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**LCDR William Butler  
 DIRAUX**

**Develop a culture of risk-based decision-making in the boating community...**

Earlier this winter I heard on the news about a missing hiker on a mountain in Oregon. As this story was being told, I was looking at the situation from a risk management view. A hiker, hiking solo, on mountainous terrain, in winter, and I said to myself, "Is this high risk or what?" Any chance of "dead spots" on the mountain where his cell phone won't work?

Here's another example. A pastime of mine while I travel the region visiting you is listening to talk radio. Particularly, car shows. And one day a caller asked the radio host to recommend a safe car he could buy for his newly-licensed high school daughter. Again here, I am looking at the question from risk management view. Certainly there are a lot of safe cars out there, some safer than others, and many parents believe a larger vehicle such as an SUV would provide a higher degree of safety. But is a car safety the real issue? Would the father be better off addressing risky teen-driving behavior? For example, are teens known to drive fast? Text message or use a cell phone while driving? Eat, drink or tinker with the radio? Likely to have friends in the car with them? Do teens lack driving experience (They may not think so but the insurance company does)? As a big advocate for risk management, I would be telling the caller that an ultra-safe car is the risk mitigation. That is, it keeps the bad situation from getting worse and real efforts should be activities and behavior that reduce driving risk all together.

I used these two examples to show that many activities come with risk and people often ignore risk into their decision-



**COMO David L. Maul**  
**District Commodore**

## Leadership and Elected Auxiliary Officers

You may be asking, "why this article on Elected Auxiliary Officers when that process is months away"? Our elected officers are tasked by their members to lead them and the organization for the following year. The process of building a leader takes time. To Quote ADM Thomas H. Collins, past Commandant of the USCG, "Leadership development is not a one-time event but a continual Command initiative that involves a multitude of efforts including Welcome aboard programs, use of individual development plans and specific leadership training efforts". We should be constantly working to build our leadership base, looking to individuals who can lead us in the coming year, and in future years. It is never too soon to start this process.

I guess the timing issues is more critical for me since my term of office, as well as that of District Chief of Staff and the three District Captains, will be up for election at the fall District Training Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Given that the election of persons to

these positions will take place on 10 September 2010, members who wish to be considered must have forwarded to me (the District Commodore) their letter of intent no later than 10 August 2010. Normally, Division elections will follow, with Flotilla elections coming soon thereafter.

In my mind, the most important leadership position in our organization is that of Flotilla Commander. Let's face it, the Flotilla is the cornerstone of our organization and members of the Flotilla are those who carry out the "work" of the Auxiliary. Other levels facilitate, the Flotilla is the "Action Organization". Therefore, the Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander positions call for caring, motivated, and capable individuals who have significant knowledge of the Auxiliary and its mission and are able to influence individuals to do what is required to carry out our various missions. These are the folks that we need to "build" and encourage to lead us in the next years. They say that leaders are made, not born. If that's true then we need to offer opportunities for individuals to "learn to lead". In the past, the District has conducted very successful Flotilla Commanders Academies in each of our three Regions. These have been well received and although a new program (Flotilla Leaders Course) is currently available, there has been some discussion that both should be available so that new leaders can be made to feel more comfortable in their newly elected positions. This will be reviewed and hopefully approved for this coming election season. The Flotilla Leaders Course will be available in two forms, on line and by

seminar. The current plan is to have each Division select two instructors to attend the September Conference, to become Division FLC trainers. That way members who wish to lead, may go on line and do the course (13 chapters with a test after each chapter) or take it by seminar taught by Division instructors (13 chapters and no test). This course may be used in place of taking the Auxiliary Procedures Course.

I know that you can look it up, but you may be wondering "what are the eligibility requirements to be considered for the positions of FC and VFC". Let me go over these requirements for your information:

1. Must, by the date of nomination, have a Favorable Operational Security PSI determination recorded in AUXDATA.
2. Must be a member of the Auxiliary for one year prior to date of election.
3. Must, by the date of nomination, successfully complete the Administrative Procedures Course (APC) or the Flotilla Leaders Course.
4. Must, by the date of nomination, successfully complete IS 100 and IS 700 courses.
5. Must, by the date of nomination, be a member of the Flotilla to which you seek elected office.
6. Must, by the date of nomination, meet one of the following requirements:
  - a) Obtain an Auxiliary qualification and be current in one of the Auxiliary programs or mission as defined in the Auxiliary Manual or
  - b) Have served as a staff officer or elected officer at any organizational level for two years or



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

## SWOT

As you read this article, your District Staff Team is working to update our Strategic and Business Plans for the area. One of the tools we use is the SWOT Analysis. SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. To explain what this means: Strengths are what we do well. What unique resources can we draw on and what do others see as our strengths. Weaknesses are what can we improve. Where do we have fewer resources than others and what are others likely to see as weaknesses. Opportunities are what trends can we take advantage of. What good opportunities are open to us and how can we turn our strengths into opportunities. The threats are what trends can harm us. What is our competition doing and what threats do our weaknesses expose us to.

