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Front Cover:

Cathy Bentham and Buddy Stewart promote boating safety and the Coast Guard Auxiliary during Memorial Day celebration events at Naval Air Station Wildwood Museum, Cape May County.

Photograph by COMO Joseph Giannattasio

From the Desk of the Commodore

Dear Fellow Auxiliarists,

I would like to begin by offering my sincere thanks to each of you for your continued participation and dedication in making our East District something to be truly proud of. Whether your efforts are focused on Response, Logistics, or Recreational Boating Safety, your contributions do not go unnoticed and are deeply appreciated. Together, we are members of the finest maritime volunteer organization in the world.

I hope many of you have had the opportunity to review Force Design 2028, the Coast Guard's four-point plan for modernization. The Auxiliary plays a key role within the People Campaign—and that designation carries important implications for us. To frame what this means moving forward, I'd like to focus on what I call my three R's.

The first R is Recruiting, for both the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. This was a high-priority objective in my Operations Plan, and to be honest, I am less than satisfied with my work to accomplish this goal. We can, and must, do better. To support this effort, our District has allocated funding in the budget specifically to assist with recruiting initiatives.

Recruiting, however, does not end with bringing someone through the door. During the onboarding process, we need to be more intentional in learning about our new members. It is essential that applicants understand we are not simply a fraternal organization; we are a service organization, and service is expected. We should ask why they want to join and what skills or experience they bring to the Auxiliary. Once a new member receives their acceptance letter, assigning a mentor with similar interests and skills is critical. This mentor should guide the new Auxiliarist through initial training, help them achieve BQ status, and support them as they work toward their qualifications and ribbons.

The second R is Retention. We must find better ways to keep our members engaged and active. I often hear that our business meetings are, frankly, boring. That is valuable feedback. We should look for opportunities to incorporate more member training and fellowship into these meetings. Additionally, there are new and evolving missions within the Auxiliary, and many members may not even be aware that these opportunities exist. Awareness and engagement go hand in hand.

The final R is Reengagement, specifically of our inactive members. I encourage units to assign someone the responsibility of reaching out to those who have stepped away for one reason or another. A simple conversation can go a long way. Ask them why they originally joined and why they have decided to step away. You may find that today's mission set aligns better with their interests than it did in the past or how you may be able to support a shipmate.



Commodore Noreen Schifini
District Commodore
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
East District-Northern Region

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From the Desk of the Commodore, continued

Looking ahead, the Coast Guard will increasingly rely on our support. With new cutters and icebreakers coming online, billets will need to be filled, and we may be called upon to backfill stations that experience personnel shortages. This is where readiness becomes essential. My Chief of Staff, Michael McElwee, is developing an extensive training schedule for the winter and spring months to ensure our Auxiliarists are ready, willing, and able to assist whenever called upon.

The final piece of this puzzle lies in our uniforms and annual inspections. Does your uniform meet the standards expected of those representing the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary? Wearing it correctly and with pride reflects not only on you, but on all of us. I encourage you to review the Auxiliary Manual as needed and don't be afraid to ask questions of your shipmates to make sure your uniform is squared away and in tip top shape!

Thank you again for your service, commitment, and professionalism. I am proud to serve alongside you and it is my honor to be your District Commodore.

Respectfully,

Noreen Schifini

District Commodore

USCG East District - Northern Region



From the Desk of the Chief of Staff

Shipmates,

As we enter the holiday season, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your dedication, professionalism, and unwavering service throughout the year. Each of you plays a vital role in the success of the East District – Northern Region, and it is your steady commitment that keeps our district strong.

This season is a time to pause, reflect, and appreciate the team we have built together. It is also an opportunity to look ahead. Our Commodore has reaffirmed a clear and energizing focus for the coming year: **recruitment, retention, and reengagement**. These priorities are not just organizational goals—they are the foundation of a healthy, vibrant Auxiliary.

- **Recruitment** ensures we bring in new talent, ideas, and energy.
- **Retention** reflects our responsibility to support, mentor, and value every member.
- **Reengagement** encourages all of us—new and seasoned alike—to reconnect with our strengths, our passions, and the mission that brought us here.



