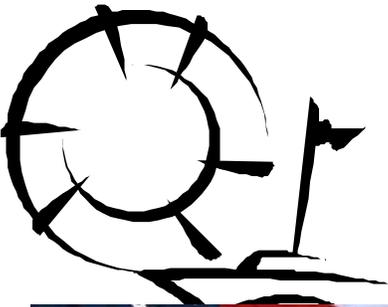


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Bob Sterzenbach, DCO

**REFERENCE THE PAST, WORK THE PRESENT
LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE**

Those of you who have attended your Division's Awards events have heard this but I want to put it in print and allow all the members of D11S to get this information.

With the focus on direct support to the Coast Guard, and Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) programs with the public, increasing and retaining Auxiliary membership is still job number one. Last January 2007 we started with 1,644 members in our district. In January of 2008 we now have 1,704 members. That gain of 60 members equates to 6 flotillas. We did gain almost 16% throughout the year but lost 49 members who transferred by moving out of our district, another 150 were lost to dis-enrollment, retirement, not renewing dues, and deaths. As you can see from these numbers, retention is key. You did great in Program Visits with 4,460 against 3,790 in 2006. You excelled in Public Affairs missions with 709 appearances compared to 628 in 2006. In Member Training you had 1,138 sessions against 1,096 in 2006. In Operations you did 5,013 patrols where the average of similar size districts was 4,452. You supported the Coast Guard Units and Sectors with 98 members working in direct support. Where we came up short as compared to 2006 was fewer Public

Education Classes, and fewer Vessel Safety Checks (VSC). This year, we can increase these numbers and excel in Public Education classes, and performing VSCs for these are our traditional RBS expertise. D11S has always been a forerunner in the Auxiliary and this year should be no exception.

Also on the horizon this year is NSAR- a new **National Search And Rescue** competition that we will send one team of three members to Cape May, NJ in October to compete against other US Auxiliary teams from all the districts in our nation. Get your team together now and start practicing. No coxswains are needed, only three crew (who may be at coxswain level). This will hone your skills, allow you to compete, and most of all it should be fun. A run-off will be

held around midyear to select our best team. We will be selecting the team to represent us very soon.

As you have probably heard, the Coast Guard under the leadership of Admiral Allen is going through modernization and transformation. Admiral Allen has approved plans for the Auxiliary to go through modernization also. This will take place with a proposed start in 2010. Currently he has authorized the appointed position of Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC). The Auxiliary main Coast Guard focus is to support the Sector. This is in effect now. Here is where we balance traditional RBS and Sector support activities. I will discuss the changes for 2010 in future articles. I want to keep you informed of the proposed changes.

Let's NOW focus and give our best effort on the present. for we can't change the past, but can offer input through your elected officers into the future.

REMINDER ABOUT ODU WEAR

For the Auxiliary, the ODU is primarily a work uniform designed for operational activities.

It is not intended to be worn in those situations where a dress (or undress) uniform is required or considered more appropriate. Although ALCOAST 223/07 states the ODU is a "general purpose everyday uniform that is intended for wear in any situation that does not require a dress uniform", in order to maintain a more professional appearance, and uniformity among all District 11SR Auxiliary units, and to ensure that the general public may clearly identify our non-law enforcement, boating safety, educational mission, I am prescribing, pursuant to Auxiliary Manual CH.10.A.11., the following guidelines for the wearing of the ODU.

The ODU may be worn during the following activities or events:

- 1.) Auxiliary Operational activities (i.e. surface operations, watchstanding, etc.) where the Order Issuing Authority (OIA) is the Coast Guard.
- 2.) When working with Coast Guard active duty units and the Coast Guard Authority (Commanding Officer or Officer In Charge) has prescribed the ODU for assignment to duty or is a requirement for entry onto a Coast Guard installation or vessel. Members shall wear only member devices (in lieu of office insignia) when working with Coast Guard active duty units.
- 3.) Outdoor public affairs events where the scope of employment of the Auxiliarist includes direct involvement with static displays of Auxiliary facilities or Coast Guard operational assets and/or equipment (i.e. aircraft, helicopters, HAZMAT equipment, etc.).
- 4.) When conducting Vessel Safety Checks (VSC). It is highly recommended however that the VE Polo Shirt be worn as part of the Hot Weather Outfit when conducting VSCs.
- 5.) Events deemed appropriate and approved in advance by the DCO and/or Director of Auxiliary or their designees.

