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FROM THE COMMANDER:



Tony Ashlin, DCDR 5

Subject: Reports and how we should communicate along parallel staffing and the Chain of Leadership and Management Fellow members,

I feel that this is an important issue that needs to be addressed.

Attached are blank templates for monthly reporting. Please use these forms your reporting for emailing along parallel staffing and up the chain of management and leadership. I also have blank FSO documents for appointed flotilla staff officers. Have them use these forms only.

Please remind all members that all reports are read by everyone in Parallel Staffing and all the way up the Chain of Leadership and Management. Keep them concise and professional. Remember who will be reading includes members of the Active Duty including Admiral Castillos.

Please submit reports to the Division as soon as you can this month. I understand that many flotillas have not yet met in 2011 but you and elected and appointed officers should have some sort of plan by now.

GETTING THE WORD OUT

Communications is important. These should be done electronically via email in order to save time and paper.

Staff Officers should have computers connected to the Internet or a means of getting and sending this available to them. I have noticed that Microsoft Word Documents and Excel Spreadsheets along with Adobe PDF have become the standard for the flow of paperwork. If anyone does not have MICROSOFT OFFICE to read and send DOCUMENTS and SPREADSHEETS they can download a program called OPEN OFFICE by Oracle. I have been using this program for close to 6 years and have found it to be very easy to use, powerful and feature packed as it's Microsoft counter part. Open Office will not only generate and read DOC and XLS files but it also has a nice little feature that will export to Adobe PDF. It has a SAVE AS feature for a multiple of protocols.

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The program runs on a PC using various versions of WINDOWS and can be downloaded for free at: <http://www.openoffice.org/>

Mac Users should be able to read these files using Macintosh Office but be sure to save them as or exported to DOC or PFD.

FROM THE VICE COMMANDER:



Karl McMillan, DVCDR 5

FROM THE DIVISION:



Certificates of Appointment to the SO's of Div. 5

SO IS – Ken Edwards

Current progress:

- Current plans are to continue to improve the mission data input cycle within the Division to a more timely activity so that members can be properly rewarded for their mission activities

Assistance required:

- Request assistance from the District Bridge on a written policy on the 60-Day Rule on Timely Data Submittals. Reason for the request is that some of the new FSO-IS Officers for 2011 do not see the need for such a policy and have never been required to process 10 or 11 months of data input from members to meet the 30 September District Awards closing data.

SO MS Frank Galloway

Current progress:

- Continuing to communicate with the Divisions FSO's MS monthly, to keep them up to date on all pertinent MS information I receive, as well as copying them on my SO-MS reports to District.

Accomplishments:

- Six Auxiliary members that work at Sector LA-LB in Marine Safety hold Permanent Auxiliary Trident Devices. Another two Auxiliary members hold Conditional Auxiliary Trident Devices. One of the Permanent Trident Device holders is a member of Division 5.

Program Performance:

- 2010 District Marine Safety Awards received by members of Division 5: Member most active in Marine Safety: Lynwood Douthett 5-13. Meritorious Team Commendation-Dive Casualty Investigation Team: Lee Anthony 5-09. Meritorious Team Commendation-Maritime Domain Awareness Team: Kim Castrobran 5-09, Lynwood Douthett 5-13, Frank Galloway 5-13. Meritorious Team Commendation-Uninspected Passenger Vessel Team: Jack Russell 5-12, Frank Galloway 5-13.

Problems:

- I cannot find a study guide for the new MSAM PQS qualification. Problems still exist in members entering their MS quals through DIRAUX, or DIRAUX entering the MS quals into the system.

Assistance required:

- The Prevention Department at Sector LA-LB is in need of additional Auxiliary administrative and computer entry support.

SO OPS Karl McMillin

Executive Summary.

• I attended the Operations Workshop on 09 JAN 11, put on by CWO2 Tommy Kron, D11S Operations Training Officer, at the District Conference. For my introductory report of the year I will briefly review what Mr. Kron presented during the workshop. Most of the information covered is available from the District 11 SR website, www.d11s.org. A few items of note from the home page are: **Breaking News** (left side of page, toward the bottom) – check weekly for important updates and information (of note currently is information on the overhaul to the AUXOP program and requirements), and **Where Is...** (tab at the top of the page) - items are listed in alpha order – scroll down and hopefully you will see a link to the information you're looking for.