Michael B. McElwee
Chief of Staff
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
East District-Northern Region

I am proud of the progress we have made and even more excited about what lies ahead. Together, we will continue to strengthen our district and uphold the traditions of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Wishing you and your families a joyful and safe holiday season.

Semper Paratus,

Very Respectfully,

Michael McElwee
Chief of Staff
East District - Northern Region
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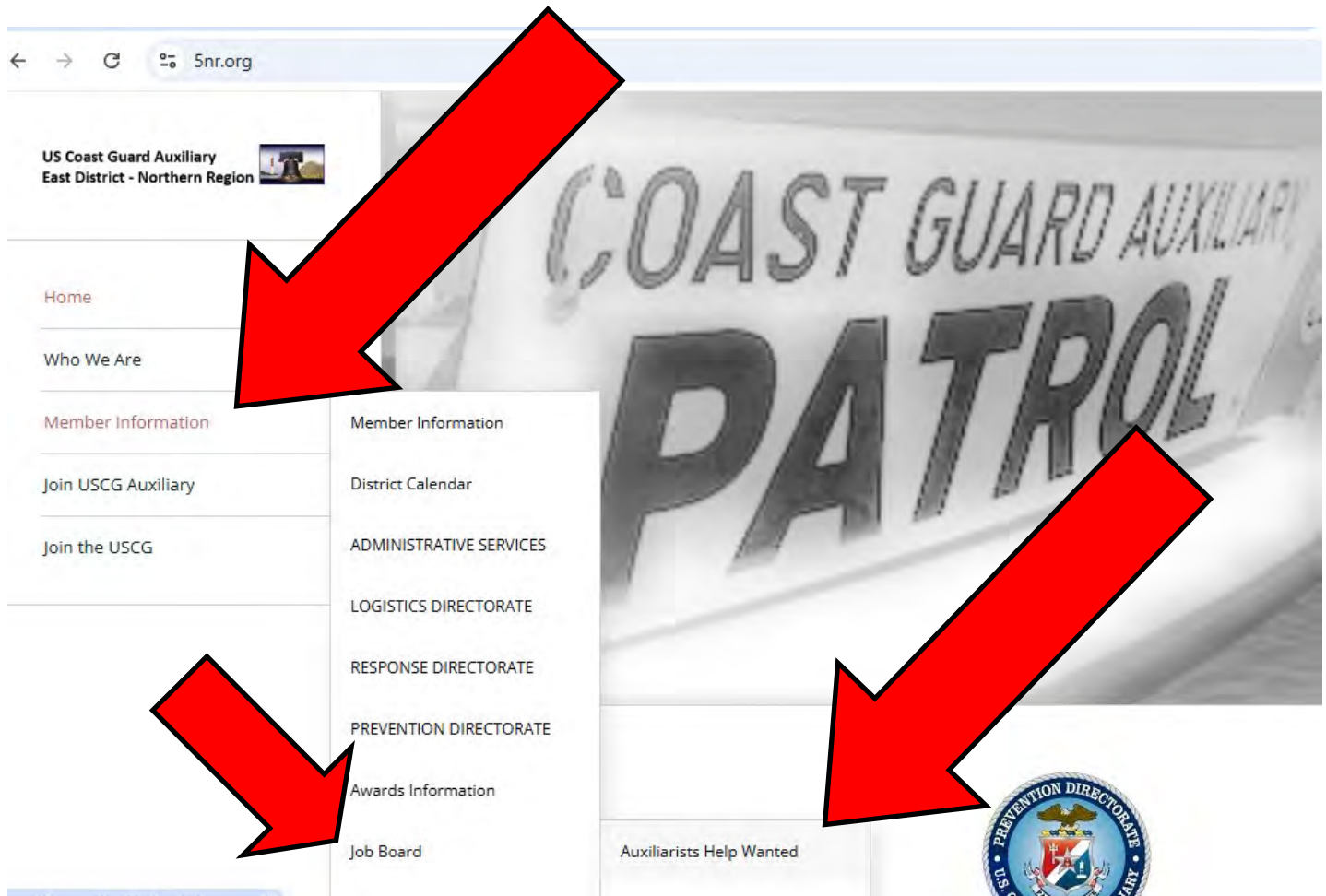
East District- Northern Region Help Needed



Job Board

To get to the District's job board:

