re-elect

Division 5

Tiney Singler- DCDR elect
 Tom Divis- VCDR elect

Division 6

Doug Kroll- DCDR elect
 Kenny Kent VCDR elect

Division 7

Danny Kienle- DCDR elect
 Edward Kairis- VCDR elect

Division 8

Beverly Hannibal - DCDR re-elect
 Mark Hannibal- VCDR re-elect

Division 10

Jonathan Wells- DCDR re-elect
 William Schmidt- VCDR re-elect

A special thanks to Division Commanders Gary Cordrey (Division 1), Karen McKeag (Division 2), Steven Kristrom (Division 3), Joe Treece (Division 4), William Lundine (Division 5), Randy Wolfer (Division 6), Paul Ploeger (Division 7), Beverly Hannibal (Division 8), Jonathan Wells (Div. 10) for all the hard work over the past year. The Divisions under your command were kept ship shape!



Division 5 meeting held at Sector North Bend on 21OCT17. Tiney Singler elected DCDR for 2018 taking the helm from DCDR Curt Lundine. Guests include Commander Charles Guerrero, Sector North Bend, Lt. Commander Ben Crowell, Sector North Bend, D13 Como Kathy Goodwin and Chief of Staff David Larkin.



Division 7 meeting held at MSU Portland 04OCT17. DCDR elect Dan Kienle receives new shoulder boards from Division 7 CDR Paul Ploeger and IPDCDR Richard Williams. Photo Credit: Auxiliary member Debbie Kienle (FL78).



DCDR Randy Wolfer presenting DCDR elect Douglas Kroll with Century Club award at Div 6 meeting in Keizer, Oregon on 30SEP17. Photo Credit: Auxiliary member Anne Wolfer (FL66).



HEROES AMONG US



By Deborah Heldt Cordone, DSO-PB | Flotilla 130.05.02

Despite our best efforts to educate the public about Recreational Boating Safety, mariners sometimes find themselves in harm's way. When they do, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is trained to be *Semper Paratus* with an immediate response to save lives and property. But it takes more than training and physical ability to respond, it takes a special readiness and bravery with which heroes are born. Over the past several months, there were members from District 13 who found themselves in such perilous situations and responded to the call of duty.

Auxiliarists Brian Rollins (FL73) and Scott Robson (FL76) rescued a sail boarder in distress during a regatta patrol on the Columbia River on 21AUG16. According to reports, they received notification of a sail boarder on a different part of the river and responded. Coxswain Rollins, with crew member Robson, located the distressed person struggling to pull her sail board to the Oregon shore in 4-6-foot waves and 20-knot sustained winds. In rough conditions ([see video by Rollins](#)), they were able to maneuver and rescue the victim in time. Rollins and Robson have received the prestigious AFRAS (Association for Rescue at Sea) Chairman's Award for the rescue and attended the 2017 Maritime Search and Rescue Awards on Capitol Hill in the company of Admiral Paul Zukunft, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard.



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist Brian Rollins (FL73) and Admiral Paul Zukunft mingle during the event reception in September 2017. Rollins and Scott Robson (FL76) earned the AFRAS Chairman's Award, presented earlier in the year at the Auxiliary National Convention. Photo Credit: USCG Petty Officer Patrick Kelley.

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Heroes Among Us (Cont'd)



Auxiliarist Brian Rollins (FL73) receives the AFRAS Award during the Fall District 13 meeting in Gig Harbor on 23SEP17.

Left: Rollins receives congratulations from Rear Admiral David Throop, Commander of the 13th Coast Guard District. Below left: l-r Larry King, Vice National Commodore; Kathleen Goodwin, D13 Commodore; Brian Rollins; and Rear Admiral David Throop.



Our own Commodore Kathleen Goodwin (FL84) was also involved in the primary rescue of an individual at Quilomene Creek along the Columbia River on Labor Day Weekend. It really took a team of Auxiliarists to effect the rescue and work as a team they did! The following is an account of the Labor Day rescue, written by one of the Auxiliary participants, Steve Beckerman (FL82). Commodore Goodwin also told the story during the District 13 meeting in Gig Harbor.

