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Coast Guard's Health, Safety, and Work-life Service Center (HSWL SC) Detachment San Pedro

Fast-Response Auditors of Occupational Safety and Environmental Health



Cooperation between the ship's crew and SEHO auditors are essential. Here the ship's port engineer, LT Igor Landyshev, suggests to LCDR Matt Dooris potential contamination locations. Photo by Auxiliarist Eric Eltinge, HSWL SC (se-fo) Detached San Pedro.



Before going onboard, all testing equipment must be calibrated. Here, MSTC Tristan Krein confirms all readings of the NITON Portable X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) Analyzer "lead gun" are within manufacturer's specifications. Photo by Auxiliarist Eric Eltinge, HSWL SC (se-fo) Detached San Pedro.

LCDR Matt Dooris conducting lead sampling to confirm if any lead dust from bilge area is being tracked into other areas of the ship. Photo by Auxiliarist Eric Eltinge, HSWL SC (se-fo) Detached San Pedro



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NACON 2013—San Diego: Rejuvenate and Duplicate!

by **COMO Alfred J. Verdi, District Commodore**

This was the best NACON [Friday Night] I have ever attended.” This direct unsolicited quote to me from a Past National Commodore whose watch was over 20 years ago was amazing! Fellowship Friday night was a huge success and represented one of many highpoints of the weekend. The week of training started on Thursday morning with the D11SR hoisting training at Sector San Diego. Jeff Piolet and Robin Neuman, both from Flotilla 12-4 Los Angeles, and Ron Miller, Flotilla 12-42 Santa Monica Bay, demonstrated the advanced Performance Qualification System skills required to be part of this team of crew and coxswains supporting Station Los Angeles, Sector San Diego and Air Station Sacramento and the three aviation platforms they represent. This training was followed by a personal watercraft (PWC) demonstration conducted in the hangar at Sector San Diego put on by Leslie Pelosi, Auxiliary Affairs Specialist, and Don Norby with assist from COMO Mike Johnson, a PWC Qualification Examiner.



The power-packed national training continued over Friday and Saturday with high attendance. The other NACON highpoint was the first webcast of multiple classes. During a recreational boating safety (RBS) overview class, the classroom was standing room only, with about 40 members present. On the webcast, there were 130 members viewing from across the country. This brings me to my post-NACON watchwords shown above: Rejuvenate and Duplicate.

Rejuvenate is the process of renewal and restoration to a youthful vigor and appearance. That was what went on at NACON this year. The optimism was in the air. Memberships are going up, up, up even during these times of so-called sequestration—the funds are not coming back any time soon—and belt-tightening. RBS effectiveness is also up, up, up, especially in the reported regions of Atlantic Central, notably Ohio and Pennsylvania, where fatalities are significantly down over past years. In D11SR, metrics reports show that participation in RBS programs is at the highest level in the past decade. Our district is close to topping 2,000 members this year, and the approval-pending pipeline is full. Our successes were acknowledged through national awards including Anna Smeal, DSO-PV, winning the Coast Guard RBS Award of Excellence and Flotilla 66, North Orange County, winning the 2012 overall best performance award, first place for vessel exams. Other regions are also booming. Sequestration is translating to “saving lives.” The process of recharging the batteries of the leadership and attending members was palpable.

Highlights of the opening session included the introduction of Chief DIRAUX CAPT F. Thomas Boross, <http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/cginfo/boross.asp> and great motivational comments by Admiral Robert J. Papp, Commandant U.S. Coast Guard, Pacific Area Commander VADM Paul Zukunft, and District 11 Commander RADM Karl Schultz during the general session were hugely inspiring, supportive, and appreciative of the Auxiliary. The Saturday night Wrap Up dinner was highlighted by NACO Tom Mallison’s speech and ADM Papp’s slide tour of his recent visit to Alaska.

Duplicate is to do or perform again; repeat; to copy exactly like an original. We all must continue to duplicate our successes. In Auxiliary terms, through the pass-down or the chain of leadership process, we convey important information or processes to the deck plate. Doing it, however, is just as hard as describing it, which I just described inartfully. Having been given all the tools we need to perform our missions, as possibly modified this past week at NACON, we at District levels must duplicate those processes and have our direct reporting members do the same. Then, they take the same process in their respective areas of interest and do the same to their direct reports, at the division and flotilla levels, and it then gets to the members intact. I promise you that if you look at the regions with high productivity levels you will find faithful duplication. It’s the same process and message of RBS—whether vessel exams, program visitation, public education, and so on—repeated to the public wherever they are. The only thing that changes is the audience. The webcasting bonus to duplication is that we compress the time to duplicate to the deck plate when hundreds, and soon to be thousands, of members are viewing live. If we diligently incorporate our lessons learned from this NACON, I predict that over 1,000 members will be trained via webcast as early as NACON 2014 in Orlando, Florida.

On Sunday, the closing day, the D11SR Ops workshop and one hour Team Coordination Training (TCT) was put on brilliantly by BOSN2 Matt James, OTO from D11NR (and webcast by COMO Mike Maddox of D11NR). The Aviation Swim was proctored by rescue swimmers AST2 Mike Ackermann and AST3 Joe Florio. The Crew Resource Management class—the aviator’s TCT—was conducted by Sector San Diego MH-65 pilot LCDR Charlotte Pittman.

All in all, a Super Session, 2013. Thanks to CDR DesaRae Janszen, DIRAUX D11SR, for her creative input and support throughout, Leslie Pelosi, YN2 Megan Johnson, and SK2 Josh Richardson. Thanks to the entire IC Team lead by Eric Decuir and Randy Wesson and their respective members, the Color Guard led by Robin Neuman, and soloist Tanya Wilkins, DSO-SR, for singing the National Anthem beautifully.

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Who We Are

Since 1939, the men and women of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary have volunteered millions of hours in support of the U.S. Coast Guard and the recreational boating public.

We are the uniformed civilian volunteer arm of the Coast Guard.

Our Missions

Recreational Boating Safety - consisting of our many boating safety classes, distributing boating safety information to the public, providing free vessel safety checks, and doing safety patrols on land, water and in the air.

Support of Maritime Homeland Security and other maritime safety challenges that have emerged in recent years.

Director's Column

CDR DesaRae A. Janszen, DIRAUX

Happy fall! Was it just me, or did summer 2013 seem to fly by? We had a nice send-off for BOSN4 "Hutch" Hutchison at SeaWorld in July. We all wish him "fair winds and following seas" in retirement. Please join me in extending a hearty welcome to our new Operations Training Officer, BOSN2 Mark Holzman. He comes to us with an extensive background in boat operations and is a wonderful addition to our DIRAUX team.

