

# D-7 Connection



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## The Pledge

The pledge you are about to take is your commitment to support the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, an organization dedicated to the promotion of boating safety and providing assistance to the United States Coast Guard in the fulfillment of its civil functions. You accept this membership as a volunteer and as a member you are charged with certain responsibilities and obligations. These include your willingness to support the Coast Guard Auxiliary and its purposes, to faithfully execute your duties and to participate in its authorized programs to the best of your ability and to the extent that time and circumstances permit.

As an Auxiliarist, you enjoy certain honors and privileges, among them, wearing the Auxiliary uniform and flying the Auxiliary Ensign. Wear the uniform neatly and correctly and fly the Blue Ensign proudly. Remember that your conduct reflects directly upon the image of both the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary.

The satisfaction you derive from your Auxiliary membership will be in proportion to your level of participation in the organization's activities. The success of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will depend upon the extent of your participation and upon the quality of the Auxiliary leaders that you, the member, select.

If you feel that you can be an active and productive member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, please raise your right hand and repeat after me:

*"I, (your name), solemnly and sincerely pledge myself to support the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and its purposes, to faithfully execute my duties and to abide by the governing policies established by the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard."*

# Semper Paratus





# **USCG Auxiliary**



## **District 7**

### **The Bridge**



**District Commodore**

**Commodore Donald L. Frasch**



**District Chief of Staff**

**Walter Jaskiewicz, DCOS**

Coming into my position as District Chief of Staff I know that the key to insure our 7<sup>th</sup> District will maintain its strong position as a member of Team Coast Guard really lies in developing the talents of our members and not just adding their names as additions to our membership roll.

As the DCOS my time is limited to meet all the needs of our organization. One of the first lessons learned in leadership is that one person cannot do everything. But everything that needs to be accomplished can be accomplished through the recruitment, training and empowering of others.

Our organization's effectiveness depends on multiplying our leadership roles. When we train a member on a task lets us say "You take over here and I'll start a new member over there." What the end result will provide is that "Yesterday we could only do this much, but today we can do that much more."

Talent does you no good unless it is recognized by someone. Let us all strive to recognize the talents and skills of our members.



# USCG Auxiliary District 7



## Logistics Department



**James E. Dennen, DDC-L**  
**Department Chief**

It is my pleasure to welcome the newly appointed Personnel Services Staff Officers in District Seven. For those of you that were already officers, let me thank you for continuing to offer your services in this vital capacity. As you all know, it is only by attracting new members and keeping our existing members productive and happy, that we can remain an effective and viable organization.

Our Personnel Services Officers have done an outstanding job in the past. The new officers have a tough act to follow. Roughly 50% of the PS Officers are new to the job this year. Please let Angela Pomaro and her team help you as you learn your duties and responsibilities. In addition, we have a tremendous resource for information located at our District Seven website: [http://cgaux7.org/index\\_member.htm](http://cgaux7.org/index_member.htm). We encourage you to visit often, since we make changes almost on a daily basis.

Congratulations to our eight members who are celebrating their Golden Anniversary with the Auxiliary. You personify Coast Guard values and we are proud to be your shipmates.

## The DSO-PS Team



**Angela Pomaro, DSO-PS**

It is not often one is given the opportunity to work with a group of officers who perform their duties with such dedication that goes "above and beyond." The SO-PS Officers of this Department are such a group. The support I have received both last year in the e-responder program and this year as DSO-PS has overwhelmed me. From the SO-PS Officer, who on his deathbed, prepared his successor to take over the position, to the SO-PS Officer who had his wife call me to inform me his report would be late as he was in the hospital, to my morning chuckle email each day, to my honorary southern name.

This year, eight new officers have joined our team, and are giving 110%. I am proud to report that the PS Department has an 80% report rate to the District each month.



**Gil Thomas, ADSO-PS  
Retention**

Division Commanders, thank you for choosing such outstanding officers to represent your Division and District 7. My position has become fun and I enjoy working with all of them.

**South  
Carolina**

**Georgia**



Alan Miles 12



Rene Rice 02



Ted Philips 10

**The  
District 7  
PS Team**



Ned Barry 15



Don Mooers 14

**Florida**



Max Garrison 11



Charlie Wilson 04



Gil Thomas 07



Mel Schumacher 05



Allegria Bouquet 08



Arnold Greenhouse 03



Max Le Fevre 09



Joel Aberbach 06

**Puerto Rico**



Rafael Martinez 01

**Virgin Islands**



Don Kittmiller 13



Bob March 16



# Welcome New SO-PS



**Rene**

**Rice —SO-PS Division 02  
Flotilla 28**



**Alan Miles SO-PS Division 12  
Flotilla 12-8  
Current — FSO-PS, VFC**



**Charlie Wilson, SO-PS Division 04  
Flotilla 44  
Current Office — FSO-PS**



**Don Kittsmiller, SO-PS Division 13  
Flotilla 13-3  
Current —DVCDR , IPFC, FSO-PS,  
FSO-MA, VE, Program Visitor  
Past —FC, VFC**



**Allegría Bouquet, SO-PS Division 08  
Flotilla 84  
Current — SO-PS  
Past FSO-PS, FSO-SR, SO-MA**



**Ned Barry SO-PS Division 15  
Flotilla 15-4  
Current — SO-PS  
Past—FSO-PS, VE**



**Max Garrison , SO-PS Division 11  
Flotilla 11-10  
Current — SO-PS, FSO-MS  
Past — FSO-PV**



**Don Mooers, SO-PS Division 14  
Flotilla 14-4  
Current FSO-PS, N-II-IS  
Past—DSO-PS, FSO-CC, FSO-PS,  
FSO-SR, SO-PA SO-VE, VFC**

# ***Paperwork!***

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## **Auxiliary Abbreviations**

Submitted by Sue Hastings, DSO-IS

It seems that every organization, government unit, and business tends to abbreviate words and terms. However, it gets very frustrating for new members or guests to guess what other people are talking about when they use these abbreviations. This is a common occurrence in the Coast Guard Auxiliary especially at our flotilla meetings.