Each of your Staff Officers, Division Commanders and EXCOM were asked these questions and asked to comment on each of those questions. Many Flotilla Commanders also completed the questions as well. I paid

particular attention to the Flotilla comments. You are the backbone of the Auxiliary and are on the streets so to speak. As members on the frontline your comments are most important to me. As we evolve through the years many things change. However, many things remain a constant. As you can imagine this is a double edged sword. In some cases change is welcome and in other cases change is not welcome. As you read what your shipmates said, please let me hear from you on what you think. Some of the results will not surprise you and some will. Briefly I will recap what you're telling us.

### Our Strengths:

- \* We teach Boater Education better than anyone else.
- \* We have member dedication that is superior to other groups.
- \* Member experience is very high.
- \* Volunteer spirit is superior.
- \* Our ability to help others.
- \* The Goldside Partnership is much improved.
- \* Our knowledge base is strong.

### Our Weaknesses:

- \* Communication is lacking.
- \* Recruitment of members. Especially younger members.
- \* The age of our membership.
- \* Lack of finances.
- \* Physical ability of the membership.
- \* The 80/20 Rule. 20% of our members do 80% of the work.
- \* Lack of assets on the water and elsewhere. (aircraft, radios etc)
- \* Geography.

### Our Opportunities:

- \* Utilize our Goldside Partnership.
- \* Use the internet more in every area. Not just e-mail but recruiting, PA, RBS etc.
- \* Public visibility needs to improve.
- \* Increase our partnership with other agencies like Police, Fire Departments.
- \* Overall potential is huge for the Auxiliary.

### Our Threats:

- \* Rising expenses for our members, The Coast Guard budget cuts and funding cuts in general for all.
- \* Loss of members
- \* Loss of member participation.
- \* Terrorists.
- \* State offered Boating Classes.
- \* Complacency.
- \* Too many changes in the Auxiliary.

These results are in the order of priority from your leadership based on member input. Or is it based upon what your leadership thinks is your priority. As you see communication is the number one response under weakness. I ask you to e-mail me personally if what you are saying is not what we are hearing. I want to know what you think if you were not asked. Now is the time to communicate.

"You can watch things happen"

"You can make things happen"

"You can wonder what happened"

An appropriate quote from Capt. Phil Harris of the F/V Cornelia Marie before his passing.

Which do you want to be?



*Dennis Mullins*  
**Division Commander – 5**

## The Formula for a Great Boat Show Presentation

Several months prior to the annual Cincinnati Travel, Sports and Boat Show, Division 5 members formed a committee, led by Nancy Parr, SO-PA, to discuss ways to make a big impact with the display. Our goals were to recruit students for our boating safety classes, recruit new members, and increase awareness of the mission of the Auxiliary. After doing some research, we found that several other boat shows in the country had featured a Coast Guard response boat. Knowing that law enforcement boats had been popular displays in prior years, we approached LT. J. Robert Reinhart, Supervisor for MSD Cincinnati to enlist his support. LT. Reinhart is a strong supporter of the Auxiliary and was on board immediately. After several discussions with the boat crew, the Cincinnati Fire Department, and the show's organizers, we had arranged to have the boat delivered to the convention center and towed into place. LT. Reinhart had arranged for another boat to be moved from Louisville to Cincinnati while the local boat was out of service. "Gold-side" crews towed the boats up and back, making this display possible.

Our original plans were for a small booth and table, large enough for two members and a display of literature. As our plans grew, we worked with the show organizers to use a larger space with no additional charge, taking full advantage of a slow economy.

Nancy arranged to borrow professional trade show display equipment from Division 5 member Cameron Cord. Cameron, Ted Parr, and Nancy delivered the displays, unpacked them, and set them up. With brochure displays, two flat screen televisions, and photo displays, our booth had a professional look. Rather than separate our volunteers from the public with a table, Nancy's plan was to invite them to walk through the exhibits. In addition, we wore our ODUs since surveys tell us we are seen as more approachable when wearing this uniform.

Division 5, along with help from volunteers from Divisions 1 and 6, manned the exhibit in the Duke Energy Center during its eight day run that ended on January 24th, 2010. "Coastie" was also in and around the booth on weekend days thanks to operators Warren and Billie McAdams. Active duty personnel from MSD were among the volunteers in attendance.

Comments from the show organizer, the public, prospective members, and prospective students have led us to conclude the display helped us to achieve our goals.

Pictured in the photo are (L to R back row) Mort Mullins, Gene Finke, Gary Rutherford, Dennis Mullins, Chris Dowless, Ted Parr, Nancy Parr and (L to R front row) Ann Dowless, CPO Coomer, Ruth Tudor and LT. Reinhart. We are grateful to the tireless work of Nancy Parr and Ted Parr, and to Cameron Cord for the loan of the trade-show fixtures that resulted in a very professional exhibit. Photo by Charlene Brunsman.





**National Safe Boating Week May 22-28, 2010**  
*Lynn Miles, NSBW Chairman*



The weather specialists say that Spring is here. Most of us are still looking for the signs of Spring. One sure place to tell that Spring is here is to look over at the marinas and boating supply stores. Life is a buzzing at those locations.

