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William G. Husfield, DCDR Division 8, accepts the District Commodore's Auxiliariest of the Year Award for James H. Elwood 08-03.

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**COMO David L. Maul  
District Commodore**

**Good News and  
Bad News**

I'm sure that you have heard the one where someone will come up to you and say...."I have good news and bad news. Which one would like to hear first?" Well, if you made a living in elementary education you know that you always lead off with positives and then bring in any negative things that have occurred prior to the conference period. SO....here's the good news:

- District membership numbers are up! Thanks to all who have worked so hard, since the first of the year, to bring new folks into our organization.
- ICS 210 training was an exceptional success! We still have some of our operational folks who need to take this course but we successfully trained 70% of our qualified members and will be working to meet the needs of the remaining 30% once we have identified whether they wish to continue in the program. We were able to do this in three months thanks to the assistance of the Coast Guard, D8 and Sector Ohio Valley, our DSO – MT Duncan Wilkinson, Our District Captains, David Stroup, Bill McGonigal and Walt Whitacre, and the members who took this requirement to heart and made sure that they attended one of the seven regional classes. The deadline to complete this course has been extended to 1 April 2010, but I will work to have our members ready before that date.
- Division 12 added a new flotilla to their roster. Flotilla 12-05 was chartered on 24 February 2009 at Norris Lake, Tennessee. Thanks to Tom Walsh, FC and Bob Bruce, DCDR, some 30 new members are now a part of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. What a great addition to our District capabilities.
- We had a very successful District Spring Conference, in Knoxville, TN from 5 – 7 March 2009. Some 145 members and guests registered for this event and from what I have heard

(Good News, Bad News continued from page 2)

everyone felt that the meetings were useful and the thirteen training opportunities were well attended. Our next conference will be in Columbus, Ohio from 17 – 19 September 2009. We’re going to try to make it as worthwhile as the Knoxville conference. Please put it on your calendars and plan to attend.

- Too numerous to mention, but many of our units participated in a multitude of Public Affairs events, mainly Boat Shows and public appearances, sending out our message about safe boating. Since January 1<sup>st</sup> there have been 158 public appearances reported, 39 radio programs and 38 other PA events. That makes a total of one thousand fifty four hours reported. What a great way to start a new year; not only getting our message to the community but letting the community know that the Coast Guard Auxiliary is here and we can help them become safe boaters.
- Another group who are hard at work, getting our message out, are our instructors. Already this year they have taught 89 PE sessions for a total of 254 hours. Another great start!

But, all is not good news. Although we have an increase in membership, our qualified personnel in the Crew, Coxswain, Vessel Examination, Marine Visitation and Instructor programs have decreased, in some cases quite dramatically. I suppose that we could do more with less, but I don’t believe that we can sustain our mission requirements unless we work to get our new folks into one or more of these programs.

I would ask all of our members to consider how much time they can give the Auxiliary and to work with their Member Training Officers to become qualified in one of these programs. I know that time is a finite quantity, but please consider making an additional contribution of same to our organization and become qualified to ensure that we can meet the Coast Guard’s motto, “Semper Paratus”...Always Ready.

As always, thank you for all that you do for the District and for the Coast Guard.



**Snapshots from The  
Eighth District  
Eastern Region  
SPRING CONFERENCE  
March 5 – 7, 2009  
See the full story  
starting on Page 14.**





***Richard A. Washburn***  
**District Chief of Staff**

**WHILE WE WERE ASLEEP**

As you read this article, I want you all to know how hard your Staff is working. Your DSOs (District Staff Officer) and DDCs (District Directorate Chief) have put in many hours of preparation this year to help us meet our goals this season. As I sit down to write this article I am wondering what would be an appropriate topic to talk with you about. It just occurred to me since it is about 4:30 AM, I am not the only one up early or late doing Auxiliary work. Many of us still work full time or are working more due to economic times. I look at many messages with times of 2:00 AM or 6:00 AM stamped on them which is often before our folks are off to work either for the Auxiliary or their families. Many of you are FSOs or SOs as well. I want all of our members to know how much work you do for them. The hours required are many to keep us Semper Paratus. Simply look at your emails and note some of the times your elected and appointed leaders are working for us. Most of us are in bed already or still asleep. The Staff is busy formulating goals and putting in place the logistics to help each Division accomplish its individual goals and meet the needs of your members. Much of what occurs is not readily visible to our membership. Emails requesting help or information are answered. Reports are put together, statistics are Staff

formatted, goal setting, plans are reviewed over and over again, schedules are made for flights, POMS is heating up, orders are approved for patrols, ATONSs are being verified, reported and recorded. Standing Rules are being reviewed, Finance and Material reports are verified, public events are coordinated and conducted, Program Visitors are prepping for their visits the next day. VEs are in the ready as they meet for breakfast and then head for the ramps, Communications is standing by and members/equipment constantly being trained and tested to be ready for the next hurricane, Member Training has trained us to be better prepared for the next disaster, Communications Services has kept us informed and Information Services is recording our time for documentation purposes. Marine Safety is ready to serve, Public Education has scheduled numerous classes and instructors to help the public become safer on the water. Personnel is hard at work recruiting and helping to retain our membership. Materials is filling orders for our mission needs. Think about it, most of these things happened while you were asleep!

