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Shipmates, Good day. With the government shutdown ending last month, many of our activities were placed on hold or cancelled such as our Division COW. Because of the late notification to resume our duties, our January meeting had minimal turnout and I apologize for such short notice. I'm not sure what will happen by the 15th of February as a result of the pending Congressional discussions, however, we shall keep you updated. I would like to extend a grateful thanks to those that contributed to the Gold Sides call for support, and especially to William Rex for making contact with his resources to provide a "superhuman" effort in this endeavor! Bill, your example of compassion is what makes this Auxiliary truly remarkable. A heartfelt thanks! I will keep you all apprised of our status as we hear from Division. In the meantime, thank you all for everything you do.

Semper Paratus

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It is an eternal obligation toward the human being not to let him suffer from hunger when one has a chance of coming to his assistance.

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NOGI-Notes of General Interest

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NOTICE: Spring DTRAIN Cancelled Please read completely and carefully.

USCG Auxiliary District 5NR Members,

The Spring District 5NR DTRAIN has been cancelled. This decision had been considered thoroughly and was done in concert with other districts cancelling their DTRAINS as well. A considerable amount of the funding for our DTRAINS comes from the Coast Guard which would in all likelihood not be available if another government shutdown occurs, putting the Auxiliary 5NR District at risk for tens of thousands of dollars in expenses. As a District we simply can not afford to fund a DTRAIN on our own. In the event of another government shutdown, we would also have no participation in DTRAIN by any Active Duty personnel.

- **By deciding to cancel the event now, there will be no penalty costs to the District.** The hotel is graciously working with us but we had to make this decision immediately.
- **Registration for the event has been closed—refunds are going out right away.** We will return any funds that members have paid via check as soon as possible—processing of refunds will start over the weekend. Members need do nothing—we will alert you when the checks are processed.
- ***IMPORTANT! All those who have made hotel reservations need to call in and cancel their own reservations.***
- We *will* have the **Fall DTRAIN at the Crowne Plaza in Reading (Wyomissing) on 13, 14 and 15 September.**
- ***AUXLAM-A is Cancelled & Rescheduled to Fall DTRAIN***
The Auxiliary Leadership and Management Course (AUXLAM-A) C School scheduled to take place at the Spring DTRAIN will now be held during the Fall DTRAIN. Ted Hall, District Staff Officer-Member Training or Steve Marthouse, Assistant District Staff Officer-Member Training will handle contacting students and rescheduling.

Bravo Zulu!

It takes a great deal of time and effort to develop, organize and manage an event as complex as a DTRAIN. **Many thanks to our Conference Committee, Ken and Janet Brown and Kevin and Vickie Tyler** for both planning the conference and handling this cancellation. Also many thanks to the instructors, those who volunteered to be in the booths for the Dedication to Duty Hallway and members of the Auxiliary-Food Services Team and all the additional support and planning members—your commitments and participation make the training and DTRAIN experience so incredible.

What Now?

District Board Meeting—by our District's Standing Rules, we still have to have a Board meeting in the spring. Participants would include DIRAUX Staff, EXCOM and members of the District Board which would include all of the Division Commanders as well as the District Directorate Chiefs, State Liaison Officers DSO-Finance and Past Commodores. Date, time and funding to be announced.

Training

We still have training that needs to be done! We have a mandatory Operations Workshop this year and a mandatory QE meeting to name just two. Watch for notices of upcoming scheduling for this training and more. Where applicable we intend to close the training gaps digitally, using teleconferences, GoToMeeting and GoToTraining.

MEMBER AWARDS

Spring DTRAIN is also our **Annual Awards Event**—our primary opportunity to recognize the valuable contributions and achievements of our shipmates. EXCOM is making a major commitment to attend Division Meetings and Regional events to personally present the awards that would have been given at this Spring DTRAIN. To make certain that the recognition is shared across the District, awards will be featured in future NOGIs. In addition we will be showcasing notices of advancements and new qualifications as well. We will have a special email address set up for you to submit recognitions Watch for that address in an upcoming email like this.

And thank you all, for your patience, cooperation, flexibility and boundless ability to rise up and support each other as well as the Gold Side during these latest challenges.

I am honored to be your Commodore and proud to be your shipmate.

SEMPER PARATUS!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas J. Dever". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'T'.

Boat Crew Class



Flotilla 053-04-02 (East Delaware County) will begin a boat crew class.

Classes will be held on:

Wednesdays beginning February 13th, 2019
at 1800 hrs (6pm)

At the VFW in Media, Pa.

Please have anyone interested contact me at 610-717-8772 or by email at kathleen359eltz@aol.com

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AUXILIARY MEMBERS REACH OUT TO ASSIST GOLD SIDE DURING THEIR TIME OF NEED

During our January meeting, members provided assistance to the Gold Side families with supplies requested from the base. Bill Rex-our new Auxiliary Chaplin, volunteered to shop and deliver these much needed items to the base. Food, diapers and gas cards made its way to an appreciative group stationed there. Betsy Levi and Dot French's contributions made a difference and we thank you all for going the extra mile! It is greatly appreciated.