For us Auxiliaries, it is the time for quick planning to come up with new ideas for reaching out to the public with boating safety information. Keeping our ideas fresh can be hard these days. This year one of my goals for our PA Department for the National Safe Boating Week Campaign is to see what works in what areas of our District for connecting with the public so that we can continue to build our relationship with our communities. You can help by sending me information on activities that have worked well in your area. I will put together a report on this information to share across the district.

This year I would like to see many more cities make a proclamation for National Safe Boating Week. You can contact me and I will get you samples of proclamations that you can adapt to your area. No reason to re-invent the wheel for this project. Once you have your proclamation, contact your mayor's office and they will set a date to read the proclamation. You can invite a local TV station and the local newspaper to do an interview about National Safe Boating Week. For more information about doing proclamations, contact me at [so\\_cc04@yahoo.com](mailto:so_cc04@yahoo.com)

If you have a Coastie, get it out and use it this Spring and Summer. Coasties draw attention and are so much fun to use with the public. The laughter is contagious. The Coastie program at the National level is being updated and we hope to have new materials (guides) out in the near future. Please remember to turn in Coastie orders to your Division Commander and copy me so that we always know where and when Coastie is out with the public. These are non-reimbursable orders. The orders are used just for keeping track of Coastie.

Remember to take lots of photos during National Safe Boating Week. We are holding another District 8th Eastern Photo Contest for 2010.

You can now post your NSBW events on the campaign website: [www.safeboatingcampaign.com](http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com). Click on "Events".

Don't forget your literature! Get your orders in today while there are free supplies of literature. This year there are new pamphlets for paddlers.

Looking forward to hearing about the activities and events for National Safe Boating Week Campaign!



**Billie McAdams**  
**DDC - Logistics**

## Quietly Working Behind the Scenes

Good afternoon to the Gold side, Silver side and to the Green side and to the other side. Since the positions of DDC-Prevention, Response and Logistics are relatively new and since I have always said that Logistics is the most important one of the three, I thought I would look up the definition of these three.

(1) Response - The act of responding, reply and reaction (3 things)

Logistics - Procuring, equipping and moving people and supplies. (3 things times 2 things). So, this shows that we are important! We are always quietly working behind the scenes.

PROCURING - That is just what Alan Hall, DSO-HR, does by making sure that a person who is interested in the Auxiliary is welcomed by the Division and Flotilla that is closer to them. Then he follows up to see if the person is satisfied with his contacts.

EQUIPPING - The Ships Store. Mike Cotter, DSO-MS, is one place for you to buy the necessary items that you need for your uniform, and items to help you in whatever Program area you are participating in.

Moving People - I suppose you could say that DeAnne Rodenburg, DSO-IS, moves people by making sure that AUXDATA information is correct in case you move to a

different area and your accomplishments go with you. I know about this since we have moved 3 time and we had to produce evidence of some of the awards each time. AUXDATA is also one of the tools that the Coast Guard uses in funding.

Maurice Moulton has replaced Gerlinde Higginbotham as DSO-PB since Gerlinde was elected DCAPT-E. So be patient, the Pilothouse will be out soon. You could help by sending articles. The Pilothouse keeps you informed of the movement of people and equipment.

Gerry Turley, DSO-CS, keeps the communication lines open for every Auxiliary member to be able to have all of their questions answered whether it is about uniforms, Program Areas, National, classes, testing, other Auxiliarist information, and anything else you may want. Roseanne DeRamus, DSO-SR, records what takes place at the D-Trains in case we forget. Did you notice that I have mentioned several new members of the Logistics Area? I just don't know why this happens. It can't be because I don't do my job. Maybe they are looking to climb higher up the ladder. I hope so.

Next year we are going to lose Mike Cotter as DSO-MA. The store has been streamlined. Items are ordered on consignment, shipped to the hotel where the D-Train is being held, and unsold consignment items are returned after D-Train. The only things that you have to transport are those owned by the District - usually District unique items.

I strongly encourage anyone who would like to become a DSO to send me an application. We need you!!





***Rick Schal***  
**DSO - Operations**

## **New SOP for Operations (Updated)**

Effective April 1, 2010, a new Standard Operating Procedure for Operations goes into effect for Sector Ohio Valley. There are two main reasons for these extensive changes. One is to get the Sector Ohio Valley SOP in line with other Sectors throughout the country. The second is to help make the Auxiliary a stronger force multiplier for the Sector. Listed below are some of the major changes and how they will affect our operations:

Requests for orders are still done in POMS by the Auxiliary member as in the past. However, approval of those orders is now done by your Sector, MSD or MSU. A minimum of 48 hours lead-time is required for order approval. Orders not submitted on a timely basis will not be approved.

The GAR (Green-Amber-Red) model, which went into effect August 1, 2009, is required for every mission. When notifying Sector at the start of your patrol, you will be required to give this GAR number. Keep in mind that this number can change during your patrol depending on conditions, and each Coxswain is responsible for continuously monitoring the six elements which comprise the GAR number.

A picture of each facility is now a mandatory requirement before orders will be issued. Facilities owners can enter the picture themselves in POMS or send it electronically to DIRAUX in .jpeg format. The picture of a facility may be taken on the facility's trailer as in the example to the right.

Although not a mandatory requirement, when completing Form ANSC 7003 (Facility Inspection and Offer of Use), the latitude and longitude where the facility is located should be listed. This will assist the Order Issuing Authority in emergency callout situations.

