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Lois Conrado
Commodore

Elected Officer Seminars will be coming up shortly. If you are elected to any division or flotilla office, please plan on attending your division's seminar. You will receive a notebook full of information and ideas for a successful year. A great deal of planning has gone into this year's seminar. New sections have been added to make it different and interesting.

Our District Training Conference is being held on January 5, 6, and 7 at the Hilton in Costa Mesa. The overall theme is "*Ready Today, Planning for Tomorrow*". Please get your registration in early. I encourage every member to attend this event. Our District Conference Committee is working very hard to provide you with workshops you will find interesting and informative. If you have not completed the conference survey under "What's New" on our district web site, please do so. The survey contains a question where you can respond with just what workshops you would like to see added to the conference schedule. Although this is a training conference, there is still plenty of time for fellowship. Friday night is Fun Night where you can chat with old friends and make new ones from around our district. This year's theme is "*South Pacific*". Please join us for Fun Night which is preceded by a District open house, and if you can, please wear a costume reflecting the fun night theme. As usual, there will be plenty of good food and drink at the division booths. Fellowship is the cornerstone where mission hours are not recorded, but memories are made!

Semper Paratus; Commodore Lois A. Conrado, DCO



Robert Sterzenbach
Commodore Elect
District 11S

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Almost every uniform item you'll need in the Auxiliary and some non-uniform items, too!

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CDR Dick Symons
DIRAUX

The Oct 1st deadline for submitting PSI packages is rapidly approaching. By now you should all have received a personal letter from our District Commander, RADM Breckenridge, thanking you all for your dedicated service and making one last push to get all Eleventh District Auxiliarists to submit PSI packages. If you know of someone who is still “sitting on the fence” or procrastinating about submitting a package, please encourage them to participate and retain their membership in America’s finest all-volunteer organization.

Many of you have asked about the status of your PSI packages. “Have you (DIRAUX) received my package?” “Have I been approved?” To alleviate these concerns, I have directed that letters be sent to all Auxiliarists, notifying them of the date their screening was approved. Those of you who were screened at the DO level will note it remains in effect for 10 years. The majority of you screened at the OS level will note it remains in effect until termination, retirement or dis-enrollment.

I’m looking forward to meeting more of you at the Inland Rendezvous this month at Lake Mead, sponsored by Divisions 9 & 10. And please, encourage all members to attend the annual District Conference in January for some quality training and fun fellowship! Semper Paratus.’

Honor, Respect, & Devotion to Duty

The Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Program is going to look different starting next year. The changes that stand out right now are the removal of annual currency requirements, QE check ride frequency reduced to three years, annual hours increased to 12 while allowing coxswain credit even when serving as crew, and a more in depth list of tasks to be completed at the three year check ride. To answer your first question; this will start next year. Therefore, annual currency is still required in 2006 or you will be REYR. The details of phase in have yet to be determined so those of you who are due for a QE in 2007 should watch closely for further information. You can also find this information at <http://cgauxsurfaceops.us/ABCTM.htm>

My ride to work this morning was all it took to remind me that summer is coming to a close. For those of you who do not operate during the winter, make sure you follow the recommendations of your facility/engine manufacture for winter storage. Proper care for your equipment equals a more readily available resource should a situation arise where we need you. This is also a good time to perform the required maintenance on your personal protective equipment (PPE). Especially members who have inflatables or Anti-exposure coveralls, refer to the Rescue and Survival Systems manual and follow the maintenance procedure cards. I look forward to seeing you soon.’



CWO. Chris L. Ruleman
Operations Training Officer



Bob Sterzenbach
Vice Commodore
DCO (elect)

Meeting the Challenge

First off- I want to thank all of you for showing support and confidence by electing me to the office of District Commodore for 2007-08. It is going to be challenging, exciting, and fun times. High on my goals will be to get the membership level back to the number that we have had in the past, and to retain these members along with our present members after the big push for PSI these past three years.

The first thing that you can do is to register for the District Conference to be held next January 5, 6, and 7.

Please register early and stay with us at the hotel to truly enjoy the experience. I don't know of a better way to "hit the deck running" then to start the year with the conference. It promises to have new and interesting workshops with new information. Bring a friend. You will get your "battery" recharged and be ready to help the American boating public and also support the Coast Guard in its many missions. They both need us.

