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District Spring Conference and Awards



PHOTO CAPTIONS (Left to Right from Top):
CDR Terry Johns DIRAUX addresses the conference attendees.
The ladies at the Conference Registration Desk ensure a happy sign-in process.
Stephen Marthouse DSO-MT teaches Flotilla Leadership.
Ken Brown DCOS.
Phil Appenzeller VFC-82 receives is AUXOP certificate from RADM "Dean" Lee USCG.
Joseph Giannattasio VCDR-08 is presented the Medal of Operational Merit from RADM "Dean" Lee, CAPT Meredith Austin and CDR Terry Johns DIRAUX.
COMO Harold "Robby" Robinson.
Norma Hunter FSO-VE 13-03 accepts her Flotilla's NJSP VE Performance Award from Patricia Witham SLO-NJ.

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District 5 NR
Spring Conference

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**On the Cover: Flotilla 82 Auxiliarists Phil Appenzeller, Richard Weiss and James Kight work with Guardians from USCG STA CAPE MAY promoting boating safety to area marinas, fuel docks and boat ramps onboard a RB-S during National Safe Boating Week 2010.
Photo by: J. Giannattasio, DSO-PB**

Editorial...

Prepare to get Underway!

WE'RE SO EXCITED for the start of the 2011 Coast Guard Auxiliary Missions season. District Fifth-Northern has a long-standing tradition of active participation in Auxiliary Cornerstones; the dedicated members of the 5NR have been assisting the Coast Guard and serving recreational boaters for 71 years.

Member Services during the winter months included training and re-qualifying for the new boating season; Flotillas are scheduling their public Boating Safety Classes and supplying updated materials to Vessel Examiners and Program Visitors; Planning has begun for Operations and Marine Safety events, and all Auxiliary units ensure there are occasions for Auxiliarist and Active Duty to enjoy camaraderie and Fellowship.

We celebrate getting underway this season inside with a look at the Spring Conference and Awards

Banquet; CDR Terry Johns DIRAUX shares his thoughts on decision making; Krista Tinney FL32 spent her Thanksgiving serving Active Duty Coasties and tells us about this amazing experience; Dennis Georgia, IPDCDR 16 presents us with an example of "adaptability and flexibility" when a patrol doesn't go as planned; Auxiliary aviators play the "Bad Guys" for Coast Guard helicopter intercept training; Jake Lincoln 5NR Historian of Flotilla 83 researched and resurrected metal Grave Markers and plaques offered to all Auxiliarists this year; and Jim McClellan's classic Auxiliary pickup truck makes an encore appearance. As always, there are plenty of interesting articles and photographs submitted by members throughout the District reporting on activities within their units.

We shove off at 0800 sharp. See you in the AOR!

Joseph Giannattasio, DSO-PB
Editor-In-Chief



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In Memoriam

DECEASED SINCE LAST CONFERENCE

Norbert Schneider (ret)	1-05	Bruce Duncan	7-02	Robert Philip	13-01
William Lewis	4-03	William Morrison	7-09	McKiniry, Michael	15-03
Bruce Bateman	4-07	Marcellino Troiano	8-03	John Molnar	16-01
James Wood	4-11	Edwin J. Sawicki	8-03	Vincent Cauterucci	16-03
Robert Schneider	5-02	Alan Morrison Jr.	12-05	Jim Silva	16-10
Jim Sharpe	6-10	Kenneth Lynch	12-09	Henry (Jon) Burdack	16-10

District Awards

VE Program: Terry L. Banfill 15-08
RBSV Program: Vincent Maciborka 07-07
Operations Program: Harold Robinson 04-09
Andy Kratzer ATON/CU:
 Thaddeus Piotrowski 15-01
Support Missions: William R. Francen 16-05
Instructor: Daniel B. Charter 13-05
Topside Photo: Terry F. Bearce 16-05
Assists: Edward J. Ross 14-02
Member Training: Joseph P. Mariano 03-02
CFVE: Yuri J. Guziy 03-03
Flotilla Publication: Betsey W. Bauer 16-07
Division Publication: Edna Winans 07
Performance Award: Division 7
Activity Award: Division 12
FL Membership (tie): Flotilla 04-02, FL08-06
FL OP Support: Flotilla 16-05
FL OP: Flotilla 01-04
FL VE: Flotilla 15-08
FL ATON/CU: Flotilla 15-01
FL RBSV: Flotilla 07-12
Willam Ross McDonald: Flotilla 07-11
Past DCO Plaque: Flotilla 04-09
Past DCO Trophy: Flotilla 08-02
John Massman Award: Division 07

AUXOP

Marianne Simpkins
 Richard Weiss
 Philip Appenzeller
 John Jedrejczyk
 Lew Keenan

CG Auxiliary Commendation Medal

Bruce Long
 Jay Brandinger
 Jack Witemeyer
 Harold Robinson

CG AUX Medal of Operational Merit

Joseph Giannattasio

AUX Letter of Commendation Award

Richard Weiss

Meritorious Team Commendation

Norman Fehr
 KC Murphy
 Harvey Moniter
 Russell Galson

Lubber's Line

Decisions, decisions...