The following are some of the more common terms that are used at flotilla monthly meetings and their meanings. Hopefully, this will help newer members understand what we are talking about at the meetings.

### **Flotilla – local unit of Coast Guard Auxiliary**

**FC – Flotilla Commander – elected leader of local unit**

**VFC – Flotilla Vice Commander – elected second in command of local unit**

**IPFC - Immediate Past Flotilla Commander**

**FSO – Flotilla Staff Officer – appointed staff to work with FC and VFC**

### **Division – next level of Coast Guard Auxiliary – usually five flotillas or more**

**DCDR - Division Commander – elected leader (old term DCP – Division Captain)**

**DVCDR - Division Vice Commander – elected second in command**

**IPDCDR or IPDCP - Immediate Past Division Commander**

**SO – Division Staff Officer – appointed staff to work with DCDR/DVCDR and Flotilla Staff Officers**

**District – next level of Coast Guard Auxiliary – made up of Divisions in Geographical Area – we are in District 7 – which includes parts of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands**

**DCO - District Commodore – elected leader for two years**

**DCOS – District Chief of Staff – second in command – elected for 2 years**

**DCAPT – District Captain – elected for 1 year – each region has one**

**(D7 – has three DCAPT – East/North/West)**

**DDC/L-P-R District Directorate Chief – head up staff for District in areas of Logistics/Prevention/Response**

**DSO - District Staff Officer – appointed staff to work with DDC/Division Staff Officers**

**ADSO - Assistant District Staff Officer – appointed staff to work with DSOs and SOs**

**DIRAUX** – CG Director and staff assigned to manage Auxiliary for the District – located in Miami

**VenDet** – Director’s satellite office located in Venice Florida – staffed Auxiliarists, do ID cards, initial certifications, etc.

**AUXDATA** – CG database used to keep track of members, facilities, missions, qualifications. Member needs special software, access ID and password

**eDirectory** – On-line directory of Auxiliary officers, staff, and members and their email addresses which is pulled from the AUXDATA database.

**MT** – Member Training

**PA** – Public Affairs

**PE** – Public Education

**POMS** – Patrol Order Management System which is a CG database used to keep track of operations and facilities.

**PVs** – Program Visits or Visitors – group that works with partners such as marinas, boat dealers, sporting goods, insurance companies. The Program Visitors supply boxes with literature, information on boating classes for the public to use.

**SAR** – Search and Rescue

**OPs** – Operations – patrols done by Auxiliary boats

**VEs** – Vessel Examiners who perform VSCs – courtesy boat checks

Of course by the time you think you understand the abbreviations, they will change like the elected officer’s names for Division and District. If you hear an abbreviation being thrown around at a meeting, don’t hesitate to ask what it stands for.





# ***Around District 7***

## **DIVISION 03**

Submitted by: Arnold Greenhouse, SO-PS Division 03

Flotillas 37 and 38 are supporting the helo crews at Air Station Miami. A Division-wide crew training program is underway and a Division-wide QE Day will be held on March 28th.

Community activities include participation in the Deerfield Beach Founder's Day parade, staffing at Public Affairs booth at the Dania Nautical Flea Market and assisting as tour guides at the Hillsboro Lighthouse open house.

A new activity underway is the Everglades Outreach Program that was suggested by Gwen Leys during her term as Division Captain in 2008. Under the leadership of Steve Petrocella, VFC Flotilla 34, members meet at Holiday Park at the edge of the Everglades in Davie once a month to conduct Vessel Safety Checks on inland fisherman and air boaters. This activity has met with great success and appreciation from the park staff. In addition, the Auxiliarists provide safe boating handouts and Auxiliary membership information to visitors at the park. The morning's activities finish up with a fellowship cookout

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## **DIVISION 06**

Submitted by: Joel Aberbach, SO-PS Division 06

A special thanks to Ed Burbank, DCDR, Judith Hudson, DVCDR and Vickie Aponte, FSO-MA for the many quality hours (and long car rides) in helping to develop two new flotillas in Division 06. The success of these Flotillas is a reflection of their efforts. Flotilla 6-10 is underway and functioning. Flotilla 6-12 will be chartered next month and is basically established at this time.

The Miami Beach International Boat Show was a success for the Coast Guard TEAM. We had about 40 members supporting our booth as well as the Clean Marina and Officer Snook. As always, we were there to support MDA, Boating Safety and Environmental Protection, as well as recruiting for the Coast Guard, USCG Reserve and USCG Auxiliary. We also assisted Division 03 at the Nautical Flea Market.

We have 11 members attending training for Uninspected Tow Boat Examiners. Boat Crew training is conducted each weekend.



## DIVISION 07



Submitted by Gil Thomas, SO-PS Division 07

Saturday, February 7, 2009, Flotilla 74 staffed a boating safety booth at the Lakeland Fish and Dive Expo. The Fish/Dive Expo returned for its 2<sup>nd</sup> year to Off the Wall Adventures (2055 Shepherd Rd. Lakeland, FL 33811) and was sponsored by T. J. Konitzer owner of Off the Wall Adventures and Capt. Jon Bull, who put it together.

The expo consisted of hourly seminars and live demonstrations on archery, king fishing, fly fishing, kayak fishing, scuba diving, and tournament fishing for redfish and bass. There was also a kids casting contest. The crowd was enthusiastic, the Auxiliary was well received by the public and some good leads were developed for future safety class attendees and potential members. Plans are being made for a safety class to be held in the Off the Wall Adventures building, possibly in May and a good contact was made for publicity in the *Lakeland Ledger*. It was a good day for the Auxiliary and the time spent was well worth the effort.