- First, get on the website: <https://5nr.org>
- Next, hover over “Member Information” on the left (see below):
- Then, click on “Job Board”
- Finally, click on “AUX Help Wanted”

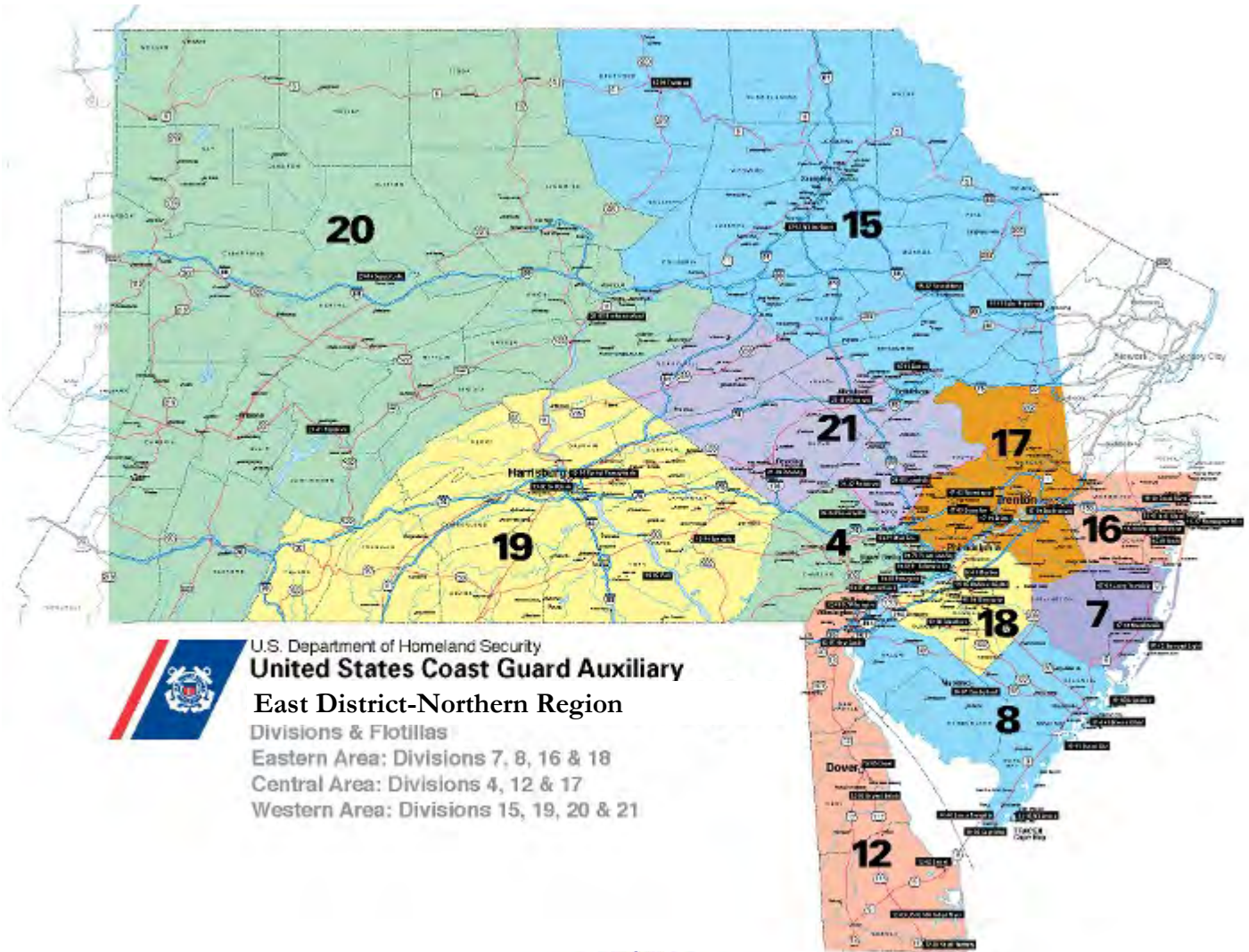


Information from Around the District



District Map

Created by *COMO K.C. Murphy*



U.S. Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
East District-Northern Region
Divisions & Flotillas
Eastern Area: Divisions 7, 8, 16 & 18
Central Area: Divisions 4, 12 & 17
Western Area: Divisions 15, 19, 20 & 21



Military Courtesy and Protocol for the Coast Guard Auxiliary Family

Article by Jeff Kuhn, Previous DCAPT-West

Military courtesy is one of the defining features of a professional military and directly compliments our Core Values. It is intended to reinforce discipline and the chain of command (leadership). Much has to do with saluting and related behaviors. Saluting is an area of confusion in the Auxiliary, because saluting each other is not normally a part of our day-to-day activities. There are, however, situations when you will have to salute, and you should know the rules. The following brief summary does not exhaust the subject and does not include every possible issue.