Conducting this orchestra of events are the DDCs and your District Captains. We have some of the best people in the business working for us. Bob Craig for one, has been in the ATON business longer than just about anyone. Billie McAdams and Terry Merlo, who has more experience than these two professionals at putting together a plan? Duncan Wilkinson

guided us through ICS 210 in record time not to mention his long list of accomplishments. Josh Kelly has kept us legal, Mark Dever has kept us in the black, George Groene has kept us on the water and Paul Leffler has let us do it more efficiently with POMS. Lynn Miles has multiple goals and plans for Coastie, Panda, Boat Shows and other Public Events. Mort Mullins has set a high bar for VSCs. Jerry Turley took the initiative to get us up to speed with web sites so we are all better informed. DeAnne Rodenburg is out traveling the District providing training to IS Officers. Ron Tvorik is coordinating the plans to train more citizens than almost any other District in the Country. Rick Kreamelmeyer is Nationally recognized as the BEST in the Comms business. Jimmie Hufnagel has brought back to life Program Visitors, Terry Siler who has mentored me and inspired so many to work in Marine Safety is ready for any task that comes his way, Mike Valencic has kept them flying, Mark LaPenna keeps our aviators safe and John Ellis our Sector Coordinator has another full time job with CAPT. Nyguyen keeping us informed and fully engaged with Sector. Some of us have double duty. Gary Branstetter and Gerlinde Higginbotham are not only on District but, also serve as Division Commanders. So if you think things are quiet lately, it is because your staff is doing an incredible job behind the scenes late at night or early in the morning for us and the public. Please know they are up not only for the job but, at all hours for us to be Semper Paratus!



**Dave Stroup**  
**District Captain – West**

**Achieving Objectives**  
**Through**  
**Marketing**

The Auxiliary Mission, District and USCG Sector Business Plans are clearly stated and in sync. We now hear the terms “Modernization” and “Change” both part of the formula to make it all work. So where’s the opportunity for the Auxiliarist? How can we add even more value to these plans?

The modernization initiative is changing the focus of some roles of the Auxiliary. For example, many more of our members are directly supporting the USCG by working at various USCG stations. This is a very healthy trend which helps both the USCG and the USCGAUX meet their objectives and create even closer bonds.

There is more to the story. Enormous opportunity exists in the utilization of Auxiliarists and their talents in support of USCG requirements by freeing USCG resources to accomplish missions not suited for the Auxiliary as well as acting as a force multiplier. We sometimes forget that the Auxiliary is made-up of highly skilled, well trained people who have decades of experience. For example, we have carpenters, computer experts, plumbers, administrative, accountants, engineers, doctors and the list grows.

How can we market or offer these hidden capabilities? In the past year I have witnessed one way this has become not only an opportunity but a potential for growth. Auxiliarist are working one on one at various USCG stations and they are gaining more responsibility as their capabilities are recognized. This is a great way to “market” ourselves, it’s “hands-on” and presents the Auxiliary a very great opportunity to help meet our objectives as well as those of the USCG. Demonstrating the potential that the Auxiliary possesses outside of how we have traditionally been utilized will support modernization and help us meet our business plan while keeping within the scope of our Mission.

**To be able to recognize this opportunity is the first step. The second step is to expand its implementation to be of high value during normal operations and during emergency situations.**

Bravo Zulu to all!



**Revised Deadline for**  
**ICS - 210**

The deadline date for completion of ICS-210 was 31 MAR 2009 is almost upon us. As many Auxiliarist are still in need Of the course, CG-5421 requested a second and final extension which was just granted by CG-5331 (Office of Incident Management & Preparedness).

The new date of compliance is **01APR2010**. As per ALAUX 002/07 this course or the full ICS-300 course is required for Auxiliary Single Unit Resource Leaders (SURL’s) such as coxswains, PWC operators, pilots (Aircraft Commander, First Pilot and Co-Pilot), certain members in the Trident Program or any other team/task force leader determined by a Coast Guard unit Commander to have a need. ICS-210 (or ICS-300 as an equivalent) is to be added to the proper qualification packages as a requirement for final qualification. These changes will be reflected in future editions. The Surface Operations website will be updated this week with this information: <http://cgauxsurfaceops.us/ICS.htm>

When the first extension for ICS-210 from March 2008 to March 2009 was requested, only 715 Auxiliarist (or 18% of required personnel) had taken either course despite it having been “strongly encouraged” for almost **2** years. To date, AUXDATA is now showing well over 2,500 who have taken ICS-210 and close to 900 have taken ICS-300 for a **70%** compliance rate.