Flotilla 74's safety booth was staffed by Brian Wohlwend, Robert Gibson, Ken Morningstar and Gil Thomas.

Capt. Jon Bull, Kenneth Morningstar and T. J. Konitzer owner of Off the Wall Adventures.



Division 07 has been busy recruiting for the USCG, USCG Reserves, USCG Academy and the USCG Auxiliary at different events in Central Florida.

Auxiliarist Robert Gibson, FSO-PS Flotilla 74 has been appointed the USCG Academy Admission Partner for District 7 and has been representing Flotilla 74 at various events in the area.

On March 24, Flotilla 74 will be at the Plant City High School conducting a boating Safety Class and recruiting new members for the Auxiliary.

Flotilla 74 will have a float in the July 4, 2009 Independence Day Parade at Brandon, Florida.



## DIVISION 08



Submitted by: Allegría Bouquet, SO-PS Division 08

**Congratulations to Michael McDermott, VFC Flotilla 84. He received the CGAUX Commendation Medal for services as FSO-IS Officer from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2008. Stuart Wallace received the Auxiliary Commandant’s Letter of Commendation Award for services as Vessel Examiner from Jan 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. Donald Bouquet received the Auxiliary Commandant’s Letter of Commendation for services as Public Education Officer from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. At Flotilla 84’s membership meeting Robert Johnson, FSO-PS and Randy Moritz, FC presented a slide presentation showing the proper wearing of uniforms. James Stuart, FSO-OP, Randy Moritz, FC, Roger Fouracre, SO-VE, Antoinette Borman, FSO-PS and Jan Trem, FSO-FN modeled the different uniforms and gave instructions on how to order uniforms.**



**Antoinette Borman, FSO-PS Flotilla 84 received the CGAUX Achievement Medal for services related to PA events from Jan 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008.**



## DIVISION 09

Submitted by: Max Le Fevre, SO-PS Division 09

**Recruiting is flourishing in Division 09 — reports from FSO-PS indicate that they are all working diligently with prospective members.**

**Flotilla 98 participated in the Punta Gorda Seafood Festival providing safe boating information at an Auxiliary booth. Also scheduled is participation in the Port Charlotte County Air Show.**



## DIVISION 10



Submitted by: Ted Phillips, SO-PS Division 10

During February an Aviation Workshop was held at the Savannah Coast Guard Air Station. Additionally, the aircrews underwent training for egress from an aircraft and a swim test.



While the Aviation workshop was going on, several boat crews escorted four more giant cranes into the Port of Savannah.



March started off with Division boat crews providing security zones around the area where the cranes were being offloaded. Additionally, the Air Station was being inspected and needed Auxiliary boats and crews to act as “vessels in distress” for them to provide assistance to.

On the first weekend in March Flotilla 10-2 and 10-11 hosted a booth at the Savannah International Boat Show. On St. Patrick’s Day, the Auxiliary provided drivers for the convertibles carrying the Commanders of the Air Station and the Marine Safety Unit.

During the week of March 20-26, Flotilla 10-2 will host a booth at the Savannah Pro Bass Shop Boat Show. Literature on boating safety, vessel inspections, boating safety classes and Auxiliary membership will be available.



## DIVISION 12

Submitted by Alan Miles, SO-PS Division 12



There is a new face on the horizon of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Its hairy white face more closely resembles a snowman than a seaman. With eyes and a nose looking like pieces of coal, she attracts a lot of attention. A local hit at boat shows, “Myrtle” is owned by Alan J.P. Miles of Flotilla 12-8. Both Myrtle and Alan reside in Berkeley County in Goose Creek. Myrtle helps Flotilla 12-8 at Boat shows, interacting with the boating public to spread her message that *Dogs and Kids* don’t float. She reminds us that “everyone onboard” needs their own life jacket. Myrtle believes that if parents have the family pet wear a life jacket, the kids will wear one too. Besides, dogs are just like children, they want to be cool too!

Dubbed “Special Staff Officer Myrtle” she wears her Orange PFD with USCG Auxiliary stripes on each side at events. Myrtle’s name tape is worn on her chest. Myrtle’s mission is to reach the boating public in a unique way to promote the use of life jackets. Myrtle is a 17 year old American Eskimo. They are an Old Nordic breed known to be highly intelligent and great companions. They were commonly trained as circus performers.

Life jackets specifically designed for different size dogs can be found at most “SUPER type pet stores”. These life jackets, when properly fitted, protect the animal from accidental falls into water by lifting and supporting their body and face above water. They can also protect the animal’s vulnerable rib and abdomen areas from bumps and bruises while underway in a boat. Alan adds that “besides protecting them, the jacket has a considerable calming effect on the animal”. There is an integral handle on the back of the jacket to aid in retrieving the dog from the water.





## When They Say 12-8 is Great, They Prove It!

Submitted by: Alan J.P. Miles, SO-PS Division 12

On Sunday, February 22, 2009, USCG Auxiliary Operational Facility 8852 set out on what the crew thought would be a routine patrol. They planned to do some safety patrolling around Charleston Harbor and then practice some search and rescue (SAR) drills. Onboard 8852 were: coxswains Allen James and Hugo Endris and crew Paul Berka. Alan Miles was aboard as a trainee. Auxiliary Vessel 8852 departed Coast Guard Sector Charleston and headed for the Fort Sumter area to begin the planned SAR drills.

Flotilla 12-8 also had another Operational Facility out on patrol. It was our newly commissioned Auxiliary Vessel 21545. On board this facility were coxswains Joe Flemming and Bob Matthews. Chris Heironimus was onboard as a trainee.

