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Shipmates-Greetings and welcome fall. As we welcome the cooler temps, it's important to focus our efforts on continued education courses being offered by our PE staff. Frank Michel has been doing a stellar job coordinating Boating & TCT classes to members and non-members alike this fall. As you are aware, if you've not completed your Mandated Training by December, you are risking your membership status. You still have time to complete these easy courses online and remain vital to the Auxiliary. **No exceptions** will be granted if you continue to ignore the Coast Guard mandate. Enjoy the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday and we'll see you on **November 29th** for our regular Flotilla meeting.

SEMPER PARATUS

Charles J Miller, II – FC
FSO-PB-FSO-PA

The great aim of education is not knowledge but action.
Herbert Spencer

NEWS AROUND THE AUXILIARY

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To: All Auxiliarists



National Response Directorate

***Responder* November Edition Web Newsletter now On-Line**

"*The Responder*" is the Newsletter of the
National Response Directorate

This issue features:

- Standing the Watch - The first in a series about Auxiliary Watchstanders.

- What you need to know about cell phones on patrol.
- SAR Incidents - Lives Saved or Lives Assisted.

You may access the Responder at: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=R-DEPT&category=the-responder>

Veterans Day 2016

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice ended World War I. In 1926, the United States Congress declared that the anniversary of the armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving. This became "Veterans Day" in 1954, to honor all veterans of all wars.

Veterans Day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who have served the United States. On this day especially, we want to remember all our veterans and those who support them, with gratitude for their service and dedication.

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To: **All Auxiliaries**

cc: **NEXCOM**



TRAINING DIRECTORATE

TRAINING CLASS NEWS

NEW AUXWEA SPECIALTY COURSE IS NOW AVAILABLE

- The new AUXWEA (Weather) Specialty Course is here! As of November 2016, the new AUXWEA student study guide and power point slides will be posted on the AUXOP web portal at this link: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=auxwea>
- For this new course only study guides and slides from the AUXOP portal are to be used. Existing hard copy material, including AUXWEA exams, will be obsolete once the new material is posted. New AUXWEA exams are to be taken on the National Testing Center (NTC) website at this link: <http://ntc.cgaux.org/>

MANDATED TRAINING - NEW AUXCLASSROOM COURSE HAS BEEN ADDED

- A new AUXCLASSROOM Course is now available for your Mandated Training (AUXMT).

This site provides an intuitive interface and guide to the 10 courses including the two FEMA courses.

- The basic course material has not been changed but introductory material for each course has been added. It can be reached at the link below. You will need to log-in with your member ID and your password. <http://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/course/view.php?id=87>

UPDATE: WIDESPREAD ENTHUSIASM FOR THE BASIC QUALIFICATION COURSE (BQC II)

- The BQC II course is finding rapid acceptance and has received rave reviews. As many current BQ/AX members have taken the course as AP/IQ members because everybody can learn something from this course.
- A current District Commodore comments on the course: "I have now completed the BCQII Course. Great course and I learned new things as well."
- A DSO-HR and VFC says: "I took the BQC II classes yesterday, actually I took all 7 yesterday, and those are some good classes. I think this will be a great way to get a new member into the loop of learning about the history and current activities of the Aux."

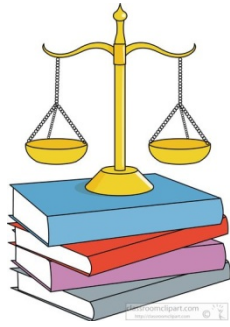
- You can find the BQC II Course in AUXCLASSROOM at this link: <http://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/course/view.php?id=92> You will need to log-in with your member ID and your password.



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MEMBERS MAKING NEWS



Recently, our very own Ash Kernan –FSO-CS achieved an outstanding title –Esquire! Congratulations Ash on your long and tenuous journey to attain this title. We had the pleasure of witnessing his taking the oath at our October meeting by Judge James Deleon-FSO-MA. We wish Ash all the best as he maneuvers his way into the legal opportunities that lay ahead!



Ash passed both the PA & NJ bar exams! Tremendous achievement Ash....



MEMBER AWARDS

Congratulations to the following members for their service to the Auxiliary:

SERVICE AWARDS TO:

Betsy Levy

Hank Harrison

Angela Chernitsky

Marshall Edelman

Charles Miller

Glenn Oldak

Frank Michel – Aux.Com.

Alexander Johnson – New Member

News from Division:

VA Visits and Toys for Tots

Toys 4 Tots at the Toys R Us in Exton is November 19th from 1000 to 1500. Uniform of the day will be trops or service dress blue, no ODUs.