I look forward to working with the District to meet your, and the Coast Guard's needs in the coming years.

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Jon Eric De Cuir
RCO-North

It's hard to believe, but it's the time of the year to start thinking about next year. Elections, staff officer appointments, goals... and yes, the District Conference.

I had a recent opportunity to see the results of the District Conference on-line survey. What I was surprised to see was the number of Auxiliarists who said they had never been to a District Conference!

So for those who have not attended, what's it all about? The District Conference is our annual opportunity for reward, learning, and fellowship. Yes, you get all three rolled up into one.

We start on the Friday evening with Fun Night. This is the conference kick-off with a big forth cornerstone event. In one of the ballrooms, all of the Divisions host a booth and serve food. Some even have games to participate in. This is your time to dress up in costume (as we always have a fun theme) and get to know your fellow Auxiliarists throughout the district.

The next day comes the learning. The district staff host workshop where you can learn about what's happening in the Auxiliary. Other workshops will help build your skills and knowledge within your areas of interest. From our operations workshop to what's the latest in personnel services there's a wide variety of subjects to choose from.

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Virgil Campbell
RCO-Inland

It is with some sadness that I write this final article for the Commodore's Bulletin. I have enjoyed representing the members of Divisions 9 and 10 for the last two years. I feel these Divisions have made much headway and I am very proud of them. Michael Johnson has been elected to take over the reins in 2007. He is a very dedicated person and will do a super job for the Inland membership.

The 2007 Conference is just around the corner. Please, encourage as many members as you can to attend. There will be many new and interesting workshops, a super fun night on Friday and of course, our "pay checks" will be presented Saturday at the awards luncheon and formal dinner Saturday evening

Conference is a great place to put faces with the names you often hear, ask questions you have been unable to get answered locally and meet some of the greatest people from the California, Arizona and Nevada areas. I have learned many good things, had lots of questions and concerns addressed and met many new friends along with renewing old friendships at the last conferences I have attended. Again, please encourage your members to attend – they will not regret it. '

Since it is now September, it means election time is here. As you have read the District results elsewhere in this newsletter, I would like to congratulate the winners and also everyone who stepped forward to run for the various offices. I would also like to thank the Bridge and Board for their confidence in my abilities by electing me to a second term as RCO-South.

Also with September comes the cutoff date for the PSI screenings for current members. With the anticipated loss of membership, it will be incumbent upon the newly elected (or re-elected) Flotilla Commanders to recruit new members.

The next big District event will be the District Conference January 5-7, 2007 at the Costa Mesa Hilton. Your conference chair and committee have some exciting new things planned. A registration form is included in this newsletter for your convenience. More information, including a schedule will be included in the November issue of the Commodores Bulletin. Remember that all members new to the Auxiliary in 2006 do not pay the registration fee. The Conference is a great place to make new friends and find out more about the various programs the Auxiliary has to offer. Hope to see many of you there. '



Dale Zimmerman
RCO-South



Joe O'Hagan
RCO-San Diego

Now that we are closing in on the end of the year, the election of the 2007 leadership is here. The District elections are over and congratulations to the 2007 District Bridge. Our focus is now directed to the Division and then Flotilla elections. While such elections occur each year, they should not be considered routine and approached as such. Members who seek an elected office must accept the responsibility of leading their unit and at times this will be trying. That is the reality of leadership! Such candidates must ask themselves if they are willing and capable of such responsibilities. Wearing the bars is not enough!

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RCO-SD (ELECT)

I would very much like to thank the District Board for its confidence in electing me as the RCO-SD. One of my objectives when I assume my duties in 2007 will be to support my Division 01 and 16 Captains in new member growth and membership training. Both divisions have trained and operated closely with each other over the last three years. That mutual activity and support have revealed a lot of talent in both divisions that wants to try new ideas and approaches which will support my objectives just mentioned.



*Mike Fulgham
RCO-SD (ELECT)*

Therefore, my efforts in the next two months will be to work with that talent and its division captains (elect) to consider proposed new ideas for mutual growth and training goals and to establish projects which will help flotillas in both Divisions 01 and 16. The first step getting this process underway will be to have division captains encourage all of their division members to attend the upcoming District Conference on January 05, 06, and 07, 2007 and to get their registrations in as soon as possible. New members are especially encouraged to attend this conference. These members will not be required to pay the conference registration fee.