Auxiliary Vessel 8852 dropped a datum buoy marker and commenced SAR training drills. At the same time, Auxiliary Vessel 21545 ran a fast response shakedown cruise of Charleston Harbor. Both vessels stayed “inside” the harbor since there were small craft advisories offshore. But, even in the harbor there were strong winds and seas running three to four feet. The crew on both vessels got a firsthand example of where the term “salty” came from. Despite the rough sea conditions, both facilities were able to successfully complete their training. Even more successful was the ability of the coxswains to keep the boats stable enough that the crew could keep their lunches down too!

Following completion of the training, Coast Guard Sector Charleston hailed vessel 8852 and requested they respond to a sailboat that was adrift in the Ashley River. They were concerned that the loose boat could interfere with the safe passage of other vessels in the river or even possibly collide with the Ashley River Bridge. Auxiliary Vessel 8852 responded immediately with 21545 following closely behind to assist if required.

Once 8852 arrived on scene, it was discovered that the sailboat was actually still moored, but was dragging her mooring ground tackle because of the strong currents and winds. After obtaining permission from the City Marina, via Sector Charleston, the crew of 21545 attached a tow line to the sailboat and retrieved its mooring ball and anchor. Meanwhile, 8852 positioned themselves on the dock to pull the sailboat to the dock with the assistance of the twin engines of 21545.

Through the joint efforts of both Auxiliary facilities, despite strong currents and winds, the channel was again safe to navigate. Because of excellent training and constant practice, both vessels were able to work together to accomplish the mission. The coordination between the boats and crews was a testament to their abilities.

Bravo Zulu.



**Now you know why they're known as the Great 12-8**





# What's New



## DISTRICT 7 WEBSITE

[www.cgaux7.org](http://www.cgaux7.org)

The District Personnel Services Office located on the D-7 Website has been updated. Once on the website, click Departments – Logistics (Click for Staff) – Personnel Services (click for news). There you will find the following:

NEWS – Reports and information from the DSO-PS.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS – A complete job description for both the SO-PS and FSO-PS.

RESOURCES – Manuals, procedures, documents or links related to this office.

FORMS – You will find the latest forms used by an Auxiliarist.

CONTACTS – You will be able to contact the DSO-PS for further information.

All Auxiliarists should take advantage of the information posted there.

## NEW MEMBER RESOURCES

ANSC now has available:

5029 - CD-ROM, NEW MEMBER RESOURCES - Provides the guides and information necessary to help enroll new members. Includes new member guides, exam, sample forms, AUX Manual, Uniform Procurement, etc. (REV. 03/2009)

Included on CD:

Prospective Member Information  
New Member Student Study Guide  
New Member Reference Guide  
Auxiliary Manual (M16790.1F)  
New Member Involvement Plan  
New Member Exam  
New Member Exam Blank Answer Sheet  
New Member Application Checklist  
Uniform Procurement Guide  
Sample Form 7028  
Sample Form 7029  
Sample Form 7030

Note: This CD can be requested by entering 5029 on the bottom of Flotilla Supply Requisition until the updated form is available. The New Member guides and the New Member Instructor Guide are still available in print form.

## IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Department of Personnel: <http://www.auxpdept.org/>

District 7: <http://www.cgaux7.org/>

USCG Auxiliary: <http://nws.cgaux.org/index.html>

7<sup>th</sup> District Store: <http://www.cgaux7.org/d7store/default.htm>

Aux Info: <http://www.cgaux7.org/auxinfo/>

Aux Data: <http://auxdata.uscg.gov/>

Zip Code Flotilla Finder: <http://ff.cgaux.org/>

E-Directory: <http://www.auxedirectory.org/>

Uniform Distribution Center: [http://www.uscg.mil/UNIFORMS/UDC\\_Orders.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/UNIFORMS/UDC_Orders.htm)





# Congratulations District 7



## New Members—January 1— March 31, 2009

### Division 01

Acevedo, Belisa  
Aldiva, Nelson Jose  
Badillo, Sonia Ivette  
Chevere, Joel  
Garcia, Gustavo Fran  
Igartua, Estibalitz  
Marrero, Brenda Ivis  
Medina, Jennifer  
Miranda, Elionexis  
Nieves, Bernardo Luis  
Nieves, Mariela  
Ramos, Jose Luis       Ro-  
driguez, Nereida       Ro-  
driguez, Nmana Del Car  
Rodriguez, Maria T.  
Ruiz, Vanessa Z.  
Torres, Santiago John  
Vargas, Kenneth  
Vidal, Carlos Jose  
Yuifo, Jose Antonio

### Division 02

Haupt, Dallas  
Humphrey, Bob  
Nolin, James M. II  
Meier, Gary  
Nolan, James Marshall  
Russell, Charles

### Division 03

Aleba, Joseph Charles  
Feldman, Herman  
Kaufmann, Kira E.  
Joseph, Gerson Michael  
Kaufmann, Kira E.  
Krantz, Gary Howard  
Lambie, Robert Morrison  
McArdle, Edward Thomas  
Mills, Ellen Elizabeth  
Reynolds, Michaela R.

### Division 03 Contd

Reynolds, Quentin T.  
Rogers, Christopher J.  
Rogers, Jeffrey Alex  
Underwood, Joseph W.  
Weitzner, Charles  
Weyerberg, Matthew J  
Wilwerding, Daniel H.  
Wood, Lori Allison

### Division 04

Barada, Richard  
Bloom, Gary B.  
Ehrlick, Virginia  
Gabriel, Donald Francis  
Gregoire, Justin C.  
Huntington, David L. Jr  
Neeley-Gabriel, Anne  
Nickles, James L. Jr.  
Nolasco, Wagner V.  
Pope, Fredrick A.  
Rowley, Kevin Gilbert  
Rubenstein, William  
Truly, Margaret

### Division 05

Akus, Mark Gregory  
Allen, Kimberly  
Bouchard, Donald C.  
Del Gaudio, Anthony  
Dickerson, Kenton  
Foster, Robert Steven  
Fried, Irwin L.  
Gatsford, Mark  
Gilmour, Robert  
Grott, Robert  
Konsavage, Linda J.

