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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."

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Welcome New SO-HR Officers



Dorothy Cain, SO-HR - Division 13

Dorothy is a fairly new member and has taken on the SO-HR position in Division 13. She is very enthusiastic about her position and will be a great asset to the HR Team.



David Richardson, SO-HR - Division 16

David has been a member since 2006 in Division 16, Flotilla 16-2 (St. Thomas). David's duties will be somewhat difficult due to the wide areas of the Division 16 flotillas. His time spent in Division 16 will give him the knowledge to deal with this issue.



Tom's Corner



Remember Your First Day In High School?

Submitted By Tom Loughlin, DSO-PA D7

Remember the terrifying moment when you walked on to the strange new campus? The looks the upperclassmen gave you? The awesome sinking feeling that you were totally alone? Then think of a new member.

A member usually joins a particular flotilla after going to a couple of meetings there and maybe visiting another flotilla or two. They joined yours for a reason. It might be closeness to home or that a friend belonged. Your flotilla had something s/he felt they could identify with and they wanted to be a part. All of us joined to be a part of something big and important and they are no different. The difference is how we treat the new members. Do we welcome them every time we see them or do we treat them like some "dumb freshman"?

It is possible to be alone in a crowd but that should never happen in a flotilla. The Auxiliary is a team and team members stick together. We help one another. We are there to answer questions. Even the questions that are not asked. The word for this is, "mentoring". This is akin to friendship and to leadership. Without it, a unit will fail to grow.

A mentor should be designated for each new member. This may be based on gender, their interests or occupation, or even the location of homes. If the new member wants to be involved in operations the mentor should be a coxswain or crewmember. If the new member is interested in public relations then the Flotilla Staff Officer for Publications (FSO-PB) or the Flotilla Staff Office for Public Affairs (FSO-PA) would be the right person. There is nothing more exciting than to see your protégé go on to become a staff officer or coxswain or unit commander. To see them receive an award based on their work that you assisted them with will put a smile on your face.

Through mentoring we bring a new member from a civilian culture into a quasi-military culture. Right off the bat they need to know what uniform items are needed. They will most certainly need help in either going to an exchange or ordering online. They want to wear the uniform proudly and properly, but they will need advice and assistance. They want you to diplomatically tell them the "simple" things, like the name tag goes on the right breast and that the shoes need to be plain toed. Remember the pride you felt the first time you wore the uniform? Now it is your chance to help someone else have that same feeling.

Education is another area where mentoring is invaluable. There are many courses and schools available to an Auxiliary member. Our encouragement and assistance during their studies will assure their success. It will also demonstrate your commitment and that of the Auxiliary to them.

Communication



How to Grow Your Flotilla

Submitted By Dorothy Joan Riley, DSO-PB

The survival of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is dependent upon two important elements: the recruitment of new members and the retention and active participation of members already on our rolls. We are forever recruiting new members and engaging current members in our ongoing activities.

We often hear that 20% of our members accomplish 100% of the work. While this may not be statistically accurate, it is a reflection of a greater truth: we have many members whose faces we do not recognize and who rarely attend meetings or volunteer for activities and missions. After a time, inactive members drop off our rosters, and only through ongoing recruitment efforts can we maintain our membership. This is not unique to the Auxiliary; it is true for most volunteer organizations.

How do we engage our newest and our many inactive members? Most of the strategies we use to help engage new members can be adapted to engage our inactive ones.

Assigning mentors to new members is one effective approach. The Auxiliary has always acknowledged the importance of mentors in all of its programs. Mentors are present in our Boat Crew Training Program, Telecommunications, Leadership, virtually every program and department, and mentors are critical to effectively introduce and engage new members in our various programs and activities. While many flotillas officially assign mentors to new members, some flotillas take a less official stance and no one person is designated to assist in acclimating new members. Mentors do much more than assist in the educational process. A mentor listens. The new member/trainee has someone with whom they can talk about their interests, progress and concerns. The one-on-one contact makes the new member/trainee feel appreciated.

What makes mentors effective in our training programs and in activating members? Communication! Mentors provide personalized communications that promotes member involvement. It is very different from standing in front of a group of forty members and asking for volunteers than asking one specific member if we can count on their support. In the group example, usually the same people volunteer repeatedly and we certainly appreciate them! In the second example, we may engage a member who may be uncertain if their efforts are welcome or desirable.

While the importance of mentors in recruiting and training is obvious, how can the mentoring concept benefit our body of inactive members? One method is to create a calling tree not based upon the emergency calling tree every flotilla already has in place. Create this tree based upon the members' personal ties within the Auxiliary, their interests or their qualifications (a great indicator of member interest). Inactive members should be at the bottom of this tree to make it less likely that the calling chain is broken. Charge your members with maintaining contact with the members on their tree. A single phone call once a month can go a long way towards engaging our less active members. *"Hi, John. How's it going? Can you help us out at a Public Affairs event next Saturday? I could really use your help."* Or, *"Hi, Mary. I've missed seeing you at the meeting. Will you come next week?"* Of course, should Mary show up, it is a good idea to sit with her or make sure that her presence is acknowledged.



