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**Human Resources Department**



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# The District 7 SO-HR Team



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**Valerie Williams, SO-HR**  
Division 2—(Georgia Augusta, Marietta, Northeast Georgia, Hartwell, Central Georgia Lakes, Lake Lanier)



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**Jack Neve, SO-HR**  
Division 4—(Lake County, Daytona Beach, Sanford, New Smyrna)



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**Division 6—(Homestead, Coconut Grove, Miami South, Coral Gables, Opalocka, North Bay, Miami)**



**Richard Hockinson, SO-HR**  
Division 7—(St. Petersburg, Brandon, Apollo Beach, Polk County, St. Pete Beach, Tampa, Golfport)



**Ron Mills, SO-HR**  
Division 8—(Manatee, Longboat Key, Sarasota, Venice, Englewood)



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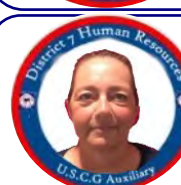
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**Patricia Zuluaga—DCDR**  
Division 13—(Key West, Marathon, Big Pine Key, Ocean Reef, Upper Keys)



**John Herald—SO-HR**  
Division 14—(Amelia Island, Arlington, Jacksonville Beach, St. Augustine, Jacksonville)



**Melissa Frank, SO-HR**  
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**Doug Armstrong, DCDR**  
Division 16—(St. John)



**Faron Petteys, SO-HR**  
Division 17—(South Brevard, Central Brevard, North Brevard, Osceola, Winter Park)



# Thank you



# For Your Service

Angela Pomaro, DSO-HR

A special thanks is extended to the following Officers for their dedication and service to the District 7 Human Resources Department. It has been a pleasure working with all of you.

Good luck in your future endeavors



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Division 3



**Walter Franek**  
Division 4



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Division 5



**Marge Winsauer**  
Division 6



**Dan Helou**  
Division 7



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Division 9



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Division 11



**Jim Matthews**  
Division 13



**Sharon Breece**  
Division 17

# Welcome to HR



**Belkys Cuevas\_Aviles**  
Division 1



**Marc Brody, DCDR-**  
Division 3



**Jack Neve**  
Division 4



**Bob Hess**  
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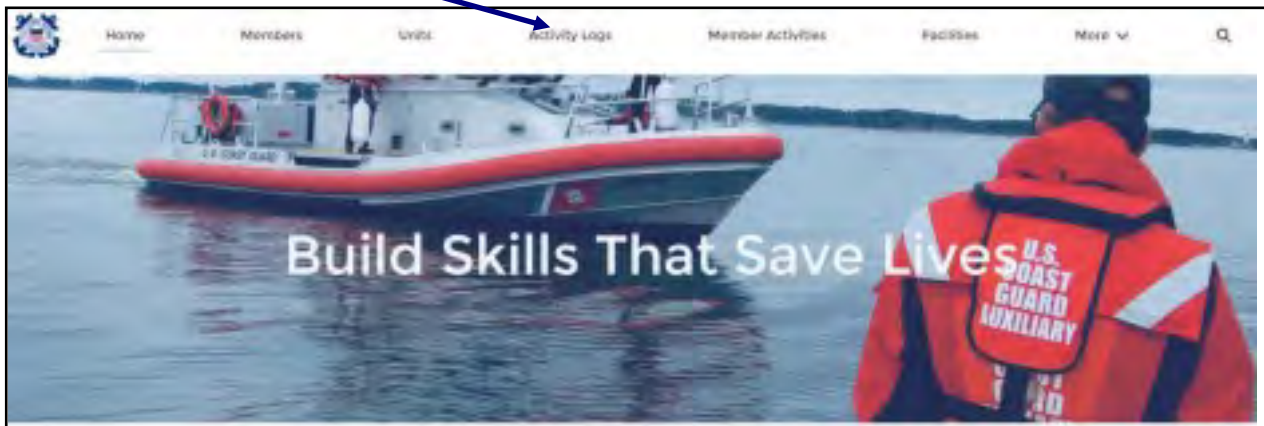
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Division 17



