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Hello Shipmates...First off, Congratulations to our Flotilla on winning two awards for 2014! Flotilla 04-76 received the **Flotilla ATON/CU Award** (Most points in ATON/CU Program) and the **Operational Support Mission Award** (Most Points in Support Missions)!! This goes to prove that a *job well done-is a job well done*!!!! Kudos to all of our Auxiliary Members for an outstanding effort here. Congrats to Ken Christy (Operations) for his award as well.

Semper Paratus – Always Ready

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS: FLOTILLA AWARDS & WELCOME ABOARD

At our March Flotilla meeting, Hank Harrison received two awards for his Auxiliary Service – The **Instructor Service Award** & The **Auxiliary Sustained Service Award**. Well done Hank!!



Also, welcome new member – Mark Crater to our ranks!

LAND MOBILE RADIO FACILITIES

The components and requirements are relative simple for having a land mobile radio facility inspected and offered for use. The components are, marine radio, magnet mount marine antenna, emergency power, and log book. The Auxiliarist must be TCO certified.

The radio may be a basic radio without DCS or other special features. I googled Standard Horizon and found a unit priced at \$104.00. I'm sure that by shopping around a suitable unit could be acquired for less. Marine antennas are available wherever the radios are sold. Magnetic mounts may not so readily available, but I have one left over from the days of the CB radio craze. Auxiliary radio facilities must have emergency power available. Twelve volt automobile batteries work fine. All the auxiliary log books I have seen are three ring binders with copied pages.

Auxiliarists are required to have AUXCOM and Telecommunication Operator (TCO) certification. If you are interested in becoming TCO certified just contact me. My email is ab3om@arrl.net, my cell is 610-476-7452.

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COAST GUARD WOMEN MAKING HISTORY:

Coast Guard honors Centenarian, first African American woman to enlist in Coast Guard

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Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Paul Zukunft with Dr. Olivia J. Hooker, who had a building dedicated to her at Coast Guard Sector New York in Staten Island, New York, March 12, 2015. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Ali Flockerzi)

NEW YORK — A ceremony was held at Coast Guard Sector New York in Staten Island, New York, Thursday, to officially rename the Sector New York Galley in honor of Dr. Olivia Hooker, 100, who holds the distinction of being the first African-American woman admitted into the U.S. Coast Guard.

Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Paul Zukunft presided over the ceremony and unveiled the plaque that hangs in the galley in honor of Dr. Hooker.

Rear Adm. Linda Fagan, Coast Guard 1st District commander, retired Rear Adm. Stephen Rochon, and Capt. Gordon Loebel, commander, Coast Guard

Sector New York, were also members of the official party during the ceremony.

Dr. Hooker earned her Bachelor's Degree from Ohio State University and taught third grade before enlisting in the service in 1945 as a SPAR (Semper Paratus, Always Ready), the acronym used for Coast Guard female service personnel during World War II. She initially tried to enlist in the Navy as a WAVE, but they would not admit her due to her race. She served dutifully earning numerous awards for her skills while working in the Boston Coast Guard station. In June 1946, the SPAR program disbanded and Dr. Hooker earned the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class.

Following her Coast Guard enlistment, Dr. Hooker went on to earn a Masters Degree in Psychological Services from Teachers College at Columbia University and a Doctoral Degree from the University of Rochester.

The ceremony was standing room only, which highlighted her impact on the Coast Guard, her students, peers, and the African-American community at large.

“I've never met anyone like her. She remains open and unafraid of what life will bring. She draws people in with grace and sincerity,” said Rear Adm. Linda Fagan, Commander, First Coast Guard District.

Dr. Hooker continued to work as a professor in New York where she finally retired at the age of 87 years old.

She is currently serving as a volunteer in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 06-08 in Yonkers, N. Y.

To learn more about Dr. Hooker's distinguished life, please visit: <http://ift.tt/1Dcqlk4>

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Auxiliary training on AUXLMS (Auxiliary Learning Management System)

Go to <https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/>

Read the terms then click “agree”

Enter your ‘User Name’

Your “Username” is your primary email address in AUXDATA

Enter your “Password” If you do not have, or cannot remember your password, Click on “I Forgot My Password” After you are signed in, click on “Catalog: Auxiliary”

Once on the Auxiliary page, click on “Catalog: Auxiliary Mandated Training”

Once on the Auxiliary Mandated Training page, there will be a list of 7-10 courses. Select the course you want to take, and then click on the course number listed next to the course title. There will be information about the course. When ready to start, click the red apple to enroll.

Once enrolled in a course, you may exit and return to the course. Sign as per steps above. To return to a course, click on “My Account” tab on top of page Click the green circle “GO” next to the course you want to re-open. This will return you to that course.

Glenn Oldak, FC
Flotilla Commander

FLOTILLA UPDATES

TIDBITS FROM D-TRAIN, READING, PA

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Incident Command System 200 and ISC Form 201

US Coast Guard Auxiliarist, as part of Home Land Security, must know how to understand, speak, and use NIMS. In the future we are going to be asked to complete a Form 201 for every planned event. Q Directive, Incident Management and Preparedness, is asking us to practice doing this by completing a Form 201 for any planned event.

Mandatory Workshops:

There is a “Train The Trainer” CD available with the same mandatory courses that are on LMS. For anyone without computer access, or for those who prefer to do the training with other members, our flotilla will soon offer a class covering all the required courses using this CD presentation. The designer of the program has put all the power point programs, all the trainer narrative, the end of lesson quizzes, and all supporting material on this CD.

Chain of Information and Management

District Bridge is calling for the Chain of Information and Management to be fully utilized. FSO's report to FC's, VFC, and SO's. SO's reports to ADSO's. And now, on a monthly basis, ADSO's will share information with SO's, who will share information with the FSO's, and disseminate down to their Flotilla staff.

Courtesy: Jim Weiler, FSO- Communications



From the Editor A word about *Membership*

Recently, our meeting attendance has grown smaller in numbers. Sometimes, we are unable to hold a quorum to vote on items important to our Flotilla's success. How many times do you have the opportunity to take part in something as important as – enhancing your personal and auxiliary goals, learning new skills that can be put to the test in the event of an emergency, or just having a sense of belonging to something worthwhile? True, life places so many “restrictions” or “time constraints” and we're pulled in too many directions. But, all we are asking you to commit to is what you **pledged** so many years ago: That oath means something.. We cannot be successful without **You**. We need you to be there at our meetings-doing what you committed to do-helping us to be the best Flotilla in the Division. Again, we cannot do it without you...Volunteers make a difference. Please be that volunteer you pledged to be. Attend our meetings- make a difference.

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In Memorial:

Please join us in extending our sympathies to Auxiliary Member Paul Hannagan & his wife on the loss of their two children recently. Both Paul and his wife sustained serious injuries in this accident. The funeral service was held on March 23rd, at St. Elizabeth Parrish, Chester Springs, PA.

Paul is a member of Flotilla 053-04-09 West Chester, PA.