(Source: <http://www.auxodept.org/Incident.htm>)



***Wilhelmina McAdams***  
**District Directorate Chief - Logistics**

As you know, the Logistic people just quietly go about their business. First, we have DeAnne Rodenburg, DSO-IS. She has been training two new Information System Officers even though they still need to go to the “C” school. Not wanting to miss all of the fun, Bill Husfield, ADSO-IS, traveled to train a new SO-IS before they went to the “C” school. Bill also watches what the Information System Officers input into the system to make sure that it is correct. If it isn’t, the mistake is caught in a timely manner for corrections to be made before anyone else knows about it. Thus there should not be any mistakes.

Then we have the Materials Store. Debbie Guffey, works hard to bring to the conference a materials store that you can be proud of. Do you know that you may order over the phone by calling her house? We have a problem here as Debbie has resigned from the store and is ready to hand it over to the next keeper. She even wrote an excellent Store Operational Manual. So if any of you out there have some knowledge of bookkeeping, (keeping your check book), loves to work real hard twice a year and likes to play with merchandise, please step up and let your name be known. We’ll even give you a trailer to haul the stuff around!! Things never run as smoothly as you would like.

We have Jerry Turley, DSO-CS, who has been trying to get us our own piece of the Web since we filled up our allocation from our National Server. The new website space was approved at the Spring Conference and now we have unlimited space on the Web. Our goal is to have every Flotilla with their own web site. Come on, all of you Flotillas, you better get with it! Jerry certainly is right on the job of sending information that he finds on the web that may be of interest to us.

Chuck Tibbens, our new DSO-PS, was with us only 2 months. It is a sad day that he resigned. He had so many new ideas. I love it when we get new ideas. They can be put into three (3) categories. Some of them you need an act of congress to change the laws. No, we don’t want to get into this. Some of them will go “Hum”, lets think about this, talk it over, organize it, talk to other DSOs that may be involved, maybe it will go somewhere. Then the last group of ideas is WOW what a great idea, talk to other DSOs! If they agree, take it to the DCO for his approval. This is what keeps our organization growing. Just remember that the DSOs take the new ideas to their DDC and together they find the ones that should be presented to the DCO. One new item has already begun. The “Jobs Wanted” column on the National Web site is for the Sectors to advertise for “Help” they need. This has already been successful. Chuck will be available to continue to pass new inquiries to the correct Division and to train the new person to give him/her a good start. The number of names that have been passed along to the Divisions were:

2 to Division One	1 to Division Two	0 to Division Three
5 to Division Four	6 to Division Five	2 to Division Six
4 to Division Seven	3 to Division Eight	1 to Division Nine
1 to Division Eleven	6 to Division Twelve	2 to Division Sixteen
5 to Division Eighteen	4 to Division Twenty Four	

How did you like the winter “Pilothouse”. Wasn’t it great? That would be Gerlinde Higginbotham our DSO-PB. Gerlinde has not only been busy publishing “The Pilothouse”, she was in on the judging of the different newsletters. Let me tell you that was a hard job, because they were all so good. Sorry, it is too late for bribes, the judging has already been done.



**Lynn Miles, DSO-Public Affairs**

**Calling All Ice Breakers**

Northern areas of District 8ER needs help getting their Public Affairs Department to their events!!!! Some requesting a move south if winter does not end soon!!! Seriously, most of our District has had exceptional snow and ice this winter. Even Alabama got snow this year.

Hey – Did you see the Good News about Boating Fatalities? Boating fatalities have dropped from 710 reported in 2006 to 685 reported in 2007. That was great news and so was the fact that drowning among children under the age of 12 had dropped from 29 to 16 children in 2007. So, I believe that all of our hard work is paying off. Just not as fast as most of us would like to these numbers drop each year. Unfortunately, this good news is overshadowed by the alarming increase in the amount of boating accidents nationwide in 2007. Mixed opinions were voiced on the statistics for boating safety in 2007. Factors such as carelessness or recklessness of the boat operator to the behavior of a passenger were two of the leading factors in the boating accidents. Excessive speed and alcohol were the two other leading factors for boating accidents in 2007. COMO Sweeney decried the fact that accidents, injuries and property damages had all increased. “The disturbing news is that seven of the top 10 factors causing the accidents are human error.” The latest findings for Boating Statistics can be found in the 73-page Recreational Boating Statistics 2007 at: [http://www.uscgboating.org/statistics/Boating\\_Statistics\\_2007.pdf](http://www.uscgboating.org/statistics/Boating_Statistics_2007.pdf).

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary has the opportunity to address these issues in their Public Education Classes, Vessel Safety Checks, Public published articles, and through the Public Affairs Public Service Announcements and activities. This year I would like to challenge all of our volunteers to reach out to as many people as they can to get the message out about boating and water safety. I would love to see our accident and fatality numbers drop in our District. I know that we can do it. It just takes a little effort.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has some of the best volunteers in their organization. I know because I just met many of them at our Spring Conference in Knoxville, TN. It felt so good to be among so many people whose views, goals and opinions were the same as mine.