One of the highlights of my summer was hosting Auxiliarist C. Doug Kroll at both Sector San Diego and Base LA/LB for a presentation on Coast Guard History. Doug wrote "A Coast Guardsman's History of the Coast Guard," a fascinating read. Pick one up today!

Another highlight of the DIRAUX office this summer was escorting PFD Panda, aka YN2 Megan Johnson, around the Coast Guard Day Festivities at Base LA/LB on August 2nd. Thanks to Jon Ross for bringing Coastie along, too. The Coastie/PFD Panda dance party was second in popularity only to the amazing BBQ that the outstanding AUX FSs served up for the crew.

I had a great time meeting some of those I (try to) speak with each week on the AUXNET at the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend on August 16th at Point Fermin. One of my favorite parts of being DIRAUX is the honor of being Charlie-Golf-One each week on the Net. Thanks to Randy Houk for setting-up my snazzy new P25 radio so I can be heard farther on the Net!

Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard on hosting our National Auxiliary Convention (NACON) this year in San Diego. This event could not have been successful without the long list of D11 South volunteers who selflessly gave their time. Particularly I would like to recognize Randy Wesson, Pat Carlson, as well as Barb and Eric DeCuir for the many, many hours you poured into this special event.

Hey, do you know why Commodore Verdi threw his clock out of his window?

He wanted to see time fly! Ba-dum-dum!

Here's to a great fall and lots of fun and enjoyment spending time with the greatest volunteer life-savers on the planet: the D11 South Coast Guard Auxiliary!

Yours in service and support,

CDR DesaRae A. Janszen

Director of Auxiliary, D11-Southern Region

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SEA WORLD - 19 July send-off for BOSN4 Hutchison. Pictured are from left to right, top row: Ron Miller, Flotilla 12-42, Santa Monica Bay, CDR DesaRae Janszen, Jeannie Cooper, BOSN4 Hutchison, SK2 Joshua Richardson, Janet Richardson. Next Row: Cody & Sydney Janszen and friend Londyn, Leslie Pelosi, Flotilla 45 Burbank, Addison Johnson, Olivia Holder, Parker Johnson, YN2 Megan Johnson and Tiffany Holzman. Front row: BOSN2 Mark Holzman and son Martin. Photo courtesy of CDR Janszen.



C. Doug Kroll, Flotilla 11-10, Palm Desert, California and CDR DesaRae A. Janszen in front of a Sector San Diego HH-60 helicopter. Photo by Senior Chief Cochrane.

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Protocol and Courtesy

by Bert Blanchette, District Chief of Staff

We, as Auxiliary members, joined this highly respected organization because of its relationship with the United States Coast Guard, its image and the life-saving work it does, and for many other personal reasons. When we joined, we took an oath to abide by its rules, regulations, and so on.

Part of our successful Team Coast Guard participation is uniforms, policies, and procedures. There is another part of our participation that we should learn and live by.

We give honor and respect to those who serve, have served, and will serve in all of our services. We admire their dedication, and admire the uniformity, the traditions, and history. As Auxiliarists, we should further learn and understand the Protocols and Courtesies of the Coast Guard and the roles we play in this.

When do we salute, how do we salute, how is our Nation's Flag displayed and when? There are many other traditions that should be learned and honored, such as shipboard etiquette, wardroom etiquette, activity invitations, receiving lines, introductions, seating, and so on. We should know and act the part of Team Coast Guard, and not be looked at—and thought of—as "They are only volunteers and they don't know any better."

I strongly recommend that all members read the Guide to Protocol and Courtesy which can be found at <http://hdept.cgaux.org/pdf/proguide-Oct2010.pdf> and, at the flotilla and division level, assign one member to be a Protocol Officer to help with events such as your Changes of Watch and award ceremonies.

As part of your Flotilla training, protocol could be a multi-meeting educational opportunity. Uniform training should also be stressed during meetings. Chapter 10 in the Auxiliary manual is the place to find all uniform information. (http://d11s.org/documents/auxman/auxman_ch10.pdf)

Let's show Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty by proper wearing of the uniform and following the protocols and courtesies of the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Does This Patrol Vessel Look Familiar?

by Mark Oshiro, IPFC, Flotilla 5-12, Shoreline Marina, California

During a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary patrol at Lake Pyramid led by Coxswain Robert Uy on June 23, 2013, the crew came across a very familiar looking patrol vessel keeping a watchful eye over the lake.

See if you can recognize this vessel.... If the vessel looks familiar but, you can't recall where you have seen it, then continue reading the newsletter for the answer.



Your Health and Safety are Our Only Concern!

By Eric Eltinge, FSO-PV, Flotilla 61, Newport Harbor, CA

Have you ever been concerned about any hazards in your workplace? Does your lower back, wrists, or eyes hurt at the end of a long work day? Do you work in a noisy environment or with potentially toxic chemicals? If so, the Coast Guard's Health, Safety, and Work-life Service Center (HSWL SC) Detachment San Pedro located at Terminal Island in San Pedro, California, wants to know.

As fast-response auditors of occupational safety and environmental health, this team works to protect all members of Team Coast Guard in District Eleven (South) between San Diego and Morro Bay, California. Led by LCDR Matt Dooris, one of the Coast Guard's 11 Safety and Environmental Health Officers (SEHOs), the unit is composed of MSTC Tristan Krein, HSC Deborah West, and Auxiliarists Eric Eltinge and Dr. Stuart Salot. As experts in safety and industrial hygiene, they advise and consult on topics from food sanitation and indoor air quality to motorcycle safety, office ergonomics, and emergency preparedness.

A recent environmental health risk assessment on the CGC Sherman is a case in point. Built for the Coast Guard in 1968, the Sherman is the sixth of twelve 378-foot high endurance cutters (WHECs). At the request of the Cutter's Commanding Officer, a thorough investigation for lead and asbestos contamination was performed. Using the latest industrial hygiene techniques, a comprehensive inspection of the ship was completed with the assistance of Sherman's Port Engineer, LT Igor Landyshev. A fluorescent X-ray "lead gun" (Niton XRF) captured lead concentrations from the sonar room to the engine room. They collected bulk samples to detect lead and asbestos which were sent to the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center, Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Laboratory for analysis. No time or effort was spared assisting the Sherman to achieve a clean bill of health.