Probably the biggest change in the SOP is the one-hour call-in requirement. Each facility under orders is required to call in hourly to confirm their status and position. Because this will put an additional burden on Sector, every Division with more than one facility under orders will be required to set up a radio guard. The radio guard will call Sector on an hourly basis to confirm they are in contact with each active facility and operations are normal. Radio guard operators are required to be TCO (Telecommunications Operator) qualified or AUXCOM qualified prior to 01 Aug 2008.

Please note that the changes listed above are not all inclusive and every Coxswain, Crew member and Facility owner should read and become thoroughly familiar with the entire SOP. Questions concerning this new SOP should be directed to your FSO-OP, SO-OP or DSO-OP.

Rick Schal  
DSO-OP



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making process. Or in other words, we lack a culture of risk-based decision-making in our society. The boating community is no exception. Since the main goal of our Marine Safety and Boating Safety Mission is to reduce the number of deaths and injuries, the best way we can reduce these numbers is to have fewer casualties, and to have fewer casualties, we must reduce risks in the boating community. We can only do so much! We really need to have the boating community fully understand their own risk. My challenge to the Auxiliary, especially all of you who teach boating safety classes, conduct vessel safety checks (VSCs) or have any face time with the public, is to make risk education a part of your interactions with the boating community. Here are my steps for developing this culture of risk-based decision-making:

1. Target high-risk populations: This involves assessing marine casualty data and looking for trends (demographic, economic, technological) to determine which group of boaters, vessel types, locations and times (hours, days, weeks, or months) pose the highest risks.

2. Use the "Socratic Method" of interaction. From the Greek philosopher Socrates, the Socratic Method involves asking the question to stimulate critical thinking and to illuminate ideas. For example during a VSC, instead of asking if the boater has a fire extinguisher, you ask "What do you do if you have a fire?" Come up with questions, scenarios or role-plays that require boaters to give examples of how they would respond. Also during your interactions with the boating publics, remember that many boaters are highly experienced so use their experience to your advantage.

3. Lead by example or "practice what we preach." Here, I believe we are doing a great job. We already report risk via the GAR (Green, Amber, Red) Model before we get underway. Now what we need to do is to expose our practices for all to see during our public interactions.

4. Do not be driven by numbers, especially VSCs. Focus on quality, your interactions and the high-risk boaters (my three points above).

5. Track how well we are doing, share lessons learned and success stories, constantly refine our processes, improve our targeting, and most importantly, think outside the box and be creative.

As I travel the region this summer please provide feedback on your risk education and reduction efforts. Although we can never eliminate risk, I hope these five steps become our first step in educating the boating public on the perils of risk. Keep aiming high and moving the yardstick out further but before we do, let's get started!

Semper paratus!

William Butler, LCDR  
DIRAUX



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c) Have 25 hours of documented activity in Auxiliary programs or mission areas that are authorized by the Auxiliary Manual, and as reported on Activity Report forms, not including Member Activity forms (ANSC-7029) for the previous year.

These requirements are there to insure that members being considered are knowledgeable and active in the organization and can use that base to lead effectively. I would ask every member to consider taking a leadership position in your Flotilla. Whether it be an elected position or an appointed staff position, your participation is critical for the Coast Guard Auxiliary to go forward and meet the Coast Guards requirements for which we are tasked. During this election cycle, build your leadership base and choose your leaders wisely.

Dave Maul  
DCO 8ER



***CWO Dan Brown***  
**DIRAUX Office**

## Farewell

Unfortunately this is my first and last entry for the Pilothouse. I am retiring in June after over thirty years of active service with the U.S. Coast Guard. I would be lying if I said I enjoyed every day, but the good days have far outweighed the bad. I have enjoyed the last three years at DIRAUX and the unique challenges it has presented. I charge you to continue to train and develop your boating skills to be better prepared to meet the missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Coast Guard. Also, please continue to work closely with your local active duty Coast Guard unit in an effort to strengthen relationships and the Coast Guard presence in your area.

From the "gold side" of the house, I especially want to thank LCDR Butler, SK2 Smith and Ms Randle for the excellent work they do at DIRAUX. They work extremely hard to provide funding, orders, materials, data entry and a multitude of other things for you. I am confident they will continue to serve you well in the future. They are all truly dedicated professionals.

From the "silver side" of the house, many thanks to all of the QEs and their leaders. Jennie McNeil, Ben Barth, Roy Kearton and Bill Weeks did an outstanding job keeping the boat crews trained and certified. Operationally, George Groene was a vital member of the team as the former DSO-OP by working closely with LCDR Derek Beatty to produce the finest Standard Operating Procedures Directive for the auxiliary and Sector Ohio Valley to follow.

Last, but surely not least, special thanks to my spouse Lisa, and my son Dana. They are the ones that had to change jobs, change schools, make new friends and start anew every time we moved. They have been a rock solid means of support for twenty seven years and there is no way I could ever repay them for their never ending devotion. I am truly blessed to be a part of their lives.