Salute when in uniform (WIU) and covered. When are you covered? You will be covered when outside, and as a participant in a few indoor ceremonies, e.g., Honor Guard at Change of Watch (COW) or D-train, or at a funeral. It is proper to salute when greeting a commissioned officer. It is also proper and expected to return a salute to a uniformed member of any service. Add “Good morning, afternoon or evening” and a smile or cheerful expression.

When on a Coast Guard base you will be saluted by regular duty enlisted personnel and trainees. It is imperative that you return these salutes properly and not leave these folks “hanging.” Doing otherwise will be considered rude and leave a lasting negative impression of the Auxiliary.

Salute (WIU and covered) when facing the National Ensign during the National Anthem or Taps. When the flag passes in a parade, salute the moment the flag passes. Not in uniform (NIU), stand at attention, remove hat and place hand over heart. If you are holding the hat in your hand, the hand, not the hat, goes over the heart. The hat will be over your left shoulder. Because of a relatively recent change in military law, veterans may now salute when NIU in the situations described in this paragraph. Furthermore, the latest AUX Manual COMDTINST M16790.1G, permits auxiliaries NIU to likewise salute in the situations described.

During the National Anthem at a COW or at the banquet at D-train: WIU (but not covered because you are inside), stand at attention and face the flag. Do not place hand over your heart. NIU stand at attention and place hand over your heart. If covered as a participant in the ceremony, salute. If in formation, and in uniform, the leader of the formation salutes and the rest of the formation stands at attention.

A flag ceremony (raising and lowering) occurs on military bases, usually at 0800 and sunset (or at a time prescribed by the base commander). WIU outside and covered, salute the flag during the ceremony. NIU stand at attention and face the flag. Follow these same procedures even if the flag is not in sight (behind a building, over a hill, etc). Face the direction of the flag. If unfamiliar with the base or station, it may be necessary to follow the lead of personnel in your vicinity. If in a vehicle, pull over and sit up straight, or, if safe, exit the vehicle and stand.

WIU and covered, salute during the Pledge of Allegiance but remain silent (There is an option on this, and reciting the pledge is considered acceptable).

Coxswain or highest ranking officer salutes for the boat or a group if standing in formation.

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Military Courtesy and Protocol

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The salute: Given when covered (generally outside and for certain ceremonies indoors)

- Attention!
- Face the flag or person being saluted
- Raise hand smartly
- Hand flat, fingers and thumb together, hand tilted down slightly. The palm should not be visible.
- Tip of right forefinger touches lower part of the cover or forehead above and slightly to the right of the right eye.
- Upper arm horizontal
- Lower salute smoothly, then face forward
- Hold salute until it is returned, if to a higher-ranked individual

Gross errors:

- Left hand in pocket
- Casual salute
- Talk, chew gum, eat or smoke

Read AUXMAN Chap 12 for more instruction on courtesy and protocol.

Maintain dignity in all things: Standards of Ethical Conduct, beginning p. 5-95 in AUXMAN:
“Auxiliarists are expected to uniformly and consistently uphold and practice the highest standards of ethical conduct in Auxiliary activities and personal life.”

With Respect, Jeff Kuhn



Key Benefits of Electronic Visual Distress Signals (eVDSDs)

Article by Leon C. DeFulgentis, AuxPA1

Electronic Visual Distress Signal Devices (eVDSDs) provide a modern, safer, and a more sustainable alternative to traditional pyrotechnic flares for signaling distress at sea.

Safety and Ease of Use

- EVSDs use high-intensity LED lights and are battery-powered. Pyrotechnic flares burn at extremely high temperatures (over 5,000 degrees Fahrenheit) and can cause injury or fire if mishandled on a moving boat.