Operations Departments (located on left side of home page) Details

- The concentration was on two areas of the website – Operations Training & Surface Operations. Operations Training – **links to updated Boat Book, Annual renewal paperwork for facilities, and The**

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Standardized Auxiliary Boat Operations Training Job Aid (SABOT) are all available here.

• **Surface Operations** - Job Aid Kit-Crew/COXN. The idea for this page is that it contains links to all information necessary to get and maintain qualifications and facilities. Items of mention during the workshop where: GAR Model (there is a risk calculation worksheet to help standardize the way we perform this assessment). The GAR risk assessment is required prior to outset of execution of operations events and also any time conditions change during the event. Mishap reporting – all required paperwork is available.

• In summary, the Operations Departments pages, and the D11S website in general, are designed to be your “One Stop Shop” for all Operations and Coast Guard Auxiliary information you require.

SO PB Jackie Garrabrant

- Thank you to those members that sent in reports. Remember I cannot open DOCX.
- Please send pictures to be included in the newsletter, members like to see their pictures and a newsletter without pictures is boring.

SO VE Geoffrey Emery

Current progress:

- Distributed this month the District vision, plans, and goals for 2011 as received from Darrell Hannon, The district goals are printed at the bottom of this report.

Accomplishments in your Division

- VE stickers on order.

Flotilla 5-3 John Malloy reports the following FSO-VE attended workshops at District conference relevant to position. Examiner packets consisting of forms, decals and information have been made available for each qualified examiner. 2 new locations for VE/PA have been established.

(Norwalk & Newport) 1 new member became VE qualified.

- Flotilla 5-5 is teaming up with Flotilla 5-3 to perform a VSC blitz at Davies Launch Ramp in Long Beach 22JAN2011. Plans are underway to develop a new partner in Newport with four marinas.
- Flotilla 5-5 is further reporting a VSC Event, which is tentatively scheduled for March 12th in Newport Beach.

Future plans

- Robert Valtz with Flotilla 05-12 is reporting a VSC PUSH scheduled on 30 January in Alamitos Bay and Davies Landing. Robert also reports that he has received some 2011 decals.
- THE LOS ANGELES PORT POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE HOSTING A MARITIME COMMUNITY MEETING. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT BANNING'S LANDING (BERTH-186). ON FEBRUARY 2, 2011 AT 2:00PM. CALL OFFICER HEEM WITH

ANY QUESTIONS. (310) 505-9291 LOCATION: 100 EAST WATE STREET WILMINGTON, CA 90744

District plans for 2011 from Darrell Hannon

This year we will be working closely with the PV's and PA's to increase the number of Vessel Safety Checks performed in the District. Our goal is to exceed 9000, which is an approximate increase of 10% over 2010. This is an attainable goal.

One of the ways we can do this is by increasing the number of exams done at one time and in one location. Program Visitors call upon Yacht Clubs and Marinas on a regular basis. Vessel Examiners may also do so. Approach the Yacht Clubs and suggest that you will set aside a specific day, or weekend to perform exams exclusively for their members. Ask that they send out a notice to their members of the date(s) and that they post it on their bulletin boards. A flier should be prepared with the name, phone number and e-mail address of the Auxiliary co-coordinator of the event so that their members can schedule appointments. While appointments are recommended, they are not necessary. This event can be held more than once a year.

Marinas, whether private or public can also be approached and the manager or harbormaster asked if they would consider making VSC's mandatory. This is already required at many marinas and lakes. If we are turned down for mandatory, ask if they would send out a flier with one or more of their monthly slip fee bills. The Flotilla or Division doing this should print up the fliers and even offer to stuff the envelopes.

I want to emphasize that no Flotilla, member or Division "owns" a particular location for performing VSC's. This has been a problem in the past that stops now. If you intend to do a blitz or individual exams at a particular lake for example, courtesy should be shown to the group that normally does exams at that location. Try to avoid a blitz on the same day that another group has one scheduled. A Division calendar is useful for this or contact the SO-VE for that area, even the FSO-VE. Use the PV officer if needed. Work with the other unit. We are not in competition with each other.

Remember that boat launch "aprons" are off limits for performing exams.

As to what to wear. ODU's are not required. There is in fact no standard uniform. The polo style shirt displaying Auxiliary insignia and a similar baseball style cap are just fine. On very hot days, shorts are permitted. If someone wants to wear the ODU it is fine but be careful about footwear. Not a lot of boaters would want to see us wearing boots on their boats. Do not pass up the opportunity to do an exam because you are worried about what you are wearing.