How to Grow Your Flotilla



Other communications play important roles too, such as frequent updates on upcoming events and missions usually sent as email communications. Are your flotilla's Public Affairs Officers keeping members informed about scheduled upcoming events? Are your flotilla's Operations Officers keeping all of your members apprised of upcoming missions? Are they routinely soliciting involvement from every member or just the select few whom they know will respond to their requests for volunteers?

Another effective method for keeping members involved is routinely publishing a flotilla newsletter. One of our northern districts followed one flotilla's growth and activity after it began to publish a unit newsletter. To their surprise, not only did their recruitment rates rise, but their member activity levels also climbed significantly.

How can a newsletter impact recruitment and member activity? They are another means of communicating appreciation of our members. Newsletters are important tools for building and maintaining member morale. Publishing articles about our members' efforts convey a sense of recognition and appreciation. While none of us volunteered for this great organization for recognition and awards, it can be disheartening when our hard work is not acknowledged. Besides serving as effective tools for morale building, newsletters chronicle our activities and serve as important historical records.

Newsletters pay tribute to our members for their contributions of time and energy in a tangible form that can be shared with family and friends or used as recruitment tools. Just consider the growth in District 7 membership and the support within the Human Resources Department since they started publishing the *D7 Connection!* This alone is a testament to the value of newsletters and communications. Newsletters serve such critical functions, yet many flotillas and some of our divisions do not have Publications Officers appointed.

If the survival of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is dependent upon recruitment and retention, then we can also say that the Auxiliary's survival is dependent upon communication. This article discusses mentoring, calling trees and newsletters, and no doubt there are many more strategies, but all rely upon communication.



Plant the seeds of communication within your flotilla and watch it grow!

Public Education



Tips for a Successful Boating Education Program

Submitted By Chris Abernethy, FSO-PE - Flotilla 51

Do your homework. You have to get out there and “pound the pavement “like a salesman. Choose an area and then go to each marina, store, public library, town/city office, police department that has marine units, marine commercial salvage units, insurance companies offering boat insurance, clubs and organizations, and any other businesses or places likely to serve the boating public. Get them as a Partner Visitation account and make sure they have copies of at least the federal and state regulations, and the freshwater or salt water fishing regulations to give out to their customers.

Talk to the dock master at local marinas and suggest their employees or at least their new employees take the safe boating program offered by the Auxiliary. Some marinas also require all operators of live aboard vessels in the marina to take the safe boating program.

Outfit yourself with 8x10 photos of mishaps on the water. Try to use local ones if possible. Distribute during the class and remark, “If you happen to be in one of these pictures, thank you very much for participating in this program.”

Make sure your instructors adequately cover the material in the textbooks. Make suggestions if you feel one of your instructors is talking in a monotone, thus losing the attention of the participants. Don’t be bashful about replacing any of your instructors that do not present a good image in their uniform, or that cannot handle speaking in front of a group of strangers. Have them interject humor now and then. But do it tactfully.

Do not present the program as a PowerPoint program with you pointing to what everyone is reading. They do not have to come to your class just to sit and read a PowerPoint program. You will lose the crowd immediately if you do that. If that is all you are going to do, then just sell them the book and they can take it home and read it.

Make up fliers for your Public Education programs. Make a new one each month by just changing the date. Take them to all of your Program Visitation accounts. Some places like libraries may want just one to post, while others will want a few to give out to people. By doing this every month, you establish a good relationship with the business or organization. When you walk in that door, they should know who you are, and what you are there for. This won’t happen overnight.

Most importantly, word your fliers so they require pre registration by telephone (or email). Make sure the prospective participants know they must send a check in advance for the program in order to participate. “Check in hand “ guarantees them a seat. If you don’t get a check from some of them, call them a week before the scheduled program.

Advertising is important. Booths are set up at local businesses, festivals, street fairs, the Palm Beach International Boat Show (four days), the South Florida Fair (seventeen days), National Marina Day, and the Open House at Coast Guard Station Lake Worth Inlet during Safe Boating Week.”

Remember, you are running a business. Treat it that way. Anything worthwhile takes time and effort.

For many years, extensive work has gone into getting Flotilla 51 of the Palm Beaches to the level enjoyed today. The About Boating Safely One-day Program is offered once a month on Sunday and approximately 30-50 participants attend each month.



Around District 7

DIVISION 2

HUMAN RESOURCES

Submitted By Gene Hall, SO-HR Division 2

It is not just about the appointed Human Resources Officers. Every one of us must play a role in obtaining and retaining new members. The HR officers can get new members but if the rest of the flotilla does not do their part they will not, in most cases, remain members very long.

I would like to point out two incidents that occurred during the past few years. Several years ago I was staying in a town in Florida. I observed a person with an Auxiliary marking on his auto and asked him about when and where his flotilla met. It was the next Saturday at the Coast Guard Station. He stated that they were having a wiener roast before the meeting. I arrived at the station at the appointed time and observed the Auxiliary in a pavilion at the rear of the station eating hot dogs. I approached and introduced myself to several of the folks standing around. I was never invited to enjoy a hot dog or cool drink. After a while everyone went inside the station for their flotilla meeting. During the meeting, when the Commander asked if were there any visitors present, I stood and told them my name and which flotilla I belonged to. After the meeting I went up to the FC and tried to start a conversation with him. After I had said about six words another member came up and starting speaking to the FC and he turned his back on me and carried on the conversation with the other member. I stood around for about ten more minutes and left. No one else had spoken to me. If I were considering relocating to that city, would I have joined that flotilla? No way!