My relief is CWO3 Phil Pinto. I ask you show him the same devotion to operations and patience you showed me. Mr. Pinto is coming to you from DIRAUX D5 Northern in Philadelphia, PA, and already has met several of you. I am completely confident he will improve the boat crew program and DIRAUX.

In closing, thank you once again for your dedication and devotion to the Coast Guard and our great country. Semper Paratus.





***Bill Husfield***

**Division Commander - Division 8**

### **Where does the time go?**

Where does the time go? It seems it was just a few days ago and we were in Morgantown, WV receiving awards for our accomplishments in 2009 and suddenly it's Spring, plans are well underway for NSBW, Public Education classes, boats are back on the water, the VSC activity is starting to hit its stride and there just seems to be the breath of new life in the air. New life not only in nature but in all the opportunities we have to bring to the Recreational Boating Public and also in new ways we can support our local Coast Guard units.

Division 8 has the opportunity to work with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife in their Public Education classes and that area looks like it is an area of great opportunity. We are also looking forward to teaching the State course at the local Boy Scout Camp. Just like the promise of Spring - new life and opportunities abound.

There has been a significant influx of Auxiliary volunteers willing to spend some of their time at Marine Safety Unit Paducah, enough so that it has been mentioned several times and it is most definitely appreciated.

Let all of us, not only Division 8 but all of Eighth Eastern Region, become invigorated in this season of rebirth and reach out just a little more to serve the recreational boating public, and the Coast Guard.

Have a great year - Semper Paratus



***C. Duncan Wilkinson***

**DSO - MT**

### **Our work is waiting**

On 17 April, I downloaded the training status for all of us. I then selected the (BCM) QE APPROVAL 2009 & 2010. There are 129 operations members due for their 3rd year QE check rides. Thirty one of the 129 were due last year; therefore, they can only participate as a trainee in 2010 till they complete their check ride. There are currently 29 QEs to complete these check rides, so our backlog is about four each before 31 Dec 2010. OK, I know that not all 129 will be a go, but there is plenty of work for those who do to get ready and for the QEs to make a recommendation of pass or fail to their Area QEC. If any one of the 129, or any others in the boat crew program want to go inactive, please contact (via email or hard copy only) the OTO and request he place a admin flag in AUXDATA for you. This will allow our leadership to have a valid number of water operations qualified members.

Oh yes, in case you have not been watching, there are two changes to the BOAT CREW SEAMANSHIP MANUAL. The one on my CD is not current, so you should download the current one from; [http://www.uscg.mil/directives/cim/16000-16999/CIM\\_16114\\_5C.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/directives/cim/16000-16999/CIM_16114_5C.pdf). There are differences that warrant watching. If you don't use the internet, get your SO/FSO-MT(OP) to get you a soft copy and put on a CD or jump drive for you. No computer, then have someone print only those pages needed for the BC program. If you have old hard copies, then update them and not recycled them as there are no more readily available.

I leave you with these thoughts: (a) by John Maxwell: "Once our minds are 'tattooed' with negative thinking, our chances for long-term success diminish.", (b) by Zig Ziglar "You are the only person on earth who can use your ability".



***Dave Stroup***  
**DSO - CM**

## **USCGAUX Telecommunications, the Next Generation 2010**

Telecommunications has become a full fledged operations department along with surface and air operations. There are many new opportunities for Auxiliarists who are AUXCOM qualified and for those who want to become qualified as Telecommunications Operator (TCO).

The Telecommunications (TCO) PQS (Personal Qualification Standard) Manual, Mentoring Guide as well as information for other facets of TCO are contained in the Member web page. See the Telecommunications area located within the Operations Department for the most recent updates and training materials.

There are changes that provide great opportunity for members to provide support to the USCG, build the USCGAUX professional image with the public and provide the skills to be high quality radio operators.

I will address some of the most relevant changes and opportunities in a Q&A format.

**\*Are AUXCOMs still qualified?**

AUXCOMs who were qualified prior to 01AUG2008 have been grandfathered .

**\* AUXCOMs, both grandfathered and those not grandfathered are encouraged to become TCO qualified.**

**\* Telecommunications Operator (TCO) is the first and only USCGAUX "qualification" for radio operators. There are**

many USCG "Watchstander" qualifications not related to radio communications.

**\* Generally, an Auxiliarist, who is an active USCG Communications Watchstander, does not need mentoring, or not much to complete the PQS!**

**\* USCG Communications Watchstanders are not TCO-qualified. The PQS tasks are not the same for both qualifications. (Main difference are the "Directed Net" tasks in the USCGAUX PQS.)**

**\* TCO PQS is a mentored program and is very similar to boat crew. Any AUXCOM (prior to 01AUG2008) or TCO qualified member may mentor a TCO trainee. Once started a member has up to 2 years to complete the mentored program. (Note: This is a relatively easy training process and will open the door for planned more advanced TCO qualifications similar to the coxswain level.)**

**\* TCO approval process: Most important the completed form must be signed by a Communications Staff Officer, FSO or SO and then forwarded to the DSO-CM who must approve each TCO application. (See the last sheet of the mentor signoff document.)**

**\* Who can inspect a radio facility? Any communications officer who is Comm.'s qualified (AUXCOM prior to 01AUG08 or TCO) e.g.: FSO-CM, SO-CM, DSO-CM may conduct inspections. District 8ER has approved a waiver which allows AUXOP qualified members to inspect radio facilities. AUXCOMS, who do not meet the above requirement, may not conduct radio facility inspections.**

I encourage all current AUXCOMS as well as those new to communications, to move forward and obtain the TCO PQS. The training will be of great value not only to you but the USCGAUX from the stand point of operation professionalism and consistency in procedures which may save lives. The 8ER HF (High Frequency) program is moving forward with 2 nets monthly. I have suggested to all SO-CM's that VHF nets be developed within all Divisions. These nets would provide needed net control training for the TCO PQS as well as be connected into the HF nets providing connection across the entire 8ER District.