This year I have appointed two ADSO-VE's, rather than 5 as in past years. Don Smutz and Rick Weiss are extremely experienced and knowledgeable. I have given them broad authority and ask that you go through them for routine questions. Five Divisions will go thru Don and four thru Rick. Consider them as part of the chain.

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Monthly reports will come directly to me with copies to Rick and Don. I will need the reports in my hands by the 25th of the month so you will need to get the info from the FSO's prior to that. I am aware that many e-mail requests go unanswered so if an FSO does not respond, pick up the phone and call them. That is what Don, Rick and I will do if we do not hear from you.

Information in the monthly reports should include the number of exams done during the previous 30 day period (closing date is the 21st of the month), the number of exams performed year-to-date and any blitzes or special events planned in the next 30 days.

These should show an individual Flotilla breakdown.

Finally, the decals should have been ordered and received by individual Flotillas by now.

The FC or FSO-MA can order them directly from the ANSC and if a Flotilla has not received them it is probably because they have not been ordered. They take about two weeks to arrive. Please do not ask me or the ADSO's for decals. It is too early in the year for anyone to have run out and stockpiling is expensive and wasteful. When a Flotilla gets down to about a third of its' supply it is time for them to re-order.

You may pass this e-mail to your FSO's if you wish or re-word it on your own.

Always keep in mind that Flotillas are where the work gets done. Above that we are policymakers and administrators.

Stay safe, have fun, and get the job done.

I look forward to a great year for Vessel Exams in 2011.
Darrell Hannon, DSO-VE

FROM THE FLOTILLAS:

FLOTILLA 52 – Ken Edwards, FC

Current Progress:

- The current plans are to get the Flotilla members interested in taking the classes required to be eligible to run for and hold an elected office.

Accomplishments in the Flotilla:

- The Flotilla has not had its first meeting of the year as yet so there is nothing to report.

Flotilla 53 – John Malloy, FC

Current progress:

Plans and Contingency Plans.

- Flotilla 53 will be holding its monthly meeting January 25th.
- FC attended Elected Leader Workshop.
- New member assigned mentor.
- Diversity advisor appointed for 2011.

Accomplishments in your Flotilla:

- Many members attended District 11 Conference in Costa Mesa.
- All FSO positions are filled.
- New member completed New Member Academy at District Conference.
- Member training calendar is set for the year. Training session is part of each meeting.

Problems encountered/potential problems

- Lack of vessel facilities for amount of qualified crew.
- Looking to recruit new members with boats.
- Looking to get available vessels qualified as facilities.

Future plans and milestones:

- To build a RBS team so that we can focus on public outreach.
- To have at least monthly VE/PA events and to look at new locations such as boat dealers or fishing gear suppliers.
- Quarterly fellowship meetings.
- Continue to recruit new members.
- Work with other flotillas to share ideas or lend a hand.
- FSO meeting to be held to expand on future goals.

Flotilla 54 – Robert Waldron, FC

Flotilla 55 Paul Grinder, FC

Current Progress:

Plans and Contingency Plans.

- Flotilla 55 will be holding its monthly meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month at the office of Cal-Aurum Industries, 15632 Container Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92649. It is my intention to review with the members of Flotilla 55 at our first meeting on January 27, 2011, our goals for calendar year 2011 and the milestones for each of our goals. This information will be submitted on my February 2011 FC Report.

Accomplishments in your Flotilla

- In January Flotilla 55 participated in the District 11 Conference in Costa Mesa by chairing the Raffle Booth, worked the B2V Fun Run and manned the B2V booth selling merchandise (hats and shirts).
- Flotilla 55 will be managing Radio Station Newport, James P. Stewart acting Station Manager, has submitted a draft of items that need to be addressed by the District for updating the station.

Flotilla 57 – Roger Helizon, FC

The flotilla will not meet until 27 January.

Flotilla 58- Thomas Roedi

Flotilla 59 – Frank Martin

Flotilla 5-10 – Stan Hartman

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Flotilla 5-11 – Alice Curran

Current Progress:

Plans and Contingency Plans: (Goals)

- To encourage members to take care of their health, to spend time with their families and to do they're best in fulfilling their sworn duties in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- Emphasis on a 25% increase of new members during the first half of 2011 and a goal of 50% by the end of 2011. Continuation of recruitment of diverse new members.
- Retention of existing members and new members. Strong encouragement to seek training within our flotilla and other flotillas in our Division to attain new skills and qualifications.
- To have all new members in the BQ status within the first two months while they await their security clearance and to start required training on line and use of the National Web site. To make sure that they have mentors to assist and guide them.
- To encourage PE Instructors to have a schedule of at least four Public Education Youth Classes, and at least three Boating Safety Classes for our new members and Boating Public. A current quarterly Calendar of flotilla events and planned missions by each FSO as we work together as a team.
- To have fun while we accomplish our missions.