On another subject - Since taking on the job as District Staff Officer of Public Affairs, one of the complaints that I have received over and over again is how to show off our photography. It is hard to get attention at the National Level. So for 2009, I have decided to create a Photography Contest for our District. Our PA Department will be looking for photos in the following categories:

- Public Education – Catching folks in action teaching
- Public Affairs – Boat Show (exhibit and action shots)
- Vessel Safety Checks – Catching folks in action
- Member Training – Catching folks in action
- Operations – Catching folks in action

The winners will be announced in September at the Fall Conference. Any member of the Auxiliary can enter their photos by sending them to the DSO-PA at [so\\_cc04@yahoo.com](mailto:so_cc04@yahoo.com) by 15 August, 2009. The time frame for taking these photos should be from 15 August 2008 to 15 August 2009. You will receive an acknowledgment that the DSO-PA received it. But the winners will not be announced until the September. This contest will only be successful if many of you enter your photos. The judges will also be able to enter their photography but will not be allowed to vote on their own photos. The judges will be revealed in September. I want to thank all of the judges for volunteering to help out with this contest. Final tidbit to all - May 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> is the National Safe Boating Week Campaign. So here is our big opportunity to connect with our communities to get our message out about Boating and Water Safety. More information can be found at the new Public Affairs Department Website <http://auxpa.org>- or at <http://www.boatingorders.com/> where you can place your orders for literature and other free items for this event.



**C. Duncan Wilkinson**  
**DSO-Member Training**

**To Train or Not To Train**

At conference, I passed on a key point I learned at 2009 NTRAIN. That is a healthy flotilla has among some of its vital signs “An Aggressive PE program and a Responsive Member Training Program”. An aggressive PE program is defined as offering more than a BS&S, SS&S, or ABS one or two times a year, but present workshop type material like “Suddenly in Command”, on several Sunday afternoons. For those who may have had their safety courses, “GPS for Mariners” or “How to Read a Nautical Chart” are advanced choices. Then for the real serious, the *Weekend Navigator* provides a chance to connect with the motivated boater, or do some “On the Water Training” for previously graduated Safety class members.

Now use your charm and get some of these students to join your flotilla so you can do Responsive Member Training. Want a good tool to accomplish this, then use the Member Involvement Plan found on the National Personnel web site; <http://www.auxpdept.org/pdf/Mem20Invol-02-18.pdf>. You might even use this document for some of your seasoned members. Make copies of the last page and do your planning. Not enough for a class; then reach out to a nearby flotilla for their participation. Have some fellowship along the way because having fun is a critical part of a Responsive Training Program.

John Maxwell in his Maximum Impact training lists these six characteristics for people who Make Things Happen; They: “(1) Are driven for a cause. (2) Feel their work is a calling. (3) Do not have an easy path. (4) Think outside of the box, (5) Do more than is required or expected. (6) Make things happen.” He also provides seven personal evaluation points: “Do I set direction and cast a vision well? Do I cultivate a culture of growth? Do I achieve results with others? Do I engage and develop a consensus with others? Do I lead well in a crisis? Do I recreate myself and my organization when needed? Do I make things happen?”

Train or No Train? Flotilla Commanders: you are the ones who will make that deal. You are the ones who can make things happen. Your Call!



**Gerald D. Turley,**  
**DSO-Communication**  
**Services**

**Something New**

The new District website or URL will be <http://uscgaux8er.info/>. The old URL of <http://a082.uscgaux.info/> will be maintained but not updated after the new website comes on-line. For the foreseeable future if you click on the old website, you will be automatically redirected to the new site.

The old site resides on free space provided by the National Auxiliary Website. Our site has outgrown its space and we are still growing. The new site will enable us to have more features and items for all out members. One of the new items will be The Pilothouse on-line. Other improvements are in the planning stage and we have to get all the old website moved to the new before improvements start.

Those of you that maintain the website for your flotilla or division will be notified when the new site is active so you can update any linking to items or forms on the district site.

Are you one of the members of the Auxiliary whose name and email address is used on a website? Don't say, “no” until you think about it. Almost every staff officer from flotilla to national level appears on a website somewhere. The next time you change your email address remember to notify the Webmaster for any site you might be on. Filling out the 7028 for AUXDATA update is just the first step. Contact information on websites needs to be current to show our customers we do care!

**Richard E. Kreamelmeyer, DSO-Communications**

**The 8ER Communicator**

We have heard certain words that seem to be repeated quite frequently these days, words such as “CHANGE”. This also applies to 8ER communication missions and culture. As Auxiliarist we will have unique opportunities to support our Coast Guard in the years to come, especially in the Radio Communications realm. Change that include Auxiliary Comms Instructors for Coasties fresh out of A-School and handling daily non-secure messages from cutters on sea duty. We will continue our mission as a “force multiplier” and provide necessary comms to the Coast Guard family. This assistance provided by the trained Auxiliarist will help free up valuable Coast Guard personnel and assets.

These Auxiliary radio communication services for the Coast Guard will require trained, competent Auxiliarist. Auxiliarist trained in message handling and Coast Guard radio protocol procedures. The Auxiliary National Staff of Telecommunications has been working diligently to provide a path of training for Auxiliary telecommunicators. The Telecommunications Officer (TCO) qualification is the first stepping-stone for this program.