SEHOs and other HSWL SC safety professionals work to ensure all shore, aviation, and cutter assets comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Environmental Protection Agency regulations, in addition to other federal, state, and local requirements. Engineering, administrative, and personal protection equipment controls help Coast Guard members understand and meet safety requirements, and minimize exposure to chemical, physical, or biological hazards. All members of the Coast Guard community should contact their local SEHO office or visit <https://cgportal2.uscg.mil/units/hswlsc/SafeEvHealth/SitePages/Home.aspx> for additional information on the Coast Guard's Safety and Environmental Health Program.



LCDR Matt Dooris employed several methods to evaluate lead contamination. Here, a wipe is collected to detect the presence of lead dust. Photo by Auxiliarist Eric Eltinge, HSWL SC (se-fo) Detached San Pedro.

Your Health and Safety are Our Only Concern!

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SEHOs advocate and practice the philosophy that “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” In an era of sequestration, it is critical to mission success we don’t lose time on the job. Preemptive safety saves lives, limbs, and money, and ensures operational readiness.

“Don’t Let Your Guard Down.”



Crawling through the bilge, LCDR Matt Doors collects a bulk sample to determine if lead-containing paint exists. Photo by Auxiliarist Eric Eltinge, HSWL SC (se-fo) Detached San Pedro.

Auxiliarist Eric Eltinge, FSO-PV, after a great day doing the camera work during the environmental health assessment. Photo by HSC Deborah West, CG HSWL SC (se-fo) Detached San Diego.



CGAUX Hosts WWII Veterans' Group

Wings Over Wendy's Visits CG Station Channel Islands Harbor

By Michael Brodey, Flotilla 74, Oxnard Maritime, California

Wings Over Wendy's, or WOW, is a group of about 200 veterans, mostly pilots, navigators, and bombardiers, but also members from all services who served in World War II, Korea, or Vietnam. Since 2002, they have been meeting every Monday morning at Wendy's Restaurant in Woodland Hills, California. After Michael Brodey, who lives in their neighborhood and regularly augments at the Coast Guard station in Channel Islands Harbor discovered the group, he attended a couple of their meetings and was enthralled by the stories they told. Ninety-year-old Art Sherman, the group's leader and a bit of a comedian, said, "You'll hear a lot of stories here, a lot of history." Then, after a pause, added, "Some of it's even true!" Regular members include World War II's most decorated fighter pilot Clyde East, who shot down 13 German planes, and Fred Zaleznick who served in the Coast Guard during the Korean War. As one of the Auxiliarist's jobs at the station is to conduct tours for visiting schools and organizations, the flotilla extended a tour invitation to the vets which was enthusiastically accepted and endorsed by the CG Station's command. Flotilla 74 stepped up to assist the station in hosting the event, sharing the cost of refreshments, and helping out with the boat tours.

According to the Veteran's Administration, our World War II vets are dying at a rate of just over 600 a day. This means there are about only 1.2 million veterans remaining of the 16 million who served our nation in World War II. This tour visit, therefore, was not only for the vets to tour the station, but for them to interact with the young men and women at the station, to give them a sense of the magnitude of the sacrifice that generation made for our country, before they are all gone. About 50 vets, several Auxiliarists, and the station crew crowded onto the station's training deck for welcoming remarks from the station's commanding officer, Lieutenant Chris Miller. These remarks were followed by a story told by Roscoe Frazier, an Army veteran and helicopter pilot.

After the training deck briefing, the vets were split up into smaller groups and given tours of the station and the individual boats. In a note, Skip Madsen, Chairman of Tours and Visits for WOW, said, "We all had one fine and educational time with you and your fellow Coasties. In addition, we appreciated your CO taking time to brief us about the Coast Guard and the Station." The other side of the coin was that the young men and women at the station got to meet and talk with some real combat heroes and hear some of their stories. Mission accomplished.

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Lt. Miller discussing mission capabilities of the 25' RB-S. Photo by Mike Brodey, Flotilla 74, Oxnard Maritime, California



Roscoe Frazier telling his story while Boatswain's Mate Chief Petty Officers Roirk and Trumbo look on. Photo by Mike Brodey, Flotilla 74, Oxnard Maritime, California

Auxiliary Crew on Life-Saving Mission

By Julia Dye, DSO-PB

On a beautiful Sunday morning at Pyramid Lake, Robert Uy of Flotilla 41, Northridge, California, launched his vessel and started his crew’s patrol at 0945. Uy, Coxswain of the facility, received a call from the Pyramid Sheriff’s dispatch that an accident had been reported. He and his crew responded immediately and began searching for the accident site.

They arrived on the scene at 0955, joining a Sheriff patrol boat already in place. The Auxiliary crew secured the area to keep other boaters away and to keep wakes from forming. The Sheriff’s EMT boarded the boat that had been involved in the accident.

On board, the EMT discovered a seriously injured 28-year-old man. The victim had been in the water trying to free fishing line from the propeller of his boat when another boater turned on the engine and put the vessel in reverse. The propeller sliced a 12-inch laceration across the victim’s abdomen, after which he somehow managed to haul himself back onto the boat while holding his gaping stomach with one hand. The EMT temporarily bandaged the area and stabilized the man while transportation was arranged.

Robert Uy’s crew was requested to board the victim’s boat to render assistance, and helped the EMT and Deputy Sheriff secure the man onto a gurney for transport to a helipad.

As soon as the Sheriff’s crew and two of the Auxiliary crew transferred the victim to the patrol boat, the Auxiliary vessel immediately returned to the dock to clear boaters that might be in the way of moving the victim to the waiting helicopter. The helicopter crew flew the victim to Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital.

After the helicopter departed, Uy’s crew towed the victim’s boat and secured it to the Sheriff’s dock as evidence, making sure that nobody boarded the boat. As boating under the influence was suspected, it was important that no one tampered with evidence on the boat.

Uy’s crew then began clean-up of the victim’s blood which had spread onto the crew and the facility. Uy stressed the importance of proper cleaning materials—and gloves—on all Auxiliary facilities to handle the clean-up of body fluids, and to reduce the risk of transmitting blood-borne illnesses.

The victim, whose identity has not been disclosed, had been listed in critical but stable condition in the intensive care unit, according to hospital spokeswoman Katreena Salgado.

On August 18, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Parks Bureau indicated that the victim might be dismissed from the hospital sometime in the following week with full recovery.

Another life saved. Bravo Zulu!



PYRAMID LAKE, California - Robert Uy, Coxswain, and his Auxiliary crew assist the Sheriff’s department in transporting the victim of a boating accident on Sunday, 28 July. Photo courtesy of Robert Uy, Flotilla 41 Northridge, California.