Accomplishments in your Flotilla:

- VFC and FC attended Elected Officers Workshop in December.
- Requested 2011 flotilla mission goals from all members.
- Flotilla meeting is scheduled on January 26th the 4th Wednesday, in the Galley Ward room at 1930 hours.
- Two members attended seminars at the Annual District Conference. Received valuable information and current information from workshops to pass to FSO's and members.
- Assisted in planning, decoration and provided a "Wild Boar" appetizer for Friday Fun Night booth at the Conference.
- Meeting Announcement Flyer sent to all members.

Program performance

- Member training started at the Conference for FSO-CS and FSO-HR.
- Interviews with two members scheduled during the second week in January by FSO-HR and HR mentor.
- Mentoring completed for FSO-SR and will assist when needed.

Problems encountered/potential problems

- Need to get back to the basics and have all Staff Officers support and assist each other so our Flotilla will show a constant increase in Coast Guard Missions. Development of a flow chart may assist.

- Improvement of Communication within the Flotilla and flow of communication up the chain of leadership. Clarification of report format would help.

Assistance required

- Request for assistance and clarification of each section of the generic Report format from the District. Would like to know the difference in filling out the reports at the Flotilla, Division and District level.
- Request for assistance on how to write up awards that were presented at the District Conference. I believe we have two candidates that qualify and would like to follow through on this award to recognize the saving of three lives in 2010 by two members in our flotilla.
- Request for FSO certificate template via E-mail to be customized for our 2011 FSO's.

Future plans and milestones

- It's a NEW YEAR! Looking forward to receiving the goals for the year from all our members and accomplishments during the year of our goals to support our Guardians in the U.S.C.G
- Still in the process of sending out our FSO's duties.

Flotilla 5-12 – Mark Oshiro

Current progress:

- Flotilla C.O.W. Dinner scheduled for January 22, 2011.
- In the process of getting all AP & IQ members into the BQ status.
- Five new members are currently enrolled in the crew program.
- Established a Flotilla "Uniform Pool" to pass down unneeded articles of uniform (shoulder boards, insignia pins, ribbon holders, etc.) to new members and leaders.
- Established VSC exam schedule for 2011 starting with a push on January 30th at Los Alamitos Bay.
- Established PE class schedule for 2011 starting with a BS&S course which began on January 13th.
- Established a new mentor program in the various qualification to assist our new members to excel in the Auxiliary.
- Established a member involvement plan to increase member participation within the Flotilla.
- One member currently being mentored to become instructor qualified.
- Established plans to work with other Flotillas within the Division & District to expand cooperation and ideas.
- Establishing a fundraising program for the Flotilla's general funds.

Accomplishments in your Flotilla:

- Several members attended the 2011 District Conference included several new members attending the NMA.

Future plans and milestones from the Departments:

- Increase the number of members qualified in VSCs & PVs.
- Continue to use the Flotilla's two operational facilities to conduct various surface operations and encourage them to train and earn the Auxiliary "E" award.
- Work closely with other Flotilla's to achieve the District's goals.

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- Continue to have Four Cornerstone events, such as tours of the Maritime Museum, Lane Victory, VTS, etc.
- Expand the Flotilla's activities to keep the participation level at a high.

Flotilla 5-13 –Jason Gant, FC



All flotillas in Division 5 received the 3 Star Diversity Certificate

FROM THE DISTRICT:



Commodore Harry M. Jacobs assumed his current office as District Commodore for Auxiliary District Eleven, Southern Region, on January 1, 2011. Commodore Jacobs has been a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for over 31 years, and is a Member of the California Boating Safety Officers Association. In his business life, he is a professional fundraiser, and is the current California State Representative for the American Association of Grant Professionals. He is a former California State University administrator with 24 years of experience writing and administering higher education, private foundation, family foundation and corporate grants and a former Assistant Director of Development for the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association,

Inc.