The TCO is a new Personal Qualification Standard or PQS that is approved by the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard with an effective date of August 1, 2008. This PQS utilizes the Coast Guard approved Mentoring technique similar to the Crew program for training. Starting August 1, 2008 all new applicants for fixed land or land mobile radio facility certification and/or operation must be certified as TCO. AUXCOM rated members will continue to be eligible for facility ownership and operation indefinitely, as long as their AUXCOM was earned prior to August 1, 2008.

The approved qualification will be posted on the National’s Auxiliary Operations website and the Auxiliary National Supply Center will have paper copies in the near future. Auxiliary boat crew and flight crew radio operations will remain the same. The TCO is not required for these operational positions. When all qualification tasks have been completed, a FSO-CM shall review and approve the PQS. The DSO-CM will review each application and submit it to DIRAUX for AUXDATA entry. If you have interest in pursuing this new qualification, please contact your FSO-CM or check out the National’s Auxiliary Operations website.

In other news the national MOU between the Auxiliary and the Civil Air Patrol expired in 2008. Although this MOU expired, this does not prevent Districts to have their own MOU with the CAP Wing Unit in the District’s AOR but the new MOU would need to be reviewed and approved by the District’s EXCOM.

The Shares program (SHARED RESOURCES) is part of the National Communications System (NCS); a network of volunteer HF radio stations that is set up into regions to match FEMA. This organization has many Auxiliarists across the nation as volunteers.

Through the persistent efforts of Randy Hawkins ADSO-CM, the MSD Unit in Nashville will have full access to civil and federal agency radio systems. This will provide a much needed emergency telecommunication capabilities for MSD Nashville.

**The Administrative Procedure Course (APC) Now Available On-line**

The Administrative Procedure Course (APC) – is now available on Auxiliary eLearning. This course will prepare you to take the APC test on the National Testing Center. APC is a prerequisite for holding elected office. It takes the student through the subject matter in a systematic way, introducing and summarizing existing Auxiliary resources and evaluating the student’s progress. The APC covers a lot of material – essentially the entire Auxiliary Manual, and many of our members have had difficulty passing the test due to inadequate preparation.

If you can take this course, and complete the chapter quizzes with a score of 90 percent, you will almost certainly pass the on-line test as well. You can access the course at: <http://64.207.134.26/usr/moodle2/course/view.php?id=43>. You may need to create an Aux eLearn account if this is your first visit.

If you have any questions or comments on the course, contact Nick Tarlson, DC-Td at [nick@tarlson.com](mailto:nick@tarlson.com).

*Source: Nick G. Tarlson, DC-Td*



**Lynn Miles, DSO-Public Affairs**  
**National Safe Boating Week Chairman**

**It's National Safe Boating Week Campaign time again.**

I know for most of the District, you are just beginning to thaw out from a really nasty winter. But Spring is really here and that means it is time to start preparing for the National Safe Boating Week Campaign. The dates for this campaign are

May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

This year we have quite a few new Division Staff Officers in the Public Affairs office. So I would like to extend a Jolly Good Welcome to all of You!!! To help you get motivated with this big event, I have listed for everyone (all members) websites containing lots of information to help you come up with ideas and some of the materials you might want to use at your events. Now, let's get planning:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Check all of your literature and display materials to make sure that you have enough and that everything is in good condition. Get help from those members who are experience in working PA/VE exhibits.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> National Safe Boating Week Campaign. List your activities here under Events <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com>.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Go to <http://www.boatingorders.com/>. This is where you will order existing literature and any new items that are available for this year.
- 4<sup>th</sup> New National Public Affairs Website: <http://auxpa.org>.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Creative Services - RBS videos & other Campaign information – Audio, Graphics, Video, Powerpoint, Webpages, Brochures & Flyers.  
<http://www.auxpa.org/creativeservices/creativeservices.php/>
- 6<sup>th</sup> Recreational Boating Statistics 2007:  
[http://www.uscgboating.org/statistics/Boating\\_Statistics\\_2007.pdfmm](http://www.uscgboating.org/statistics/Boating_Statistics_2007.pdfmm)
- 7<sup>th</sup> AUXPA Blogging: <http://auxpa.org/weblog/blogs/blog7.php>

This should be enough information to help get you and your Divisions going for the National Safe Boating Week Campaign.

**Photos – Photos and more Photos.**

Don't forget the photo contest that our District is holding for all of our members. You do not need to be an officer. Just someone who loves to take photos and show them off. Please submit your photos to Lynn Miles at [so\\_cc04@yahoo.com](mailto:so_cc04@yahoo.com).



***Kenneth (Ken) G. Westra***  
**Division Commander, Division 24**

**Looking over the Horizon**

What do you want for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary of the future? My number one goal for Division 24 this year is increased membership! If each active member of the Auxiliary would recruit just one new member, we would be a very different organization next year.

But, just recruiting will not take us into the future, we must mentor the new members that we recruit. The new member should be encouraged to obtain a new currency the first year of his/her enrollment! There are so many programs that a new member can work towards that they are sometimes hung up on what to do, and thus do not work towards anything. We must work with them, and help them get into one of our cornerstone program.