Simple Operation

- They are activated with a simple switch, making them easy to use for anyone on board, including novice boaters and children.

No Risk of Accidental Ignition

- Since there is no open flame or explosive material, storage on board is much safer.



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Key Benefits of Electronic Visual Distress Signals (eVDSDs)

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Longevity and Reliability

- Pyrotechnic flares burn for only 1 to 3 minutes, Coast Guard approved eVDSDs are required to flash the SOS signal for at least 2 hours, with many models lasting up to 20 hours or more. This significantly increases the chances of being spotted by search and rescue teams.
- Pyrotechnic flares legally expire 42 months after the date of manufacture and must be replaced. The only maintenance is to ensure that fresh batteries are used.

Environmentally Friendly

- Electronic devices produce no smoke, residue, or toxic chemicals. This avoids the environmental hazard of expired pyrotechnic flares, which are classified as hazardous waste.

Enhanced Visibility and Modern Features

- Some modern eVDSDs (meeting standards like RTCM 13200.0) include an infrared light signal, which is highly detectable by night-vision equipment used by search-and-rescue aircraft and vessels, which provides a significant advantage in low-light conditions.
- EVSDs automatically flash the international SOS distress signal (three short, three long, three short), which is the universally recognized distress signal. In the U.S., a Coast Guard approved eVDSD (for night use) must be carried with a day signal (46 CFR 161.013), typically an orange distress flag (46 CFR 160.072), to meet the full Visual Distress Signal carriage requirements for both day and night.

Sources: USCG.mil, Siriussignal.com, 46 CFR 161.013 & 46 CFR 160.072: U.S. Coast Guard regulations governing Visual Distress Signal Devices (VDS). RTCM Standard 13200.0: Technical standard for eVDSDs often referenced by regulatory bodies such as the U.S. Coast Guard and Transport Canada.

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eVDSD Source: Siriussignal.com

Photo 2

Flare demonstration at USCG Station Yankeetown Source: USCG.mil

A “Classic” Event for Promoting Boating Safety!

by *COMO Joseph Giannattasio*

Coast Guard Auxiliary members Lorraine Bianco, Dave Hartman, Ron Librizzi, Dave Sedlak, Marty Sannino and Joe Gianattasio recently joined Coastie The Safety Boat ‘underway’ at a Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs kiosk at a popular classic car event. And what better way to promote boating safety and turn heads at a classic auto show than with Joe’s 1976 Corvette? The Coast Guard Auxiliary team made waves at Burke Motor Group’s Labor Day Car, Truck & Cycle Show in Cape May Court House—an event that supports the Cape May County Coast Guard Community Foundation. The venue featured live music, a diverse range of vendors, and tasty food trucks. It's a fantastic opportunity to celebrate cars, trucks, and motorcycles while supporting a worthy cause!

The 44-Inch Low Endurance Coastie Cutter class, the smallest cutter ever created for the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary, is powered by electric motors and controlled remotely. It boasts independent directional drive wheels and is equipped with a full duplex two-way voice system, water squirter, MP3 player, siren, and more. Since its introduction in 1997, this cutter has continued to be a part of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary fleet, with ongoing production.

This program has already educated thousands of children and engaged with families at boat shows, schools, parades, and community events throughout East District - Northern Region.

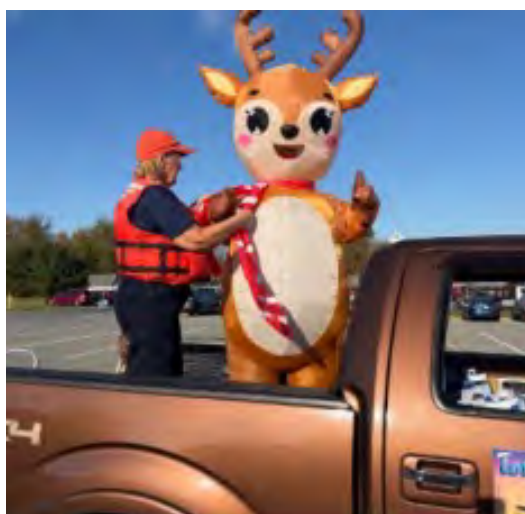


Robesonia PA Jack Frost Parade - Sunday 11/2/2025

Article by Robin Rosenberg, FC

The Jack Frost Parade has been held for many years here in PA and is sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church. It's a big event for the community and the crowd is always great along the 2 mile parade route. The USCG Auxiliary 19-07 Reading (walkers), handed out over 450 USCG coloring and activity books to kids along the parade route!