CDR Terry Johns, Director, Coast Guard Auxiliary 5NR

As leaders of organizations we're all challenged with times when our decisions will be questioned and tested. As the world explores our President's decision to send U.S. Navy Seals into a foreign land to destroy a terrorist leader, one must consider all the variables that were involved in that decision. I'm sure the President asked himself, What if our Seal Team fails? What if the incident sparks insurmountable reprisal? What if we use missiles or drones instead of Americans to destroy the enemy? What if we involve other nations to assist? All of these questions plus hundreds more had to be asked within hours of performing the time-critical mission that would likely impact the entire world.

Thank goodness, "most" of "our" decisions don't involve potential impact to millions of lives. However, our decisions could mean significant impact to others around us. As we move into our operational season, we need to be especially cognizant of how we perform our missions with particular attention to the safety of our members, as well as the public. As leaders and members of a highly motivated, highly energetic, highly patriotic and extremely enthusiastic organization, you'll need to recognize the limitations of your people, understand the challenges and risks of the situation, and consider your training, experience, references and tools and judgment to properly lead and carry out the wide array of Auxiliary missions.

Whether you're a coxswain or pilot preparing to launch, a QE making recommendations on qualification, a vessel examiner issuing a VSC sticker, an AUXCHEF preparing a meal, a watch stander taking a phone call for a CG unit or a flotilla commander leading a discussion on the latest initiative (to name a few), never underestimate the impact and importance of your decisions in shaping our organization. Don't be afraid to ask yourself or others, are we doing the "right" thing given the circumstances and conditions. If you can't honestly answer the question, or believe a significant risk of safety exists, take some additional time to check and verify your decision. In many cases, you might need to crack open the book (AUX Manual, Operations Policy Manual, D5NR Policy Manual etc.) to see what policy says. Or, if questions still remain, ask a peer or your Chain of Leadership and Management for advice or recommendations. As Abraham Lincoln once said, "Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm."

Have a great season and be safe out there!

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

(Left to Right from Top) John Burns WS USCGC IBIS. DCAPT-C Robert Roetz presents 25 yr. service award to Alfred Grimminger FL12-05 (photo by Cindi Chaimowitz FL12-08). Conference Coordinators Kevin and Vickie Tyler. Marlinspike is always a popular Conference attraction. UTL Team members Ken Wilde and Joe Skutlin FL81. Auxiliary Aviators Norma Hunter and Tom Callahan with USCG Helo crew after RWAI training.

Photos: Joseph Giannattasio DSO-PB



Giving During Thanksgiving

Auxiliarist is a Thanksgiving Helper for the Active Duty

by Krista Tinney

Editor's Note: The following is a friendly email from Krista Tinney ASC sharing her experience in helping make a difference for some Active Duty Coasties far from home during Thanksgiving. Thanks for the inspirational message Krista!

Hi everyone,

I had a GREAT Thanksgiving Day at the Coast Guard Station in Philadelphia, where I volunteered to help out in the mess hall (dining facility).

Most of the Coasties were on leave for the holiday so only a skeleton crew were on duty. In total we served about 50 people. Because of the holiday, they were invited to bring their families along.

A few of the crew looked very lonely and sad but most were used to the holiday routine aboard a military installation. One female Guardian walked into the mess hall and broke down in tears. I talked to a male who had a very sad look about him. He said it was the first holiday he ever spent away from home, was only in the CG for about two months, and was really impressed with the fact that I gave up celebrating at home in order to come in and help them out.

The mess hall staff was headed up by Chief Food Services Petty Officer Doug Rice, FSC, and Head Chef First Class Petty Officer Melinda Skinner, FS1.

Prior to serving the crew, Chief Rice announced that Petty Officer Skinner had applied to, and had been accepted, to transfer to the White House food services staff next August. After just one day of working with her I can say that it couldn't have happened to a nicer person. Needless to say, she is a VERY happy person and is looking forward to her new assignment. After everyone had eaten, including us, I paid her what she described as the ultimate compliment. I told her that the dinner didn't taste like mess hall food at all, but was more like a home cooked meal, it was that good.

My jobs included sauteing the onions & celery for the stuffing, carving the baked ham, baking the dinner rolls, slicing the pies, serving the Guardians and their families on the steam line, filling and refilling the apple cider and egg nog, and helping out in the clean up.



The menu consisted of:

Roast turkey (25-30 pounds)

Baked Virginia ham (22 pounds)

Mashed potatoes (20 pounds)

Sweet potatoes covered with melted marshmallows

String bean casserole

Corn bread stuffing

Baked creamed corn

Gravy

Dinner rolls (whole wheat, regular, and croissant)

Cranberry sauce

Apple cider

Egg nog (rum was added when the Chief wasn't watching)

Apple and pumpkin pie with whipped cream or ice cream topping

Corn bread cake (made like a pound cake)

Everything except for the cranberry sauce, apple cider, egg nog, and pies were made from scratch...no boxed stuff here.

After serving everyone and eating, I was in the scullery (the portion of the galley where everything gets cleaned) scouring pots when Seaman Twilley (the young man who I had tried to console earlier) came in and insisted that he do my job in return for coming in to help serve them. I handed him the rubber apron I was wearing and he took over with a smile on his face. Who says the kids of today are screwed up?