Let us not forget our present members. What are their activities? What are their wants and wishes? Do they come to Flotilla meetings? Do they wear the uniform? As in any organization, there is always the twenty percent that do most of the work! It is the leaders job to push them to become involved.

When you look over the Horizon, do you see the same group of Auxiliarists doing most of the work? Or do you see a growing and vibrant Auxiliary with all programs operating at full capacity, members in uniform with ribbons, and devices over their left pocket? Hopefully, we will also see new members with new ideas, talking to everyone about what the USCG Auxiliary does, showing the public how to stay safe on the water, and training to be Semper Paratus !



***Jerry Williston, Division Commander, Division 5***

**Awards**

In every organization people want recognition, and in most cases, it is shown in terms of compensation. Auxiliarist, as volunteers, receive no direct pay for the many hours of time and effort they donate to the Coast Guard. So, the recognition they receive for timely and appropriate awards is essential to the success of the Auxiliary program. The recognition is very important. The award can be considered to be their nominal pay.

Who can recommend an award? Military and Coast Guard civilian personnel are encouraged to make Auxiliary award recommendations. Also any Auxiliarist may make an Auxiliary award recommendation through their chain of leadership.

Only the deserving should receive recognition. If not it dilutes the importance of the award for those that are deserving. Good performance and service should always be recognized. But the presentation of formal awards should be reserved for Auxiliarist who has distinguished themselves in their Auxiliary service. Not just anyone.

Even though some Auxiliarists may not merit the formal award, they still need and deserve the recognition. So informal recognition can be provided in a number of ways: certificates or letters of appreciation. From the senior elected or appointed leader it might be public recognition at all unit gatherings and social events; and articles in the Flotilla, Division, or District newsletter or other publications. These awards could be accompanied with a certificate or pins. The most important recognition aspect is that the honor goes directly from one person to another, from peers and supervisors alike. Giving such recognition demonstrates a high level of interpersonal skill and is another distinguishing mark of an accomplished leader. Don't hesitate, get the paperwork done and send it up the chain of leadership. It will make for a better Auxiliary.



AT THIS TIME, WE WILL  
HONOR OUR FELLOW  
MEMBERS WHO HAVE  
CROSSED OVER THE BAR,  
SINCE OUR LAST MEETING.

EVELYN JOHNSON  
FLOTILLA 16-07

DAVIS PETERSON  
FLOTILLA 16-02

BONNIE REISA  
FLOTILLA 01-10

LILLIAN SCHWARTZ  
FLOTILLA 07-02

GEORGE A. GREEN  
FLOTILLA 04-03



## Carol Turley Passes The Over The Bar



Carol Turley was a past DSO-PB and the Editor of the Pilothouse. She was a charter member of Flotilla 87, Lake Barkley in Western Kentucky. As a charter member, she was also the first editor of that flotilla newsletter, The Eagle and was the creator of The Eagle banner that is still in use today. Carol was also the first historian for the flotilla. Carol won many awards for her excellence in Publications Work.

In her Auxiliary career, she served as FSO-MA and was instrumental in starting the ordering from ANSC via email. She was also the editor of Division Eight's newsletter The Ripples. She held other flotilla level positions and served terms as Vice Commander and Flotilla Commander. Her sense of humor let her kick the DCO in the shins and make him laugh!

Carol was born in Adair County, KY the daughter of Arnold and Ruby Wynn. She moved to Trigg County KY in 1967 and that started her love affair with Lake Barkley. She was often heard to say, "Living on the water is worse than dope, you need that morning fix of looking at the lake." Carol had worked at Barkley Lodge in the accounting office and was the first manager of the coffee shop. She also worked in the Land between the Lakes at the nature center. She had a lifelong love of the birds and wildlife and enjoyed feeding her "critters". Carol's pen and ink art work of wildlife and Trigg County scenes are displayed in many Trigg County homes. She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Haas of Reynoldsburg, OH.

Carol passed away 15 March, 2009. The Auxiliary and its members lost a friend and supporter. We will miss her smile, cheery demeanor and the wonderful sense of humor. May God bless Carol and her family and friends in this time of sorrow.

*Gerald D. Turley*  
DSO-CS





**In Memory of Jerry Sprayberry  
Division 24  
Past District Flight Staff Officer**



A few weeks ago, I attended the funeral of Aircraft Commander Jerry Sprayberry of Division 24. Jerry was a retired Pan Am pilot with over 30,000 flight hours; the youngest Captain in Pan Am's history to make Captain at age 23. I met Jerry at USCGA Aviation workshops and began flying with him during 2007. Sadly, Jerry voluntarily removed himself from flight status after our last flight in September of 2008 when he learned that he had stage four lung cancer. Jerry has flown Coast Guard District dignitaries in his twin engine Aero Commander-98 JW and completed over 150 plus missions in our area of responsibility. I always learned something when I was airborne with him. He was always testing you to make sure that you were thinking ahead of the aircraft. Jerry's contributions are exceptional. I don't have enough space in one article to list them all. It is the unselfish contributions of members of our organization like Jerry that will be nearly impossible to replace. All of us in the 82nd Air Wing trust that Jerry now has clear skies and smooth landings. All the best to you my friend.