The conference again will be held in Costa Mesa, California. There will be many excellent seminars in member and operational training and in flotilla and division staff responsibilities. All Division 01 and 16 members are encouraged in the next two weeks to go on the District's website and take the conference survey. It will take a few minutes but will help the conference committee in its planning efforts.

An important event for the San Diego AOR will occur in November or the early part of December 2006. This will be the elected officer seminar. The seminar will take a new approach on how it is facilitated. What is proposed at District is to have newly elected officers attend the full eight hour seminar, while incumbents will only be required to attend the first four hours of the seminar. However, incumbents are strongly encouraged to help provide their input during the second four hours of the training. We should hear the final details on this training in the next few weeks.

I especially want to thank Wally Berry for his support and cooperation over the last two years as the Division 16 Captain. I will definitely seek his counsel in the coming year as well as Joe O'Hagan, our outgoing RCO-SD. And to all Division 01 and 16 members, it is an honor to become your RCO. I look forward to serve and work with your division captains and flotillas to make the Year 2007 a great one for both our divisions. Semper Paratus.

Mike Fulgham

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Did you know... the picture on page 2 is of Lake Mead National Recreation Area? Which offers a wealth of things to do and places to go year-round. Its huge lakes cater to boaters, swimmers, sunbathers, and fishermen while its desert rewards hikers, wildlife photographers, and roadside sightseers. It is also home to thousands of desert plants and animals, adapted to survive in an extreme place where rain is scarce and temperatures soar.

See you all at the conference.

We have to have fun doing our missions. Semper Paratus

Bob Sterzenbach
DCO(e)

Did you know...the annual District conference is educational and fun!!!

What's on the Calendar for the rest of this Year?

Ramadan Begins	9/24/2006
Yom Kipper	10/2/2006
Columbus Day	10/9/2006
DSO Meeting 2007 Officers	11/4/2006
District Board and Staff Meeting	11/4/2006
2007 Conference Committee Meet	11/4/2006
DEXCOM	11/4/2006
Veterans Day	11/11/2006
Thanksgiving	11/23/2006

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And finally, our reward. At our luncheon, we give out the District Awards. These recipients are the best of the best. This can be a very inspiring event. And who knows, maybe that can be you someday!

Well, a few words really can't do justice to the experience. There's nothing like being there yourself. So, I hope you will join me in attending this year's conference.

Eric De Cuir, VCO Elect

The Coast Guard Motion Picture & Television Office (MOPIC) is looking for Auxiliary Volunteer office help for 1-2 days a week, depending on the workload. Projects include transferring videos (VHS) to Digital; updating the MOPIC database; answering telephones. Video knowledge is a plus. Please note that Auxiliary Volunteers will not be going into the field as representatives of MOPIC. If you're interested and/or would like more information, please email Jeff Pielet at cou-pla_pups@att.net Include a telephone contact number.

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Likewise, the members who will elect their leaders must also ask themselves if the candidate is truly willing and capable of the leadership the unit needs? Voting for your leaders is not a popularity contest. Popular members do not necessarily make good leaders! So, it is the responsibility of both the candidates and the electorate to approach the elections with these thoughts in mind.

Once the 2007 elections are over, the elected officers will attend the Elected Officers Workshop to prepare them for their role in leading their unit. There are a lot to changes to take place in 2007 and they need to be aware of and prepared to institute these changes. Likewise, the members also need to be aware of these changes and there is no better venue to learn about these than at the District Training Conference to be held on January 5,6 and 7, 2007. This year in particular, it is essential that both new and 'seasoned' members attend as so much is changing that will affect everyone. Please promote and attend this important Conference. Conference information is elsewhere in this newsletter.'

Joe O'Hagan, RCO-SD

YOUR TABLE IS WAITING

You probably were not aware of it but at District conferences, if someone approached the registration chairman at the Commodore's Banquet and said: "I've got to get a message to [insert your name here] right away; he needs to call home," he could be directed to the right table. And if you complained: "I've lost my ticket and can't remember what I ordered," you could find that out (and get another ticket, but please don't do that).