VA visits: Uniform of the day: trops, service dress blue, appropriate civilian attire. Please no ODUs.

December 10th at 1030 will be Coatesville VA Bldg, 138

December 10th at 1400 will be Spring City at the Main Building

POC for all of the above is Linda Skvarla
(ljskvarla@verizon.net)

Below is a list of items requested for the VA visits:

sweatpants.

pull over tops.

Sweatshirts/sweaters.

New undershirts

New underwear.

Socks

Washable non-skid slippers.

Personal Care Items, small tubes of tooth paste,
toothbrushes, individual packs of tissues and chap stick.

Shampoo

Body wash (no bars of soap)

Liquid hand soap (no bars of soap)

Deodorant

Dental Floss
Disposable razors
Shaving cream
Body lotion
Puzzles, Large print crosswords and word search, large print books.

Philadelphia Boat Show

The 2017 Philadelphia Boat Show in Oaks is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, March 10-12 (in conflict with D-Train) In Reading PA. Mark your calendars to attend; this is the 75th anniversary of D-Train.

If you are not going to D-Train, please consider signing up for service at the Boat Show.

If you have interest in these events, please advise the POC noted above.

Division Vice Commander's Report **Alan Lindsay**

FELLOWSHIP

Historically, the Auxiliary's primary missions had been vessel safety checks (VSCs), public education (PE), and operations. These three missions, together with fellowship, were known as the four cornerstones. Today, the four cornerstones are defined as follows:

- a. Member Services
- b. Recreational Boating Safety
- c. Operations and Marine Safety
- d. Fellowship

Fellowship remains an essential ingredient in making any organization of volunteers successful. The Coast Guard recognizes the importance of this aspect of volunteer participation and encourages a close relationship between Auxiliarists and other Coast Guard personnel. Fellowship makes the team work and binds the entire organization together. AUXMAN
Our next opportunities for fellowship are:

- 1) Assisting in the Toys for Tots campaign of the U.S. Marine Corp. Reserve on November 19, 2016 at the the Toys R Us store in Exton , PA from 1000 to 1500. Uniform of the day will be trops or service dress blue, Please no ODUs.
- 2) Visiting veterans living in Coatesville - VA Bldg, 138 (1000) and Spring City – Main Building (1400) on December 19, 2016, to spread holiday cheer. Uniform of the day: trops, service dress blue, appropriate civilian attire. Please no ODUs.
- 3) Division Holiday Party at AUXTRACEN - Marcus Hook to celebrate the completion of 2016 and to enjoy the holiday season with our shipmates, families, and guests on December 11, 2016 from 1400 until 1700. Dress is casual and you are welcome to bring a dish according to the following assignment, based on the first letter of your last name:

Appetizer: A-F
Main Dish: G-M
Side: N-S
Dessert: T-Z

This event will replace the regular Division 4 Meeting previously scheduled for 20 December. Beverages will be provided by Division 4. This event will be held at the TRACEN Marcus Hook.

7 West Delaware Ave
Marcus Hook PA 19061

(Behind Marcus Hook Community Center – parking
across the street)

(Please send an e-mail to VDCDR Alan Lindsay at RAL43@icloud.com letting him know what you plan to bring and how many will be in your party)



FROM THE EDITORS DESK

November opens with several challenges ahead of us. Elections will be held to determine new leadership and direction our Flotilla will look to achieve in 2017. Each member is asked to attend so that you can have an impact on the future of this team. I know, 2016 had many surprises none of us had expected. With that, we still maintained the sense of family we started the year. If you are like me, it is important that this attitude continue in order to grow and flourish in the future.

Secondly, the commitment to Mandated Training for some has not yet materialized. You know the consequences of your actions. You will not be allowed to participate in any activities sanctioned by the Coast Guard. Get it done NOW!

Thirdly, we need more of you to be more active in our missions. It's not fair that 10% of the membership do 100% of the work. If you are not committed, why maintain your status? **It doesn't work if you don't.**

Ok, I've preached. It's now time to act. Come out and vote. Get active in **YOUR** Auxiliary. Let's show the Division we are here and mean business.



As you prepare to partake of this upcoming holiday, I wish you safe travel to visit loved ones and friends. Sharing good times and memories is part of what makes us so grateful for the many blessings we all have been given.

My hope for you all is a wonderful day filled with laughter, hugs, smiles and most importantly – a full belly!!

Enjoy my fellow Auxiliarists and make this Thanksgiving Day as wonderful as possible.

Regards,

Charles