*Jim Williamson DCDR*  
Division 11  
Nashville, TN

***"THE GUARDIAN ETHOS"***

I am America's Maritime Guardian.  
I serve the citizens of the United States.  
I will protect them.  
I will defend them.  
I will save them.  
I am their Shield.  
For them I am Semper Paratus.  
I live the Coast Guard core values.  
I am a Guardian.  
We are the United States Coast Guard.



Source: <http://www.cgaux.org/members/>



## U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary Eighth District, Eastern Region Spring Conference 2009 Streamer Awards



DCO Division of the Year 2008	Royal Blue	082-08
DCOS Division of the Year 2008	Red	082-02
DCAPT Division of the Year 2008	White	082-24
DCO Flotilla of the Year 2008	Royal Blue	082-08-10
DCOS Flotilla of the Year 2008	Red	082-08-03
DCAPT Flotilla of the Year 2008	White	082-02-12
DCO Program Visitor 2008	Hunter Green	082-08
DCO Program Visitor 2008	Hunter Green	082-24-05
DCOS Program Visitor 2008	Lt. Green	082-08-05
DCO Member Training 2008	Brown	082-05
DCO Member Training 2008	Brown	082-05-04
DCOS Member Training 2008	Beige	082-05-01
DCO Public Affairs 2008	Maroon	082-11
DCO Public Affairs 2008	Maroon	082-08-05
DCOS Public Affairs 2008	Raspberry	082-11-04
DCO Public Education 2008	Old Gold	082-24
DCO Public Education 2008	Old Gold	082-24-05
DCOS Public Education 2008	Yellow	082-02-12
DCO Operations 2008	Navy	082-08
DCO Operations 2008	Navy	082-08-10
DCOS Operations 2008	Lt. Blue	082-05-01
DCO Vessel Safety Check 2008	Gray	082-08
DCO Vessel Safety Check 2008	Gray	082-08-03
DCOS Vessel Safety Check 2008	Cream	082-08-05
DCO Marine Safety 2008	Purple	082-08
DCO Marine Safety 2008	Purple	082-04-10
DCOS Marine Safety 2008	Lavender	082-02-12
DCO Membership Growth 2008	Blue/White	082-11
DCO Membership Growth 2008	Blue/White	082-11-05
DCOS Membership Growth 2008	Red/White	082-12-02
DCO Publications 2008	Red/White/Blue	082-11
DCO Publications 2008	Red/White/Blue	082-11-05

## U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary, Eighth District, Eastern Region Spring Conference 2009, Individual Awards

### District Commodore Awards

**PROGRAM VISITOR**  
Ronnie M. McCrary 08-05

**MEMBER TRAINING**  
Robert M. Craig 05-04

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
Harry P. Stephenson 11-04

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**  
Carl E. Rodenburg 24-05

**AIR OPERATIONS - PILOT**  
J B Chapman 04-03

**SURFACE OPERATIONS**  
Mary H. Husfield 08-10

**VESSEL SAFETY CHECK**  
James H. Elwood 08-03

**AIR OPERATIONS - CREW**  
James C. Williamson 11-04

**MARINE SAFETY**  
John R. Ellis 04-10

**AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR**  
James H. Elwood 08-03

### District Chief of Staff Award

**PROGRAM VISITOR**  
Bruce L. Perri 06-02

**MEMBER TRAINING**  
Michael W. Krivjanik 07-02

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
Edward R. Ventress 11-05

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**  
DeAnne C. Rodenburg 24-05

**AIR OPERATIONS - PILOT**  
Jerry Sprayberry 24-07

**SURFACE OPERATIONS**  
William G. Husfield 08-10

**VESSEL SAFETY CHECK**  
Margaret Bachmann 07-02

**AIR OPERATIONS - CREW**  
Michael Valencic 07-04

**MARINE SAFETY**  
James Y. Perry 02-12

**AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR**  
James Y. Perry 02-12

### Division Captain Award

**PROGRAM VISITOR**  
DeAnne C. Rodenburg 24-05

**MEMBER TRAINING**  
David E. Simon 07-04

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
Lynn C. Miles 24-02

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**  
Terence M. Merlo 24-02

**AIR OPERATIONS - PILOT**  
David Valencic 07-04

**SURFACE OPERATIONS**  
Philip T. Mammano 11-04

**VESSEL SAFETY CHECK**  
Guido R. Achata 16-07

**AIR OPERATIONS - CREW**  
David Valencic 07-04

**MARINE SAFETY**  
Bruce L. Perri 06-02

**AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR**  
Mary H. Husfield 08-10



Pictured left to right: Carl L. Rodenburg and DeAnne C. Rodenburg holding their awards.



Pictured left to right: Mary H. Husfield and William G. Husfield holding their awards.