Commodore Jacobs Jacobs did his postgraduate work in Educational Administration at the University of Southern California after earning a Master's and Bachelor's from California State University, Los Angeles. He is a member of the Santa Fe Springs Rotary Club, a past president of the Whittier Rotary Club [District 5320] and a former member of the San Dimas Rotary Club [District 5300]. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and has been the guest Speaker at over 280 service clubs, in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura Counties, since 2004. He lives in Whittier, CA with his wife Victoria, who is herself, an avid Auxiliarist of 31 years.

ICS is for everyone.

Recently, Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles/Long Beach, California was host to the ICS-341 "Incident Response Planning Training" course. Seventeen members of the USCG active duty and Auxiliary attended this course taught by Emergency Management Systems Incorporated. Take a look at this Team Coast Guard training, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Jan 2, 2011. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]



Auxiliarist Damaso "Gunny" Sotis offering remarks for the meeting.

The course was great; however one student stood out in the instructors' minds. His examples and life experiences brought new perspective to the course. For example when the instructors asked if anyone had a bad experiences of the "Demobilization Process;" students had stories about delayed or cancelled flights, losing luggage or other items, but this student smiled and spoke about the time he was getting off the hill on Iwo Jima and how he and his fellow Marines were expecting to go to Japan for some rest and relaxation, R&R, but instead ended up in another country far away. This student was CG Auxiliarist Damaso "Gunny" Sotis USMC (ret.) a WWII and Korean War Veteran and Iwo Jima Survivor.

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"Gunny's" closing remarks were - "See you can teach an 'ole dog' new tricks. There is a lot to this ICS stuff, but I find it very fascinating."

Auxiliarist plays Santa for CG Station's families.

It was a beautiful day in the harbor, temperature hovering around 70 degrees, calm seas, and a perfect setting for a barbecue party celebrating the holiday season. Coast Guard Station Channel Islands, CA personnel invited all the members of Auxiliary Division 7, D11-SR, to attend the barbecue with the station's families and the families of the USCG Cutter Blacktip's crew. Take a look at Team Coast Guard, Auxiliary and active duty as they celebrate the holidays together. Now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Dec 24, 2010. Source: Mel Bronsky



CONFERENCE FUN NIGHT



Fun night at the District 11S Conference attended by Thurston Howell, III and Lovey

District 11S Meeting Friday Jan 7 Meeting Notes

0740 AM – Costa Mesa Hilton

DCO – Harry Jacobs

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- DCO shared highlights and additions to his Pass Down emailed to DCDR Jan2011.
 - USCG Base Support Unit San Pedro (BSU) to change name to Base Los Angeles/Long Beach
 - Exchange at BSU to open on Saturdays when D11S meets. They have ordered UNTUCKED ODU's in sizes not typical to Active Duty Coast Guard.
 - OTO CWO2 Kron has reviewed the content of the Operations Workshop and it will not be mandatory this year.
 - Insignias on ODU is BLACK A as of 01JAN11
- Audit, Budget, Awards and Standing rules Committees and assignments where announced. **tasks mentioned** :
- Adjust the budget based members of 1500 – warn of dues increase of memberships continues to fall/
 - Current trophies need to be retired owing to wear and tear. Committee to come up with replacement design and make recommendations.
 - Standing rules – last signed in 2007. Final corrections and get them signed up the Chain of Leadership and Management DCDR-5 assigned to this committee
 - **Member loss was** District 11S was heavy –

Top 3 reasons:

- 1 Loss of Interest in the USCG AUX
 - 2 Death or a member or retirement
 - 3 Age
- Tom Jacobsmeyer reported of an age related bubble of members who have been here 10 – 20 years. People in their late 70's, 80's and 90's
 - Aggressive recruiting saved our losses of and ended up with a net gain of 10 members.
 - Loss of interest exit survey was conducted.
 - DCO stressed that in order to retain our members we need to work on mentoring all members.
 - Diversity: 5 to 10 year goal of increasing a wider demographic of members

EVERBRIDGE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM – message system for the USCG Aux members.

- District committee consisting of one member from each Division under the chair of Nora Watson to develop a policy guideline for notifying members. Looking for someone with electronic / computer skills/ emergency planning experience. (I would like to suggest Jason Gant SO – CM to represent Div 5)
- **Effective 01Jan11** Any data not submitted within 60 days to IS of date of occurrence will not be considered or input into the system
- **D11S has been chosen** by National CS Department to be the test District for ONLINE meetings.