The other incident occurred at my own flotilla meeting. I had obtained a seat on the front row and the FC was about to call the meeting to order. I happened to glance toward the back of the room and noticed a young man sitting all alone. I went to him and introduced myself. He related to me that he was interested in joining the Auxiliary. I invited him to join me in the front of the room. I do not know how long he had sat there or if he had been spoken to before I approached him. Since my flotilla is very friendly, I suspect he had been; however, he should not have been sitting by himself during the meeting. Another member and myself explained what was occurring and explained what the acronyms stood for. While I am on that subject, I do not think acronyms should be used when there are visitors present.

If we wish to retain our members we must make them feel welcome, wanted and needed. Each new member should be assigned a mentor. The mentor should assist them in obtaining the right uniforms, learn what their desires are and what they would like to do in the Auxiliary, and then see that they are provided the right training to get them where they would like to be.

Remember, we are all HRs, recruiters, and mentors. Let's get the job done.

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Division 3



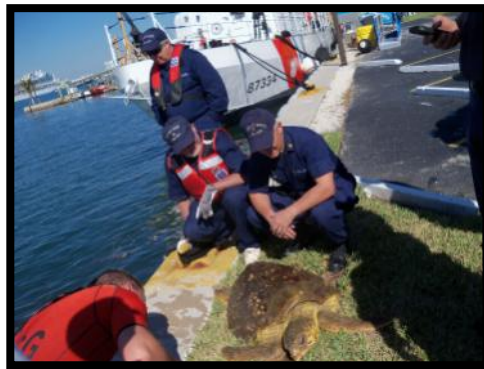
Right Place at the Right Time

Submitted by Arnold Greenhouse, SO-HR-3
Photo Brian Lichtenstein Flotilla 38

On January 23, 2011, a sick or injured turtle was spotted near the bow of the Coast Guard Cutter, Gannet from Station Ft. Lauderdale.



MK3 Clark Rambin (in red dry suit) of the Gannet and members of Station Ft. Lauderdale along with crew from the Auxiliary Vessel, Heartbeat removed the turtle from the water to await a team from the local turtle rescue center.



The turtle came to the right place to get help. No need to launch a boat to catch this turtle.





Division 3



Drown Proofing Day

Submitted by Brian Lichtenstein Flotilla 38

On Tuesday, March 15, 2011, the YMCA of Broward County held a "Drown Proofing" Day" as part of their camp program. This event was held at three different locations in Hollywood, Ft Lauderdale and Lauderdale, at schools and Ys. The purpose was to promote water safety in an effort to prevent accidental drowning. An estimated 500 children, some with special needs, participated as various organizations including the Boys Scout Organizational Dive Team, Ft. Lauderdale Fire Recue, Life Guards and counselors demonstrated and provided hands on experience to all. Demonstrations included scuba diver, water rescue and fire fighting equipment. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and Coast Guard Station Ft. Lauderdale provided CPR demonstrations at all three locations. Safety information was distributed along with providing instruction in proper wearing and use of life jackets.

Lunch was provided to all, who had a wonderful time and memorable experience. Looking forward to doing it again next year.



Auxiliarist Marie Duda and BM2 Emiliani fitting lifejackets on the children before getting in the pool.



BM2 Emiliani and BM2 Irogoyne with a counselor and children at a display table



BM2 Emiliani giving CPR instruction



Auxiliarists Brian Lichtenstein, Marie Duda, BM2 Emiliani, and BM2 Irogoyne



Division 4

Auxiliary Membership

Submitted by Bill Griswold, SO-HR Division 4

In 2010, Division 4 received 34 E Responder inquiries about membership in the Auxiliary. About half of them were sent along to the flotilla FSO-HRs to follow up and see if these folks really want to join. Many weren't really serious about joining. I'm told the oil spill in the Gulf prompted some people to want to help and thought the Auxiliary was the way to go. However, some of these people were/are interested. It's up to us to follow up and insure they get the right paperwork, submit everything that is required to bring them on board. Now, remember, I'm just talking about those that come through the National Web Site, not the citizens you corral from a boating class, a vessel inspection or a boat show booth, etc. We need to work on those folks as well.

Membership is the lifeblood of our organization; we need to be really active getting new people on board. Think about it, first it gives us dues, secondly it gives us bodies to train and get into our programs. It's a chance to target younger people, people that are minorities, people that come to us with life experiences we can use. They refresh our units, and if we do it right, we can motivate them to become staff officers and elected officers. We all began once upon a time; remember the enthusiasm you had initially? That's what we have to nurture, yeah, it takes work, but we can do it.