B. The ODU may not be worn during the following activities or events:

- 1.) Auxiliary unit meetings. Note that the authorization to wear the ODU in the office environment (ALCOAST 223/07) is at the discretion of Commanding Officer and this authority has not been delegated to Auxiliary unit leaders.

Exception: Member training events where the ODU uniform is modeled as one of the Auxiliary's authorized uniforms or the member is directly involved in an operational demonstrations/activities (e.g. demonstrating the P-6 pump). Nonparticipants shall not wear the ODU.



CDR Dick Symons

The EAGLE is coming to California!

The USCGC Bark EAGLE, America's official Tall Ship and the training ship for USCG Cadets and Officer Candidates, is making its first visit in 10 years to the West Coast. During this Spring and Summer, EAGLE will be making multiple visits to both San Diego and Los Angeles-Long Beach. There will be opportunities for Auxiliary Facilities to assist escorting the EAGLE into port, as well as occasions for Auxiliary members to tour this one-of-a-kind, and historic ship. All EAGLE port dates are not set but expect the first San Diego port visit in May and a stop at Los Angeles-Long Beach the week of Coast Guard Day, August 4th.

Another opportunity to get involved with an historic Coast Guard vessel is posted on the Dist 11 South website. The Navy League is sponsoring the commissioning of the Coast Guard's first National Security Cutter, CGC BERTHOLF, this summer in Alameda. Various sponsorship levels are available that include such things as recognition in the commissioning program, ship's coins, and VIP seating at the commissioning ceremony.

Most of you probably know by now that we've lost our temporary civilian Auxiliary Assistant, Stephanie Maher. The good news for Stephanie is that she's expecting her second child this Spring. The bad news for us is that her doctor didn't want her making that long commute from the San Fernando Valley to DIRAUX each day. But wait, more good news! Our "permanent" Auxiliary Assistant, Judith Hall, will be back this summer! We think Judith has had enough of living out of a hotel and fighting cabin fever from those endless rainy days in the Pacific Northwest. In the mean time, our crack staff of Auxiliarists working at DIRAUX are already helping to fill the gap. We couldn't do it without you and I'm always humbled by your dedication and hard work.

As we begin to get ready for the boating season, remember that patrols are AVAILABLE and funding is AVAILABLE. Take the time to schedule training patrols as needed for your new crew and coxswain candidates. Every time the boating public sees the Auxiliary patrol ensign underway, you do your part toward making the waterways safer for all of us.

Semper Paratus!

USCGC Eagle is the seventh U.S. Coast Guard cutter to bear the name in a proud line dating back to 1792. The ship was built in 1936 by the Blohm and Voss Shipyard in Hamburg, Germany, and commissioned as Horst Wessel. (Five identical sister ships were also built.) Originally operated by Nazi Germany to train cadets for the German Navy, the ship was taken by the United States as a war prize after World War II. In 1946, a U.S. Coast Guard crew - aided by the German crew still on board - sailed the tall ship from Bremerhaven to its new homeport in New London, Connecticut. Eagle returned to Bremerhaven for the first time since World War II in the summer of 2005, to an enthusiastic welcome. Built during the twilight era of sail, the design and construction of Eagle embody centuries of development in the shipbuilder's art. The hull is steel four-tenths of an inch thick. There are two full-length steel decks with a platform deck below. The raised forecastle and quarterdeck are made of three-inch thick teak over steel, as are the weather decks. Eagle eagerly takes to the element for which she was designed. Effortlessly and gracefully, she drives under full sail in the open ocean at speeds up to 17 knots.





Eric DeCuir, VCO

Create, Live and Meet the Vision of a Better Service

I'm sure many of you have heard the latest news from our recent N-train meeting that ADM Thad Allen wishes to see the Auxiliary "modernize" to better accommodate the current Coast Guard modernization. Our DCO, COMO Robert Sterzenbach, is currently speaking to this topic at all of the Division change of watch ceremonies.

And while COMO Sterzenbach is carefully explaining the "what we are doing", I thought I would shed some light on the "why".

I had a chance to meet ADM Allen at N-Train with the other VCO's in my Auxiliary Senior Officers Class. It was a late Friday evening and the class was using the story of Camelot and King Arthur & The Knights of the Round Table to make contrasts and comparisons to Auxiliary leadership. Our assignment was to list how we should effectively communicate ADM Allen's vision down to our member level. We were working in groups and had our plan on a white board.

All of a sudden we all heard, "Attention on Deck!" and ADM Allen walked in the door. ADM Allen introduced himself and quickly went around the room to shaking every ones hand.