# AUXDATA II Info

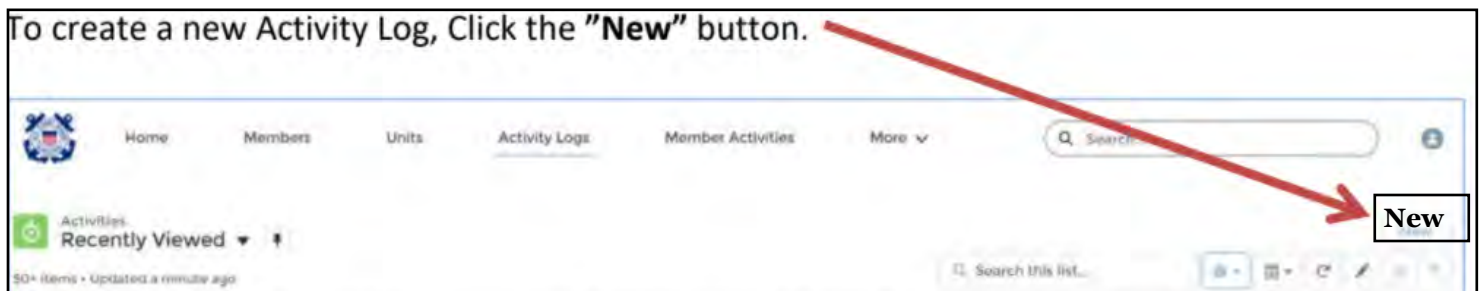
## How to Enter Your “99” Activity in AUXDATA II

**Step 1** - Logging into AUXDATA II will automatically take you to the “Home” page. On this page, click on “**Activity Logs**” at the top of the screen.



You will be taken to the “Recently Viewed” page for “Activity Logs”. If this is your first entry, the opening list view will be blank. Over time it will populate with the Activity Logs you have entered and others you may have viewed.

To create a new Activity Log, Click the “**New**” button.





## How to Enter Your “99” Activity in AUXDATA II

**Step 2 -** In the “New Activity” screen, select “Unit/Individual” as the record type.

**New Activity**

Select a record type

**Unit/Individual**  
Please use this option to enter Unit related activities. This option should not be selected for Patrol related activities in order to avoid errors.

**Aircraft**  
Please use this option to enter Aircraft related activities. If you are creating an activity for a Patrol, please select this option only if the facility type for the patrol is an Aircraft to avoid errors.

**Boat**  
Please use this option to enter Boat related activities. If you are creating an activity for a Patrol, please select this option only if the facility type for the patrol is a Boat to avoid errors.

**Radio**  
Please use this option to enter Radio related activities. If you are creating an activity for a Patrol, please select this option only if the facility type for the patrol is a Radio to avoid errors.

**Step 3 -** Click “Next”

Complete the information required in the “New Activity: Unit/Individual” screen

**New Activity: Unit/Individual**

**Information**

Activity Record Number

Unit

ORCON

FSO-13 Reviews

Review Status

Operations Code

\* Mission Code

Activity Code

Mission Start Time

\* Duration

Summary of Activities

Clarification Comments



## How to Enter Your “99” Activity in AUXDATA II

Complete the information required in the “New Activity: Unit/Individual” screen

**Step 4** - On the left side of the screen, leave the “**Unit**” field blank. This field will auto populate with your flotilla when you have finished entering the remaining fields.

**Step 5** - Also on the left side of the screen, leave the “**OPCON**” field blank, this will auto populate.

**Step 6** - Moving to the right side of the screen, leave the “**Review Status**” as “Open”.

**Step 7** - In the “**Operations Code**” field, use the pick list to select an Operations Code if appropriate. An example would be “AUXAUP” which would be used for Travel & Prep for AUP Activities. Most 99 missions will not have an operations code and this field can be left blank.

**Step 8** - In the “**Mission Code**” field, use the pick list to select the correct mission code 99A-99E. Select the first “99” mission code you are reporting

**Step 9** - Leave the “**Activity Code**” field blank. This will auto populate.

**Step 10** - “**Mission Start Time**” Click on the Calendar icon to select the Date of the mission you are reporting. For “99” time, use the FIRST day of the month you are reporting for.

**Step 11** - “**Time**” – Click in the “Time” field to select the **Start Time** of the mission. Leave this at the 12:00 default

**Step 12** - “**Duration**” Enter the **Duration**, in hours, of the cumulative hours for the month for this mission code. Hover your mouse over the “information” icon to get tips on what to enter for fractions of an hour.



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**Step 13 - “Summary of Activities”** Type in your **Last Name** followed by a brief **Description** of the activity. This field is helpful to you when you later want to find your activity on a list. It is also important for your IS officers to have this information when they are reviewing and approving the entry.

**Step 14** - Scroll down in the “New Activity: Unit/Individual” screen until you see the “Non-reimbursed Mileage and Expenses” section. Type in the “**Miles**” and “**Cost**”. Enter this information, as a total, with the first “99” entry. There is no need to separate the mileage and cost by mission code. If you have no miles or cost to report, leave these fields blank.