**A Tribute to the U.S. Coast Guard
for 223 Years of Service...
Worth watching!**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrxfgpLwTOE>

Flotilla Boat Crew Candidates Conduct On-The-Water Training in L.A. Harbor

By Christopher Gottschalk, FSO-PB, Flotilla 49, West Valley, California

The excitement was palpable in the launch ramp parking lot as several U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarists gathered around the boat cradled in its trailer. Que Pho, Flotilla 41, Northridge, California, the owner of the USCGA facility and coxswain for the day's training mission, emerged from below deck to survey the anxious expressions of his crew staring up at him from the ground.

"You guys ready?" the coxswain asked with a smile, though he already knew the answer if the eager looks on the faces below were any indicator. After a quick set of directions, activity began to buzz getting the facility prepared for launch. Within several minutes, the boat had been safely slipped into the glassy, early morning water and secured dockside. Distinctive in their Coast Guard blue ODUs and bright orange PFDs, the boat crew trainees and mentors clicked into high gear as they flemished mooring lines, loaded gear on the boat, and double-checked their personal survival equipment. Having made full preparations, the crew found themselves idly waiting for a second trainee facility to join them before they could get underway. Not interested in wasting a training opportunity, the mentors encouraged their trainees to practice with the heaving line dockside, while others honed their skills at catching a dock cleat with a mooring line from the deck. Soon enough, the second training group arrived and both vessels left the dock.

Making their way to a quiet area between Piers 300 and 400 in Los Angeles Harbor, the two training facilities engaged in towing evolutions for nearly an hour before separating for their respective patrols. Left alone in the tranquil slip between the commercial piers, Que's training crew practiced person-overboard drills and proper watch reporting.

Satisfied that the trainees demonstrated



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(Top) LOS ANGELES HARBOR, CA - Battleship USS Iowa

(Bottom Left) SAN PEDRO, CA - Taylor Dacus, Flotilla 49, West Valley, CA, and crew make dockside preparations before getting underway.

(Bottom Center) SAN PEDRO, CA - View of the Vincent Thomas Bridge as seen from the main channel of Los Angeles Harbor.

(Bottom Right) SAN PEDRO, CA - Que Pho, Flotilla 41, Northridge, CA, watching a refinery controlled burn-off from the flying bridge of USCGA Facility.

Photos by Christopher Gottschalk, Flotilla 49, West Valley, CA.



SAN PEDRO, CA - July 14, 2013. Barry A. Chapman, Flotilla 49, West Valley, CA, Training Mentor, demonstrates casting a heaving line while dockside at the Cabrillo Boat Ramp. Photo by Christopher Gottschalk, Flotilla 49, West Valley, CA.

their newly acquired knowledge, the mentors and coxswain agreed it was time to patrol the harbor and acquaint the candidates with Los Angeles Harbor's various distinctive landmarks. Everyone took turns at various watches and discussed the local sights. After several hours, the boat adjusted her course to return to the Cabrillo boat ramp and secure the day's patrol. As the crew worked together to get the boat back onto the trailer, trainees and mentors both showed their fatigue. Removing their lifejackets and exposing their identical sweat stains, the training crew congratulated each other on a day well spent.

Lake Pyramid Sheriff's Patrol Boat Identified

(See pg. 5)

by Mark Oshiro, IPFC, Flotilla 5-12, Shoreline Marina, California

If you thought the Lake Pyramid Sheriff's patrol boat looked very similar to the U.S. Coast Guard's 25-foot Defender Class RB-S patrol boats, then you were correct! After proudly serving in the U.S. Coast Guard fleet for 11 years defending the Nation and saving countless lives, these vessels are being phased out of service and are being given to state and local government agencies to supplement their existing boats.

Bravo Zulu to the 25-foot RB-S fleet for their long and distinguished service to the U.S. Coast Guard and renewed service to state and local government agencies.



Miss your unit's Change of Watch? Need another dose of the Kitten Story?
See some great videos including several terrific speeches here:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/CommanderDiv12?feature=watch>

The AIRSTA Hoist Team: District 11 Southern Region Celebrates 1,000th Individual Hoist

By Julia Dye, DSO-PB

To effectively train its rotary wing air crews, the U.S. Coast Guard has always relied upon surface crews to provide support. This training, which involves hoisting from boats to improve proficiency in core rescue procedures, requires increasing involvement by surface support, so the Coast Guard turned to the Auxiliary for additional facilities and crews.

“It was evident that aviation needed a reliable, professional, and cost-effective means for securing the surface assets necessary to fulfill our training needs. Fortunately for Sector San Diego, we have a vibrant Coast Guard Auxiliary leaning forward to support their active duty counterparts wherever they can,” said Commander Jeremy Smith, Sector San Diego’s Aviation Division Operations Officer, speaking to the 11th Coast Guard District.

For the last four years, the Auxiliary team has been tracking the number of individual hoists in which they’ve participated while conducting training missions with Air Station Los Angeles’ MC65s and Sector San Diego Air Station’s MH60s aircraft. On Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 1015, the Division 12, Santa Monica Bay Auxiliary Boat Helicopter/Fixed-Wing Support Training Team reached a milestone, participating in the 1,000th individual hoist with an aircraft.

The Deck Crew for this event was Robin Neuman and Jeff Piolet from Flotilla 12-4 Los Angeles, California, Moe Macarow, Flotilla 12-7 Marina del Rey, California. Ron Miller of Flotilla 12-42 Santa Monica Bay was at the helm, and Gary Olson of Flotilla 12-5 Beach Cities was perched on the flybridge as the overall safety. Geli Harris and Mary Elsom, both from Flotilla 12-7, remained inside the cabin to take still photos and video of this event.

The actual 1,000th hoist was the first hoist with Sector San Diego Air Station aircraft 6041 that morning. Both 6041 and aircraft 6033 were in use. When the 6041 Air Crew were informed about the achievement, they congratulated the team, saying they were extremely pleased to have participated in this event, and complemented the team on their professionalism.

The Navigator, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Magazine, featured the team in its 2012 issue where Piolet talked about the high winds beneath the helicopter, saying, “If it’s Air Station San Diego’s MH-60T Jayhawk long-range search and rescue helicopter, it’s like a mini 130-knot hurricane that can knock your boat off-course or spin it 360 degrees in less than 15 seconds. It can also knock you off your feet if you’re not careful!”

As of July 26, 2013, the team has participated in 1,013 individual hoists and 207 patrol-ordered hoist training missions. During Fiscal Year 2013, the team has devoted 961.2 hours during its 37 hoist training missions: 830.2 hoist training hours with Air Station Los Angeles, and 131 hours with Sector San Diego Air Station. These hours ensure the proficiency and qualifications of every aircraft crew—pilots, flight mechanics, and rescue swimmers—and allow Coast Guard assets that might have to be used for hoist training to concentrate on other valuable missions, surface training situations, and operations. The team feels great pride when members of an Air Crew that they’ve helped train performs an actual rescue.