### Division 05 Contd

Langelo, Sandro A.  
Larcombe, Stuart  
Moore, Joyce  
Neville, William Edward  
Siegel, Philip Harris  
White, Weldon

### Division 06

Arauz, Jairo, Jose  
Chong, Eric B.  
Dickson, Edward  
H.Dominguez, Jessica  
Dominguez, Oscar E.  
Ferrer, Juan  
Franz, Kenneth H.  
Grimsley, Donald H.  
Hart, John A., Sr.  
Keller, Robert W., Sr.  
Leslie, Michael  
Lopez, Alejandro  
Reyes, Salvadore  
Rodriguez, George  
Salamaca, Alexander R.  
Ventura, Alfredo M.  
Way, Kimberly Lynn

### Division 07

Andrews, Joseph Lee  
Berkowitz, Michael  
Garry, Brian Albert  
LeTourneau, Paul Nanni,  
Todd Alexander  
Ramirez, Michael Gervais  
Sullivan, Jessica Lynn  
Strickland, Patrick Michael  
Zukowski, Alan Edward



# Welcome



## Division 08

Cummings, John  
DelBello, Ronald  
Easton, Anthony  
Evans, Donald Cirillo  
Gerst, William  
Jones, Kyle Glenn  
Keiderling, Blair Daniel  
Klinger, Louis Barry  
Leadbetter, Graham  
Motchan, Sidney  
Myer, Jesse III  
Ravenscroft, James S.  
Scott, Robert Wayne  
Wheeling, John Frank (Jr)  
Whitacre, Judith Ann

## Division 09

Arnal, Neil Joseph  
Astebert, Jorgen  
Coomes, Barry Allan  
Jenkins, Philipo John  
Kolegue, Kent Edward  
Marshall, Charles E.  
Norris, Clinton Tyler  
Parrish, Dylan Charles  
Smith, Jennifer Marie

## Division 10

Juster, John Peter  
Sellers, Thomas Eugene  
Troutman, John C., Jr.  
Zolton, Peter Arnold

## Division 11

Bazinet, David Alan  
Knapp, Howard M.  
Lewis, Vallee Maurice  
Signorini, Stacy Scott  
Wekerle, Eric John

## Division 12

Brumbaugh, Marcus H.  
Ecklund, Dave Hilton  
Hulsey, Thomas Cleve  
Kern, David Seth  
Mikutaitis, Michael  
Moore, Joe Edward Jr.  
Newman, Ellen Gwyn  
Newman, Joseph John  
Sain, James Ronald  
Staats, Eric Carter  
Sweeney, Bradley David

## Division 13

Daugintis, Michael  
Daugintis, Shelley  
Johansen, Even Paludan  
Mattern, Dorothy Keyser  
Mattern, John Carl  
Owens, Donald

## Division 14

Darby, June Aarden  
Feagin, Karl Aaron  
Hawthorne, Wayne

## Division 14

Logan, Jeffrey  
More, Terrance Jason  
Morgan, Michael Scott  
Murray, Dennis  
Russell, Raymond Warren  
Weatherhead, Terrence M.

## Division 15

Dwertman, Gerald J.  
Fitzpatrick, Fran M.  
Hamilton, David N.  
Herrlich, Thomas J.  
Korth, Michael L.  
Lane, Joyce Evelyn  
Latoria, Daniel David  
Lorgan, Edward R.  
Marchasin, Sheldon  
Morales, Victor M.  
Mulligan, Sterling  
Natoli, John N.  
O'Connell, Raymond W.  
Olsen, Finn Foss  
Riotto, Linda C.  
South, Garry Al.  
Tarnowski, Gabriela N.  
Usinger, Robert J.  
Wethington, Jeffrey S.  
Wheeler, William H.

## Division 16

Carty, Dale L.  
Etheredge, Lloyd  
Pringle, Keshawn E.  
Williams, Keridon M.

# 2009 Retirees

## Department of Homeland Security United States Coast Guard

*Takes pleasure in conferring to:*



<u>Member</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Service Years</u>
Richard K. Krause	15	35
Arthur Brereton	08	31
Richard Merrick Jr.	15	28
James Brooks	13	20
Frank Holldorfer	15	18
Bob Barrett	03	17

### RETIRED STATUS

*in the*

*United States Coast Guard Auxiliary*

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



# Honored in Life and Death



Submitted by Karen L. Miller, SO-PB

There seem to be some people that make an indelible imprint on another person's life. Flotilla 11-6, New Port Richey, Florida, was luckier than most; they had someone who left that imprint on all of their lives. Mary Skidmore, a forty-plus year member of 11-6 touched everyone in her flotilla. Not only did she break the gender barrier in 11-6 and work as an untiring member for all forty-one years, she proved herself outstanding in the fourth cornerstone – fellowship.

Unfortunately, on February 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year, Mary Skidmore passed away from an aggressive form of cancer. But, even in her death, Mary continues to affect people. This time it was a group even bigger than her Flotilla: the City of New Port Richey issued a proclamation declaring March 17, 2009, Mary Skidmore Day.