Division 5

Honoring our War Heroes

Submitted by Stu Landau, FC –Flotilla 51

On Sunday, January 15, 2011, I had the pleasure of being invited to attend the unveiling of the "Desert Storm Monument" and "City Veterans Monument" at Veterans' Bicentennial Park in Boynton Beach.

French Consul General, the Honorable Gael de Maisonneuve, presented Legion of Honor Medals to several World War II Veterans. He was assisted by members of the French Foreign Legion and French Armed Forces.

The program included a Call to Colors; POW/MIA Remembrance; Invocation; Pledge of Allegiance; French National Anthem followed by Our National Anthem; Retire Honor Guards; Introduction of Guests; Key Note Address by Jose Rodriguez, Mayor, City of Boynton Beach and finally, Closing remarks. Taps was then sounded followed by a 21 gun salute.



Auxiliarist Stu Landau, FC and Honorable Gael de Maisonneuve



Division 6

Division 6 Orientation and Processing

Submitted by Manny Estrela, SO-HR Division 6

March 5, 2011 saw another successful Division 6 Orientation and Processing Event being held. These events are held quarterly.



Estrela started the event by distributing materials and giving an introduction speech to a room full of prospects who were invited through the e-responder program, word of mouth, as well as new members. Robert Alameda showed the proper technique for a Vessel exam in the conference room.

Ma-nuel



Fred Ross spoke about member training and additional aspects of the air program

All attendees broke for lunch at the galley where we kept open discussion flowing.

Processing was the next step

A lot of time and effort went into the coordination of members volunteering their time as well as staying to help process the prospects. The volunteers for this meeting were: Alfredo Nardi, Antonio Miyar, Constance Lind, Daniel Ochenschlager, Ernesto Sariol, Fred Ross, George Zima, JJ Samuelson, Leo Freitas, Manny Estrela, Maria Armas, Noel Stoute, Richard Campanha, Robert Alameda, Ricardo Torres, Tom Janata. (apologies if your name was omitted in error)



JJ Samuelson discussed the air program and led a tour of the air station.

Each flotilla is given the opportunity to represent themselves. This is the time that they can brag about how great their flotilla is and why new members should join their flotilla.

In order by the flotilla listing, members from each flotilla spoke: George Zima 61 Homestead, Ernesto Sariol 63 Coconut Grove, Alfredo Nardi 65 Miami South, Kishor Parekh 67 Coral Gables, Daniel Ochenschlager 69 Opa Lacka, Manuel Estrela 6-10 North Bay, Tom Janata 6-11 Miami.

A special thanks to Air Station Opa-Locka for allowing us to hold our event at their facility.

Not only did the prospects learn about the Auxiliary, they were processed, and some even had the opportunity to buy uniforms the same day.

We look forward to another successful event.

NOTE: The week of March 22, Division 6 received 10 new members – a number of them attended this event

Great job Division 6



Division 11

Payback is a ... Wonderful Thing Shipmates Helping a Shipmate



Submitted by Karen L. Miller, FSO-PB Flotilla 11-1

Jeff Lawlor, a member of Flotilla 11-1, Clearwater, Florida, has been providing cooking services for the Coast Guard Cutter "Vise" and for Coast Guard Station Sand Key when needed to fill in for someone on leave or during transfer season. His culinary talents are in great demand. And then, to cement his relationship with the Coast Guard as a cook, Jeff completed the AUXCHEF program provided by District 7 in Jacksonville.



At the end of January, Jeff was riding his bicycle in Belleair Bluffs, not far from his apartment when something happened. The next thing he remembers is waking up in the trauma center at Bayfront Hospital. Jeff woke up to multiple injuries including a broken clavicle, busted ribs, a punctured lung, a concussion and numerous areas of road rash. To this day, Jeff still doesn't know what actually happened.

Once Jeff was released from the hospital, his daughter and her husband came down to help him with the rudiments of resuming a life with broken ribs and an arm in a sling along with a regimen of medications. But, what happened next is especially memorable.

The Food Service Petty Officers of Coast Guard Station Sand Key took turns making meals for Jeff and delivered them ready-to-heat right to his front door! They saw a shipmate in distress and they helped save the day.



As soon as Jeff is 100% he plans to go full circle and begin volunteering back at the Station and on the Cutter. You can bet that there lots of Coast Guard shipmates cheering him on to health and a quick recovery.



Celebrating Members



Chris Abernethy

Submitted by Angela Pomaro, DSO-HR

Chris Abernethy or “Mr. A” as he is affectionately known at Station Lake Worth Inlet certainly knows what it takes to take on the duties of a Watch Stander. His background has given him some insight as to what to expect. He is a United States Coast Guard veteran with four years active duty and two in active reserve. During his four years active duty he became a first-class Radioman and served at Jacksonville Beach Radio Station and aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Papaw in Charleston. He also served a year and a half in Argentina, Newfoundland as part of the International Ice Patrol.

The “Voice of Lake Worth Inlet” is quite well known in the Palm Beach area. With the large number of distress calls that are received each day by Station Lake Worth Inlet, he makes it look easy – keep calm, speak slowly and clearly and most importantly reassure that help is on the way. Because of these attributes, he is one of the most respected and well liked Auxiliarists at Station Lake Worth Inlet. He is also one of the few qualified as Officer Of the Day working over forty hours a week. When a distress call is received, he is in total control, getting the information needed to send help and “all” follow his commands.