Air Station Los Angeles, Sector San Diego Air Station and Air Station Sacramento depend on the team’s assistance to effectively train and qualify every Air Crew. It will always be a challenge to replicate real-life mission scenarios, but in Southern California, the training is always as real as the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary can make it.



25 JUL 2013—Jeff Piolet, Flotilla 12-4 Los Angeles, Team Commander of the Division 12 Boat Helicopter/Fixed-Wing Support Training Team Los Angeles, controls the Trail Line as Moe Macarow, Team Member (Flotilla 12-7 Marina del Rey), prepares to discharge static electricity with the Deadman Stick as Sector San Diego Air Station Helicopter 6041 lowers the basket during the Team’s 1,000th individual training hoist training mission. Photo by Angelika P. Harris, Flotilla 12-7, Marina del Rey, California.



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Helicopter Training Team Los Angeles aboard Ladyfish III works with an HH-60 from Air Station San Diego in Santa Monica Bay, CA, standing by as safety vessel during rescue swimmer drills. Photo by Steve Lee, Flotilla 12-4, Los Angeles, California.

Auxiliary Member Sharon Gytri Honored as Woman of Distinction

By Julia Dye, DSO-PB

Sharon Gytri of Flotilla 11-12, Big Bear Lake, California, has been honored in the first annual 8th Congressional District Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony held on Friday, August 23, 2013. At the event, Rep. Paul Cook (R-Yucca Valley) honored 60 women from the district for their positive contributions to their respective communities.

"I was astounded by the interest this event received from the public," said Rep. Cook. "It shows that there are people in our communities who care about making the 8th District a better place to live. I'm truly thankful for the work these women do, and the ceremony will be a great way for others to express their appreciation."

Congressional District 8 includes the Inland Empire and going north from Nevada to the center of the Sierra Nevada mountains to just east of Sacramento.

More than 500 women were nominated in the San Bernardino Mountain area alone, so Gytri feels very appreciative of the honor. "I really feel that I received this award because I met Congressman Paul Cook when I was on duty with Flotilla 11-12 for the Big Bear Lake Heritage Tribute and Parade to the Military and First Responders," said Gytri. Lowell Gytri, Flotilla 11 -12's commander, organized the Auxiliary involvement in the events. In addition to the local Flotilla members, District 11SR COMO Verdi and J.V. Vara, commander of Division 11, Riverside and San Bernadino Counties Area, also participated.

Sharon Gytri retired from teaching middle school after 37 years of distinguished service, 22 years at Apple Valley Unified School District and 15 in South Central Los Angeles. She was also a part-time associate professor at CSLA. She continues to educate as a substitute teacher for the Big Bear Unified School District. When she moved with her family to Big Bear Lake, she served as president of the North Shore Elementary PTA, and later volunteered with the March of Dimes Celebrity Ski Classics.

Sharon was on the staff of the Big Bear Lake International Film Festival and the Big Bear Horri-Fi Film Festival. Currently, Sharon operates a film and television industry consulting firm, Connections by Sharon, offering logistics and actor-casting services for production companies. She also manages the careers of some professional actors.

Sharon is an indexer and research assistant to author Jay Wertz for a series of World War II history books, War Stories, published by Weider History Publications. These books are based on veteran's personal interviews.

Sharon is FSO-PB and FSO-SR for Flotilla 11-12, Big Bear Lake, California. As a certified boat crew member, Sharon spends many of her summer weekends safeguarding the boating public on Big Bear Lake. She received a medal from the Coast Guard for her radio communications work at Station Los Angeles/Long Beach.

Gytri had previously approached Rep. Cook to ask for assistance in requesting a Medal of Honor for Leonard DeWitt, a WWII vet, who almost single-handedly held a New Guinea ridge for the Allies. Since DeWitt served with the Oregon National Guard, the chances of being honored with the award were slim. Rep. Cook told Gytri that he would see if he could help DeWitt, whose story is featured in War Story's third volume. "The book series has been such meaningful work for me because of my great respect for these amazing WWII vets. I always make sure that at least one Coast Guard vet is interviewed for each volume," said Gytri.

Rep. Cook is a member of the House Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, and Foreign Affairs Committees. Cook is a former educator who served as an infantry officer and retired as a Colonel after 26 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was awarded the Bronze Star medal with valor device and two Purple Hearts for actions in combat.

"There are many accomplished women in this district who don't get the recognition they deserve. This event is an opportunity to recognize women throughout the district who have made significant contributions to their communities," Cook said. "It's important that we honor these contributions, and I hope this will become an annual event."



APPLE VALLEY, California - On 23 August 2013, Sharon Gytri of Flotilla 11-12, Big Bear Lake, California, was honored in the first annual 8th Congressional District Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony.

Photo courtesy of Sharon Gytri.

USCG Auxiliary Puts U.S. Navy Sea Cadets Suddenly In Command

By Christopher Gottschalk, FSO-PB, Flotilla 49, West Valley, California

On July 8th and 13th, 2013, members of Flotilla 49, West Valley, California, met with over 60 cadets of the U.S. Navy Sea Cadets Corps from the Bryce Canyon and Betsy Ross Divisions. Taking place at the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Sherman Oaks, California, the cadets learned boating safety and what measures to take should they find themselves “Suddenly In Command” during a crisis on the water. Following established Auxiliary curriculum, several Auxiliarists worked as a team to cover the material in an engaging fashion. With various pieces of emergency equipment on hand, the instructors demonstrated proper fire extinguisher techniques, basic functionality of marine radios, and displayed a variety of personal flotation devices available to the boating public, as well as the specific survival equipment required for Auxiliary boat crews. A particular high point of the demonstrations involved two volunteers donning self-inflating life jackets. Coinciding with the required annual check of the self-inflating gas cartridges, the volunteers were asked to activate the inflation systems to



Barry A. Chapman, Flotilla 49, West Valley, California, teaches a boating safety class to U.S. Navy Sea Cadets on July 8, 2013.

Photo by Christopher Gottschalk, Flotilla 49, West Valley.
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Richard Vogel, Flotilla 49 commander, demonstrates proper use of a fire extinguisher. July 8, 2013. Photo by Christopher Gottschalk, Flotilla 49, West Valley.

the great delight of their fellow cadets.