Bottom-line. this program is worth your looking into.



**Lynn Miles**  
**DSO-PA**

Last year was a pretty good year for the Public Affairs department but this year I think will be outstanding! Already I am receiving reports from multiple divisions on Jan-Mar activities and plans for April thru June are being finalized across our District. This is already ahead of last year's reporting.

Here is our SO-PA staff for District 082 this year.

Returning this year to SO-PA are: Carter Keith, Div-1; Ken Wirtz Div-2; Michael Schlegel, Div-4; Loren Gannon Div-6; William (Bill) Husfield Div-8; William (Bill) McCracken Div-9; Harry Stephenson Div-11; Jeff Tinklepaugh Div-18 and myself, Lynn Miles, Div-24. I am proud to announce that we have 5 new SO-PAs joining our PA Department this year. They are: Reginald Winland Div-3; Nancy Parr Div 5; Fredrick Rippee Div-7; Jason Caudill Div-17 and James Myers Div-16.

Last year our District held their 1st PA Department photo contest. Here are the top three finalists for 2009:

1st Ron Tvorik



2nd Harry Stephenson



3rd Duncan Wilkinson



Start taking those photos and submitting them to me at [so\\_cc04@yahoo.com](mailto:so_cc04@yahoo.com) for the 2010 District 082 Photography Contest.

Revamping our PA programs. The National PA Department has gone under new management in some of their programs. This year the Coastie (robotic boat) program is being updated and there will be new information coming from National in the near future. The Photo Corps Department is also going through some changes.

For those of you who like continuing education, check out the training opportunities at [www.training.auxpa.org/](http://www.training.auxpa.org/). This is the Public Affairs Training Website. The Public Affairs Department has two wonderful programs called the Aux 12 C School and the PA Speciality Course. The Public Affairs C School is the boot camp for basic training for Public Affairs officers. The course teaches you how to prepare Press Releases, manage Media Relations, Media Interviews, Photography, Copy Editing/News writings and article submission to local, national level publications. The Public Affairs Specialist program is a robust public affairs program that is essential to the Coast Guard Auxiliary's success in every mission area. Completion of these classes entitle the Auxiliarist to receive the PA specialist ribbon. There are only around 40 auxiliary members with this elite honor to have received the Public Affairs Specialist ribbon. This year we have already had many members from our District attend the winter Aux 12 C School. Here are the names of those who have completed the Aux 12 C School

## U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Eighth District, Eastern Region Spring Conference 2010, Streamer Awards

DCO Division of the Year 2009	R. Blue	082-16
DCOS Division of the Year 2009	Red	082-08
DCAPT Division of the Year 2009	White	082-06
DCO Flotilla of the Year 2009	R. Blue	082-16-02
DCOS Flotilla of the Year 2009	Red	082-08-10
DCAPT Flotilla of the Year 2009	White	082-02-12
DCO Program Visitor 2009	Hunter Green	082-08
DCO Program Visitor 2009	Hunter Green	082-24-05
DCOS Program Visitor 2009	Lt. Green	082-08-05
DCO Member Training 2009	Brown	082-16
DCO Member Training 2009	Brown	082-16-02
DCOS Member Training 2009	Beige	082-04-10
DCO Public Affairs 2009	Maroon	082-16
DCO Public Affairs 2009	Maroon	082-16-02
DCOS Public Affairs 2009	Raspberry	082-24-02
DCO Public Education 2009	Old Gold	082-24
DCO Public Education 2009	Old Gold	082-24-05
DCOS Public Education 2009	Yellow	082-05-04
DCO Operations 2009	Navy	082-08
DCO Operations 2009	Navy	082-08-10
DCOS Operations 2009	Lt. Blue	082-06-10
DCO Vessel Safety Check 2009	Gray	082-16
DCO Vessel Safety Check 2009	Gray	082-16-02
DCOS Vessel Safety Check 2009	Cream	082-04-02
DCO Marine Safety 2009	Purple	082-02
DCO Marine Safety 2009	Purple	082-02-12
DCOS Marine Safety 2009	Lavender	082-05-04
DCO Membership Growth 2009	Blue/White	082-12
DCO Membership Growth 2009	Blue/White	082-12-05
DCOS Membership Growth 2009	Red/White	082-16-07
DCO Publications 2009	Red/White/Blue	082-16
DCO Publications 2009	Red/White/Blue	082-08-11



## U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary, Eighth District, Eastern Region Spring Conference 2010, Individual Awards