The proclamation reads:

**Office of the Mayor  
City of New Port Richey  
Proclamation**

**WHEREAS, the City of New Port Richey desires to recognize members of the Community whose contributions have enriched our area of the State of Florida; and**

**WHEREAS, Mary Skidmore made substantial contributions to our Community, including 41 years of service in the Coast Guard Auxiliary; and**

**WHEREAS, Mary Skidmore earned the respect, admiration and high regard of all with whom she came into contact, and our community has sustained a great loss in her death, and**

**WHEREAS, on behalf of the City of New Port Richey, we wish to extend to her family our sincere condolences.**

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Scott McPherson, as Mayor of New Port Richey, do hereby proclaim March 17, 2009 as a day to**

**MARY SKIDMORE**

**and extend a formal Proclamation of Appreciation for her efforts to make New Port Richey a better place for all residents.**



On top of the honor of a Mary Skidmore Day, Mary's life was heaped with praise at her funeral services. Bob Ayers, her Flotilla Commander, had the following to say in a packed church full of Auxiliarists, "Mary Skidmore – Our Flotilla Staff Officer for Fellowship – Fellowship – what is that really? In the words of Mary – FELLOWSHIP is the 'GLUE' that binds and holds an organization together – and Mary did spread that glue thick and freely whether she was arranging an outing to a Dinner Theater; a pot-luck dinner; a 'sit down dinner' at one of our better local restaurants, or, a simple coffee and cake social following one of our flotilla meetings – Mary always put her heart and soul into the project; and, in the 12 years that I have been enjoying the fruits of her labors I have not been disappointed."

If you would like to learn more about this outstanding lady, look at the Summer 2008 Issue of *D7 Connection*. There's an interview with Mary following receipt of her 40<sup>th</sup> year membership services award.



# ***Remembered***



## ***Officer and a Gentleman***



**Robert Lehman**

**The PS Department has suffered a great loss in the passing of “Bob” Lehman, SO-PS Officer Division 14.**

**Bob was a dedicated officer and a gentleman. In doing his job, he gave 110% in reporting and contributing to the recruiting program in District 7.**

**He was a member of Flotilla 14-7 in St. Augustine and served as Past FC, FSO-AN, FSO-CC, FSO-CC, FSO-MT, FSO-PA, VFC.**



# Remembered



## Man of Many Hats



**Robert Lee Richmond**

**First Sergeant US Army Retired**

**Commander USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 49—SO-PS, FC, FSO-PB, FSO-PS, VFC**

**Life Member of the Non-Commissioned Officer's Association 1st Cavalry Division**

**Elks' Lodge 2113**

**Former President of Hickory Green Homeowner's Association**

**Chairman of the Veteran's Fishing Pier Committee**

**Director and VP Seminole County Bowling Association**

**President and founder of the Lake Monroe Sam's RC Chapter**

**Founder of Run-Away Sam's RV Chapter**

**This man of "many hats" was a dedicated Personnel Services Officer until the end, preparing his successor to take over with as little confusion as possible. He was relentless in his drive to get the job done. This "energizer bunny" to all who know him gave his all in whatever he set out to do with such determination that he inspired all around him to give their best.**

# 2009

## Division 01

Miguel Betancourt

## Division 02

James Titus—Retired

## Division 03

Bernard Englander

Michael Gardner

Thomas O'Brien

## Division 04

Robert Lee Richmond

## Division 05

Lewis Pepper

Joseph Ryan

Albert Riccardi

## Division 06

Rickey J. Szymansky

## Division 07

Bonanno, Rober

Benjamin Drenth

Edward Rockford

Albert MacMillian

# *Crossing the Bar*

*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 bound-  
less deep  
Turns again home.*

*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*

# 2009

## Division 07

Bonanno, Rober  
Benjamin Drenth  
Edward Rockford  
Albert MacMillian

## Division 08

Eldon Corbin  
Winifred Scholl  
William Welch

## Division 11

Mary Skidmore

## Division 12

Jerome Bishop

## Division 13

Richard Benn  
Wilbur Stocker

## Division 14

Robert Lehman  
Blanche Norman

## Division 15

George Robinson

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# The Picture Page





# D-7 AOR



**Division 01** The island of Puerto Rico is located about 900 NM South-East of Florida. It consists of nine flotillas located on the North, South, East and West Coasts of the Island. FSO-PS Officers are: 12 Vacant (Luis Rodriguez, FC, doing the job), 13 Angel L. Vega, 15 Pedro Sanchez, 16 Samuel Ortiz, 17 Carlos E. Carlsson, 18 Andres Acosta, 1-10 Windy Ortega, 1-12 Alma Sola. **(SO-PS Rafael Martinez)** Division 1 has 367 members.



**Division 02** is comprised of “inland flotillas” with units on most of the major lakes in Georgia and SC. We are comprised of the following flotillas: 21 Augusta, 22 Lake Altoona, 25 Lake Hartwell, 28 Central Georgia, 29 Lake Lanier, Northeast Georgia (Consolidation of 24 and 26). FSO-PS Officers in Division 2 are: 21 John VanOsdol, 22 Keith Nelson, 25 Edward Skelly (acting), 28 Frank Steinert and 29 Lyle Letteer. We have over 200 members and have a pretty active membership involved in all the major program areas.

**(SO-PS Rene Rice)**

**Division 03** Area of Responsibility includes Hollywood North to Boca Raton and eastward from the ocean to the Everglades. Division 3 supports Station Ft. Lauderdale with radio watchstanding, Auxiliary cooks, medical support and an active patrol schedule. FSO-PS Staff Officers are: 31 Barbara Dombrowski, 32 Bert Barnett, 34 Arnold Greenhouse, 36 Andrea Rutherford, 37 Joan Rauert and 38 Andrew Anderson. **(SO-PS Arnold Greenhouse)**

**Division 04** consists of 8 Flotillas: 42 Palm Bay, 43 Tavares, 46 Cocoa, 49 Titusville, 48 New Smyrna, 44 Daytona Beach and 4-11 Orlando. Flotillas 42, 46, 49, 48 and 44 patrol areas are the Intracoastal waterway. Flotilla 4-11 is responsible for the lakes and waterways around the Orlando/Kissimmee Chain of Lakes.