After covering the course material, the Auxiliarists and cadets broke into smaller groups for more individualized question-and-answer sessions at hands-on learning stations. Cadets relished the opportunity to try on anti-exposure suits, hone their knot-tying skills, simulate distress calls over a two-way radio, practice the use of fire extinguishers, and throw heaving lines across the parking lot. Flotilla 49 members Richard Vogel, flotilla commander; staff officers Orrei Barasch, public education; Ralph Steffen, secretary/records; Octavious David, materials; Christopher Gottschalk, publications; along with Barry A. Chapman, assistant district staff officer for human resources food service, and members Carol Steffen and Ralph Casale all participated.

Lake Powell Patrol Saves Lives of Kayakers

By Julia Dye, DSO-PB

On August 2, 2013, an Auxiliary patrol entered the Antelope Canyon at Lake Powell, Arizona. With COMO Mike Johnson, Flotilla 10-7, Metro Phoenix, Arizona at the helm, the crew noticed that the weather was deteriorating and they discussed increasing their GAR if conditions remained unstable.

Upon entering the canyon, they discovered many boaters and kayakers. The canyon is several miles long with high, winding vertical walls over 300 feet and from 50 to 150 feet wide. After reaching the end of the canyon, the vessel turned around and the crew noticed that the wind was increasing and the clouds were lowering and getting very dark. At that time, National Park Service came on the radio with a flash flood warning for extremely heavy winds and flash flooding in the narrow canyons of Lake Powell. Antelope Canyon has a reputation as being one of the most hazardous canyons during flash flood periods, having claimed many lives and also injuring boaters.

At this point, the crew decided to put on protective clothing, increase their GAR, and warn the boaters in the canyon of the unsafe conditions. About half way out of the canyon and after warning several boaters to seek shelter and high ground, an extreme microburst hit the canyon with heavy gale-force winds of over 50 knots and heavy rains lowering visibility to less than 100 yards. The wave height had increased substantially, and the crew was concerned for the boaters trapped in the canyon.

A few hundred yards later, they discovered three panicked kayakers that were blown up against the canyon wall with waves breaking over the sides of their kayaks while being pelted with strong hail. Water was running over the top of the canyon wall with the possibility of rocks and debris hitting them. Waving frantically for help, the crew stopped to assist. The coxswain, Gregory Chapman of Flotilla 10-2, Page Lake Powell, Arizona, took the helm as he was more familiar with close-in maneuvers with that facility. He maneuvered the boat and decided on a rescue plan for the kayakers.

The patrol positioned the boat to block the wind and waves, and attempted to communicate with the frantic kayakers. Unfortunately, the Swiss boaters could speak only limited English. Using hand signals, the crew guided the kayakers into the Auxiliary vessel safely.



One of the numerous waterfalls in Antelope Canyon that day, August 2, 2013. Photo by: Karen Chapman, Flotilla 10-2, Page Lake Powell, Arizona

The high winds bouncing off the canyon walls and limited visibility made maneuvering challenging. Chapman was station-keeping just inches from the canyon wall while in a position to protect the kayakers during the rescue. As the crew came alongside the kayakers, Johnson retrieved their paddles while Richard White made lines ready to attach to the kayaks. COMO Mike Johnson, 10-7, and Richard White from Flotilla 10-8, East Valley, then maneuvered the kayaks to the swim platform where Karen Chapman, Flotilla 10-2, Page Lake Powell, started helping them onboard.

The Auxiliarists assessed the kayakers' condition and then sheltered them inside the cabin with blankets to prevent possible hypothermia. The crew ensured that the engine was not engaged any time one of the survivors was on the swim platform. They then positioned the vessel in the middle of the canyon, station-keeping, facing into the wind and rain, and keeping the boat away from the waterfalls as a precaution against any possible rocks or debris rolling over the cliffs into the water.

They maintained this position while the crew monitored the rescued victims as the microburst slowly dissipated. They then decided that the danger had passed and transported them to safe haven at Antelope Point Launch Ramp.

After returning to the patrol, they saw a huge debris field at the end of the canyon, which had made a dam on the once-existing sandy beach, creating a situation of extreme danger to boaters should another storm hit the area.

The crew was thankful, through training and experience, that they were able to keep Antelope Canyon from taking three more lives on that eventful day.



The patrol crew helps survivors get on board the vessel. Photo by: Gregory Chapman, Flotilla 10-2, Page Lake Powell, Arizona

The (New) OTO Says...

By **BOSN2 Mark H. Holzman**

Hello everyone—my family and I are happy to be here in sunny SoCal. I'm reporting in from USCGC VIGILANT in Port Canaveral, Florida where I was assigned as the Deck Chief. In the few weeks I've been here, I've been amazed at all the great things going on in the district from the comprehensive First Aid, CPR, and AED defibrillator training, to the 1,000th helicopter hoist conducted with Air Station San Diego, to the successful earning the Operational Excellence Award, and finally the steady flow of initial certification and re-certification requests coming across my desk every week.

With the end of the year quickly approaching, please don't wait till Dec. 29 or 30 to tell your materials or operations staff officers that you need team coordination training (the 8 hour TCT course) or one more hour of underway time to complete your annual recertification. Work with your staff officers now to plan out training to meet your qualifications in an appropriate timeframe, so that there will be no delay in certification or re-certification due to incomplete competency tasks.

Here is a little background about myself: I'm from a small town in southeast Georgia. I'm happily married to my wife Tiffany and we have one son, Martin, who has just started kindergarten. I entered the Coast Guard in January of 1995 and have been stationed at various units on both coasts. My assignments include USCGC RED CEDAR (Virginia), CG Station Mayport, Florida, USCGC CORMORANT (Florida), USCGC OSPREY (Washington), CG Station Curtis Bay, Maryland, USCGC WAESCHE (California), and CG Boat Forces Detachment, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. This tour is my first outside the operations realm, so I'm adjusting to the change of pace along with the learning curve that comes with this new assignment. I look forward to meeting and working with you all.



First Aid Skills are Perishable—Practice, Practice, Practice!

By **Christopher Gottschalk, FSO-PA, Flotilla 49, West Valley, CA**

Flotilla 49, West Valley, California members were extremely fortunate to have visitors Herb and Linnea Haas from Flotilla 46, Mid San Fernando, demonstrate basic bandaging techniques and provide general tips on how members can stay prepared in the event they are called upon to render emergency medical assistance. Herb was keen to remind the members several times that our first aid skills are perishable—if we don't think about them regularly we won't remember what to do when a crisis presents itself. Adding a bit of humor, Herb demonstrated the difficulty of applying direct pressure to a wound while trying to dial his number on a mobile phone in order to ask, "What do I do next?!?"