An active member in Flotilla 51 for the past eleven year, he served as Flotilla Vice Commander and FSO CM; he presently holds the office of FSO-PE. His other passion is teaching boating safety. The capacity for his classes is forty and at present, there is a two month waiting to attend his monthly boating safety classes. His best advertisement are those who have taken his course and recommend their family or friends. He combines being a Recreational Boating Safety Visitor with advertising for his boating courses. Each month, he “walks the pavement” to deliver flyers to his various accounts at marinas, libraries, marine stores and whomever else that will let him advertise his classes.

In his “other life,” he served twenty-one years in the New York City Fire Department in the Bronx and as a volunteer fireman in East Williston, Long Island for thirty-two years.

“My entire adult life, I have been safety conscious and a public servant. Whether on active duty or volunteering with the United States Coast Guard and New York Fire Departments, I have been involved with safety and helping others. I guess I was born to be in uniform.”



D-7 AOR



Division 1 — 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-HR Officers are: 11 Fajardo—Ángel Rivera, 12 Cangrejos—José A. Alejandro, 13 Ponce—Jose Martínez, 15 Dorado—Lillian M. Ríos, 16 Mayagüez—Samuel Ortiz, 17 Aguadilla— Ángel Colon, 18 Cabo Rojo—Rafael Robles, 1-10 San Juan—Edna Ocasio-Medina, 1-12 Santurce—Rafael Martínez. (Edna Ocasio-Medina, SO-HR)

Division 2 - is comprised of “inland flotillas” with units on most of the major lakes in Georgia and SC. FSO-HR Officers are: 21 Augusta - John Van Osdol, 22 Marietta, Ga. Larry Allen Cook, 25 Lake Hartwell—Kenneth Bruening, 27 Lakes Oconee-Sinclair, Ga.—Wendy Clayton, 28 Central Georgia - Randall H. Wiggins, 29 Lake Lanier - Shawn Nixon. (Gene Hall, SO-HR)

Division 3 - Hollywood North to Boca Raton and eastward from the ocean to the Everglades. Division 3 supports Station Ft. Lauderdale with radio watch standing, Auxiliary cooks, medical support and an active patrol schedule. FSO-HR Staff Officers are: 31 Hollywood-Barbara Dombrowski, 32 Ft. Lauderdale— Colin G. Taylor, 34 Pompano Arnold Greenhouse, 36 Boca Raton— Art Zimmerman, 37 Lighthouse Pt.- Joan Rauert, 38 Plantation— Laura Borelli Marsh. (Arnold Greenhouse, SO-HR)

Division 4 - Palm Coast to New Smyrna Beach. The FSO-HR Officers are 41 Palm Coast Steve Steele, 43 Lake County - Carolyn Page, 44 Daytona Beach Marlene Page, 45 Sanford— Angel Urbina, 48 New Smyrna Beach- Buford Brock. (Bill Griswold, SO-HR)

Division 5 - Delray/Boynton Beach North to Vero Beach. There is also a flotilla in Lake Okeechobee. Division 5 works directly with the men and women of Coast Guard Station Lake Worth Inlet and Coast Guard Station Fort Pierce. FSO-HR Officers are: 51 Palm Beaches-Stephen Seidman, 52 Jupiter-Stuart Spector, 54 Delray/Boynton Beach-Richard Lepore, 56 Vero Beach- Fred Combs, 57 Okeechobee- Dan Moore, 58 Ft. Pierce-Julie Lewis, 59 Stuart-Arthur Pellegrino. (Joe Lambert, SO-HR)

Division 6 - 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. FSO-HR Officers are: 61 Homestead-Mark Caplan, 63 Coconut Grove- Ernesto Sariol, 65 Cutter Ridge (So. Miami) - Michael Gibbons, 67 Coral Gables - Richard High, 69 North West Miami Robert Alameda, 6-10 North Bay - Manny Estrela, 6-11 Miami Beach- John Fisher. (Manuel Estrela, SO-HR)

Division 7 - Tampa/St. Petersburg is located in the Tampa Bay area of Florida. Our flotillas support U.S. Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg and Air Station Clearwater. FSO-HR Officers are: 72 St. Petersburg- Maria Short, 74 Brandon- Gil Thomas, 75 Ruskin - Fred Kramer, 78 St. Petersburg Beach - Sam Fallenbaum, 79 Tampa - Heleyde Aponte, 7-16 Gulfport— Rebecca McCoy. (Heleyde Aponte, SO-HR)

Division 8 - South Tampa Bay to Boca Grande Pass. FSO-HR Officers are: 81 Anna Maria-Raymond Paysour, 82 Longboat Key— Bud Blumenthal, 83 Manatee— Don Evans, 84 Sarasota— Jeff Bartlett, 85 Palmetto— Debbie Healy, 86 Venice— John Kandes, 87 Englewood – Sandy Bilsky. (Greg Masonick, SO-HR)