Flotilla 45's area is the St Johns River from Sanford North to SR 44. Flotilla 43's area is the Chain of Lakes around Tavares consisting of 4 lakes, the Ocklawaha River North to Silver Springs and the St Johns River from Highway 44 North to Little Lake George.

All Flotillas support the Coast Guard and Kennedy Space center during Shuttle and Rocket launches by way of establishing picket lines to prevent recreational boaters from entering into danger zones.

Two Coast Guard Stations support Division 4, Port Canaveral Coast Guard Station and Coast Guard Station Ponce de Leon Inlet at New Smyrna. FSO-PS Staff Officers are: 42 Jules Moquin, 43 Lorraine Simpson, 44 Charles Wilson, 45 John Bennett, 46 Ann Bloom, 48 Buford Brock, 49 Bob Richmond, 4-11 Sharon Breece **(SO-PS Bob Richmond)**



**Division 05** is made up of seven flotillas which serve the Treasure and Gold Coasts of southern Florida. The Division's Area of Responsibility extends from Delray and Boynton Beach in the south to Vero Beach in the north. There is also a flotilla in Lake Okeechobee. Division 5 has close to 400 members who donate thousands of hours in support of Coast Guard missions. We, in Division 5, work directly with

the men and women of Coast Guard Station Lake Worth Inlet and Coast Guard Station Fort Pierce. The Division has very active Surface and Air programs. Ongoing patrols are conducted both by boat and plane. FSO-PS Staff Officers are: 51 Eugene Koziolk; 52 Bill Shannon; 54 Stu Landau; 56 Fred Combs; 57 Fred Sterling; 58 Meg Gaunce; 59 Diane Rigan. **(SO-PS Mel Schumacher)**



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**Division 06** is located in a very unique geographic area, not only is our Station (Miami Beach) co-located on the same small island as Sector Miami, but, Miami is also home of the 7th District Command and Air Station Miami. Flotilla Staff Officer: 63 Charles Levy and speaking English for him, is Felix Garcia; 65 Domingo Dominguez; 67 Diane Haworth; 69 Daniel Ochsenschlager; 6-10 Judith Hudson; 6-11 Tom (SO-PS Joel Aberbach)



(SO-PS Gil Thomas)

**Division 07** is located in the Tampa Bay area of Florida. Our flotillas support U.S. Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg and the Clearwater Air Station providing assistance in non-law enforcement programs such as boating education, recreational vessel safety checks, safety patrols, search and rescue, marine environmental protection, and Homeland Security. Flotilla Staff Officers are: 72 Marvin Bayles, 73 Bryant Dillard, 74 Gilbert Thomas, 75 Joe Gonzalez, 78 Bradley Marchant, 79 Heleyde Aponte, 7-16 Linda Harwitt.



(SO-PS Allegría Bouquet)

**Division 08** consists of eight Flotillas located on Florida's West Coast. Area of operation extends from the main ship channel in Tampa Bay south to Boca Grande. In addition, the Flotillas from Bradenton and Palmetto perform Maritime Observation Missions at the Skyway Bridge and into Port Manatee. Coast Guard Station Cortez in Bradenton is the Division's main POC with the gold side and many Auxiliarists provide volunteer services as watchstanders, trainers and mess cooks to the Station. Flotilla Personnel Officers are: 81 Manuel J. Manela, 82 Stanley H. Blumenthal, 83 Paulette R. Parent, 84 Robert Johnson, 85 Deborah A. Healey, 86 Paul F. Corcoran, 87 James H. Chandler, 89 Patrick D. Carter.



(SO-PS Max Le Fevre)

**Division 09** has nine Flotillas from as far south as Marco Island all the way up north to North Port including Cape Coral and Charlotte Harbor. Flotilla 91 meets regularly at the Fort Myers Beach Coast Guard Station. We have a good rapport with the Fort Myers Beach CG Station and they been very supportive to the Auxiliary. Several Auxiliarists in our Division support the Station with radio watchstanding and patrol duties with the Guardians. Flotilla Personnel Officers are: 91 Ft. Myers Beach, Bob DuPuy; 92 North Port, Bernard O'Grady; 93 South Naples, John Nicholson; 94 Upper Caloosahatchee, Meredith Luehrs; 95 Marco Island, Larry Oswald; 96 North Naples, Wiggins Pass, Maxim LeFevre; 97 Charlotte Harbor, John Sneddon; 9-10 Fort Myers, Marianne Conti.

**Division 10** is located along the very southern South Carolina coast and the entire Georgia coast. We have four Flotillas in our Division. They are 10-1 in Beaufort, SC; 10-2 in Savannah, GA; 10-10 in Brunswick, GA and 10-11 in Hilton Head, SC. We all operate under Sector Charleston, SC, including the local USCG units. Our Flotilla Staff Officers for Personnel Services are: 10-1 Don Becker, 10-2 Ted Phillips, 10-10 Linda Clavin, 10-11 Karen Wilson. There are boat stations at both Brunswick, GA, and at Tybee Island (Savannah), GA, co-located at Tybee is ANT Savannah. There is also a USCG Air Station in Savannah located on Hunter Army Air Field. (SO-PS Ted Phillips)