In addition to covering basic techniques for applying direct pressure and pressure dressings, Herb and Linnea stressed that the personal safety of the responder must come first. They reiterated the basic concept of SAPP—Stop, Assess, Plan, and Proceed when encountering any emergency situation. Other basic safety tips included always carrying at least two pairs of easily accessible nitrile gloves. Latex gloves should be avoided because many



Herb Haas bandages Joseph Amaro with Carol Steffen and Ralph Steffen observing in the background. Photo by Christopher Gottschalk, Flotilla 49, West Valley



Flotilla 49, West Valley members Fred Devoogd, Armand Wazana, Orrei Barasch, Octavious David, and visitor Dawn Barron observe the First Aid demonstration. Photo by Christopher Gottschalk, Flotilla 49, West Valley, CA

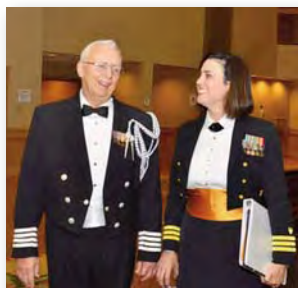
people have allergic reactions to them. They also suggested compartmentalizing various bandages and supplies in our First Aid kits using sealable plastic bags to diminish the risk of contaminating an entire kit when blood or other bodily fluids are involved. Additional items to consider included trauma shears and rescue knives that can be used for multiple purposes—removing clothing from an injury, cutting bandages from available cloth, quickly slicing through seat belts, and breaking through safety glass—just to name a few.

Despite the tremendous amount of practical knowledge that was presented to the members, one basic idea stood out loud and clear above the rest: When it comes to first aid skills we all would do well to remember to practice, practice, practice! After all, it may just save a life one day.

D-Train 2014

By **COMO Richard B. Miller, D-Train Incident Commander**

The training conference will be held from Friday, January 10th through Sunday, January 12th, 2014 at the Costa Mesa Hilton Hotel. We have held our district Conference/D-Train at this hotel for more than ten years. It is centrally located for the majority of our membership and is close to the Orange County Airport. They have always worked very hard to accommodate our needs.



COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA - Bert Blanchette, DCOS, and CDR DesaRae A. Janszen at last year's D-Train.

This year, we plan to have the listing of workshops available by October 1st so that the membership will have plenty of time to decide which workshops they want to attend.

A new online registration website is being developed which should be online by early October. The word will be passed down when the website is up and running.

It is not too soon to mark the dates on your calendar.



Chefs and Food Service: A New Name and an Invigorated Program

by **Barry Chapman, ADSO-HR/FS**

The AUXCHEF Program has changed its name from AUXCHEF to the Auxiliary Food Service (AFS). In D11S the change is much deeper than a simple name change. We are redefining who and what we are and how we can provide better support to the Coast Guard in our area of operations. We are working closely with the Coast Guard Food Services leadership in the Galley at Base Los Angeles/Long Beach to ensure that we are doing everything the Coast Guard way.

We are developing a complete new infrastructure which will improve communications, a more in-depth training program, setting up policies and procedures to make the D11SR a viable organization that will carry on long after we are all gone. We are embracing the new technology by building an AFS website, creating our own Facebook page to improve communications within our ranks, and will help us recruit other Auxiliarists who are interested in the program. D11SR area of operations is massive; the new technology will help bring us all together no matter where we live in the district.

Since June 14th, our people have provided the Coast Guard Food Service with approximately 160 hours of support to both Base Los Angeles/Long Beach and Sector San Diego. The numbers do not include any hours that our members worked on Coast Guard Cutters. We have augmented Coast Guard personnel at changes of command, barbecues, the Galley Base Los Angeles/Long Beach both for special events and to provide support when their ranks were thin, special events at Sector San Diego, and most recently our people grilled all of the food for more than 600 people at Base Los Angeles/Long Beach's Coast Guard Day Celebration. With the increase in demand for our services, we are continually drawing on the same staff to stand watches at Coast Guard Events. We will be starting an aggressive recruiting program within the district.

We are holding our first all-district Food Service meeting and training at Base Los Angeles/Long Beach's Lighthouse Classroom on October 5th. The meeting will be open to all certified AFS chefs, trainees, and anyone interesting in joining the program. Our members come from all over Southern California. This gathering will be a great opportunity for everyone to meet, network, and make contributions to the future of AFS. There will be a training session after lunch. Both the meeting agenda and the classes are a work in progress.

For additional information, please contact Barry A. Chapman, ADSO-HRFS, at breadbaker@socal.rr.com .



Auxiliary Food Service works side by side with Coast Guard active duty food service personnel in small boat stations and on board cutters.

Photo courtesy USCG Auxiliary

Auxaminers

By James Stellflug, Sector San Diego CFVS

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has historically made noteworthy contributions to the Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety (CFVS) Program by performing dockside examinations, educating fisherman at special events, and promoting the program by simply walking the docks. Auxiliarists represent the intangible benefit of having that “local knowledge” at Sectors, which can be extremely helpful with regionally distinct fisheries. Sector San Diego Auxiliarists Al Gale, Flotilla 14, San Diego, California, and Wally Berry, Flotilla 18, San Diego Peninsula, have been qualified CFVS examiners working almost daily in Sector’s Prevention Department since 2004. They have assisted in 37 safety examinations to date in FY13, and both manage this while performing other Auxiliary missions, such as inspecting uninspected passenger/recreational vessels (Gale) and as the Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (Berry). The wide variety of fisheries in Southern California provide a diverse vessel fleet and the different fishing tactics represent hazards often times unique to the fishery, requiring varied approaches to ensure safety. Al Gale commented, “I am intrigued by their techniques and learn something new at each examination.”



SAN DIEGO, California - Auxiliarist Al Gale, Flotilla 14, San Diego, on a Fishing Vessel in South Bay, August 7, 2013.
Photo by James Stellflug.

Commercial fishing remains one of the most hazardous occupations in the world, and the recent Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012 has established mandatory dockside examinations to be completed no later than October 15, 2015. The effort to ensure compliance with federal regulations on these ves-

sels prior to their voyages will potentially reduce search and rescue cases, limit law enforcement boarding hours, and above all, save lives. The Auxiliary continues to be a “force multiplier” in support of CFVS. The Examiner qualification packet can be viewed at the District 11 website at http://msep.d11nuscgaux.info/ms/cfve_upv.html. Every Sector in California has a designated civilian CFVS Examiner, and is listed, along with national program POCs, at <http://www.fishsafe.info/CFVS%20Contact%20List.pdf>.

Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety EXAMINATION

VESSEL

Documented

Undocumented

OPERATION AREA:

Beyond Boundary Line

Inside Boundary Line

Cold Waters

Warm Waters


3 NM

12 NM

20 NM

50 NM

>100 NM



EXPIRES

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

JAN	JUL
FEB	AUG
MAR	SEP
APR	OCT
MAY	NOV
JUN	DEC

THIS VESSEL MEETS ALL USCG COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY VESSEL REGULATIONS FOR OPERATION AREA AS INDICATED

NO. 111271

CG-5587A (Rev. D11-09/10) U.S. Department of Homeland Security



SAN DIEGO BAY, California - Al Gale, Flotilla 14, San Diego, (left) examining navigation lights on a commercial fishing vessel. Photo by James Stellflug.

District Calendar

SEPTEMBER

06-08: Toshiba Tall Ship Festival Dana Point, CA

For more information, contact Clint Wells at 714-340-5885 or CLINT.WELLS508@GMAIL.COM

14: District Board and Staff Meeting, streamed live from the Costa Mesa Hilton, 3050 Bristol St., Costa Mesa, CA

21: International Coastal Cleanup, all beaches. For more information, contact Jim Haas at iguanabob@msn.com

26-29: Lido Yacht Expo, Lido Marina Village, Newport Beach, CA

For more information, contact Clint Wells at 714-340-5885 or CLINT.WELLS508@GMAIL.COM

OCTOBER

10-13: Inland Rendezvous

13: Discover Marina Del Rey, Marina del Rey, CA

24-27: National Marine Manufacturers Association's Strictly Sail Long Beach Show, Long Beach, CA

For more information, contact Brian Barris at 562-419-5420 or brian@barris.com

27: Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade, Palm Desert, CA

For more information, contact Doug Kroll at 760-340-5885 or DKroll@collegeofthedesert.edu

27: Wings, Wheels & Rotors, Los Alamitos, CA

For more information, contact Clint Wells at 714-340-5885 or CLINT.WELLS508@GMAIL.COM

NOVEMBER

11: Veterans Day

11: Palm Springs Veterans Day Parade, Palm Springs, CA

For more information, contact Doug Kroll at 760-340-5885 or DKroll@collegeofthedesert.edu

JANUARY

10-12: D-Train, Costa Mesa Hilton, 3050 Bristol St., Costa Mesa, CA



BAKERSFIELD, California - After a successful About Boating Safely class taught at Galey's Marine Store on August 17, 2013, Jerry Hendrix, Flotilla 45, Burbank, California, fingerprints David Montoya, the newest applicant into Flotilla 4-10, Bakersfield. Mike Stott, Flotilla 4-10's commander, helps with logistics. Photo by Linnea Haas, Flotilla 46, Mid San Fernando, California.



Mark your calendars. Make your reservations today! Don't miss the 2013 Inland Rendezvous! Instead of receiving the "Wish you were here" postcards, send a few of your own!!



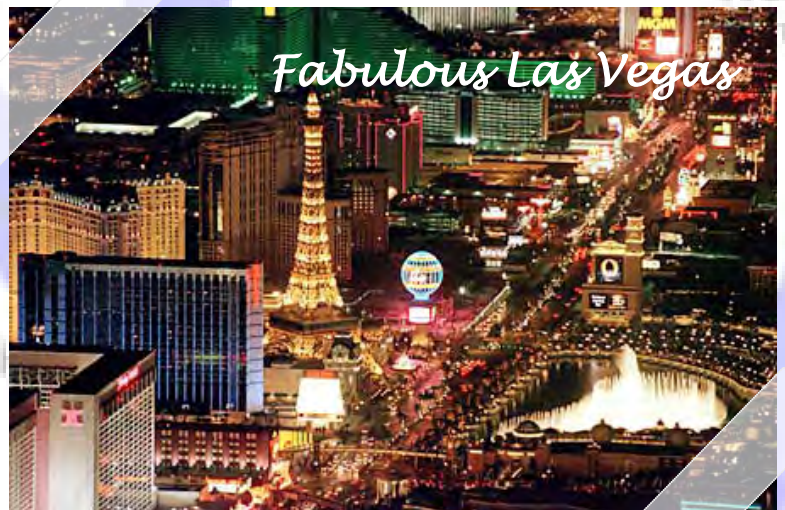
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ITINERARY

Friday October 11, 2013

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm- Lake Mead- Dinner Cruise on the Desert Princess.

Saturday October 12, 2013

10 am - 4 pm Lake Mohave- Pontoon Boat Cruise and Beachside Barbeque lunch. Cottonwood Cove

8 pm "Pasta-All-Around" dinner at Fiesta Henderson Hotel

Sunday October 13, 2013

Guided tour of the Red Rocks National Conservation Area and/or Walking tour inside Hoover Dam
(Hoover Dam tickets purchased on site)

Fiesta Henderson Hotel - 777 W Lake Mead Blvd, Henderson, NV 89015

Room rates: Thurs 10/10 - \$39.99 Fri/Sat 10/11, 12 - \$79.99 Sun 10/13 - \$29.99

For reservations call: 1-888-899-7770

Use code RCIUSCG for the group rate

Room taxes and hotel fees not included.

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Dinner Cruise \$ 55.00 each x _____ = \$ _____ (includes tax & tip).

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Mr. Chris W. Bandy of Flotilla 28-1 in District 9CR, was selected as the 2012 Auxiliarist of the Year. Photo by Joe Gianattasio.



NACON Opening ceremony Division 12 Color Guard. From left: Matthew Begert Flotilla 12-5 Beach Cities, Robin Neuman and Victor Bruno of Flotilla 12-4 Los Angeles, William Coen and Joseph Garcia of Flotilla 12-5 Beach Cities. Photo by Barbara J. De Cuir, Flotilla 12-4 Los Angeles.



Jeff Piolet and Robin Neuman, both from Flotilla 12-4 Los Angeles, and Ron Miller, Flotilla 12-42 Santa Monica Bay, demonstrate helicopter-boat hoist equipment used during actual training missions at a workshop session at NACON. Photo by Trent Kelly, DSO-HR.



The Auxiliary provided the Color Guard and were recognized on the JumboTron during the 3rd Inning of the Padre's game on this first day of NACON. Photo courtesy of CDR DesaRae Janszen.



Chris Harshfield, commander of Division 10, was responsible for all of the audio visual needs of NACON. Photo courtesy of CDR DesaRae Janszen.



COMO Nancy Rudiger presents COMO AI Verdi and CDR DesaRae Janszen the NACO's Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity Management for several District 11SR units. With Kenneth Jacobs, the Auxiliary's Deputy Assistant National Commodore for Diversity.