Here are a few photos I took. Because we were so busy preparing and serving, I didn't get a chance to take as many as I would have liked, and never thought of asking someone to take a picture of me...maybe next time.



It was a very rewarding experience. I felt really good about helping out my shipmates.

District Auxiliarist in ACTION

Patrol with Pete

Article and Photos by Dennis Georgia, IPDCR 16-07

On a really nice Saturday morning we were heading out on a MOM patrol aboard Pete Hartten's facility "The Boat". In addition to Pete there was Glen Delmonico, Ron Ivanicki, Dick Muller of 16-06 and myself. The sky was bright, temperature was warm, and the mood onboard was good. The plan for the day was to patrol in the Manasquan River and offshore. We were to meet a crew from Station Manasquan later in the day to conduct training exercises and work on Pete's signoff's.

The first sign of a bad day started with the bridge tender of the Beaver Dam bridge. Now the bridge was up to let a larger vessel through and we requested the bridge to stay open as we were coming from the other side. He yelled at us because we did not lower the outriggers ... but remember, I said the bridge was already open.

Motoring into the bay Pete was bringing the boat up on plane but for some reason it did not have a lot of git-up-and-go.

Now, having five experts on board, we came to the conclusion that the bottom had slime and the prop had gunk. How could five experts be wrong?



We transited the canal and started to power up in the Manasquan when the boat shud-

dered. Tried it again, and the boat shuddered. We weren't going anywhere. I called the station and informed them of our problem and that we were anchoring and would change comms to 15 minutes and keep them informed of our progress.



Now the fun began:

Coxswain-in-training Hartten directed us to clear the deck area and open the hatches. Hanging up side down he got a few signoff's by demonstrating how to handle a shaft problem and not merely describe it. As the tools were being handed back and forth the other four experts looked down into the bilge speaking words of encouragement. I bet Pete really found that comforting.



Getting the shaft problem repaired we notified the station we were bringing up the anchor and getting underway. But, we didn't get to go very far as the boat kept turning to the right. Turning the wheel to the left did not help as the boat kept going right. That was a bad sign.

Again, opening the hatch and hanging up side down, Pete found the problem, a break in the steering linkage and another signoff.

Once again the anchor went down and the station was notified. We knew we were not getting underway again and the patrol was over. The station was sending a boat to get us and tow us home.

The folks at the station were taking an all day TCT class. You know, the paint drying, grass growing type of thing. Well, three happy coasties were selected to come to our rescue. BM3 (Coxswain) Nick Gera, SN Ashley Fowler, and SNBM Robert McNamara crewed CG256547 and proceeded to our position.

Talk about professionals and folks who knew what they were doing. They gathered the usual information before getting to our location and were prepared to take us in a side tow upon arrival. The voice communication and interaction between the crew was outstanding. We thank them very much.

After a successful hookup and a side tow down the canal, they brought us to the marina and laid "The Boat" up against the pilings, from which we could spring line her in.

Now, the idea behind the day was to do a nice patrol, get Pete a few signoffs, and get in some practice with the Coast Guard.

Somehow we accomplished that, but not in the manner we expected.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:
Would you believe, fixing the rudder?
Coast Guard 25647 to the rescue!
Getting ready for the side tow.

Profile In Service

Division 8 - Auxiliarist of the Year 2010

Article and Photo by Joseph Giannattasio DSO-PB

Phillip Appenzeller, Auxiliarist of The Year Award for Division 8 is cited for his outstanding leadership and instructional expertise while serving as Flotilla Operations Officer in Flotilla 08-02 of the Fifth Northern Region for 2010.

In his first year as Operations Officer, Phil conducted a Boat Crew Qualification Program that enabled over fifteen members, many from other flotillas within Division 08, to attain Crew status. He conducted a full Crew Qualification Course three times to accommodate members that were not available when the full body of trainees were being trained. A myriad of tasks were required to be covered in order to properly qualify his trainees in the sixty-four crew related tasks required to be covered. The process took over four months to complete the required tasks contained within the Auxiliary's Crew Qualification Manual.

An Operational Auxiliary Specialist (AUXOP), Mr. Appenzeller used his own vessel and arranged for other Operational Facilities to provide the underway requirements of the Crew tasking process. His attention to detail insured that everyone received the same training.

Phillip Appenzeller is cited for outstanding performance of duty. By his actions, Phil has upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Who was awarded Auxiliarist of the Year in your Division?

Why not share the honor with the rest of the District - just email the citation and a picture of your unit's Auxiliarist of the Year to **topside** at: joetasio@verizon.net

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District Air Program

RWAI Training: Another Important Auxiliary Support Function

CDR Terry Johns, Director, Coast Guard Auxiliary 5NR

As the new Director of Coast Guard Auxiliary for the 5th District, Northern Region, I'm constantly amazed at the number of dedicated hours and missions performed by the Auxiliary in our region (D5NR) on a daily basis. One of these is supporting the Rotary Wing Air Intercept (RWAI) mission.