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LABOR DAY: WANAPUM MEDICAL EMERGENCY

By Steven Beckerman | Flotilla 130.08.02

Lake Wanapum is a popular spot for boaters on the Columbia River. It is especially popular in the Quilomene Creek area on both Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. For the past ten years, the Grant County Sheriff's Office has asked the Coast Guard Auxiliary for assistance in patrolling the area from Quilomene Creek up to Crescent Bar. This Labor Day weekend, two facilities from Division 8 were out providing patrol support as requested. Don Kidder was using his facility as coxswain, Patricia and Michael McCormick as crew and Kathy Goodwin was in her facility as coxswain with Steve Beckerman as crew. The main focus of their patrol area was the sand spit area at Quilomene Creek. On past weekends, upwards of 250 boats and 1500 people have gathered to enjoy the sun, sand, loud music and liquid refreshments.



At about 3:00 PM Sunday, while patrolling near Quilomene Creek, Kathy Goodwin and Steve Beckerman were approached by a woman on a jet ski. She stated a man had been seriously injured inside the bay-like area of the creek and needed assistance. They immediately headed to the area where a very large crowd had gathered. The accident had occurred at the base of a make-shift water slide constructed by those enjoying the festivities on the beach. The slide was about 35 feet tall with a hard sand "ski-jump" at the base. The man had been injured sliding down head first, hitting his head on the jump and being knocked unconscious. He had floated in the water for an undetermined amount of time before people realized there was a problem and began to provide first aid.

The man had been placed on a five-foot boogie board for support. Fearing a possible neck injury, an improvised cervical collar consisting of a rolled-up towel secured with a short piece of line had been placed around his neck. As the boat approached the scene, Steve turned off the boat's engine and the stern was swung into the beach.

Someone had located a bench that fit in the aft cock-pit area and several men hopped up into the boat. The man was lifted aboard and placed on the bench. A former Air Force trauma nurse who had been providing medical assistance came aboard and the boat was pushed off the beach with Kathy at the helm.

An immediate call was made to Jan Jenne, serving as AUXCOM back at Sunland Estates to arrange for an ambulance to meet the boat. During the transit to Sunland, Steve and the nurse continued to monitor the patient, talking to him, letting him know how things were going. He was semi-conscious, had movement in his extremities, his lungs were clear and he had a rapid heartbeat. Steve and Kathy switched places during the last part of transport to the dock. Kathy moved back to help and the man began to cough up blood.

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Labor Day: Wanapum Medical Emergency (Cont'd)

The transit back to Sunland took 20 minutes. Volunteer firefighters/EMTs from Sunland/Grant County Fire Department were waiting at the Quilomene Yacht Club and met the boat. Several years prior, the Yacht Club had installed ADA accessible ramps for just such incidents. Our volunteer nurse passed along vitals and what she knew about his injuries. He was placed on oxygen. The improvised collar was removed and replaced by an actual cervical collar. The ambulance with paramedics arrived soon after and the patient was transferred off the boogie board onto a back board. With tight quarters on the dock, the patient was transferred from the boat onto a gurney and up to the ambulance. A call came in from Patricia McCormick with the patient's name and the info was passed to the ambulance crew.



After a delay in the ambulance leaving the parking lot area, we learned a decision had been made to evacuate the patient via Life Flight. Life Flight would be landing at a park area next to the community swimming pool. We followed the ambulance to the park and Life Flight landed ten minutes later. The flight nurses came over to the ambulance and spent time further evaluating and preparing the patient for the flight. He was lifted out of the ambulance and transferred to the helicopter. The helicopter lifted off enroute to Wenatchee at approximately 4:40 PM.

On Monday, we learned the patient had been transferred further, this time to the Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. He was in the Intensive Care Unit of the hospital and expected to be in the ICU for a minimum of five to seven days. He had suffered a fracture to the back of his skull, a broken nose, broken cheek bones and bleeding on his brain. He was being kept under sedation and was showing signs of improvement. On September 15, an update on his condition let us know he had been released from the ICU that day. He had undergone facial reconstruction surgery and was resting comfortably. He and his family were extremely grateful to everyone who had helped him that Sunday afternoon.

The response to this incident involved numerous people and agencies. Everyone worked well together, from people at the scene, the Auxiliary, the former Air Force nurse, the Fire Department volunteers, the ambulance crew and Life Flight. Given the extent of his injuries, getting him to the trauma center at Harborview as soon as possible helped reduce the risk of further complications. Everyone involved should feel a great sense of pride and accomplishment in getting this person picked up and transported so quickly.

Photo Credit: Auxiliary members Steven Beckerman (FL82) and Commodore Kathleen Goodwin (FL84).