Non-reimbursed Mileage and Expenses

Miles

Cost

Enter this only once! If you record all your mileage and cost with the 99A mission code, these fields will be blank for other “99” entries for the month.

**Step 15** - All other fields should be left blank. At the bottom of the “New Activity: Unit/Individual” screen, click “**Save**”. Do not click “Save and New” even if you have another mission to add.

New Activity: Unit/Individual

Public Affairs Details

Activity Approvers

System Information

Owner: PAMELA V BERGER

Save

### Details Screen

After clicking “Save” on the “New Activity: Unit/Individual” screen, you will be taken to the “Details” screen of the Activity Log. This screen will show the information you just entered and the information that was auto populated in the previous screen. Review this information to make sure it is correct.



## How to Enter Your “99” Activity in AUXDATA II

At this point, you have told AUXDATA II the what, where and when of the mission. It is now time to enter the who, by entering your name and the names of the members who participated in the mission. This will generally only be your name, but there are instances where multiple names can be reported, such as attendees of a workshop or flotilla meeting.

Click on “Add Member”

Activity Record Number: AL-6177994

Record Type: Unit/Individual

Mission Code: 99A: LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Mission Start Time: 2/28/2021 12:00

Review Status: Open

Mission Code Description

Open Approval Requested Needs Clarification Under Review Approved

DETAILS RELATED **ADD MEMBER** ADD TASK MEMBER AND TASK CAPTURE CHATTER

Activity Record Number: AL-6177994

Review Status: Open

Unit: Operations Code:

### ADD MEMBER Screen

**Step 16** - On the “Member Assignment” screen, type your **member number or name** in the “Search User” box.

Open Approval Requested Needs Clarification Under Review Approved

DETAILS RELATED **ADD MEMBER** ADD TASK MEMBER AND TASK CAPTURE CHATTER

Member Assignment

Search User: 1173058

Unit Level: All OPCON Sector Sub-unit District Division Flotilla Internal Nation

Member ID	Members Name	Unit Number
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1173058	JANE V DOE	1130708

**Step 17** - When you see your name appear in the list below, **click the box** to the left of your name to place a check mark in the box.



## How to Enter Your “99” Activity in AUXDATA II

**Step 18** - Repeat steps 16 and 17 to add other members if applicable.

**Step 19** - Click “Add Members”. This will copy all the names you selected from the top list to the bottom.

DETAILS RELATED **ADD MEMBER** ADD TASK MEMBER AND TASK CAPTURE CHATTER

Member Assignment

Search User  
1173058

Unit Level  
All ORIGIN Sector SUB-UNIT DISTRICT Division Florida Int

Member ID	Members Name
1173058	JANE V DOE

Get My Unit Members Add Members

Member ID Name

**Step 20** - In the list you created in Step 19, use the pick list to change the position from None to “Lead”. All members reporting 99 time are to use Lead as the position. There are no non-lead or trainees with the “99” mission codes.

DETAILS RELATED **ADD MEMBER** ADD TASK MEMBER AND TASK CAPTURE CHATTER

Member Assignment

Search User  
1173058

Unit Level  
All ORIGIN Sector SUB-UNIT DISTRICT Division Florida Int

Member ID	Members Name	Unit Number
1173058	JANE V DOE	1130708

Get My Unit Members Add Members

Member ID	Name	Position
1173058	JANE V DOE	LEAD

Remove Update Activity Members



## How to Enter Your “99” Activity in AUXDATA II

**Step 21** - Once this has been done for all members on the mission, click the green “**Update Activity Members**” button. You will see a green banner flash across the top saying “Save was Successful”. If there are errors, you will see a red banner indicating the error. When you have completed the corrections click “**Update Activity Members**”.

The screenshot shows the 'Member Assignment' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: DETAILS, RELATED, ADD MEMBER, ADD TASK, MEMBER AND TASK CAPTURE, and CHATTER. Below the tabs, there is a search bar for 'Search User' with the value '1173058'. A 'Unit Level' dropdown is set to 'LEAD'. A table lists members with columns for Member ID, Members Name, and Unit Number. The first row shows Member ID '1173058', Name 'JANE V DOE', and Unit Number '1130708'. Below the table, there are buttons for 'Get My Unit Members' and 'Add New/Docs'. A 'Position' dropdown is set to 'LEAD'. At the bottom, there is a red 'Remove' button and a green 'Update Activity Members' button. A red arrow points from the text above to the 'Update Activity Members' button.