04-76 always ready to lend a hand!

Photos: C. Miller

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Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the Philadelphia Coast Guard members and their families, I offer my sincerest thanks for the abundance of generosity you have shown. Your contributions directly support the men and women engaged in carrying out the mission of the United States Coast Guard. As a community, you have rallied together with caring and heartfelt demonstrations of support.

Above all, know that it is our privilege and honor to serve you – the American people. Despite the current fiscal challenges, we stand ready to answer the call and will continue to deliver mission excellence anytime, anywhere. On behalf of our crew and families, thank you again for your most generous support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. E. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

S. E. ANDERSON
Captain
U. S. Coast Guard



Congratulations to Hank Harrison-FSO IS on receiving the Auxiliary Service Award! Hank does a fine job for us all and without his dedication; our monthly reports are not delivered. Thank you Hank!



EDUCATION UPDATE

AUXCT, Auxiliary Core Training, replaced AUXMT, Auxiliary Mandated Training. This is required by all Auxiliarist. Courses can be taken and tested online, tedious and time consuming. However, the March 16th course provides an opportunity for new members to take and become AUXCT qualified in one 8-hour day, an excellent opportunity. It also provides opportunity to retake the 5-year repeatable courses. This email is a summary of AUXCT. Details can be found at:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=core-training>

AUXCT is now comprised of the following repeatable and one-time courses:

a. **Repeatable Courses:** To be successfully completed by the end of the first full year of enrollment and then once every five years thereafter:

- (1) Workforce Resilience Training (502379)
- (2) Security Fundamentals (810030)
- (3) Privacy at DHS: Protecting Personal Information (810015)
- (4) Sexual Harassment Prevention (810000)
- (5) Civil Rights Awareness (502319)

b. **One-time Courses:** To be successfully completed only once (new enrollees must complete them by the end of the first full year of enrollment):

- (6) Ethics 1 / Personal Gifts (502306).

And the recently added:

- (7) Basic Qualification Course II (BQ II)

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2019 FSO LISTING FOR 04-76

Shipmates, because of the past government shutdown, we were unable to hold our formal swearing in of FSO's for 2019. I want to provide you with the names of those that graciously accepted my invitation for positions. We do plan to conduct the proper swearing in at our next Flotilla meeting (provided a government agreement is reached). Thank you to the following members:

Charles J Miller, II – FC

Dorothy French - VFC

Allen Stiteler – FN

Ralph Onesti – HR & PE

Jimmy DeLeon- MA

James Weiler – CM

Charles Miller – PA & PB

Darryl Stevenson – DV

Hank Harrison - IS

Ash Kernan – CS

Scott Sigman – VE

Glenn Oldak- Visitation Program

Justin Morgan – MS

If you have a desire to become our SR (Secretary) or MT (Member Training) FSO's, please let me know. It would be greatly appreciated.



By: Ralph Onesti-FSO-HR-PE

Don't be silly, everyone wants to be us...

The line delivered by Meryl Streep's character in the "Devil Wears Prada", to Ann Hathaway's character.

Not the best syntax...but you get the point.

And that, in short, is 4-76. They all want to be us...we!

We are the Lighthouse of the division. We set the tone and guide the way.

So, let's go with the positive.

We had a "government shutdown" but that didn't shut us down. We kicked in and provided some well needed relief for the gang at sector and Cape May.

Thanks to your support, we were able to get some much-needed supplies to the family at Sector Delaware Bay, our family. Fr. William Rex did the lion's share of getting the base stocked up and ready to weather the storm.

What else...Oh yes...Auxiliarist William Rex finally received approval for his Chaplain's status. This means he will be available to aid the Commander of Sector Delaware Bay, Captain Scott Anderson in his missions in support of families under his command. It was a long haul, but we pulled it off!

On the "not so positive" side, the shutdown put a pin in our Public Education program. However, we should be up and running for the Fall. And the September program is the one that brings in the most students.

The next meeting will be a very important one. We have a revised set of standing rules to consider. I sent them around not all that long ago. Please read them and come prepared to debate and vote. Standing Rules are the guide lines by which we run our flotilla. The first part is usually "boiler plate" which must be approved by Division on up. The second part, the appendix, belongs to the flotilla and goes into effect when approved by vote and signed by the Flotilla Commander. It is this part we decide when to meet, how to meet, where to meet, awards, etc.

OK...let's go back to the positive. We have a connection with the Philadelphia Canoe Club who wants our assistance and support. If the hand is played correctly, it will bring more students and awareness to our flotilla.

We have a new bridge and a new staff, and we are ready to rock and roll, and rock and roll we must. Our group is all about the missions; PE, VE, Ops, RBS, MS, and the list goes on. We must remember why we joined the Auxiliary. The first three rules of the Aux are mission, mission, and mission!

What did we say in the Marines? Oh yes...Lead, Follow, or get out of the way!

OH, BY THE WAY

Is there any interest in making a LUCKY BAG run for members needing Auxiliary apparel? If so, please email me if there is so we can coordinate this event. Remember, it's cost effective to buy there than if you order online.

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