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Division 9 - Marco Island north to North Port including Cape Coral and Charlotte Harbor. Division 9 supports the Fort Myers Beach C.G. Station. FSO-HR Officers are: 91 Ft. Myers Beach– Thomas Strzycki, 92 North Port- Bernard O’Grady, 93 Naples- John Nicholson, 94 Upper Caloosahatchee– Frank L. Fortney, 95 Marco Island– Douglas Johnson, 96 Wiggins Pass– Ed Walters, 98 Charlotte Harbor– Elizabeth Lambert, 99 Rotonda, Patrick Carter, 9-10 Fort Myers Cape Coral- Marianne Conti. (Max Le Fevre, SO-HR)

Division 10 - southern South Carolina coast and the entire Georgia coast. Division 10 supports Sector Charleston Coast Guard Station, boat stations at both Brunswick, Ga., Tybee Island (Savannah), Ga., USCG Air Station Savannah located at Hunter Army Air Field, ANTON Team Tybee and the MSU Savannah. FSO-HR Officers are 10-1 Beaufort/Jasper– Paul Bredwell, 10-2 Savannah-Terry Crowell, 10-10 St. Simon Island– Thomas O’Connor, 10-11 Hilton Head- Karen Wilson. (Ted Phillips, SO-HR)

Division 11 - extends from Madeira Beach to Hudson. We support Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater with their C-130 air drops of rescue rafts as well as supporting Station Sand Key. FSO-HR Officers are: 11-1 Clearwater– Edward Kasper, 11-3 Madeira Beach- Larry Gellinger, 11-6 New Port Richey –Open, 11-7 Hudson- Ernest Schwabe, 11-9 Tarpon Springs Roy Warner, 11-10 Dunedin- Marie Garrison. (Ed Kasper, SO-HR)

Division 12—Coastal South Carolina. FSO-HR Officers are: 12-1 Lake Marion-John Owen, 12-2 Grand Strand– Jack Stacey, 12-3 Lake Murray- Russell Jernigan, 12-6 East Cooper– Christopher Gallapis, 12-8 Charleston– Paul V. Thomas, 12-10 Georgetown– Ronald Hamilton, 12-12 Edisto Island - Be N. Moore . (John Owen, SO-HR)

Division 13—Florida Keys— covers the Southern portion of Station Key West, Station Marathon, Northern part of Station Islamorada. FSO-HR Officers are: 13-1 Key West– Elsie Metcalf, 13-2 Marathon– Sheila Weston, 13-3 Big Pine Key- Don Kittsmiller, 13-4 Ocean Reef- John Berend, 13-8 Upper Keys– Robert D. Hills. (Dorothy Cain, SO-HR)

Division 14 - North East Florida – FSO-HR Officers are 14-1 Amelia Island-Barbara Dunn, 14-2 Arlington-Kirkland Altman, 14-4 Jacksonville Beach-Don Mooers, 14-5 Green Cove Springs—David M. Hensel, 14-7 St. Augustine-Edward Connolly, 14-8 Jacksonville-Charles Smith, 14-9 Palatka-Michael Powerledge. (Don Mooers, SO-HR)

Division 15 Northwest—Pasco-Hernando county border to the Florida- Georgia state line, the area west of highway I-75. The coastal area extends northward from Aripelka 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. Division 15 supports both Coast Guard Station Yankeetown and Station Sand Key: FSO-HR Officers are 15-1 Crystal River– Stephen Hampton, 15-2 Yankeetown- Barbara Roberts, 15-3 Ocala—Charles Truthan, 15-4 Homosassa- David Hays, 15-5 Gainesville– Richard Roberts, 15-7 Suwannee—Maria Sorli,15-8Hernando Beach–Mary K. Meyers. (Bruce McAllister, SO-HR)

Division 16 - U.S. Virgin Islands. FSO-HR Officers are: 16-1 St. Christiansted– Bob Marcy, 16-2 St. Thomas– John Melucci, 16-3 St. John—. (David Richardson, SO-HR)

Division 17 - S.E. Central/Central Florida. FSO-HR Officers are: 17-2 South Brevard - Cynthia Coltrane, 17-6 Central Brevard– Donna Miller, 17-9 Titusville–Pamela Wood, 17-11 Orlando/Winter Park– Sharon Breece. (Sharon Breece, SO-HR)



Welcome



Division 1

**Carson, Bryan
Jusino, Jimmy
Malave, Denise Montalvo_Martinez, Hector Pena, Raymond Jr.
Walker_Ceballos, Augusto**

Division 2

**Banks, Eunice C.
Burnell, Grady
Chandre, Neil
Fritsch, William
Martino, David G.
Saunders,, Donna**

Division 3

**Ambrose, James R. II
Barosela, Janice
Carvalho, Rickard J.
Freese,, Peter
Galasso, Sylvester M., Jr.
Leydig, William
McDonagle, Daniel J., Sr
McGee, Joe H.
McNeeley, Nancy
Montazer, Ardalan
Montville, Deborah L.
Quidato, Jerome
Rynard, Alexandra K.
Smith, Keith
Spats, Gregory L.
Tomestic, Carl V.
Toklucu, Can
Van_Haren_Norman, Alfred
Vlahos, Jeffrey**