### Submit for Approval

Once all the information is entered and saved, it is time to review the entry and Submit it for Approval.

**Step 22** - Click “**Details**” to return to the Details screen.

The screenshot shows the 'Activity Details' screen for activity 'AL-6177994'. It displays fields for Record Type (Unit/Individual), Mission Code (99A: LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES), Mission Start Time (2/26/2021 12:00), Review Status (Open), and Owner (DAMELA V BERGER). Below these fields is a 'Mission Code Description' field and a 'Details' button. A navigation bar at the bottom shows the status of the activity: Open, Approval Requested, Needs Clarification, Under Review, and Approved. A red arrow points from the text above to the 'Details' button.

**Step 23** - Review the information entered to ensure it is correct. If you need to edit any of the fields, click the “pencil” icon next to the field to activate it, then make any necessary corrections.



## How to Enter Your “99” Activity in AUXDATA II

**Step 24** - You are now ready to submit the Activity Log to your IS officer for review and approval. Click the “Pencil” icon on the right side of the “Review Status” field and use the pick list to select “Approval Requested”.

The screenshot shows a software interface with a top navigation bar containing buttons for 'Open', 'Approval Requested', 'Needs Clarification', 'Under Review', 'Approved', and 'Make Review Status as Complete'. Below this is a tabbed interface with 'DETAILS' selected. The 'DETAILS' tab shows an 'Activity Record Number' of 'AL-6177994' and a 'Unit' of 'GARDEN CITY'. The 'Review Status' field is highlighted in yellow and shows a pencil icon on the right. A red arrow points to this pencil icon. Below the 'Review Status' field is an 'Operations Code' field set to '--None--'.

**Step 25** - Click “Save” at the bottom of the screen to save the “Review Status” change, and any corrections you may have made.

You have now submitted your Activity Log for review and approval. If you have additional “99” activity to report, create a new Activity Log, by following the steps above. Your FSO-IS officer will receive an email notification indicating that an Activity Log is ready for review. If there are any questions on the Activity Log, your IS officer will contact you. If the Activity Log is correct, it will be approved.

You can track the status of your Activity Log several ways. First, by looking at your “Member Record”. Click on the “Member” object at the top of the screen. If your name appears in the list of Recently Viewed items, simply click on your name. If your name does not appear in the list, type your member number or name in the “Search Bar”, on the top right of the screen, and press “Enter”. In the results screen, click on your name to bring up your member record, then click on “Related”. In the “Related” screen, click “View All” in the “Member Activities” box. The “Members Activities” screen will show all the Activity Logs and their status that are associated with your member record.

The second way to view the status of your Activity Log is to click on the “Activity Logs” object at the top of the screen. In the “Activity Log” Recently Viewed list, you can see the status of the Activity Log. Activity Logs that are approved will give you credit for your PA hours. You can open the Activity Log by clicking on the Activity Log Record Number (AL-XXXXXX) in the List.

See the “How to Access, View and Update Your Member Record” for more information on reviewing your record

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR IS OFFICER**



# Division 5



## Mr. "A" Laid to Rest

On Saturday, March 19, family and friends gathered at USCG Station Lake Worth to pay a final tribute to Chrisman Abernethy "affectionally know as Mr. A at the station.

His immediate family was taken out to sea by the USCG 45 boat headed by Chief Jason Finch. Auxiliarist Mel Marx also joined in the ceremony with his boat. Once out to sea, his ashes were deposited by Chris's sister, beloved Corlie Eldred, and faithful partner Edward Wilson. Taps were played with the "Eight Bells." His best friend, Christopher Siciliano (Commissioner 810) from the fire department where both served in Williston Park in New York flew in from New York to attend. Also in attendance was his adopted son, Hector Berrios.

After the ceremony at sea, a reception was held at the Station for Auxiliarists, friends and "Coasties." Chris Haarer, DCAPT-E attended, representing District 7 and presented Chris's sister with the flag. A table was set up with all the memorabilia that Chris collected along with the famous "ring and chain."

Chris served in the NY Fire Department, US Coast Guard and USCG Auxiliary. He served over 21 years in Flotilla 51. He was Flotilla Vice Commander, Marine Safety, Public Education Instructor and Watchstander at USCG Station Lake Worth. A tribute was recently paid to him by the station naming the Communications Room "Chrisman Abernethy Communication Room." He manned many booths for boat shows and other Auxiliary events. Many people who attended these shows remember "Mr. A" as the Auxiliarist who could pass a ring through a chain. He retired September 2020. He passed away November 29, 2021.





