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On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we paid honor to all those that served and made the ultimate sacrifice to America and for us all. Because of your brave and valiant deeds, we can say **“Thank you”** for your service and to those still serving, without your selfless acts, we would not be safe, secure and free. No words can truly express our gratitude for all you’ve done, but we will always be indebted to you. We appreciate you more than ever-you are what makes America “Home of the brave”.

### **Semper Paratus**

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News from the Chief Director to the Membership

Updates on Auxiliary Mandated Training (AUXMT) – FAQ’s and “What if scenarios – 019/15

A detailed review can be read on the following link:

[https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A\\_tdept.cgaux.org\\_mt\\_ALAUX5FAUXMT.pdf&d=BQICAg&c=0NKfg44GVknAUXkWXjNxQ&r=ED7fXIkSok0PLnfa6hJI04Izq479h6iVJTqvlGnUG0&m=dxZhvK5iuhKrGdz7qC47wtPW7f64\\_mQUe\\_xUD3nTjCk&s=6kWpeSdMeWcrcl1u5o7KFVJ37fT-rQ\\_aLW0Da1pkJWo&e=](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A_tdept.cgaux.org_mt_ALAUX5FAUXMT.pdf&d=BQICAg&c=0NKfg44GVknAUXkWXjNxQ&r=ED7fXIkSok0PLnfa6hJI04Izq479h6iVJTqvlGnUG0&m=dxZhvK5iuhKrGdz7qC47wtPW7f64_mQUe_xUD3nTjCk&s=6kWpeSdMeWcrcl1u5o7KFVJ37fT-rQ_aLW0Da1pkJWo&e=)

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## **A Message from the National Commodore**

### **Member Financial Assistance**

Fellow Auxiliarist,

All Auxiliary members should be aware that financial assistance may be available to members who are seriously injured while assigned to duty and suffer a financial hardship because of those injuries.

Members of an Auxiliary air crew were seriously injured while operating under orders in a recent AUXAIR aircraft mishap in First District Southern Region when their aircraft suddenly lost power and crashed into trees while avoiding children playing on a soccer field. In District 7 a coxswain and members of the crew were also seriously injured while under orders when their operational facility ran aground at night. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Association is prepared to assist these Auxiliarist injured in the line of duty by collecting and distributing donations from members of the Association. The Association will be sending out a notice to its membership about these relief efforts.

Information concerning methods to request this type of relief will be available on the Association's website along with the procedure for submitting requests. All requests will be handled through the Auxiliary leadership/management chain. Applications approved by the Auxiliary leadership will be referred to the Association to administer.

This program establishes a method to provide some financial relief to directly support our shipmates who are seriously injured in the line of duty. Our Coast Guard Auxiliary Association remains ready to assist the USCG Auxiliary and its members.

Very respectfully,

Mark Simoni

# *MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:*

## News Release

How the Auxiliary Values your safety on the water

Dateline – The Coast Guard Auxiliary was host on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at Comcast Newsmakers to discuss its weekly boating safety & seamanship programs held at The Philadelphia Coast Guard station on Delaware & Columbus Ave.

Flotilla Staff Officer - Public Education – Ralph Onesti reviewed how the Auxiliary is committed to educating Philadelphia and surrounding boaters on the importance to adhere to operating vessels safely in the areas waterways.

The host Jill Horner and Mr. Onesti covered maritime law and safety issues related to the proper usage of life vests, vessel safety checks and inspections, as well as seamanship training for new and seasoned boating enthusiast.

A link to the show can be viewed here:

<http://comcastnewsmakers.com/2015/10/26/boating-safety> and Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvEYMWxNLJc>

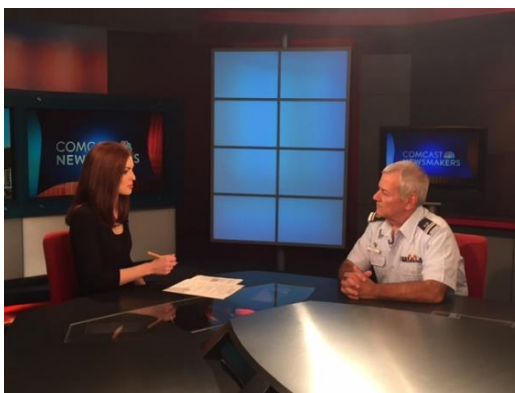


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## MEMBER AWARDS

Congratulations to our dedicated members  
for their outstanding achievements to 04-76

Darryl Stevenson-FSO-Diversity -5 years service Award

Ralph Onesti-FSO-PE – 15 years Service Award.

Gary Papouschek – 5 years Service Award

Robert Freeman -15 years Service Award

Ash Kernan FSO-CS– received his Aux Crew Certification!!!







Save...save...**save!!!!!!!...**

They ask you to save the whales, or save the otters, or save the trees...all we're asking is to *save the date*. So save all of those things...then come tell us about it on **January 30<sup>th</sup> 2016!!!**

What date...**the 4-76 Change of Watch date! January 30, 2016**. Save it in your calendar now...it will be here before you can say, "Save the beaches!"

Remember last year's, great yes?!...NOTHING!...wait till you see this year's!

The Change of Watch will be held at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia. We managed to keep the ticket price low...low...low and we have free parking.

We are now in the process of selecting that all important keynote speaker...remember last year...great yes?!...NOTHING again!

This will be a blast and will 'save some time' for us to celebrate what it is we do. Ticket (boarding pass) sales will go on as soon as the keynote speaker is...*saved*...there's that word again.

Thanks, and *save* some time to be with us to have some fun!





From the editor's desk:

Sometimes, I ask much of our membership in the sense of participating and sharing ideas that can make our Flotilla #1 in our Division. **Actions not words** are one of my idioms that have allowed me to visualize many of my personal goals. There are at times, bumps along the way, that can, if one's not prepared, force you to take a less than desirable path. Either a left or a right turn, can lead to unknown consequences. But believing in myself, has given me the wisdom to try. 2015 was one of those turns for me, and I'm sure for many of you as well. We lost some good people for unknown reasons. Perhaps their **turn** didn't produce the results they expected. In 2016, I encourage you all to make the choice of which path to take. We can be a great Flotilla if **YOU** decide to join us, again, and make 04-76 that pillar in our Division that leads by action. Let's take that "leap" of Action not Words!!

# ELECTIONS

As you know, Flotilla Officer Elections will be held at the November meeting for Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander.

If you have not participated in meetings recently, we strongly encourage you to begin by placing your vote. In order ensure our Flotilla continues to progress forward, you need to show that you care.

We need your support of our many missions and programs and you play a vital role in this effort. Remember, when we all contribute, we all win!

Together, we can achieve the impossible.





Never Give Up - Ne jamais abandoner  
Liberty Survives - Liberté survit  
Democracy will win -La démocratie va gagner  
Long Live Liberty - Vive la liberté