As he past our whiteboard he saw what we had written. "Oh My Toto!, it looks like we're not in Kansas anymore!" he said. The room laughed. Our instructor, COMO Carol Urgola quickly explained our lesson and the use of the story of Camelot. ADM Allen quickly exclaimed "Camelot? That's good thinking. We need more people who think Camelot".

ADM Allen's vision was clear. Camelot is a shared vision of what must be done. The Coast Guard and Auxiliary have many features that are no longer efficient and productive to meet our needs or the needs of the American public. We all at one time or another have been frustrated by the short comings of the organization. ADM Allen recognizes we are at a crucial juncture in our history. We can meet the challenge of needed change or ignore it. Camelot was about change and vision of what we can accomplish.

And so change we will to meet our challenges. Do the right thing. If it's not right fix it. Create, live and meet the vision of a better service. I guess the Admiral is right; we are no longer in Kansas.

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Richard Kolligian, RCO-N

Obligation & Commitment

As we start our new Auxiliary year, let me welcome and introduce:

1. The DCPs in the LA-North AOR: Division 4 – Bert Blanchette, Division 7 – Bill Ravenscroft, Division 12 – Trent Kelly, Division 13 – Dennis Blenn, Division 14 – Que Pho.
2. The DSOs reporting to me, as the District Staff Chief for Recreational Boating Safety, are Dale Zimmermann, DSO-MT; Anthony Turner DSO-PA; Anne Cioffi, DSO-PE; Eve Oppedisano, DSO-PV; Wally Berry, DSO-VE; Coastie Coordinator Dave Esparza and SLO-AZ Tom Nunes complete this team.
3. The following have agreed to assist me in my capacity as the Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC) for Sector LA-LB: Gunny ‘Sarge’ Sutis, Deputy, with Ed Hart assigned to Logistics, Lenny Douthett assigned to Prevention, and ‘Sarge’ Sutis assigned to Response.

There is no better time than now for each of us to re-examine our conscience and honestly appraise our past conduct. Carrying out our Auxiliary resolution is of the highest priority: *living up to our obligations, and giving of our time to others*. We are not a finished product. We are, and will always be, a work in progress. For Auxiliarists, there can be no greater commitment than to give of ourselves by fulfilling our obligations to the USCG Auxiliary & USCG. Nothing speaks louder than the good work you do each day for the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary and our Nation.

I’ve heard it said that people who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do. So the best way to knock a chip off someone’s shoulder is to pat that person on the back. OK – now let’s go out and have some fun.

Como Charles S. Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award

ALFRED VERDI



I am pleased to announce that **Mr. Alfred Verdi**, Flotilla Commander (FC) of D11 southern Auxiliary region Los Angeles California, flotilla 12-4, has been selected as this year's winner. This award serves to recognize the most distinguished auxiliary Flotilla Commander and parallels our existing inspirational leadership Awards for officers, chief petty officers (e-7), and civilians. Mr. Verdi entered his second year as flotilla commander with a vision for taking the flotilla to new levels of performance.

Focused on "people development", Mr. Verdi superbly motivated and led members of flotilla 12-4 to achieve personal training and program milestones that collectively yielded much higher levels of service to the Coast Guard and the public. He initiated numerous programs that effectively combined the skills and enthusiasm of new auxiliaries with the experience of their Flotilla shipmates. As a direct result of his steadfast efforts, flotilla 12-4 functioned as a formidable team in tackling a diverse range of Coast Guard mission support. Through his superb leadership, flotilla 12-4 completed 21,780 total mission hours sustaining a 75 percent increase for third in national programmatic output. Mr. Verdi's devotion, leadership and ability to create synergy between his flotilla, the public, and active duty Coast Guard served as the catalyst for outstanding success across all Auxiliary programs.