Commander Greg Matlin – Director of Auxiliary

- Stressed the importance for mentoring – talking to new members.
- Make an extra effort to reach out to members.

Budget – we are on a continue resolution –

2 fold distribution process \$ 16-17K until 20 Jan

- More funds to be distributed 4 March

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- May have to purchase dry suits for inland waters <50 degrees

Working on a process guide on awards - TBA

AUXOP – new report in AUXDATA to see individual accomplishments toward AUXOP.

Commander Mike Barner – Guest from National DIRAUX HQ

New Member Manual - Process to update this manual has been in the works but sometimes has been put on the back burner under past leadership. National Commodore Vaas and Admiral Papp have prioritized the project. Just back from editing over the Christmas Holidays and is now in the review edit mode for one last update, next to sequential clearance up the Chain, first stop is the proofing.

Prelim version to be reviewed at NACO by DCO's

SAMA funds – problem with funding over the funds being taken from the aviation fuel budget. Mandate from Commandant and HQ is working a solution.

Virtual Classroom - USCG is working on updating mandatory training assignments to be conducted online. Log in on your home computers; take the class and your passing scores will get logged into AUXDATA.

OTO – CWO2 Tommy Kron.

Sunday OPS WS at Conference – Talking about GAR Model, Surface Operations Website and Mishap reporting procedures. Check for updates:

<http://d11s.org/modules/office.mod.php?office=OTO>

IPDCO – Michael Johnson

Always consider the safety of your members in all that you do. Announced that the HF Radio Coms workshop presented at the Conference was streamed live over the Internet for other Districts.

FROM NATIONAL:

Optional Operations Workshop for 2011

The Operations workshop materials for 2011 are now available on the Response Department web's **What's New** page at:

<http://www.cgaux.org/response/ODEptNews.htm>. This workshop is highly recommended for all operations qualified Auxiliarists, but not required at the National level. There is a facilitator guide with notes for the presenter as well as a PowerPoint presentation. Instructors for this workshop are encouraged to make additions to the slide deck to cover local conditions and any special directives, procedures, or paperwork needed in your AOR (area of operations). [Posted: Jan 1, 2011. Source: Bruce Pugh DVC-RE]

TCT Refresher for 2011

The one-hour 2011 TCT Refresher session is once again required for surface operations auxiliaries for 2011. The course material is now available from the Response Department **What's New** web page at <http://www.cgaux.org/response/ODEptNews.htm>. Instructors, there are 3 documents for your use. A Participant guide, a PowerPoint Presentation and a guide for you the facilitator. Links to these documents are all on the Response What's New page above. [Posted: Jan

UPG (Uniform Procurement Guide) has been updated

The Uniform Procurement Guide (UPG) has been updated and is available for download and view from the National Human Resources Department website. <http://hdept.cgaux.org/> [Posted: Jan 5, 2011. Source: Joseph G. O'Leary DIRH]

New VE Exams Available

All new vessel examiner hard copy 30 question exams are now available at ANSC.

On the ANSC order form request Test Addition "A", **ANSC-5544**, Test No. 99 Course Code VSC Rev date 12/10 Answer Key ANCS 5544A

Or on ANSC order form request Test Addition "B", **ANSC-5544**, Test No. 99, Course Code VSC, Rev. date 12/10; Answer Key ANSC 5544B

[Posted: Jan 7, 2011. Source: Lillian M Haines DIR-V]

To: ALAUX

From: Papp, Robert ADM

Sent: Friday, January 07, 2011 1:53 PM

Subject: Commandant's Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service Message

Shipmates,

January 17th is the 25th Anniversary of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Observance. The theme for this year's observance is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A day on, not a day off."

While we have made a great deal of progress in advancing Dr. King's quest for equality, freedom and justice for all through non-violent change, 43 years after his passing, we still have much to learn from this hero. Dr. King dedicated significant time and effort to community service. He once said that "life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"

As Coast Guard men and women, you have dedicated your lives to assisting others. During this year's Martin Luther King Day observance, if the opportunity exists, consider participating in a local service project with your

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neighbors and friends that enhances your community. Opportunities to spend your "day on" can be found at <http://mlkday.gov>. Additional resources and information about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. can be found at www.thekingcenter.com.