AUXILIARY MEDAL OF OPERATIONAL MERIT

Submitted by Kent Brown, ASC-Puget Sound

Sector Puget Sound Awards Auxiliarist Thomas Lindsley The Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit

On Tuesday November 21, 2017, at a Sector Puget Sound All-Hands gathering, Captain Michael Balding, Deputy Commander USCG Sector Puget Sound, presented Auxiliarist Thomas Lindsley (FL48) The Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit for meritorious service in the performance of duty while responding to a vessel on fire on February 13, 2017, while operating the Pleasure Craft *Terrapin*.



Far left: Auxiliarist Thomas Lindsley (FL48) receiving Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit from Captain Balding at Sector Puget Sound 21NOV17. Photo Credit: USCG YN3 Christian Marengo. Left: Auxiliarist Lindsley and Captain Balding with award certificate. Photo Credit: Auxiliary member James Kight (FL48).

While returning to Eagle Harbor on a recreational cruise, Auxiliarist Lindsley observed Bainbridge Island Fire Department responding to a fire aboard a twin-masted sailing vessel. He radioed the Bainbridge Island Fire Department fireboat to offer assistance. Having discharged their fire extinguishers, the fireboat requested all available portable fire extinguishers from *Terrapin*. Lindsley transferred his extinguisher to the fireboat while displaying superb boat handling skills. With the cabin engulfed in flames and smoke, the extinguisher had little effect.

The fireboat crew engaged the fire pump mounted on the bow, but the pump overpowered the vessel's propulsion. Unable to keep station while operating the fire pump, they lashed the fireboat to the stricken sailing vessel. Employing presence of mind and keen nautical skills, Lindsley recognized the BIFD crew was unable to maintain radio communications. Demonstrating outstanding operational skill, he assisted by maintaining radio communications with the Joint Harbor Operations Center throughout the remainder of the incident.

Not under orders, nor with a trained crew, Lindsley executed operational risk management when he recognized he could not safely tow the vessel to a safe haven. When the Seattle Fireboat *Leschi* ultimately arrived on scene, Lindsley departed the area and returned to port while JHOC arranged a tow assist.

Auxiliarist Lindsley's judgment and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Courtesy Photo

Florence Named Coast Guard City

The City of Florence is officially the 24th Coast Guard City in the United States, so recognized in August of this year. Florence is the smallest Coast Guard City, while the largest Coast Guard City, San Diego, was also named in 2017. Florence is the third Coast Guard City in Oregon, after Astoria and Newport. The designation coincides with the 100-year anniversary of USCG Station Siuslaw River. The above sign was erected by city officials the day of the designation celebration. Flotilla 52 members later gathered around the sign for a group photo. The sign is located on Highway 126 and Spruce Street, near the east entrance to the city limits.

The Auxiliary played an integral part in the Coast Guard City project. Two weeks after becoming a Coast Guard Auxiliarist, FSO-PA Deborah Cordone (FL52) made the initial proposal to city officials. Her neighbor and fellow church parishioner, Mayor Henry, agreed to help. Cordone then suggested Florence's first Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner, which was eventually organized by the Oregon Coast Military Museum. The dinner was attended by over 250 guests at the Florence Event Center in October, 2016. Guests included community members, veterans, Active-duty members, command from Sector North Bend and Auxiliarists.

While augmenting Station Siuslaw River, working under OIC Master Chief Petty Officer Tim Tregoning, Cordone conducted a Public Affairs blitz over several months utilizing all forms of media. The efforts measurably resulted in greater exposure, recognition and understanding of the local Coast Guard and Auxiliary. Her community relations brought STA Siuslaw River and the city significantly closer and stimulated further interest from local media and city government.

Cordone organized and authored the Coast Guard City application package in both hard copy and interactive digital format, on behalf of the community, while Mayor Henry obtained letters of support from community members, organizations, businesses, and others including three U.S. Congressmen. The application went up the Coast Guard chain of command to Admiral Paul Zukunft and then to Congress for [approval](#).

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Florence Named Coast Guard City (Cont'd)

The Coast Guard City Designation Ceremony, presided over by Rear Admiral David Throop, Commander of Thirteenth Coast Guard District, occurred on August 16, 2017, at the Florence Event Center. A Coast Guard MH-65 Dolphin helicopter landed at the event center before the ceremony, plus a 29 ft. Response Boat-Small II and 26 ft. Aids to Navigation Boat were also on display for the public to tour. Over 350 people attended this momentous occasion, including CG Auxiliary, CG personnel, citizens and dignitaries.



During his presentation, Rear Admiral Throop (left) stated, "The support of communities like Florence is essential in helping our crews and families to be ready at all times. We are happy to be able to highlight these local efforts by designating Florence a Coast Guard City." During the speech, Admiral Throop recognized the table of Flotilla 52 Auxiliary members. Mayor Henry also offered thanks during his speech.