It just shows you are important to the Conference Committee. After all, without you...well, there wouldn't be much of a conference. You play more of a role than you know. For example, although eating is not the primary focus of the conference, the hotel bases our menu choices on the estimate of how many people will be there. And the amenities the hotel gives us, that's right, gives us, are in proportion to the number of room nights members will be staying in the hotel. This includes break-out rooms, fun night room, and Materials Center room. Last year reservations came in late and the hotel began cutting back on our space. So get your reservations in early.

The Conference Committee members really do work hard at making the conference as convenient and productive as possible. But they're not alone. Other District committees are working hard on other aspects of the conference--the Materials Center (whose staff performs an annual miracle right on schedule), the District staff officers who try to bring you the latest information you need to do your job, the Firing Line where you're likely to get an answer from the horse's mouth. (Now that's a strange picture!) And of course there's always the popular Hospitality Night when we get to celebrate the fourth cornerstone that we do so well.

A final word--or two. Don't overlook the registration fee. That's what allows us to make the conference self-supporting. And please don't wait to send in your registration right at the deadline. As treasurer I need time to do the math. ' - *Burt Irwin; Conference Treasurer*

Members Who Have Passed Over The Bar

FIRSTNAME	LASTNAME	FLOTILLA	DATE	INFO	DCP/DCO	MEMsince
HELEN M.	BROWN	114-02-05	07/29/2006			10/27/1988
GIOVANNI	BUKOLO	114-01-04	06/14/2006	Retired		05/20/1976
JESSIE	CATLEY	114-05-05	JULY 2006	Retired	VFC 114-05-05	12/19/1967
RICHARD A.	CHAMBERLIN	114-01-07	07/04/2006		FC	10/15/1992
HENRY J.	FRY	114-13-02	JULY 2006	Retired	FC 114-13-04	02/06/1967
WILLIAM M.	HATT	114-03-08	JULY 2006	Retired	DCP 3 DSO-OP	06/12/1974
SHIRLEY A.	KINSLER	114-09-06	JULY 2006	Retired		
NANCY A.	KNAUSS	114-10-08	JULY 2005	Retired		10/07/1985
ROBERT I.	MASON	114-10-01	08/06/2006	Retired	FC	09/01/1979
NANCY P.	MENOHER	114-04-05	JULY 2006	Retired	FC 114-04-01	02/02/1970
PATRICIA A.	OSMON	114-01-02	JULY 2006	Retired		11/20/1966
JOHN A.	OUGH	114-07-03	06/05/2006	Retired	FC 114-14-06	04/08/1974
ROY D.	REISSMAN	114-02-09	08/20/2006		FC 114-02-09	10/19/1994
LILLIAN	UMSCHEID	114-15-01	JULY 2006	Retired		07/29/1980
HARRIET	WELLINGTON	114-16-07	JULY 2006	Retired		08/01/1975



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

The Elegant Eleventh Southern Region

2007 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Friday, Saturday and Sunday - January 5, 6 and 7, 2007



Name: _____ Div.: _____ Flo.: _____ Off.: _____

Name Guest/Member: _____ Div.: _____ Flo.: _____ Off.: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St.: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Wk: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

PLEASE NOTE: Everyone must register - For new Members who joined during 2006 the Registration Fee is waived
Cost No. Attending Amount

Early Bird Discount: When postmarked by Dec. 1, 2006 \$20.00 ea.

Registration Fee: After Dec. 1, 2006 \$45.00 ea.

Saturday Luncheon: Chicken Caesar Salad \$20.00 ea.

Saturday Commodore's Banquet: \$35.00 ea.

New York Steak No. _____ Baked Salmon No. _____ Vegetable Wellington No. _____

Allergic to any foods? If so, what? _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

Make check payable to: "USCG Aux Board Conference" or pay with a Credit Card (circle one)

Visa / MasterCard Exp. Date: _____ Card No.: _____

Name (print): _____ Signature: _____

Send the top portion of this Registration Form to: Burt Irwin, ADSO-FN, Conference Treasurer
11450 Seabrook Way • Cypress, CA 90630

Do you need additional information? Email: abirwin@earthlink.net or crhamy@uscgaux.us

For a Receipt, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your payment and Registration Form
Conference Registration begins October 01, 2006 - Use this Registration Form or go online at www.d11s.org

Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa



ROOM RATE: \$89.00 PER NIGHT (single or double occupancy)
FREE Self-parking with paid Conference Registration



BEFORE December 4, 2006 call the hotel to make your room reservation or tear off and

mail this portion of the Registration Form to: The Orange County Hilton/Costa Mesa

3050 Bristol Street • Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714-540-7000 (Reservations Code: "USC")

or register on line at: www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/snacmh_usc/index.jhtml

USCG Auxiliary Conference - January 5th, 6th and 7th, 2007

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*Bob Sterzenbach,
DCO Elect and
his wife Ulah, and
current DCO
Lois Conrado*



*Jon Eric DeCuir,
VCO Elect and
his wife Barbara
DeCuir, and cur-
rent DCO
Lois Conrado*



*Michael Johnson, RCO-Inland Elect, with Virgil Campbell current
RCO-I, DCO Lois Conrado, and Bob Sterzenbach, VCO*

Photos by Sheila Gilmore

*Dale Zimmermann, RCO-LA/S re-elected for a
2nd term, with DCO Lois Conrado*



*Richard Kolligan, RCO-LA/N elect and Eric
DeCuir current RCO—LA/N, with
DCO Lois Conrado*



*Michael Fulham, RCO-SD elect and Joe
O'Hagan current RCEO-SD, with
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U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY POLICY STATEMENT

The U.S. Coast Guard is America's maritime first responder and stands ready to protect the public from all threats and all hazards. All members of the Coast Guard forces play a critical role in every mission area – supporting maritime security, safety and stewardship. The Coast Guard Auxiliary provides capabilities and proficiencies that support these capacities and ensure we remain responsive to our communities and the Nation.

The Auxiliary is a force multiplier of vetted and trained volunteers devoted to the support of Coast Guard missions and provides a broad inventory of vital skills, assets, and experience for our units across the nation. As the leading volunteer organization in the Department of Homeland Security, it is an essential component of our daily operations and an effective resource primed to prevent and respond to catastrophes in the maritime region. Fittingly, the core strategic purpose of the Auxiliary is to continuously hone its expertise to perform three prioritized functions:

- (1) Promote and improve recreational boating safety;
- (2) Support Coast Guard maritime homeland security efforts; and
- (3) Support the Coast Guard's operational, administrative, and logistical requirements.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary shall remain *Semper Paratus*, providing a dynamic flexibility within its organizational programs in order to meet today's needs and tomorrow's challenges. Through focused partnerships and public outreach, it shall advocate and advance maritime domain awareness and the principles of safe boating. Its diverse assortment of vessels, aircraft, radio facilities, and vehicles shall be kept poised for the multi-mission tasking that characterizes Coast Guard operations. To its fullest measure, it shall engage opportunities to augment Coast Guard units through targeted recruitment and professional development among its membership.

Every commander, commanding officer, officer-in-charge, and program manager shall work closely with their Auxiliary counterparts to fully leverage the resources, skills, qualifications, and profound dedication that reside within the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Such focused collaboration is essential to our unwavering commitment to mission excellence in serving and protecting the public trust.

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Thad W. Allen
Admiral, United States Coast Guard

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Inspection & Compliance Directorate Staff Meeting

July 20, 2006

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Staff G-PC/PC(d)/PC-TA/PCB/PCX/PCV/PCP/PCA/PCQ/ NVDC / NMC / PC(a)/PC(l)

Location CG Headquarters 2100 Second St. SW Room 2408 Conf Room

Staff Item

PCX Pres Bush signed into law the CG bill HR 889. An Auxiliary provision was included such that members' POV may be accepted as a facility to tow Government property. Private insurers will not provide coverage of Aux mbrs vehicles used to tow US govt owned trailers. Trailers include those that carry USCG small boats, USCG owned COASTIEs, etc. US Govt will now provide protection for mbr vehicles as it does member's boats/aircraft employed as facilitates under govt orders. This effort via the LCP process has taken many years/much effort and is a significant achievement. In the past, the mbr assumed the risk, or arranged for US Govt vehicle, or declined the mission. Now a CG station can request a Aux mbr tow a USCG trailer/boat with mbr owned equipment, etc/mbrs can tow COASTIE to boating safety events w/ less risk.