In attendance were Aux Lisa Ann, Leonard Zarzecki, Aux Bennett Rosenberg, and Aux Robin Rosenberg, FC.



Punkin' Chunkin'

Article and Photographs by Mel Collins (unless noted)

Punkin' Chunkin' is the art (and sport!) of launching pumpkins through the air using catapults, trebuchets, and other engineered contraptions. Each year, teams from near and far show off their custom-built machines and send pumpkins soaring over the lake at Bald Eagle State Park.

This year, the U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY patrolled the water and encouraged Auxiliary recruitment. Divisions 19, 20, and 21 participated. The event had 10,000-12,000 attendees.



Picture was taken by Martie Cutcher



History of the District and Auxiliary



Saving East District - Northern Region History

By Tim Marks, DSO-PB

Previously ran summer of 2023, Spring 2024, and Spring 2025:

In talking with Steve Marthouse, our District Historian, he thought it would be interesting and more valuable to you, the members, if he would have your input as to what you might like him to write about, cover, or explain rather than him trying to write something that he thinks you would be interested in.

The idea is that Steve would create a column in each newsletter such as "Ask the Auxiliary Historian" or "Ever wonder why the Auxiliary _____?"

So, here is your chance! The Coast Guard Auxiliary and the District have a long and storied history, with the Coast Guard having a history as old as the country. Is there something you were wondering about? Is there a topic you wanted to learn more about? Is there a piece of Coast Guard or Auxiliary history that you wish you knew more about?

Feel free to ask your questions directly to Historian Marthouse. He will then address them in future issues of Topside.

Email: sjmarthouse@gmail.com



*Steve Marthouse
SNR Historian
ADSO-PB History*



DISTRICT COMMODORES - CGD-E-NR

Complied by COMO Joe Giannattasio

A Comprehensive Pictorial List of all District Commodores Coast Guard Auxiliary East District - Northern Region

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- #3 FRANK B. HINELINE
- #4 H. EARL HUSTON



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- #6 JOHN J. SADER
- #7 ALEXANDER S. BAUER
- #8 DONALD P. OSTERHOUT



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- #10 ALFRED B. WRIGHT
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- #13 ROBERT E. EVANS
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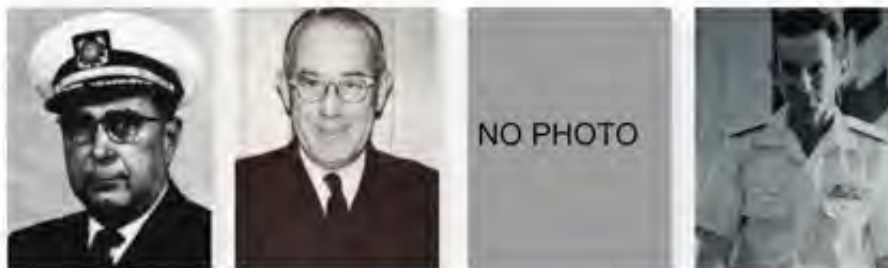


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- #46 KURT SARAC SR
- #47 NOREEN SCHIFINI



In honor of the individuals from the East District Northern who, over the years, have taken on the important role of District Commodore, dedicating themselves to serving their fellow Auxiliarists.

Researched and compiled by COMO Joseph Giannattasio



East District- Northern Region Obscura



The Cape May Bubble

Shelf clouds make an ominous backdrop as it passes north of Coast Guard Cutters home-ported in Cape May. An arcus cloud is a low, horizontal cloud that forms along thunderstorm gust fronts, typically as a shelf or roll cloud. Nestled at the southernmost tip of New Jersey, Cape May is known for its picturesque beaches, Victorian architecture, home of the USCG Training Center, and a unique weather phenomenon often referred to as the “Cape May Bubble.” Residents and frequent visitors swear by this bubble’s existence, citing numerous instances where the weather in Cape May appears to diverge from the rest of the state.