On Sept. 25, 2006, the Coast Guard (CG) officially assumed responsibility of protecting the National Capital Region airspace for the Department of Homeland Security in support of NORAD's multi-layered air defense mission. Today, CG H65C helicopters, pilots, and air crew deploy from CG Air Station Atlantic City to Washington DC. The aircraft work alongside Department of Defense and Homeland Security assets to provide safety and security to the region while protecting general aviation aircraft who inadvertently fly into protected airspace. This mission requires thousands of hours of training and experience to meet mission goals safely and effectively.

The CG Auxiliary Air (AUXAIR) Program has stepped up to help meet the challenge. Each week, AUXAIR provides aircraft, pilots, and aircrew to train alongside the CG to assist pilots in maintaining their training and proficiency. In multiple live training scenarios, Aux Aircraft act as potential threats or "bogeys" and are intercepted in midair by CG helicopters. The CG aircraft will often fly within 200-300 feet of the Aux Aircraft to signal the pilot, warn of their actions, and provide "escort" out of the area.

This training requires precision flying, careful planning, and reliable pilots and aircraft (CG and Aux) to ensure success. The cost of this training per day can quickly surpass triple digits due the need for two aircraft. AUXAIR resources significantly reduce these costs by saving upwards of \$15,000 per training day and \$780,000 annually. Once again, the volunteer efforts and dedication of the CG Auxiliary has "proven its weight in gold."

In addition to RWAI, AUXAIR supports other aviation missions on a daily basis including weekly Maritime Observation Missions for multi-mission maritime domain awareness, Search and Rescue missions, and logistics flights throughout the District to name a few.

If you are interested in the AUXAIR Program, please contact Richard Heller at dickhinoley@hotmail.com or LT Ryan Popiel at ryan.b.popiel@uscg.mil



PHOTO CAPTIONS (From Top):
Auxiliary Air Program members Geoffrey Nye and Andrew Diffley with LT Ryan Popiel, Aux Liaison Officer, USCG Air STA Atlantic City.

A Coast Guard H65C Helicopter "intercepts" an Auxiliary Aircraft during a RWAI exercise.

CDR Terry Johns DIRAUX with Auxiliary Aircraft Commander Andrew Diffley and his aircraft.

District Photo Scrapbook



PHOTO CAPTIONS:
 (Clockwise from Top Left) COMO Robby Robinson presents Russell Vreeland FL04-09 the Past DCO Plaque. DCAPT-C Robert Roetz presents 30 yr. service award to Wayne E Hickman FL12-08 (photo by Alfred Grimminger FL12-05). Arlene and William Skelly VCDR 13. Auxiliary helicopter coming in for landing. The District Historian's Display is always fascinating. USCG Rescue Swimmers training from an Auxiliary OPFAC. CAPT Meredith Austin presents Dan Hartman VCDR 08 Flotilla 86's Membership Award. Auxiliary Watchstanders J. Giannattasio, Phil Appenzeller and Richard Weiss onboard USCGC IBIS. Gene Morris DCAPT-E. Maryann Simpkins is presented her AUXOP device from DIRAUX Terry Johns. COMO Robby Robinson presents Richard Weiss FC FL82 the Past DCO Award.

Photos: Joe Giannattasio DSO-PB and Judy Redlawsk's collection



... picture yourself in **topside!**



PHOTO CAPTIONS:

(Clockwise from Top Left) Terry Bearce FL16-05 receives the TOPSIDE Photo Award from K.C. Murphy DCAPT(W). Richard Weiss FC FL82 receives his AUXOP from RADM "Dean" Lee and CDR Terry Johns DIRAUX. TRACEN's Color Guard on Cape May Beach. Joe Skutlin, Crewmember during UTL training offshore Atlantic City. Auxiliary Aircraft on patrol. Joe Giannattasio VCDR 08 during the A.C. Boat Show. SN Alex Dey, Richard Weiss and Jim Kight FL82 during NSBW. Barbara and Jon Bomenger DCDR 07. IPCOMO John "Jack" Witemeyer.

Photos: Joe Skutlin ADSO-PA and J.Giannattasio DSO-PB



Send us your photos!

We need pictures of members in your area. Just email them to **topside.** joetasio@verizon.net

What's New

New Ideas and New Opportunities for Members

FL83 Produces Metal Auxiliary Plaques and Grave Markers

Article by Jake Lincoln BA-ACHA and Bill Holmes FC FL83

Flotilla 83 announces the availability of a cast USCG Auxiliary plaque/marker. These beautiful cast markers are suitable as lawn or home ornaments or grave markers. They are available exclusively from USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 83 in bronze or aluminum and come with an 18" rod.

Bronze Marker with an 18" brass Rod is \$65.00 each.

Aluminum Marker with an 18" Aluminum Rod is \$45.00 each.

Contact or Purchase with check made payable to USCG Aux FL83 and mail to:
John T. Lincoln
1309 Emerson Ave.
North Cape May, N.J. 08204-2108



Below: Gladys Heise receives the first Auxiliary Grave marker from FC Holmes for her husband, the late Frank Heise of Flotilla 83.