Division 4

**Succop, Joshua
Urgban, Eric James**

Division 5

**Acosta, Roberto E.
Cinelli, Raphael J.
Cushard, Henry W. III
Gaeta, Justin D.
Kirk, Corey R.
Mederos, George L.
Moseley, William R.,**

Division 6

**Alonso, Richard
Altman, Herbert M.
Ares, Leonardo R.
Bernal, Fernando
Brad T.
Bowen, Tamara S.
Braga, Hugo
Cruz, Luis O.
Dorcelien, Jean A.
Drombrowski, Alexis J.
Gonzalez, Hugh D.
Harrigan, Lucdel L.
Hirigoyen, Graciella P.
Iglesias, Francisco
Joerger, Stephen
Kimbrew, Darnell R.
Lewis, Mark P.
Miyar, Antonio
Miyar, Duysevi
Ordonez, Manuel A.
Perna, Gutember S.
Rowlands, Amy S.
Sanchez, Edian
Slowik, Daniel N.
Waugh, Russell F. III**

Division 7

**Chiacchia, Leonard A. Jr
Cohen, Karen L.
Cooke, Paul F.
Curry, Katherine D.**

Division 7 Contd.

**Dargoltz, Joshua
Finley, David M.
Gharouni, Samuel
Gharouni, Samuel
Gittings, Nathaniel R.
Hickox, Terry D.
Jones, Ronnie G. II
Kratzer, Robert W.
Kuehl, David J.
Laza_Vazquez, Pedro P.
Merlin, Kenneth F.,J.
Ovitt, Michael J., Jr.
Simone, John V.
Stewart, Nicholas G.**

Division 8

**Dolyak, David J.
Gradl, David
Hayden, William
Kamberis, Harry G.
Lipson, Charles
Reynolds, Henry C.
Roscoe, Elliot
Zarnetske, Robert C. Jr.**

Division 9

**Arnold, Ryan
Bourne, Isaac T.
Donovan, Patricia
Garafola, John J. III
Hall, Michael
Kearns, Timothy J.
Kirkpatrick, Grace
Lethert, Andrew J.
Lewis, Eric H.
Lewis, Raymond
Linde, Armando
Myette, Randall W.
Plager, Richard H.
Sullivan, Barry T.
Zuccarelli, Ernest**



Welcome



Division 10

**Baldwin, William C.
Battles, Daniel L.
Bowman, Clyde A.
Bryan, James V. Jr.
Grimes, Stephanie A.
Morgan, Steven J.
Padgett, James M. .
Schirmer, Noreen T
Thom, William S.**

Division 11

**Cawlfeld, Daniel
Dobeis, William R.
Rusoff, Aaron L.
Garrity, James K.
Hart, Darren
Heron, Hannah E.
Hill, Robert A.
Kolupa, Mark A.
Shuter, Steven A.
Wilkinson, Aaron A.**

Division 12

**Beck, Mitchell D.
Oneal, Carol A.
Puckett, Jasper D., Jr.
Thompson, Brent P.
Watson, James N.
Zeller, Christopher**

Division 13

**Carrier, Jeffrey C.
Clarke, Christine
Cole, Ronald W.
Cook, Steven W.
Dalench, Michael J.
Ginsberg, Bernard P.(MD)
Gross, David L.
Gross, Patricia A.
Hansen, Peter A.
Hass,, Sharon
James, Carol S.
James, Rodney L.
Nord, John W., Sr.
Nord, Regina A.**

Division 13 Contd.

**Putman, Karla G.
Robinson, Michael D.
Rogers, Marilyn S.
Scott, Joseph A.
Stone, Roger W.
Swinney, Janice C.
Swinney, William J.**

Division 14

**Anderson, Alex C.
Byrd, Phillip T. C
Carrier, Maurice G.
Clark, Anthony K. Jr.
Dubois, Stephen J.
Dunne, Kevin A.
Fox, Victor
Habermas, Rebecca D.
Jones, Harvey B., Jr.
Lopez, Erlinda V.
Mason, Mark E.
Murphy, Gerald
Saunderson, James E.
Simmons, Brian
Stepniewski, Andrew Z.
Stepniewski, Sharon
Wilson, Sharon L.
Ziegler, William D.**

Division 15

**Law, Charles
Young, Georgia**

Division 16

**Challenger, Kevin K.
Murphy, Mervin
Wilkins, Joseph Alfred
Wilkins, Marcia Ann**

Division 17

**Beierschmitt, Timothy C.
Kachenmeister, John R.
Leblanc, Michael**



2010 Retirees

Department of Homeland Security United States Coast Guard

Takes pleasure in conferring to:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Service Year</u>
Riddle, Betty	9	31
Cove, Richard	11	24
Davis, Ronald	11	26
Bauer, Henry	11	23
Busche, Thyra	11	23
Quackenbush, Kenneth	11	23
Manuel, Lester	11	22
Williams, William	11	22
Hogg, Alan	15	20

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Jose Aponte
Juan Lopez-Torres

Division 3
Kimberly Rudnick

Division 5
Mildred Heins
William Todd

Division 8
Alfred Halebian (Ret)
Raymond Smith (Ret)

Division 9
John Meredith
Henry Midgett
John Oliver (Ret)
Wilbur Stump

Division 10
Ripley Williamson

Division 11
Lawrence Thomas

Division 13
Frederick Frey

Division 15
Dian Stokey

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



Did You Know?