Although the term "bubble" might evoke the image of a physical shield surrounding Cape May, the phenomenon is actually driven by a complex combination of geographic and meteorological factors that shape the area's local weather patterns.



*Panoramic Photograph by
COMO Joseph Giannattasio*

TOPSIDE invites you to check out East District - Northern Region Obscura — a community space where members can share cool, unusual, or lesser-known spots around our district.

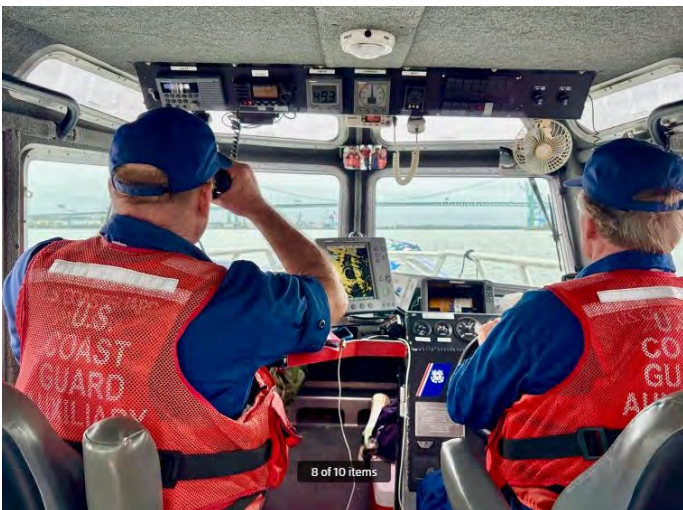
If you know of a unique place in your area — maybe it’s a special scenic spot, an interesting landmark, or a local secret — snap a few photos and send them in with a short description to our Editor. By sharing, you’ll help other members discover new places to explore and enjoy on their own adventures!

Photos from Across the District



Auxiliary and Coast Guard Support During the NMC250 Event

Unless Noted, Photographs by *COMO Joseph Giannattasio*



Auxiliary and Coast Guard Support During the NMC250 Event

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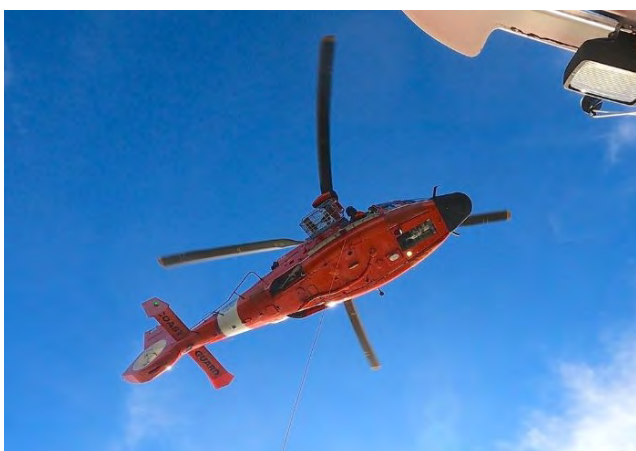


East District-NR Auxiliary “Helo-Ops”

Photos by Steve Donohue.

East District-NR Auxiliary “Helo-Ops” members conduct basket hoisting and swimmer training evolutions with Coast Guard MH-65 helicopters from Air Station Atlantic City. Since its inception in 2007, the district’s Helo-Ops program has played an instrumental role in supporting and enhancing Coast Guard helicopter rescue operations, primarily by assisting aircrews and rescue swimmers during training missions. This is yet another demonstration of the significant value the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary provides in support of the active-duty Coast Guard.

Auxiliary crew members pictured on this particular mission are Mark Rubino, Sandy Dalton, Larry Nolan, Rob Riccardi, Ron Librizzi, and Steve Donohue.



Auxiliary Aviation Workshop 2025

Text and photos by Joseph Giannattasio

In October, Coast Guard Auxiliary Aviation (AUXAIR) members from East District's Northern and Southern Regions gathered at Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City for the 2025 annual aviation workshop.