2010 Auxiliary Leadership and Management Course (AUXLAM-B)

Article by Ken Kendall ADSO-MT
Photos by J Giannattasio DSO-PB

AUXLAM-B was presented at USCG Training Center (TRACEN) Cape May, N.J. on 19 through 21 November 2010. Twenty-nine attendees arrived on Friday afternoon and departed early Sunday afternoon. This course is the Coast Guard Leadership and Management course, adapted for the flotilla situation, and was taught by Auxiliary National instructors Rich Asaro and Dave Levi. It is based on the leadership competencies, which lay the foundation for all leadership skills necessary to successful leadership in the Auxiliary. This is a facilitated and interactive course that provides a training experience that is important, very informative and fun.



AUXLAM has been taught by the National Training Department for several years and has been widely acclaimed by the members that have attended. This session was hugely enjoyed by all.

The leadership and management course is presented in two parts: A and B. Members may take the A or B course in any sequence. Last year AUXLAM-B was presented. More than likely, both A and B will be offered this year.

If you have not taken these courses, now is your opportunity. Watch for 5NR announcements.

Santa is a AUXIE! Photo and article by Walt Alsegg DSO-OP 08

Santa visits Station Atlantic City Each year for the last four years, Flotilla 8-4, Absecon NJ has hosted a Christmas party for the children of active duty members of Station Atlantic City. This year Santa (IPFC Paul Rudolph) and Mrs. Clause (Eileen Koehler) arrived aboard an Atlantic City fire truck with lights blazing and siren blaring. The children had just completed making gingerbread houses in the galley and ran outside to greet Santa. After inspecting the fire truck the children got to climb aboard a Coast Guard Helicopter from Air Station Atlantic City. The party really got underway on the top deck as Santa presented each child with a personalized present courtesy of Flotilla 8-4. Food was then served with the help of AUXCHEFS who assisted in the station's galley in preparation.



Historian's Corner

Coast Guard Aviation Centennial kicks off this year

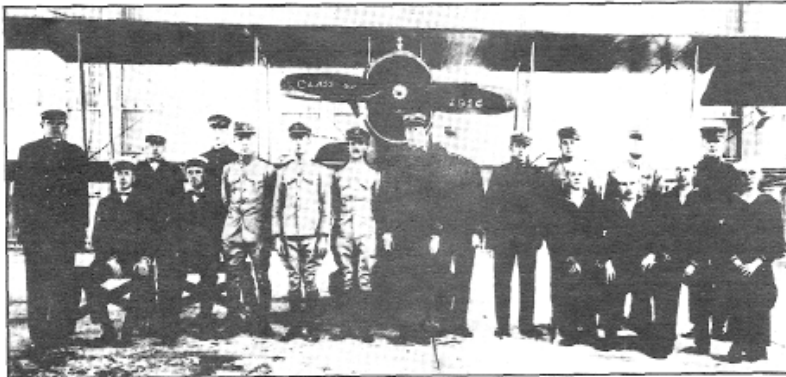
Joseph Giannattasio, ADSO-AV [PA]

The 100th anniversary of Coast Guard aviation is in 2016. This year Naval Aviation will be commemorating its 100th year of flight and the Coast Guard will begin celebrating with the Navy because pilots for both branches get their wings from the same flight school in Pensacola, Florida.

The 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation, underscores our commitment to sustaining a Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard that protects our country and enables peace.

The article below is an interesting reflection on how flight safety has evolved over the years. It is from the summer 1984 issue of NAVIGATOR, the Official Magazine of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Auxiliary members interested in aviation may want to join in these upcoming events since the 100th anniversary of Coast Guard Auxiliary aviation isn't until 2045.



FIRST COAST GUARD AVIATION GROUP
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REGULATIONS FOR OPERATION OF AIRCRAFT

Commencing January, 1920

1. Don't take the machine into the air unless you are satisfied it will fly.
2. Never leave the ground with the motor leaking.
3. Don't turn sharply when taxiing. Instead of turning sharp, have someone lift the tail around.
4. In taking off, look at the ground and the air.
5. Never get out of a machine with the motor running until the pilot relieving you can reach the engine controls.
6. Pilots should carry handkerchiefs in a handy position to wipe off goggles.
7. Riding on the steps, wings or tail of a machine is prohibited.
8. In case the engine fails on takeoff, land straight ahead, regardless of obstacles.
9. No machine must taxi faster than a man can walk.
10. Never run motor so that blast will blow on other machines.
11. Learn to gauge altitude, especially on landing.
12. If you see another machine near you, get out of the way.
13. No two cadets should ever ride together in the same machine.
14. Do not trust altitude instruments.
15. Before you begin a landing glide, see that no machines are under you.
16. Hedge-hopping will not be tolerated.
17. No spins on back or tail slides will be indulged in, as they unnecessarily strain the machines.
18. If flying against the wind and you wish to fly with the wind, don't make a sharp turn near the ground. You may crash.
19. Motors have been known to stop during a long glide. If pilot wishes to use motor for landing, he should open glide.
20. Don't attempt to force machine onto ground with more than flying speed. The result is bouncing and ricocheting.
21. Pilots will not wear spurs while flying.
22. Do not use aeronautical gasoline in cars or motorcycles.
23. You must not take off or land closer than 50 feet to the hangar.
24. Never take a machine into the air until you are familiar with its controls and instruments.
25. If an emergency occurs while flying, land as soon as possible.