Let Us Not Forget



The sculpture pictured above is real, and it was indeed crafted by an Iraqi sculptor from bronze recovered by melting down statues of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, but the accompanying explanatory text is quite misleading: Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Fuss, the division's top noncommissioned officer, headed up a project to commemorate the unit's dead and conceived of a memorial featuring the figure of a forlorn soldier kneeling to mourn before empty helmet, boots, and rifle – an array of objects that traditionally represents a fallen compatriot.

Needing a sculptor to carry out his vision, Sgt. Maj. Fuss and other Americans asked around for local talent, and an Iraqi contractor recommended a 27-year-old artist named Khalid Alussy to them. As it turned out, Mr. Alussy was one of several artisans who had worked on a pair of 50-foot bronze statues of Saddam Hussein on horseback that flanked the gateway on the main road into the presidential palace compound in Tikrit, the site of the 4th Infantry Division's temporary headquarters. Commissioned by 4th Infantry Division officers to fashion the memorial conceptualized by Sgt. Maj. Fuss, Khalid Alussy (whose first name is also rendered in English as 'Kalat') took the assignment not out of love for Americans but because he needed the money.

The officers didn't question Mr. Alussy further about his political views. Had they pressed him, they might have learned that he's harshly critical of the U.S. and bitter over an American rocket attack during the war that killed his uncle. In an interview, he says he thinks the war was fought for oil and holds the U.S. responsible for the violence and unemployment that have plagued Iraq since.

"I made the statues of Saddam – even though I didn't want to – because I needed money for my family and to finish my education," he says, reclining in a room decorated with several of his paintings. "And I decided to make statues for the Americans for the same exact reason."

Mr. Alussy's initial asking price was far higher than the officers had expected. He blamed the steep price of bronze. So the Americans decided to recycle the bronze Hussein-on-horseback twins. "We figured we were going to blow them up anyway, so why not take the bronze and use it for our own statues?" recalls Sgt. Fuss. "That way we could take something that honored Saddam and use it to remember all of those we lost getting rid of him

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Without having to supply the metal, Mr. Alussy agreed to do the job for \$8,000. By comparison, the former regime paid him the equivalent of several hundred dollars for his work on the Hussein statues. To finance the project, Sgt. Fuss publicized it in the task force's internal newspaper and asked officers to get soldiers to contribute \$1 each. Within weeks, he raised \$30,000.

In July 2003, Army engineers blew up the two Saddam statues, cut them into pieces, melted them down, and delivered them to Mr. Alussy's house. (The delivery was done furtively in case Mr. Alussy's neighbors proved to be less than thrilled about his being in the employ of the American military.) Using a photograph of 1st Sgt. Glen Simpson as a model for the depiction of the kneeling soldier, Mr. Alussy began his work on the monument; near the end, another segment was added to his task."



As the work neared completion, Sgt. Fuss and the division's commander, Maj. Gen. Ray Odierno, decided it needed a clearer connection to Iraq. The general suggested adding a small child to symbolize Iraq's new future, Sgt. Fuss says. When they told the artist they wanted another statue, Mr. Alussy demanded \$10,000 more. "He learned capitalism real fast," Sgt. Fuss says.

After four months' worth of night and weekend labor, Mr. Alussy completed his assignment, and the statues were installed in an entranceway inside the 4th Infantry Division's headquarters in Tikrit. In February 2004 the statues were flown to the 4th Infantry Division Museum at the unit's home base of Fort Hood, Texas.



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Trivia

In a typical season major league baseball will require 4,800 ash trees worth of Louisville sluggers.

Bill Hickok was killed playing poker, holding two pairs - aces and eights, which has become known as 'Dead Man's Hand.'

If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.

Laser stands for "light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation." Developed 1950s - 1960s

The Baby Ruth candy bar was actually named after Grover Cleveland's baby daughter, Ruth.

A cockroach can live for up to a week without a head.

Mosquitoes dislike citronella because it irritates their feet.

Barbara Bush's book about her English Springer Spaniel, Millie's book, was on the best seller list for 29 weeks. Millie was the most popular "First Dog" in history.

A vessel made fast to the bottom using a single anchor is said to be 'anchored'. If two anchors are used, the boat is said to be moored."

"Seas" are waves that originate and are evident at your location. "Swells" are waves at your location that originated somewhere else.

The name of the Pacific's Counterpart to the Atlantic's Gulf Stream is the Kuroshio Current.

There are 132 rooms in the US White House.

The Eiffel Tower is 984 feet high and receives a fresh coat of 300 tons of reddish-green paint every seven years.

Any month that starts on a Sunday will have a Friday the 13th in it.