Harry Jacobs, RCO-S

8 Steps to a Successful Retention Program In the U.S. Coast Guard – Auxiliary Branch

1. The Flotilla Commander and the VFC, FSO-MT and FSO-PS bond together into a RETENTION TEAM to ensure that every member is “plugged in” to the Auxiliary training system which includes providing for a training module at each Flotilla meeting and scheduling members for Division and District training in the cornerstone of their choice.
2. The RETENTION TEAM makes a commitment to the organization and the People of the United States to achieve excellence in all their Coast Guard efforts including ensuring that members adhere to the standards of dress as described in the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual.
3. The RETENTION TEAM encourages members to regularly attend meetings of the Flotilla and, if possible, the Division, and District level in order to get a better understanding of how the organization functions. When a member does not attend a Flotilla meeting, a member of the RETENTION TEAM follows up with a phone call.
4. The RETENTION TEAM encourages the members to read Coast Guard mail promptly and record any changes in policy, procedures, or regulations in their Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual. It only takes a few minutes but it makes sure that every member is aware of current policy and authorized activities. Reading mail promptly ensures that members are at the right meetings and **Fourth Cornerstone** activities.
5. The RETENTION TEAM encourages the members to develop a career path in one (1) cornerstone. You don’t have to be qualified in every area to participate in the Auxiliary.
6. The RETENTION TEAM encourages members to attend all workshops and training seminars as well as the entire District Conference. Activity is the key to retention. Keep up the activity and your retention problems will be minimized.
7. The RETENTION TEAM encourages members to counsel with their Elected and Appointed Officers on a regular basis to validate their Coast Auxiliary related actions and activity. Elected and Appointed Officers would much rather give advice and encouragement up front than to have a member wait until a concern becomes a retention problem.
8. The RETENTION TEAM encourages members to associate with other successful Auxiliarists. This is a “hands-on” organization. If you want your members to know how to do something, have them associate with those people who are doing it.

So, here is a road map for you for 2008 and beyond. How you use it is up to you!



Mike Fulgham, RCO-SD

This is definitely an Exciting Time

Divisions 01 and 16 held their third Joint-Change of Watch and Member Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the South Bay Fish and Grill Restaurant in Chula Vista, California. Over a hundred members were present who enjoyed a great dinner, award presentations, and a change of watch ceremony. Mr. Stuart Neffeler relieved Bill Andersen as the First Division's Captain. CAPT Charles Strangfeld, USCG was the event's guest speaker and as Commander of Sector San Diego presented many letters of appreciation and awarded the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation Ribbons to members who crewed on several San Diego Harbor surface operations during 2007. Several members were also awarded the Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendations. Great fellowship was certainly enjoyed.

The anticipated change for the Coast Guard Auxiliary organization at Coast Guard Sector San Diego has already begun in response to the Commandant's directive to integrate the Auxiliary under the control of Coast Guard Sectors. Our Sector Auxiliary organizational structure has been established with Michael Saverson of Flotilla 16-05 appointed as the Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC). Bob Nowak of Flotilla 16-05 was appointed as the Auxiliary Chief of Response, while Al Gale of Flotilla 01-04 is now the Auxiliary Chief of Prevention. Flotilla operations and recreational boating education efforts will

also be coordinated by these new Chiefs. The candidates for the Deputy ASC and the Auxiliary Chief of Logistics are still being reviewed for selection. Auxiliary watchstanding positions in the Sector's Joint Harbor Operations Center (JHOC) are also being considered for the future.

Auxiliary members in two Division 01 flotillas and one Division 16 flotilla recently completed Land Patrol Orientation Training. The training covered the aspects of Auxiliary land patrol support for Environmental Protection (MEP) operations at Sector San Diego. This training and subsequent formation of Auxiliary land patrols teams is an effort to create a Marine Domain Awareness (MDA) and MEP force-multiplier asset in the San Diego AOR.

Twelve Auxiliary members from both Divisions 01 and 16 completed four days of Assistant Pollution Investigator (API) Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS) training with the Incident Management Division at Sector San Diego. Those members, who successfully completed this training and passed the PQS examination, will now undergo HAZWOPR and incident response training before preparing for their API certification boards.

Adding to our current training, both Divisions 01 and 16 are gearing up operations for PATON verifications, surface patrols, crew training, and Sector operational tasking. The operational tasking will involve land patrols and surface operational facilities patrolling a safety zone around the Red Bull Air Races that are scheduled to start on April 30, 2008 and continue into May 3, 2008. The surface facilities will also help with controlling boating traffic in San Diego Harbor on May 4, 2008 during the Navy's Parade of Ships which will kick off the San Diego Fleet Week. Hopefully, we can also squeeze in planning for our June 2008 time-frame for our San Diego Operational Training Exercise (OPTREX).



**CWO Chris
Ruleman**



Want to get Active... Now is the Time

Spring is just around the corner and with that, we have a new boating season. Our funding for patrol orders are at levels much greater than the past few years and I hope you will take full advantage this opportunity. I have found that the most common problem in the entire patrol request process is in communications between our members and the order issuing authority. More often than not, members who patrol infrequently, encounter difficulties directly resulting from their inexperience with POMS. This is not an invitation for every Coxswain or facility owner to call but if you are having trouble and really wish to patrol, please contact me before you give up trying. If you have not patrolled much in the last few years and want to get active, now is the time.