Semper Paratus
Admiral Bob Papp, Commandant

From: CHDIRAUX
Subj: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY
NAPOLITANO ON MOMENT OF SILENCE
TODAY AT 11A.M.
EST -001/11 January 10, 2011

Dear Colleagues,

There is no place in our society or discourse for the senseless and unconscionable acts of violence that took place in Tucson, Arizona on Saturday. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of Congresswoman Gifford's, Chief Judge Roll, and all the victims of this tragedy and their loved ones.

The Department of Homeland Security has offered all possible assistance to the FBI and the Pima County Sheriff's Office, who are leading the investigation. I have been in regular communication with FBI Director Mueller to reiterate our commitment to support these efforts.

I ask all of you to join the President and the nation in observing a moment of silence at 11 a.m., EST, today to honor all of those injured or killed, including those still fighting for their lives.

Yours very truly,
Janet Napolitano

Over the past few days the Public Affairs Directorate has been receiving an influx of messages requesting e-mail address changes/updates to our AUXPAO e-mail list. This is the primary e-mail list that the "A" Directorate uses to send important information to elected officers and PA/PB/CS officers at every level. We understand that many of these requests are due to the annual change of many elected and appointed officers. Our member communications team is in the process of adding all new elected officers, as well as all PA/PB/CS officers to this list.

E-learning website offline

While we are awaiting the upload of the updated website to a new server, all courses on the old E-learning website have been taken down. I do not have a valid projection on when the new site will be uploaded so please have patience during this process. NTC is not affected by this so please continue to take your exams at

<http://ntc.cgaux.org> [Posted: Jan 12, 2011. Source: Matthew Hammons DVC-TD]

From: Thomas Nunes <tomnunes1@gmail.com>
To: auxpao-aol <auxpao-aol@list.auxpa.org>;
auxpao <auxpao@list.auxpa.org>
Subject [auxpao-aol] Ownership of Images taken by
Auxiliary members
Date: Tue, Jan 11, 2011 8:42 pm

Since the Coast Guard Auxiliary is part of the Coast Guard, any photo, etc. taken while on official business of the Coast Guard aboard a CG unit or on CG business belongs to the Coast Guard, not the individual.

The following is a quote from the USCG Public Affairs Manual COMDTINST M5728.2D p. 5-6 : "d.

Personal photography or video by Coast Guard personnel.

As a team Coast Guard member – whether active duty, reserve, Auxiliary, or civilian employee - you may have access to news events that the media and other members of the public cannot see. You may not sell or market in any way either photos or video that you take of these events. Federal law prohibits federal employees and military members from accepting any compensation for activities that pertain to the member's official duties. For additional guidance, see the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch, which is available from your District or area legal office."

NAVIGATOR Express | NEW ISSUE

A new issue of the *NAVIGATOR Express* e-mail newsletter was sent to Coast Guard Auxiliary members on Sunday, 16-JAN. *NAVIGATOR Express* continues to be distributed on the 1st and 16th day of each calendar month. Members who wish to receive *NAVIGATOR Express* are encouraged to verify their e-mail newsletter preferences via the AUXOFFICER database located at: <https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/> Members should also place the e-mail address "navexpress@uscgaux.com" into their e-mail safe list with their e-mail software client or Internet Service Provider. The next issue of *NAVIGATOR Express* is scheduled for distribution on 01-FE [Posted: Jan 16, 2011. Source: Christopher Todd, DIR-Ad]

BoatUS Foundation's Grassroots Grants Program for 2011

The nonprofit BoatUS Foundation has announced an April 1 deadline for its 2011 Grassroots Grants Program, which has a total of \$50,000 available for this year's cycle. This program has awarded more than \$1 million in funding over 20 years. Grants of up to \$4,000 are awarded to fund local, innovative projects that educate

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boaters on boating safety and clean boating topics. Traditional boating organizations as well as local groups, clubs, school and college nonprofit organizations are eligible to submit proposals. Details about the program, including photos of previous grant projects, are available at BoatUS.com/Foundation/Grants. In early April the Foundation will post the most creative applications online, and the public will be invited to vote on which projects should receive funding. You can follow the Foundation on Facebook (Facebook.com/BoatUSFoundation) to find out when voting begins.