Harry P. Stephenson accepts his award from COMO David L. Maul, DCO.

## U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary, Eighth District, Eastern Region, Spring Conference 2009, Awards Continued



William G. Husfield, DCDR Division 8 receives the District Commodore's Division of the Year Award from COMO David L. Maul, DCO.



Mary H. Husfield, FC 08-10 accepts the District Commodore's Flotilla of the Year Award from COMO David L. Maul, DCO.



Gene R. Redecker, DCDR Division 2 receives the District Chief Of Staff Division of the Year Award from COMO David L. Maul, DCO.



James Y. Perry, FC 02-12 accepts District Captain's Flotilla of the Year from COMO David L. Maul, DCO.



## U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary, Eighth District, Eastern Region, Spring Conference 2009, Awards Continued



Pictured left to right: SK2 Scott Smith; Gerlinde Higginbotham, DSO-PB, recipient of the Director's Cup; and CDR James M. Michalowski, Director of the Auxiliary.

### Staff Schedule for The PILOTHOUSE Contributions

WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Articles Due 20 JAN	Articles Due 15 days after close of conference	Articles Due 15 JULY	Articles Due 15 days after close of conference
DCO	DCO	<b>DCO</b>	DCO
DCOS	DCOS	<b>DCOS</b>	DCOS
DCAPT-South	DCAPT-West	<b>DCAPT-East</b>	PCA
DCDR 1, 3, 9, 12	DDC-L	<b>DDC-P</b>	ASC
DSO-AV	DCDR5, 8, 24	<b>DCDR 2, 4, 16, 18</b>	DDC-R
DSO-AN	DSO-PA	<b>DSO-DFSO</b>	DCDR 6, 7, 11
DSO-SR	DSO-CM	<b>DSO-MS</b>	DSO-MA
DSO-VE	DSO-CS	<b>DSO-PB</b>	DSO-IS
POMS COORDINATOR	DSO-MT	<b>DSO-PS</b>	DSO-PE
DIRAUX	DSO-OP	<b>CAPLIAISON</b>	DSO-PV
	CIVIL RIGHTS COORDINATOR	<b>DIVERSITY ADVISOR</b>	QE COORDINATOR
	NSBW CHAIR	<b>DIRAUX</b>	USPS LIAISON
	DIRAUX		DIRAUX

*Contributions by individual members throughout the district will always be the most sought after material for each issue. The staff schedule of assignments should enhance publication of a quarterly magazine.*

*All articles published in The PILOTHOUSE must be consistent with the policies of the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Coast Auxiliary. The purpose of this publication is to provide information concerning the aims, purposes and activities of the Auxiliary, and to keep its members well informed. Members are encouraged to send material to be considered for publishing. Material may be edited. Care should be given to ensure that photos of members in uniform should be with them in proper uniform, and that photos of facilities are rigged correctly.*

*It is not required, but requested you send your article by email, in plain text with photos attached. You may also mail or ship a CD. It's our policy to provide credit for material and photos. Dated material will be given priority. Prompt production is our goal, but the actual date an issue is printed, mailed, or delivered is determined by a number of factors. Deadline dates are indicated in each issue.*

**U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Eighth District Eastern Region  
Fall Conference, September 17 – 19, 2009**



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**Saturday is Member Training Day.**

If you need to take an exam,  
DIRAUX will be on site to proctor exams.  
A variety of training opportunities will be available: TCT  
(8 hour); E-Directory; AUXDATA Input;  
AUXINFO, how to find data.  
These are just a few of the offerings. More details to be  
announced in upcoming newsletters.



**Come Join us for Saturday Fun Night**  
for an evening of **Fellowship, Great Food, and**  
**Country Western Line Dancing!**



**Hosted by: DIVISION 18: Gerlinde Higginbotham, DCDR; Ron Tvorik, VDCDR**

**U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Eighth District Eastern Region****FALL CONFERENCE 2009****September 17 – 19, 2009****REGISTRATION****Deadline August 14, 2009**

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**Registration** \$ 5.00 Number: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_**Commodore's Banquet (FRIDAY)** \$35.00 Number: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Choose either :

 10 oz New York Strip Steak, Tossed Salad, Steamed Vegetable Medley, Chef's Dessert. Mahi Mahi, Tossed Salad, Steamed Vegetable Medley, Chef's Dessert.**FUN NIGHT (SATURDAY)** \$28.95 Number: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_**Country Western Theme**

Meal to include: Chili, Beef Brisket, Green Beans, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Tossed Salad, Corn Bread, and Cherry Cobbler.

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are You Taking an Exam? **UNIFORMS****Thursday** - Civilian Casual**Friday General Session** - Tropical Blue Long**Commodore's Banquet** - Dinner Dress White Jacket, Dinner Dress Blue, Blue Blazer Outfit,  
or Appropriate Civilian Attire**Saturday Night Fun Night** – “Country Western” or Civilian Attire**Saturday Classes** - Tropical Blue Long**Make Checks Payable to USCGAUX DIV 18 and mail by August 10 to:**Roy Wellington, SO-FN  
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