Do you have any old photos depicting Auxiliary or Coast Guard events and missions? Help preserve them by sending originals or scanned digital copies to us at TOPSIDE.

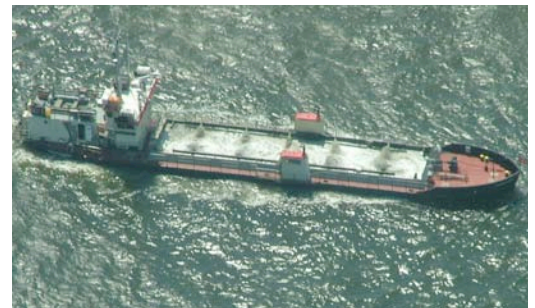
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How Salty are You?

Do you know what these Auxiliary ribbons signify? The ribbons pictured above date from the 1960's. Think you are "salty" enough to know (or remember) what each ribbon represents? The answers can be found on page 16.

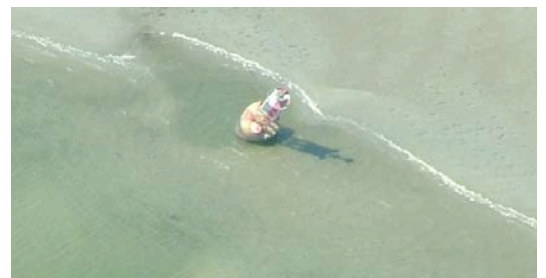
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View from Above

Photos by J. Giannattasio, Aircrew

Can you identify the vessel above? Below, a ATON Off Station indeed!



Members Going the “Extra Fathom”

Introducing a new Section Dedicated to Outstanding Members

CFVE’s Making a Difference

Article by CDR Terry Johns DIRAUX
(Photographer Unknown)

Auxiliarist James Lafferty conducts Commercial Vessel Safety Exams (CFVE) in coordination with active duty members of CG Sector Delaware Bay CFVE team. Jim is one of seven Auxiliarists in D5NR that provides courtesy exams to fishing vessels to help them ensure compliance with a multitude of federal regulations.

There are approximately 600 commercial fishing vessels in our district. The courtesy exam program is instrumental in maintaining the safety one of one the most dangerous occupations.

While conducting the inspection, the sister ship of the Perfect Storm fishing vessel was moored across the pier. This was a stark reminder to the dangers of operating in the North Atlantic and how the Auxiliary is helping to make a difference.



PHOTO CAPTION: Warren Huff, Flotilla 12-03 (right), receives the Coast Guard Achievement Metal for Superior Performance of Duty from Robert F. Lesperance DCDR 12.
Photo by Al Grimminger, DDC-P

Flotilla 84 Supports Veterans Day

Ernie Phillips FC and Paul Rudolph IPFC of FL84 attended the Veterans Day program at Whitman Elementary School in Turnersville, N.J.



Flotillas 84 and 14-04 mark 50 Years!
Article and photos by Joe Diodato FL14-04
and Joseph Giannattasio SO-PB 08

Flotilla 14-04, of Hanover, PA and Flotilla 81 of Ocean City NJ were awarded the NATIONAL COM-MODORE’S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD for 50 years of Volunteer Service to the local community. Above are, (L to R) CMDR Terry Johns, DIRAUX, Richard Moale, FC FL14-04, and COMO John Witemeyer. Additional citations and acknowledgements were presented by Congressman Todd Platts and Gov. Edward Rendell. Below, CMDR Terry Johns, DIRAUX and COMO John Witemeyer present Ernie Phillips FC and Thomas Klein VFC Flotilla 84’s award.



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FL12-03 Promotes NSBW

Article Carolyn Dunch ADSO-PB
(Photographer unknown)

Members of the Flotilla 12-03, Sea Scouts, Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control (DNREC) and Mayor of Blades participated in National Safe Boating Week in Seaford, DE.



Pictured kneeling: Rob Hutton, Cindi Chaimowitz VFC 12-08. 2nd row: (1 to r) Nick Couch DNREC, Chris Stevenson IRCGS, Art Wollschlager, Betty Smith FC, Lee Simonds all of FL12-08, Ryan Mock Sea Scout, Michael J. Smith. Back row: Dave Nagle FL12-08, Bob Lesperance DCR-12, Bill Sharpe Sea Scouts
NOTE: Flotilla 12-03 was chartered as a new Flotilla, 12-08 on 31 October 2010.

Quarter Century of Service

Article Carolyn Dunch ADSO-PB
Photograph by Cynthia (Cindi) Chaimowitz, ADSO-PA (C)



Robert Perrone SR DSO-FN receives 25 year Service Award from Jay Brandinger DCAPT-C on 23SEP2010 at the Division 12 Board Meeting in Milford DE.