There has been a great deal of chatter about Life Jackets and what's authorized lately. Recent policy mandated that we only purchase two types of Life Jackets. We are currently not allowed to purchase float coats or inflatable Life Jackets and they are to be phased out of use by July 2009. There is however, a chance that this policy will be changed slightly to allow Auxiliary use on slower vessels but nothing has been set in stone yet. Bottom line, keep doing what you are doing and hopefully I will be able to give some firm guidance in the months ahead. I do want to take this opportunity to remind everyone with an inflatable Life Jacket to do your required yearly maintenance and always check your unit for the green indicator before each patrol. A broken inflatable Life Jacket is just extra weight to sink you, so be vigilant.

Finally, I would like to welcome Bob McKoy as the new Qualification Examiner Coordinator. I expect him to be an excellent coordinator and look forward to working with him. I truly appreciate the work David Esparza did during his term and hope he did not set the bar too high for others to follow.

I look forward to seeing you soon.



Michael Johnson, RCO-Inland



The winds of Change are once again blowing our Way

During the February District meeting, the Commodore informed us that there are some significant changes coming for the Auxiliary. These changes are focused primarily on better aligning the Auxiliary with the Coast Guard's Sector organization.

One of the changes designed to enable better coordination with the Sectors has already occurred. Commodore Sterzenbach has appointed two members to the new position of Auxiliary Sector Coordinator ("ASC"). The ASC for Sector Los Angeles is Richard Kolligian. The ASC for Sector San Diego is Michael Saverson. Richard and Michael attended an intensive workshop at NTRAIN this past January to prepare them for their new positions. Richard and Michael will be on base at their respective Sectors several days per week, attending meetings, and coordinating Auxiliary assistance to the Sectors.

The changes that are being considered will enable the Auxiliary to continue to be relevant to the Coast Guard. There will likely be more opportunities for everyone to become involved in existing missions as well as new missions for the Auxiliary. It can be an exciting time, but also a confusing and even frustrating time. But change is necessary. As Commandant Thad Allen indicated, "We operate in a strategic environment that has changed dramatically in the past five years and will continue to change. This requires continuous adaptation from the Coast Guard. I realize there has been extensive change in our service in the past decade and the new Sector structure is still "breaking in." However, we live in a world of dynamic threats and hazards and must adapt accordingly. We will not change for change's sake but purposefully, with strategic intent and always focused on our first priority and duty to the Nation: Mission Execution." Commandant's SITREP #1, May 25, 2006.

As the Coast Guard changes, so must the Auxiliary. Change is inevitable. Face into the winds of change, and move toward the future of the best and most exciting volunteer organization in the nation!

NACO 3-Star Award for Managing Diversity

It is necessary to meet a minimum of three of the requirements in each of the three goal areas described below to qualify for the National Commodore's 3-Star Award for Managing Diversity. Your application should list the goal number, restate the paragraph being achieved, and briefly describe how each requirement was met in your flotilla. Submit the application through your flotilla diversity advisor to the district diversity advisor (with a copy to your division diversity advisor). The district diversity advisor will approve and send the application on to the national diversity advisor for final approval. If you have any questions or need assistance in completing your application, contact the undersigned.

Deborah S. Johnson, DDA District 11 Southern Region beledilady@cox.net

Goal #1 - Create a Positive Environment (*Fulfill a MINIMUM of three of the below six goals*)

1. Appoint a flotilla diversity advisor.
2. Publish at least one article on diversity awareness in flotilla newsletter per year.
3. Conduct one in-flotilla diversity member training session per year. (Training materials available on Diversity page of the AUX Web and from district Diversity Advisors.)
4. Target all local neighborhoods and cultures in the flotilla's community in the flotilla recruiting action plan.
5. Document a minimum of 6 meetings per year attended by 50% of the flotilla membership.
6. FC and/or VFC have attended leadership training at the district or national level.

Goal #2 - Value all Members (*Fulfill a MINIMUM of three of the below six goals*)

1. Document informal awards and recognition program - specify actions taken for positive reinforcement of members' actions and behaviors.
2. List a minimum of 2 routine communication with all members, i.e.: regularly scheduled newsletters, "calling crew" or telephone tree for phone messages, flotilla meeting notes, staff meetings with notes distributed.
3. Conduct exit interviews for all members leaving the Auxiliary and forward to DSO-PS via the SO-PS.
4. Maintain 90% of members each year -Less than 10% of members disenroll or retire each year.
5. Show 65% of members are involved in Auxiliary activities according to AUXMIS.
6. List a minimum of 4 fellowship activities sponsored by the flotilla throughout the year for all members and their families and friends.