Video of celebration *in its entirety* (provided by City of Florence) can be seen [here](#). Coast Guard-produced video of Coast Guard City designation can be seen [here](#). Article by USCG Petty Officer 1st Class Levi Read can be read [here](#). *Siuslaw News* article (one of many) can be read [here](#).

After the ceremony, Station Siuslaw River held an open house for the public, where the Auxiliary also set up an information booth with the Flotilla's new communications trailer donated by Auxiliary member Robert Redfern. Cordone also produced a Coast Guard City video for the event, requested by the city manager. Video includes a section on the Auxiliary titled, *AUXILIARY EQUALS COMMUNITY AND TEAM COAST GUARD*. The Oregon Coast Military Museum Director now plays the video on a large screen television, during its hours of operation, as part of their new Coast Guard exhibit. Seating is set up to view the video or you can virtually view it [here](#).



Coast Guard members from small boat Station Siuslaw River demonstrate how to throw heaving lines during the station's open house, after the Coast Guard City designation ceremony. 16AUG17. For more photos from the event, visit the Station's [Facebook page](#).

DIVERSITY

Diversity Management

Submitted by Donna Cox, FSO-DV | Flotilla 130.05.03

The role of the Flotilla Diversity Staff Officer is to assure that all members of the Flotilla are treated with respect despite our myriad differences. Toward that end, Flotilla 53 has conducted informal diversity training annually for the past four years using resources from the National Diversity [website](#). Through that training, we found the NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity Management application a great tool to help us optimize actions toward growing gradually into a more culturally competent organization.

Flotilla 53 went on to qualify for this prestigious national award in 2014 and every year since. We find our Flotilla is attracting new members and is becoming more gender balanced. In 2016, Flotilla 56 in Brookings, Oregon became the second Flotilla in D13 to qualify for this award. We are hoping more D13 Flotillas will apply and qualify as well. We are willing to share our enthusiasm and best practices with any interested Flotillas.



Commodore Kathleen Goodwin and DCOS David Larkin present the NACO Three Star Award for Diversity to Flotillas 53 and 56 during the Division 5 meeting at Sector North Bend on 21OCT17. L-to-r: Cheryl Lundine, FC FL53, Commodore Goodwin, and Barbara Rockfort, FC FL56. Photo Credit: Deborah Heldt Cordone, PA3.

The four goals on the application include:

- Create a Positive Environment;
- Value All Members;
- Promote Individual Success;
- Complete the Award application.

Each goal has six action items from which you can choose to complete four. Examples of completed action items include:

- Appoint a Diversity Advisor;
- Publish articles on Diversity in newsletters;
- Write a Recruiting Plan w/Action Items;
- Have Flotilla leadership attend Auxiliary leadership training;
- Present formal and informal recognition to deserving members at meetings;
- Have routine communications with members (newsletters/websites/meeting minutes);
- Focus on maintaining membership;
- Have multiple fellowship activities throughout the year.

We welcome and encourage your Flotilla to join Flotillas 53 and 56 in qualifying for the 2017 NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity Management.



FOOD SERVICES

Food Services Help Wanted

Submitted by James Ehnborn, DDC-L and Dennis Woods, DCAPT-S

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 Food Service Specialist Third Class in the Coast Guard, also known as Culinary Services. 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.

Your team members that completed the basic training, conducted by active duty CG at MSU Portland in 2017, include:

Jim Dickinson FL22

Jim Ehnborn FL38

Gaylynn Roth FL54

Steven Mathis FL56

Susan Mathis FL56

Justin Fowler FL66

Annie Wolfer FL66

Randy Wolfer FL66

Dennis Wood FL66

Garrison Bromwell FL 9.91.24 Saginaw, MI



Photos from recent 2017 Food Services Class in Portland, Oregon Photo Credit: Dennis Wood, DCAPT-S.

RETIREMENT

There have been several significant retirements in 2017 on both the gold and silver side: District 13 Director of Auxiliary Commander Brian Hofferber in June, DIRAUX Auxiliary Affairs Specialist Charles Claytor in August, and three notable Auxiliarists who each served over 40 years in the Auxiliary! Thank you for your dedicated service and we wish you well.



D13 Commodore Kathleen Goodwin presenting retiring DIRAUX Commander Brian Hofferber with gifts including a map of District 13 AOR, signed by Auxiliary members. District 13 meeting in Clackamas, OR. 25FEB17.