Flotilla 83 on Patrol

Article and Photos by Howard Friedman VFC-83

On Saturday, Vince Kipp, Allen Nordt, and I manned Vince's AUXFAC for a patrol in Sunset Lake. Sunset Lake is an oval shaped body of water that lies between the ICW and Wildwood Crest. The lake has only two entrances. Both are at the north end. One entrance is from the ICW and the other is from various marinas in Wildwood. Our job was to assist another AUXFAC and an AUXFAC PWC in protecting swimmers during the three events being held there by alerting recreational power boats and PWCs entering the lake.

The weather was nice (even though Small Craft Advisories were posted for off shore waters) and the boat traffic was light. The company was fun and all-in-all it was a very nice day to wrap up the last patrol of the 2010 boating season for Vince's facility.

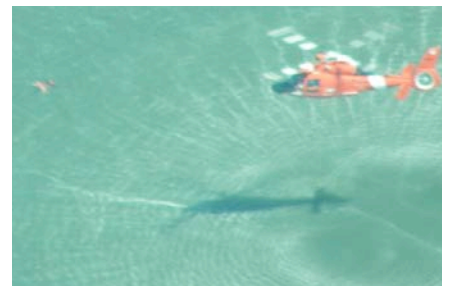
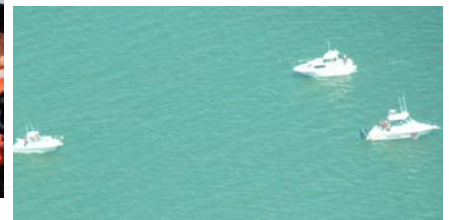


View of Aux Air and Surface Mission from Above

Photos by Yvonne Greenwood, AIRCP FL11-09

Air Co-Pilot Yvonne Greenwood took these amazing photos of a rescue drill in September that incorporated Auxiliary Air and Surface assets and a USCG Helicopter. Taken from Auxiliary Aircraft 7959W, the drill included one distressed vessel, two rescue vessels, the Aux aircraft which located and reported the incident, and the rescue helicopter and Rescue Swimmer from AIRSTA Atlantic City. If you look closely at the photographs below you will see Oscar the Rescue Dummy in the water.

"Way to Go Yvonne!"



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Division-Wide PE Class

Article and Photos by Joe Giannattasio, SO-PB 08

Last year, Division 8 conducted its first unit-wide PE class in Sea Isle City, NJ. Held at the Sea Isle City Community Lodge, every Flotilla participated by providing an instructor to present each class chapter.



Besides promoting the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary and Boating Safety to twenty-three recreational boaters, this project allowed Flotillas to actively support the Division and reinforce team integrity among all members. It also provided a great opportunity to observe different teaching techniques from the other talented and experienced Instructors throughout Division 8.



Is your Division doing an event that included all Flotillas and members? Tell us about it in TOPSIDE!

Auxiliarists Help Maintain Medal of Honor Grove

Article and Photos by: Linda Skvarl, ADSO-CS

In July, David Charles Dolby, a Vietnam Medal of Honor recipient, put out a call-for-action in cleaning up the Medal of Honor Grove located at the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, PA and received a tremendous response from local organizations, businesses and citizens willing to volunteer their time to make the Medal of Honor Grove beautiful once again and a place to be proud of.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary was one of the volunteer groups and on October 10, 2010, Alan Lindsay, Joe Gelet and Linda Skvarla FL44, Andrew Crowley FL48, and Sydne Romig FL10-05 were ready and willing to help out with any task needing to be done!



Linda and Sydne were asked to register hundreds of volunteers, Joe was to supervise parking, and Alan and Andy assisted in the brush, weed, and tree removal of the Grove.

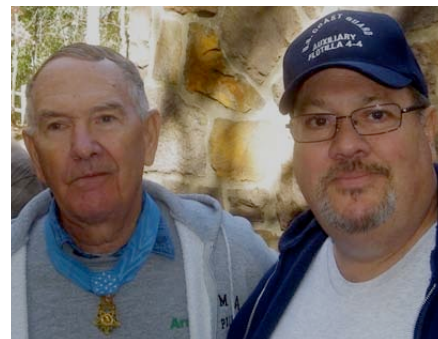
The Medal of Honor Grove is the nation's oldest memorial site dedicated to honoring Medal of Honor the recipients dating back to the Civil War.

An exciting moment for Alan, Linda, Joe and Sydne was having the honor and privilege of meeting Medal of Honor recipient Army Colonel (RET) Walter J. Marm and his family. Walter J. Marm joined the Army from



Pittsburgh, PA, and by November 14, 1965 was serving as a second lieutenant in Company A, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). On that day, during the Battle of Ia Drang, he single-handedly attacked an enemy position, suffering severe wounds in the process. Walter Marm survived his wounds and was subsequently promoted to first lieutenant and, on February 15, 1967, awarded the Medal of Honor. He reached the rank of colonel before retiring from the Army in 1995.

After a seven hour tour of



duty, a very tired but satisfied group of Auxiliarists "called it a day" knowing that their efforts helped restore this monument to our "Heroes," and thus proving that the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is indeed "Semper Paratus!"

Is your Flotilla or Division participating in events which may be interesting to other Auxiliarists in the District? Just send an article or photos to TOPSIDE so everyone can enjoy the your members' accomplishments.