[Posted: Jan 17, 2011. Source: Bruce White, BC-BLB]

Auxiliarist invited on "Honor Flight"

A Fort Pierce, Florida Auxiliarist was among one hundred World War II combat veterans who were recognized for their sacrifice and service with an "Honor Flight" to Washington DC and Arlington National Cemetery. Read about this special flight and the Auxiliarist who was asked to participate, now on *SITREP*, the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Jan 17, 2011. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor *SITREP*]



NEWS

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

By Harriet Howard, SA-NSBW

It's a new year and the need to promote safe boating practices continues. In 2011, our public affairs officers, instructors and vessel examiners will have new opportunities to remind the boating public to take a boating safety class and to wear their life jacket when aboard. Rear Admiral Kevin Cook, Director of Prevention Policy, U. S. Coast Guard, points out that the two most important things that boaters can do to prevent the loss of life is to wear a life jacket and to take a boater education course. The most recent Coast Guard recreational boating statistics (2009), point up a critical need for boater education. The figures show that 2,656 recreational vessels were involved in boating accidents nationwide, resulting in 1,655 injuries and 326 deaths. The vessel operators involved in these accidents had never taken a boating safety class. In 2011, the Wear It! campaign will continue, reminding boaters from coast to coast to put on their life jacket when on the water. The campaign is sponsored by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the National Safe Boating Council and many other boating organizations. Looking ahead to the 2011 campaign, note that the

National Safe Boating Council will offer its free materials starting March 1 on its www.safeboatingcampaign.com website. Paid resources are available year-round at the following link: <http://boatingorders.com/> National Safe Boating Week, 2011, is May 21-27. Now is the time to start planning your activities. Plan to participate in Inflatable Life Jacket World Record Day, May 21. It's an opportunity for boaters everywhere to Wear It! National Safe Boating Campaign

NAVIGATOR — the official magazine of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary — is currently seeking stories for its 2011 issues. Members interested in submitting content should follow the attached *NAVIGATOR Stylebook & Guidelines 2011* document. This tool should be used in conjunction with the *Coast Guard Public Affairs Stylebook, Associated Press Stylebook* (<http://www.apstylebook.com/>) and the *Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs Manual* for ensuring proper journalistic integrity and content formatting.

We encourage all members with stories and high-resolution photographs of national interest to submit them to *NAVIGATOR* magazine using the process outlined therein. For question on this process, please contact your unit's publications officer using the Auxiliary Chain of Management and Leadership.

For more information on Coast Guard Auxiliary public affairs and publications programs, please visit:

<http://auxpa.org>

Christopher Todd, Deputy Director, Public Affairs

Shore side and Underway Training for Sea Cadets & Sea Scouts

Coast Guard Auxiliary members are now authorized to provide shoreside and underway training to Sea Cadets & Sea Scouts. This program is an outgrowth of the Auxiliary Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC), and its Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The type of training to be provided includes standard Auxiliary boat crew and coxswain qualification tasks. These tasks are already a part of Sea Cadet and Sea Scout training, and the Auxiliary role in providing this training is a natural outgrowth of its public education and youth outreach missions. But since this activity involves Auxiliary operational facilities (OPFACs), it will be administered in the context of the Auxiliary boat crew operations program. Auxiliary facilities used for Sea Scout or Sea Cadet training must be operated under orders with at least the minimum crew on board, and the number of Sea Cadets or Sea Scouts aboard must not exceed the number of crew. Participating crew members (including coxswains) will complete a brief orientation

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prior to providing training to Sea Cadets and Sea Scouts aboard Auxiliary facilities under orders. OPFACs with Sea Cadets or Sea Scouts on board will not be tasked with SAR duties. If an OPFAC with Sea Scouts or Sea Cadets aboard needs to respond to an incident, the youth must not be involved in the operation. To determine how you can become involved, inquire through your chain of leadership and management. Additional information about this initiative is available online at <http://tinyurl.com/ss-underway>. [Posted: Jan 20, 2011. Source: COMO Nick Tarlson, BC-BLY]

Auxpaolists Problems

Sincere apologies to those members who received a plethora of E-mails associated with the auxpaolists. We appear to have had an unauthorized intrusion into our provider's system that caused the problem. We have deleted the list from the provider's system. We will rebuild a new mailing list to convey useful information to Elected, PA, PB, and CS officers. We will be rebuilding the new list from AUXOFFICER. If you are not an Elected, PA, PB, or CS Officer and wish to be on the new PALIST, please send me an email at: thomas.nunes@cgauxnet.us. Again, we are truly sorry this has happened. Thank you for your patience. [Posted: Jan 20, 2011. Source: Tom Nunes, DIR-A]

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“There are those, I know, who will say that the liberation of humanity, the freedom of man and mind, is nothing but a dream. They are right. It is the American Dream.”

Archibald MacLeish

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