Collage of Photos from Charles Claytor's retirement party held on August 31, 2017 at the Jefferson Federal Building in Seattle, WA. Mr. Claytor, now-retired Assistant to the Director of the Auxiliary, retires after 34 years of faithful service to the nation. Several attended the event including Rear Admiral David Throop, 13th District Commander, Commodore Kathy Goodwin and many other Auxiliary and Coast Guard members. Photos provided by Commodore Goodwin with photo credit to USCG LCDR Xochitl Castaneda.



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Retirement (Cont'd)

From Doug Kroll, FC 130.06.06. On November 9, 2017, Flotilla members, friends, family and officials gathered at the Delaney-Madison Grill on Staats Lake in Keizer, OR to honor three long-time members for their retirement from the USCG Auxiliary. Betty Anderson (joined 14MAY73), Joan Otte (joined 9MAY77) and Glenn Smith (joined 26JUL77), all Celebrating 120+ years in the Coast Guard Auxiliary! Glenn Anderson served 30 years as a member of a South Lake Tahoe Flotilla before moving to McMinnville and transferring his membership to Flotilla 66 in 2006. Mary Anderson and Joan Otte have both been members of Flotilla 66 for over 40 years. The photo below were provided by Doug Kroll.



Left: CDR Darkeim Brown, DIRAUX; COMO Kathy Goodwin; CAPT Brian Gilda, D13-Prevention; Glenn Anderson; Joan Otte; Mary Anderson. 9NOV17. Keizer, OR. Photo Credit: Randy Wolfer (FL66), DCDR DIVISION 6. Above: Beautiful, detailed handmade plaques given to retirees, made by Auxiliary member Larry Cox (FL53).

The Four Cornerstones of the Auxiliary

Sometimes it helps to revisit the basics of why we volunteer for this amazing organization. Providing information is also beneficial to new members, who are trying to absorb the many layers of how the auxiliary functions and the terminology related to those functions and activities. The Four Cornerstones of the Auxiliary helps to demonstrate the services we provide. Auxiliarists dedicate countless hours supporting the Coast Guard in mission areas on a daily basis, with the exception of direct law enforcement and military actions. The diagram below helps remind us of our basic goals to provide that support. Cornerstone definitions are sourced from the [Auxiliary Manual](#), Chapter Two.

Member Services

The Auxiliary will "attract, recruit, develop, train, nurture, and retain Auxiliarists for assignment to duty. Auxiliarists are trained to accomplish specific [Aux] missions... and to support collateral Coast Guard missions... Related to the recruitment of Auxiliarists is the acquisition of offer-for-use surface, air, and radio facilities. These facilities are used in... accomplishing assigned Coast Guard missions."

Recreational Boating Safety (RBS)

The Auxiliary will "improve the knowledge, safety skills, and operating environment of recreational boaters", accomplished via,

- a. Public Education (PE)
- b. Vessel Examinations (VE)
- c. Distribution of RBS literature and information to the boating public, and via the RBS Visitation Program (RBSVP)
- d. Liaison for the purposes of enhancing RBS and the images of the Coast Guard and the Aux in RBS environs



Operations and Marine Safety (OMS)

"The Auxiliary has general mission responsibility for providing resources, personnel, and facilities in support of the operations and marine safety, security, and environmental protection missions, and in support of other Coast Guard missions, when requested. These include but are not limited to"... Operations (OP), Aviation (AV) Communications (CM), Marine Safety (MS), Navigation Systems (NS), Public Affairs (PA) and Food Services (FS).

Fellowship

" Fellowship remains an essential ingredient in making any organization of volunteers successful. The Coast Guard recognizes the importance of this aspect of volunteer participation and encourages a close relationship between Auxiliarists and other CG personnel."



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



Division Change of Watch

Division 1: Sunday, December 3, 2017 @ 1700 hrs. Best Western Plus. Mt. Vernon, Washington. Dinner and Ceremony.

Divisions 2,3 & 4: Saturday, January 27, 2018. Location Pending.

Division 5: Saturday, January 13, 2018 @ 1000 hrs. Driftwood Shores, Florence, Oregon. Dinner on Friday, January 12 @ 1800 hrs. Surfside Restaurant located at Driftwood Shores.

Division 6: Saturday, January 20, 2018. USCG Sector Columbia River.

Division 7: January 6, 2018 @ 1130 hrs. Amadeus Manor, Milwaukie, OR.

Division 8: January 20, 2018 @ 0800 hrs. Oxford Suites. Yakima, Washington.

Division 10: No COW.

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