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1. KEEP IT SIMPLE: Articles and stories of any length up to 700 words are welcome. TOPSIDE has no set minimum number of words.

2. Every article or photo caption should answer the basic questions: Who is this about? What is this story about, or what is pictured in the photograph? Where and When did the story take place? Why is the action being done? and How is this performed? Always provide the name of the photographer as well as the author's name, or byline.

3. Take pictures from NO MORE than 10-12 feet away from your subject. **Photographs must be high-resolution images.** Set your camera for the highest resolution possible. Check your camera's documentation on how to do this.

4. When writing an article for submission never use all capital letters unless you are typing an acronym, and always spell out the complete name the first time followed by the abbreviation or acronym in parenthesis after it. Thereafter, the acronym may be used.

5. All submissions to TOPSIDE should be forwarded to your respective regional ADSO's.

All of this information and more can be found on the Public Affairs website. www.auxpa.org.

Get out those cameras and start writing. We need to tell everyone what a great job our members are doing!

Joseph Giannattasio DSO-PB, Editor

ANSWER to Ribbon Quiz

So, think you know the answer to naming the vintage ribbons on page 12?

Compare your results with the answer below.

How'd you do?

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OP	CME	PA



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Classic Truck back by Popular Demand

photos by James McClellan FL82

The last issue of TOPSIDE featured an article with a photo about Jim McClellan's (FL82) restored 1954 Chevrolet pickup truck which he adorns with Auxiliary accessories when he attends Auxiliary Information Booths and Public Affairs events. Jim's classic truck never fails to draw the public's attention.

The '54 Chevy Pickup also attracted the attention of several readers who requested more photographs of Jim's "ride". We're happy to oblige!

- Editor



Don't see an article or photo about a member in your unit?

Send **topside** your articles and photos of deserving Shipmates making a difference in the District.

Parting Shots



PHOTO CAPTIONS:
(Clockwise from top left) Richard Weiss Watchstander-In-Training underway onboard USCGC IBIS.
A nice photo of USCG Barque Eagle in Philadelphia 18 MAR 2011 by Vic Tenaglia, ADSO-CM.
Bob Babezki ADSO-PA chats with a recreational boater during the Atlantic City Boat Show.



RIGHT: A neat graphic by Bob Fritz, ADSO-MT depicting the AUXACN district course presented at TRACEN Cape May in February and March. Gene Morris, DCAPT-E Kicked off the course. Ten students from around the district took part over three week-ends culminating in the part A & B test. The Instructor Team was made up of : Terry Bearce, Joe Mariani, Bob Fritz, Phil Appenzeller, Tom Morrissey, Richard Weiss and Gene Morris

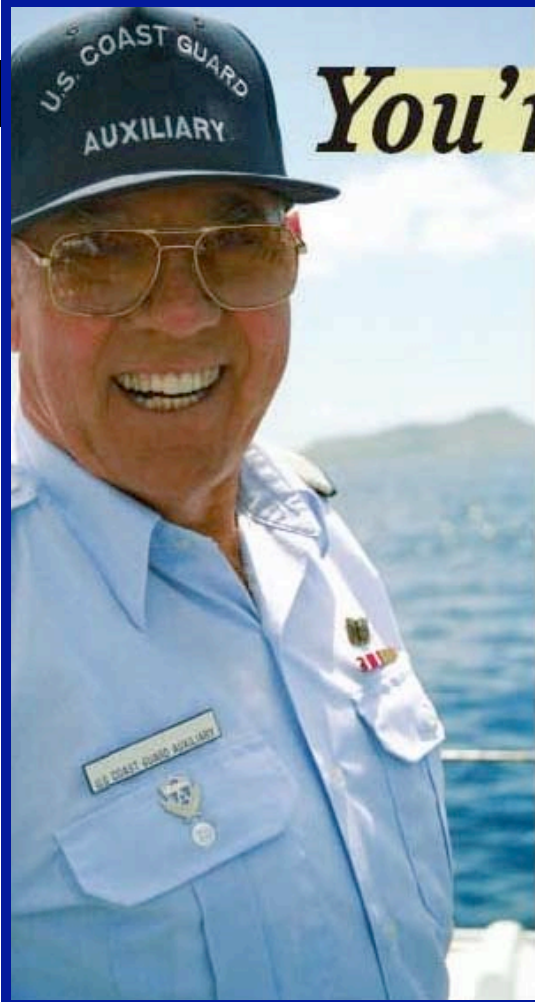


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PHOTO CAPTIONS:
 (Clockwise from top left) Richard Heller DSO-AV and Norma Hunter, Pilot review cart updates. Joe Skutlin ADSO-PA at the A.C. Boat Show. John and CDR Glenna Tredinnick. CWO3 Sean McGarigal. MK2 Paul Lacosa mentors Brenda Landau and Donald Dobson FL82 training on USCGC IBIS. Dave Colgan FL86 helps a family member attending graduation at TRACEN. Yvonne and Ron Greenwood studying for ACN. Theresa and Phil Appenzeller FL82. Ken Kendall ADSO-MT. Terry Bearce DSO-CS demonstrating "award winning" photography skills.





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