**Division 11** is located along the Gulf of Mexico on the West Coast of Florida and is comprised of: Flotillas 11-1 Clearwater, 11-10 Dunedin, 11-9 Tarpon Springs, 11-6 New Port Richey and 11-7 in Hudson. The Division is very tight knit with all of the Flotillas interacting in public education, member training, vessel examinations, surface operations, and public affairs. Our CG Station is Sand Key which hosts our Division-wide Operational Excellence weekends and assists in our ISAR training. Our Division is relatively small with under 300 members, but what it lacks in size is made up for in dedication and a total team atmosphere and effort. Our Flotilla Staff Officers for Personnel Services are Peter Palmieri, 11-1, Rich Cove 11-6, Ernie Schwabe 11-7, Roy Warner 11-9 and Marie Garrison 11-10. (SO-PS Max Garrison)



**Division 12** Here in Division 12, we are coming off a year of exciting new ventures that have resulted in significant progress in membership. We continue to foster growth in our newest Flotilla (12-12) at Edisto Island, S.C. that was established less than two years ago with virtually no prior Auxiliary experience to draw on. Neighboring Charleston area flotillas have volunteered formal training and mentoring that is paying off with substantial PE and OP growth. With new detachments established on Lake Marion (12-3) and another precedent-setting one at the S. C. Military University (12-8), The Citadel, we're expecting even more growth this year. Our PS team this year includes wily veterans like Jack Stacey, Grand Strand 12-2 in N. Myrtle Beach; Russ Jernigan, Lake Murray 12-3 and Jack Connelly, East Cooper 12-6, as well as energetic new faces like Alan Miles, Charleston 12-8; Sue Hastings, Jill Weeks, Larry Pinkowski and Rohn Hamilton, Georgetown 12-10 and Be Moore at Edisto 12-12. **(SO-PS Alan J.P. Miles)**



**Division 13** is composed of the five Flotillas in the Florida Keys. Flotilla 13-1 (Key West) covers the Southern portion of Station Key West AOR; 13-2 (Marathon) covers the same AOR as Station Marathon; 13-3 (Big Pine Key) generally covers the area around Big Pine Key and is in the Northern section of Station Key West's AOR; 13-4 (Ocean Reef) covers the Northern part of Station Islamorada's AOR; 13-8 (Upper Keys) is the fifth Flotilla in Division 13 and has the Southern section of Station Islamorada's AOR. FSO-PS 13-1 Elsie Metcalf; 13-2 Jim Vaughn ;13-4 Rohn Berend; and 13-8 Jeffrey Bronsing. **(SO-PS Don Kittsmiller)**

**Division 14** Our AOR extends from Fernandina to Palm Coast and from Jacksonville to Palatka. In addition to the Atlantic seaboard and the Intracoastal Waterway, our Division is also responsible for about 60 miles of the lower St. Johns River, through Jacksonville, a very busy and important seaport. Our FSO-PS crew is Barbara Dunn 14-1, Jane Coy 14-2, Steve Steele 14-3, Don Mooers 14-4, Pat Fagan 14-7, Charles Smith 14-8 and Cecile Langston 14-9. **(SO-PS Don Mooers)**

**Division 15** is a large geographic area of Florida extending from the Pasco-Hernando county border to the Florida-Georgia state line and essentially the area west of highway I-75 and includes all or parts of the 15 counties. The coastal area extends northward from Aripeka to the Fenholloway River. The cities of Tallahassee, west of the coastal AOR, Gainesville and Ocala east of I-75 are also part of the Division AOR. Coast Guard Station Yankeetown is our order issuing authority. Our most southern Flotilla borders on Division 11. The Division consists of seven Flotillas, 6 of which have Coastal responsibility and one is totally inland. Two of the six with Coastal responsibilities also have significant inland responsibility. The names of our FSO-PS are: Bob Bauman, Barbara Roberts, Andy Render, David Hays, Louis DeNunzio Jr, Maria Sorli and Bruce McAllister. Division 15 is strong in safe boating education, marine safety and in surface and air operations. **(SO-PS Ned Barry)**

**Division 16** consists of two flotillas: Flotilla 1 on St. Croix and Flotilla 2 on St. Thomas. These Flotillas are separated by about 45 nautical miles with St. Croix approximately due south of St. Thomas, which entails flying or sailing for division meetings. We are unique in that we are surrounded by the Caribbean Sea and boating safety is an integral part of life here. We have a Coast Guard RIO Station on St. Croix and another Coast Guard contingent that is located on St. Thomas. **(SO-PS Bob Marcy)**

# Trivia Questions

1. What is the strongest point in your body?
2. What is the only word in the English language that begins and ends with the letters “und.”?
3. What is an octothorpe?
4. Which State is the birthplace of the most presidents?
5. Who invented the wristwatch?
6. How long would it take the people on earth to become aware that the sun suddenly stopped shining?
7. Why were M&M’s invented?
8. What was the first ready-mix food to be sold commercially?
9. What is Donald Duck’s middle name?
10. What year was the first Grammy Awards presented?
11. What does BVD stand for?
12. What is a “Blue Moon”?

**See next page for answers!**

# Trivia Answers

1. **Your Elbow**
2. **“underground”**
3. **The symbol—#**
4. **Virginia—know as the Mother of Presidents — 8 Presidents were born there (George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, Zachary Taylor, Woodrow Wilson)**
5. **The wristwatch was invented in 1904 by Louis Cartier.**
6. **If the sun suddenly stopped shining, it would take the people on earth 8 minutes to become aware of that fact.**
7. **The Mars Company invented M&Ms in 1940 for the soldiers going to WW II**
8. **Aunt Jemima flour, invented in 1889, was the first ready-mix food to be sold commercially.**
9. **Donald Duck’s middle name is Fauntleroy.**
10. **The 1st annual Grammy Awards were awarded in 1959. The Record of the Year was Modugno, the Album of the Year was “Peter Gunn” by Henry Mancini and the winner of the best R&B performance was “Tequila” by the Champs.**
11. **BVD stands for the organizers of the company: Bradley, Voorhies and Day**
12. **A “Blue Moon” is the second full moon in a calendar month (it is rarely blue).**