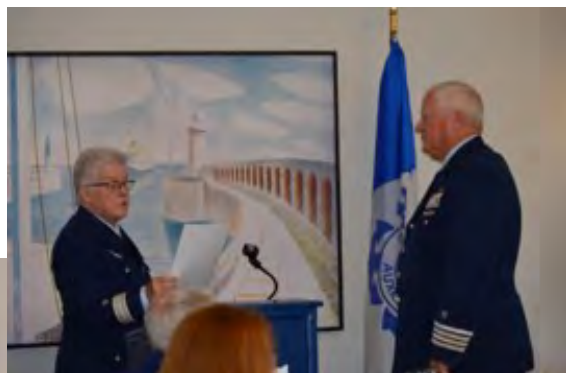
Supervised by both active-duty and Auxiliary aviators, these regular training sessions and workshops help keep all AUXAIR members current on topics related to administration, operations, and safety. AUXAIR flight missions often involve more regulations than those followed by typical private pilots, but these rules exist to ensure a higher level of safety during missions that are often more challenging than standard general aviation flights.

When flying under official AUXAIR orders, qualified Auxiliary pilots are considered Coast Guard pilots for the duration of their assigned duty. Likewise, aircraft used on authorized AUXAIR missions are recognized as Coast Guard aircraft. This means that being part of AUXAIR requires more than just flying skills—pilots must also learn to operate according to Coast Guard standards and procedures.



Division 12 Change of Watch

Photographs taken by Donna Doyle, ADSO-PB





Darwin Dosch, Rick Young, Ed Seda, Hans Gehman, and David Blechertas provided Color Guard Services St Peter's Lischey's Church for their Veterans Day celebration on November 9th, 2025.



AUXPAD class taught at Station Long Level. Margaret Gering was the USCGAUX Instructor. The program was to promote paddlecraft safety ashore. Pictures taken by Frank Marshall



District Auxiliary boat crews augment marine safety and security efforts during Philadelphia's Independence Day fireworks display on the Delaware River.

Photograph by COMO Joseph Giannattasio



A glorious summer sunset greets Flotilla Cape May members Marty Sannino and Dave Sedlak on patrol.

Photograph by COMO Joseph Giannattasio

Division 19 Docks Out Day

Photographs taken by Betsy Pittinger, DCDR

Once again we had another successful docks out weekend at Station Long Level. As per their normal modus operandi Dave Firestone & Lori Black worked diligently early in the week to remove the pavers. Many hands and the newly acquired gantry crane made the work a bit "lighter." Thank you to all of those that assisted in this strenuous biannual task. Save the date for 5/2 for the reverse process!

Participants: Dave Firestone, Lori black, Kevin & Wendy Behr, Dave Blechertas, Ben Heyser, Bob Goley, Darwin Dosch, Jeff Kuhn, Jason & Devyn Flynn, Greg Stough, Mike Gross, Lindy Harrison, Eric Jeschke, Sea Scouts (Youth: Erwin Henz, Ainsley Rickels; Adults: Ryan Rickles, Ben Heyser)



Division 19 Docks Out Day, Continued

Photographs taken by Betsy Pittinger, DCDR



Division 19 Docks Out Day, Continued

Photographs taken by CJ Whittaker



A Message from the Editor

Good day East - Northern Region Members,

Thank you all who have been contributing to *TOPSIDE*. I certainly appreciate it and I know it is appreciated across the district. Please continue to provide articles and pictures. I would also like to put a call in for all those who have been thinking about submitting an article or pictures. Please do so! I know it is rewarding to see your own pictures or writing published.

I do wish everyone a nice and restful holiday season. Thank you for all you do!



Timothy Marks
District Staff Officer -
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Semper Paratus,
Tim Marks,
DSO-PB

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Parting Shot



ATLANTIC CITY - An Auxiliary Division 08 patrol facility gets 'buzzed' by an acrobatic airplane during the second day of the Visit Atlantic City Soar & Shore Festival. Onboard were Bill Fithian (coxswain), Bill Roadarmel, John Austin, and Frank Bigley.

Traditionally known as The Atlantic City Airshow, this popular annual event features aerial demonstrations and performances by military and civilian aircraft held on July 15-16.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary boat crews spent the day enforcing a safety zone for the airshow along with boat crews from the Coast Guard Station Atlantic City, the New Jersey State Police Marine Division, and local support agencies.

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