Goal #3 - Promote Individual Success (*Fulfill a MINIMUM of three of the below six goals*)

1. Assign a formal mentor to each new member for the first year of membership.
2. Utilize the Member Involvement Plan to help new members plan their involvement and training.
3. Provide written goals and expectations for all flotilla staff and committee positions to all members at the beginning of the year.
4. Provide all staff officers with specific written job descriptions upon appointment.
5. Establish a flotilla-mentoring program for potential staff officers.
6. Provide adequate access to meetings for members and potential members with disabilities.



Remember, NSBW is May 17-23. Plan ahead!

**By Harriet
Howard, DVC-AS**

The Boat U.S. Foundation points out that buoyancy is the force, expressed in pounds, required to keep you afloat with your head and chin above the water. Since everyone's buoyancy requirements are different, based on size, weight, sex, age, percent body fat and general physical condition, we're advised to test our life jacket in the water to be sure it will give us maximum performance when our life depends upon it.

On the water, your life may very well depend upon your life jacket. "Wear It!" is the slogan for the 2008 North American Safe Boating Campaign. The National Safe Boating Council reminds us that "a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year, would be alive today had they worn their life jackets." Let's spread the "Wear It!" message with our fellow boaters and in our communities.

Public Affairs Officers, here's a tip from Flotilla 58, 11SR. Download the National Safe Boating Week Proclamation from the Campaign website:

www.safeboatingcampaign.com

and adapt it to your community. Ask your city clerk to put the proclamation on the agenda for the city council meeting in May. Invite a local newspaper reporter to cover the event. In addition to the NSBW Proclamation, download other Campaign tools, such as the online press kit, the free and paid order forms, power point presentations, posters, graphics and public service announcements.

Coast Guard To Emphasize Life Jacket Wear

A key outcome of the Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Safety program is to reduce loss of life on the water. A major component of that program is to convince boaters to wear their life jackets while on the water.

AUX-10 Class Have you taken an AUX-10 class to become proficient in the use of AUXDATA and AUXINFO? A few seats are left in the classes scheduled for the CG Academy in New London, CT., from 30 June to 2 July 2008 and Seattle, WA from 15-17 September. A new class has also been added for 1-3 August 2008 at Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA. Please complete a Short Term Training Request (STTR, ANSC 7059), have your FC endorse it, and send to your Director's Office if you would like to attend one of these classes. This is the last chance for attending a class this year.

Need To Find An Auxiliarists Email Address?

The [National eDirectory](#) is the way to find it. It's a quick easy way to find people using various search functions including a single click listings of all your Flotilla, Division or District officers. Check it out today, and discover what this great resource can do for you.

*****OFFICER ELIGIBILITY UPDATE** As per Chief DIRAUX policy in an ALAUX announcement 21 Feb 07, the Auxiliary Administration (AUXMIN) Specialty Course is no longer recognized for meeting elected officer eligibility criteria (a wavier was granted in 2007 for AUXMIN). The Administrative Procedures Course (APC) is the only acceptable course which will meet the eligibility criteria in 2008 and beyond. Anyone who desires to run for an elected office this year must have completed the Auxiliary Procedures Course prior to nomination. This applies to all levels of elected offices. You can take the open book [APC exam on-line](#) or use a written version available through the appropriate chain of leadership.

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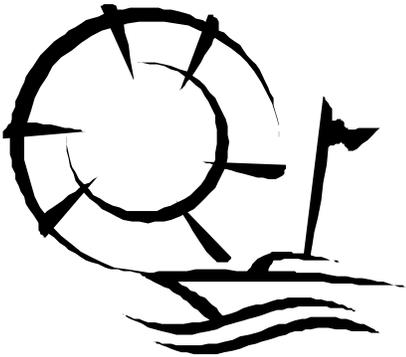
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Saturday 3 May - Memorial Marker Ceremony - 1000 at ISC San Pedro ISC. Please come and remember our fellow auxiliarists who have crossed over the bar.



Sunday 4 May - PCA Spring Brunch at the Eagle's Nest Clubhouse located at the Navy Golf Course in Cypress. Flyers will be available through your Division Captains and Flotilla Commanders. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pat Swope, President – PCA