# Welcome



January 1 to March 31, 2022

## Division 2

Brown, Constance  
Burnette, Joy  
Cortes, Michael  
Gentry, Stephen  
Healy, Timothy  
Henderson, Garrett  
Khan, Mohammad  
La Luz, Alberto  
Myers, Lecia  
Sadrack, John  
Tomlinson, Frank  
Whitmire, Rivers  
Worona, William

## Division 3

Alvarado, Luis  
Bandy, Barbara  
Grave, Theodore  
Montalvo, Carolina

## Division 4

Clavey, Patrick  
Morcerf, Robert

## Division 5

Allen, Mark  
Dombkowski, Peter  
Johannsen, Raijean  
Kelly, Timothy  
Lewis, Noah  
McGraw, Scott  
Michelsen, Christopher  
Milke, Joseph  
Moore, Edward  
Perez, Joel  
Pissano, Peter  
Roth, David  
Scozzafava, Davod

## Division 6

Dagnesses, Monique  
Rios, Raymond  
Rosenberg, Ronit  
Sierra Leal, Amaury  
Vaquer, Anthony

## Division 7

Guise, Kenneth  
Mac, Joshua  
Melnyczenko, Walter  
Piliago, Tanne  
Pittman, Clark  
Reo, Mark  
Schrader, Peter

## Division 8

Friedman, Michael  
Purchase, Thomas  
Shaw, Wilford

## Division 9

Atcher, Peggy  
Ciriello, Frank  
Hunt, Sean  
Hurd, Richard  
Pozharsky, Aleksandr  
Weelein, Karl  
Williamson, Robert

## Division 10

Ford, Christopher

## Division 11

Cannon, Ernest  
Sawyer, Joann  
Smith, Robert  
Taylor, Robert

## Division 12

Berle, Beatrice`  
Chichester, Kenneth  
Floyd Jone, Sara  
Kamb, Jackson  
Liebenow, Sarah  
Lorick, John  
Pino, Jeffrey

## Division 13

Gordon, Lisa  
DiPaolo, Lawrence

## Division 14

Domagola, Theresa  
Green Jamie  
Moore, Gary

## Division 15

Washington, Yurel

## Division 16

Brainson, David  
Simon, Janella

## Division 17

Gonzalez Gines, Angel  
Hutson, James  
Mantuano, Kimberly  
Seitter, Coleen

# D-7 Golden Anniversary Club

## 50 Years of Service



<u>Name</u>	<u>Flotilla</u>	<u>Enrollment Date</u>
Barry Porter	72	13 November 1959
Robert Strong	14-8	23 June 1964
William Benson	44	26 June 1964
Commodore Henry Pratt	10-11	9 September 1964
Philip Tallon	14-2	30 January 1968
Judith Davis	14-4	23 April 1968
Thomas McColough	9-10	3 June 1968

*Your long-standing service is acknowledged and appreciated.*

*Thank you*



# 2021 Retirees

January 1, to March 31, 2022

Department of Homeland Security

*Takes pleasure in conferring to:*



*in the*

*United States Coast Guard Auxiliary*

*In recognition of significant contributions and devoted service to the organization and  
its boating safety programs.*

# Crossed the Bar

## January 1, to March 31, 2022

### PLEASE NOTE

A DECEASED MEMBER CAN ONLY BE HONORED  
HERE IF AN ANSC 7035 FORM IS SUBMITTED TO THE  
D7 HELP DESK INDICATING HIS/HER PASSING.



**Edward Peterson**  
Flotilla 27



**Steve Seidman**  
Flotilla 36



**Dwight Cornell**  
Flotilla 51



**George Bergau, Jr.**  
Flotilla 93



**Sean Hanley**  
Flotilla 96

*Sunset and evening star  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;  
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.*