### District Commodore Awards

**PROGRAM VISITOR**

Ronnie M. McCrary 08-05

**MEMBER TRAINING**

John R. Ellis 04-10

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Allen L. Wald 16-02

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Carl E. Rodenburg 24-05

**AIR OPERATIONS - PILOT**

J D Chapman 04-03

**SURFACE OPERATIONS**

William G. Husfield 08-10

**VESSEL SAFETY CHECK**

Guido R. Achata 16-07

**AIR OPERATIONS - CREW**

Mark A. LaPenna 05-05

**MARINE SAFETY**

James Y. Perry 02-12

**AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR**

Allen L. Wald 16-02

### District Chief of Staff Award

**PROGRAM VISITOR**

Jimmie Hufnagel 08-11

**MEMBER TRAINING**

Allen L. Wald 16-02

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Edward R. Ventress 11-05

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

DeAnne C. Rodenburg 24-05

**AIR OPERATIONS - PILOT**

Loren C. Schafer 06-01

**SURFACE OPERATIONS**

Mary H. Husfield 08-10

**VESSEL SAFETY CHECK**

Marion Black 04-02

**AIR OPERATIONS - CREW**

Loren C. Schafer 06-01

**MARINE SAFETY**

Bruce L. Perri 06-02

**AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR**

James Y. Perry 02-12

### District Captain Award

**PROGRAM VISITOR**

Carl Rodenburg 24-05

**MEMBER TRAINING**

David L. Maul 16-06

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Harry P. Stephenson 11-04

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Morton Mullins 05-04

**AIR OPERATIONS - PILOT**

Donald Hunnicutt 24-06

**SURFACE OPERATIONS**

William E. Seymer 04-10

**VESSEL SAFETY CHECK**

Dickie R. Reece 08-07

**AIR OPERATIONS - CREW**

Stanley McCullough 07-08

**MARINE SAFETY**

Morton Mullins 05-04

**AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR**

Bruce L. Perri 06-02



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## U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary, Eighth District, Eastern Region Spring Conference 2010, Letters of Commendation and Medals



Richard Washburn, DCOS -  
Auxiliary Commandants Letter of Commendation



Joseph McGonigal, DDC-R -  
Auxiliary Achievement Medal

### **Not pictured:**

Allen Wald, D-AD - Auxiliary Commandants Letter of Commendation  
David Stroup, DSO - CM - Auxiliary Commandants Letter of Commendation  
DeAnne Rodenburg, DSO - IS - Auxiliary Commandants Letter of Commendation

## Commodore's Banquet Pictures



Photos courtesy of: Gerlinde Higginbotham, DCAPT-E, Member National Photo Corps; Lynn C. Miles, DSO-PA; Ron Tvorik, DSO-PE; and Maurice Moulton, DSO-PB

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Here are the names that have finished their qualifications for the Aux 12 C School:

Wes Lehman, Division 8 Flotilla 03 Attended at Clearwater, FL on Feb 5-7, 2010.

Novella Duke, Division 11 Flotilla 05. Attended at Clearwater, FL on Feb 5-7 2010

Harry Stephenson, Div 11 Flotilla 04. Attended at Clearwater, FL on Feb 5-7 2010

Steve Frey, Div 5 Flotilla 03. Attended at Alameda, CA on Feb 15-17, 2008.

We currently have a few other auxiliaries who are working on the Aux 12 classes on line and the PA Speciality Course.

My goals as the District Staff Officer for Public Affairs for 2010 are:

- (1) To work closer with our Division Staff Officers of the PA department,
- (2) To build a relationship with the FSO-PAs
- (3) Help to establish new ideas for exhibits and events.
- (4) Set a record in City/State Proclamations.
- (5) And finally, to continue building a strong relationship with the National Public Affairs Department.

This year is shaping up to be awesome for those of us working with the public. The Public Affairs Department is only as good as those who take the time to get out and make contact with their communities and to follow up with after action reports.

To learn more about the Public Affairs Department and how you can be active in working with the public, check out the National PA website: [www.auxpa.org/index.php](http://www.auxpa.org/index.php).

## Boy Scouts of America Centennial Camporall

The Eighth District Eastern Region's Divisions 18 and 06 recently helped celebrate the 100th year of Scouting by participating at the Boy Scouts of America Centennial Camporall held at the Ross County Fairgrounds near Chillicothe, Ohio on 01 and 02 May. There were almost 8,000 Scouts registered for this event. As Branch Chief, Special Projects, Scouts it has been my privilege to help implement the 14 February 2009 MOA between the CGAux and the BSA by coordinating Coast Guard and Coast Auxiliary involvement in our AOR.

We set up five stations: CG Academy/Diversity, Marlin Spike, CGAux Boating Safety, Life Jacket Relay area and Comms Trailer. Petty Officer Redd and Petty Officer Niles, out of MSU Huntington, WV brought a 25ft. RBS and were an instant hit with the Scouts. They even brought CG Safety Helmets for them to try on.

The Scouts attended their Opening Ceremony in the grandstand and we reported to our duty stations where we stood by for action. At 0845 to 1200, the Scouts were on the move. Since our display area was on the way to the Shooting Sports, we had a heavy flow of traffic.