*By Alfred Lord Tennyson*



**Dennis Sexton**  
Flotilla 10-11



**Joanne Frey**  
Flotilla 11-10



**John Walton Sr.**  
Flotilla 12-10



**Kenneth Dixon**  
Flotilla 13-4



**Roger Lippincott**  
Flotilla 15-3

# DID YOU KNOW?

## Greatest Rescue in U.S. Coast Guard History



Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Bernard Challen Webber (May 9, 1928 – January 24, 2009) was a [United States Coast Guardsman](#).<sup>[1][2]</sup> He was a petty officer assigned to Coast Guard Station [Chatham, Massachusetts](#), where one of his duties was that of [coxswain](#) of [Coast Guard Motor Lifeboat CG 36500](#). Webber and his crew of three rescued the crew of the stricken [T2 tanker SS Pendleton](#), which had broken in half during a storm on February 18, 1952 off [Cape Cod](#). Webber maneuvered the 36-foot lifeboat under *Pendleton's* stern as the tanker's crew, trapped in the stern section, abandoned the wreck of their ship on a [Jacob's ladder](#) into the Coast Guard motor lifeboat.<sup>[1]</sup>

Webber and his crew of three – [Engineman Third Class](#) Andrew Fitzgerald, [Seaman](#) Richard Livesey, and Seaman Ervin Maske – saved 32 of the 33 crewmen who were on the stern section of *SS Pendleton* when the ship broke in two. There were no survivors among the ship's crew in the bow section, which was found the next day by another rescue vessel. All four Coast Guardsmen were awarded the [Gold Lifesaving Medal](#) for their heroic actions.<sup>[1]</sup> The rescue operation has been noted as one of the most successful in the history of the U.S. Coast Guard.<sup>[3]</sup>

Webber served in the [Merchant Marine](#) during World War II, then joined the Coast Guard in 1946. At the time of the *Pendleton* rescue Webber was serving as a [boatswain's mate first class](#) at Coast Guard Station Chatham. He rose to the rank of [Chief Warrant Officer](#) (Boatswain specialty) during a 20-year military career that included a tour during the [Vietnam War](#) as a part of [Operation Market Time](#)

Webber was born in Milton, Massachusetts, the son of Anne (Knight) and Reverend A. Bernard Webber.<sup>[4][2][5]</sup> He was married to Miriam Penttinen. Webber died on January 24, 2009.<sup>[6]</sup>

The first-in-class Sentinel-class cutter, USCGC Bernard C. Webber was named in his honor.<sup>[7]</sup> She was commissioned on 14 April 2012 at her home port of Miami, Florida.

A history of the rescue of the men of *Pendleton* and *Mercer*, including Bernard Webber's heroic role in the rescue of the men from the stern of *Pendleton*, was presented in the 2009 book *The Finest Hours: The True Story of the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue*, by Michael J. Tougias and Casey Sherman. This book was later reissued in a "young adult" edition and adapted into a 2016 feature film, *The Finest Hours* by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures, depicting the *Pendleton* rescue with Chris Pine portraying Webber.<sup>[8]</sup>



## Coast Guard K-9 Feco Recognized with Distinguished Service Medal



[sandiegocitd.org](http://sandiegocitd.org)

Photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Kimberly Reaves

Congressman Gus Bilirakis presents the 2022 Animals in War and Peace Distinguished Service Medal to K-9 Feco on March 9 at the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C. U.S. Coast Guard

Alameda, CA—Coast Guard K-9 Chief Feco, a 9-year-old Hungarian Vizsla, stationed at Coast Guard Marine Safety and Security Team San Francisco, was presented the Animals in War and Peace Distinguished Service Medal Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

Members of Congress recognized and honored six animal heroes for their accomplishments in both war and peace at the second annual Animals in War and Peace Medal Ceremony.

The ceremony highlights America's appreciation of the sacrifices and heroism of American animals who served the United States and advances the effort toward the creation of an annual process to nominate animals for the Medal of Bravery and Distinguished Service Medal.

Feco joined the Coast Guard in late 2014 and is stationed at the Marine Safety and Security Team San Francisco K-9 Unit where his main responsibility is explosives detection at the Ports of San Francisco and Oakland.

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The Coast Guard has sixteen canine explosive detection teams around the country made up of one human handler and one working dog.



# Trivia

1. Every day around 30,000 websites are hacked.
2. Our left lung is around 10% smaller than the right one
3. We can see our nose all the time however our brain constantly ignores it!
4. It is impossible to sneeze with open eyes!
5. To retrieve an answer, a single Google query makes use of 1,000 computers in 0.2 seconds.
6. Rocky Marciano is the only heavyweight boxing champion to finish his career of 49 fights without ever having been defeated.
7. Elephants are the only animals that are not able to jump.
8. 75% cotton and 25% linen fibers are used to make paper money
9. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the average female height in the US is 5 feet 4 inches.
10. An egg contains every vitamin except Vitamin C
11. Ants stretch when they wake up in the morning
12. Your foot and forearm are the same length
13. One million Earths could fit inside the sun