We were one of the few displays in the military/law enforcement display area that weekend due to the inclement weather. Around 1500 the rain and wind became stronger and we had to take down our four canopies and put away our hand-out materials.

Reveille Sunday morning was at 0700. The rain continued all morning and the Scouts were appreciative that we attended their Sunday Service and many of them and their leaders thanked us.

My appreciation goes to all those who helped to make this event a success, including: George Zaebst, 18-6, Samantha Sharpe, 18-6, Jeff Tinklepaugh, 18-6, Eric Piper, 18-6, Bruce Perri, 06-02, Mike McKay, 06-08, Jay Garcia, 18-7, Greg Keith, 18-7, Jay Middleton, 18-7, Pat Linesch, 18-6 and Maurice Moulton, 18-6.

Respectfully,  
Ron Tvorik,  
BC-ESS  
8ER DSO-PE  
18-6 SO-PV



## Chattanooga Coast Guard Hosts First AUXCHEF Class Graduation *Kent "The Deck Chef" Whitaker / USCGA BA-HCN / www.thedeckchef.com*

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary graduated its first AUXCHEF class recently at the Coast Guard Depot on Chickamauga Lake. The AUXCHEF program trains Auxiliary members to supplement Food Service Specialists as needed.

Many Coast Guard Food Service Specialists have little time for more than their main duties as cooks. When one is sick or on vacation, the others have to step up to fill in. The Coast Guard Auxiliary's new AUXCHEF program trains Auxiliarists to perform a variety of duties ranging from catering events such as changes of command to filling in for cooks when the cutters are underway.

USCG Senior Chief Tony Economy says the AUXCHEF program is a welcome addition to the duties and services normally associated with the Coast Guard Auxiliary which include boating safety classes and safety patrols on waterways. "The AUXCHEFs can really help us out on the active duty side. They will work with our FSs, learn about nutrition, food safety, menu planning and more. With an emphasis on healthy cooking here at the Chattanooga depot, it's good to know that if an FS is out that a trained AUXCHEF can step up." Economy said.

District 8<sup>th</sup> Eastern Commodore Dave Maul said the AUXCHEF program is yet another way the Auxiliary can help out the Active Duty members of the Coast Guard. "Besides helping out when they are needed, AUXCHEFs on a local and national scale can lend a hand at VIP events, Change of Commands, formal dinners and more. Sometimes these events are pretty large for a single Coast Guard FS to work and extra hands, that are trained, would be a great help. Here in Chattanooga, one of our AUXCHEFs has already served onboard while underway. So the program is already helping." Commodore Maul said.

### 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	DCO	DCO
DCOS	DCOS	DCOS	DCOS
DCAPT-South	DCAPT-West	DCAPT-East	PCA
DCDR 1, 3, 9, 12	DDC-L	DDC-P	ASC
DSO-AV	DCDR5, 8, 24	DCDR 2, 4, 16, 18	DDC-R
DSO-AN	DSO-PA	DSO-DFSO	DCDR 6, 7, 11
DSO-SR	DSO-CM	DSO-MS	DSO-MA
DSO-VE	DSO-CS	DSO-PB	DSO-IS
POMS COORDINATOR	DSO-MT	DSO-HR	DSO-PE
DIRAUX	DSO-OP	CAPLIAISON	DSO-PV
	CIVIL RIGHTS COORDINATOR	DIVERSITY ADVISOR	QE COORDINATOR
	NSBW CHAIR	DIRAUX	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 DISTRICT 082 MEETING/TRAINING**

**9 - 11 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Chattanooga Marriott at the Convention Center  
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

<http://a0821602.uscgaux.info/D-TRAIN.htm>

**Rate: \$87.00 + Tax**

**Instructions:**

Registration Fee: Enter \$5.00 for each member \$5.00 x \_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday 9/10/2010 BANQUET 1900 - 2200**

Dinner Dress White Jacket, Dinner Dress Blue, Blue Blazer Outfit, or Appropriate Civilian Attire

- 1) Sliced Roast Beef with Mushroom gravy \$29.00 x \_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Grilled Sword Fish steak w/ Key lime butter \$29.00 x \_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Vegetable Lasagna Roll \$29.00 x \_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday 9/11/2010 FUN NIGHT 1900 - 2200(Country Theme)**

"Country/Western" or Civilian Attire

- 1) Seared pork chops w/Apple demi glaze. \$29.00 x \_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) Trout Almandine \$29.00 x \_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) Vegetable ravioli \$29.00 x \_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*NOTE: There will be NO meal tickets for sale after September 5 or at the meeting.*

If you have special dietary needs, please indicate below:

Registrations and meal choices with payment must be received by **September 5, 2010**. **Register early.**

**MEMBERS MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE, WHETHER YOU ATTEND THE ENTIRE CONFERENCE OR JUST ONE EVENT.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Flotilla: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone ( \_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 16". Mail in **Registration by 31 August 2010;**

Print out the above form and mail along w/payment to:

**Wayne A. Suckow SO-FN**  
 12328 Armstrong Rd.,  
 Soddy Daisy, TN 37379-5924  
 (423)451-0922  
[mrs12328@comcast.net](mailto:mrs12328@comcast.net)

Questions?

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