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Shipmates, welcome to the January 2020 Flotilla newsletter. As you know, we just completed our Change of Watch on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, and it was truly the “best” in Flotilla history! Great job by the COW committee & kudos, to our new FC-Ralph Onesti for making this an historic event. Congratulations to all the awardees on your achievements and most importantly-to **YOU** our members for your support.

This is done to recognize you and say thank you for being part of a concerned group of volunteers. *Without you- we cannot do what we do-when we do what's* asked. As the IPFC, I am confident that the new Bridge will have our total support in making 2020 another outstanding year. In closing, my sincere congratulations to the new team and let's Do It!!!

Semper Paratus

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." –

*Phil Jackson*

Charles J Miller, FSO-Publications  
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## SPRING 2020 DTRAIN—Register NOW!

### Online Registration Closes 22 February

*Don't miss this incredible opportunity to engage with your Fellow Auxiliaries **13, 14, 15 March, at the Crowne Plaza** in Reading, PA!*

With an emphasis on leadership training for current elected and appointed officers and for all interested in seeking officer positions, this DTRAIN (District Training) is offering very diverse courses for everyone from new member to the most experienced Auxiliarist. Sessions include:

- ***Devotion To Duty Hallway***—Meet District Staff Officers—explore all of the specialized opportunities the Auxiliary offers
- ***Active Duty U.S. Coast Guard SAR Presentation***—Learn from the Best!
- ***Line Splicing and Knot Tying***—Devotion to Duty Hallway
- ***AUXScout Program***—Intro to Auxiliary/Sea Scouts Partnership, including how to get involved with the Auxiliary's Official Youth Program
- ***New Member Orientation and Training***—so much to learn! New or Newish to the Auxiliary? This training is fun and very informative!
- ***AUXLAM B*** (Separate Registration is Required—See DTRAIN Flyer)
- ***AUXAIR Program Overview & Recruiting***
- ***Appointed Officer Training***

- *IMAST (Incident Management Auxiliary Support Team) Training*
- *Auxiliary Core Training (Mandated Training)*
- ***Spouse/Guest Program—Self-Defense Training for ALL Abilities!***
- ***Coxswain & Crew Navigation Refresher Workshop***
- ***Coxswain Search And Rescue (SAR) Refresher Workshop***

Sessions in **Red** are New **Orange** indicates U.S. Coast Guard Presentation

Download the [DTRAIN Flyer by clicking here.](#)

With all of that to keep you busy, there's also the D5NR "Down on the Farm" Costume Party Fun Night on Friday, social hours and the outstanding Annual Awards Banquet Saturday night. DTRAIN is a tremendous opportunity to get to know other Auxiliarists from across the entire District.

**DTRAIN Online Registration Closes Saturday, 22 February—  
Register Early and Reserve your room early!**

*(Sorry, no meals available after Deadline)*

**Online Registration:** <https://uscgaux5nr.regfox.com/2020spring>

For additional information contact the Conference Coordinator, COMO Ken Brown:

[dexpro@verizon.net](mailto:dexpro@verizon.net)

# FRIDAY FUN NIGHT!

**"Down on the Farm" Costume Party  
AND Silent Auction!**

Get out your overalls, John Deere gear and cow costumes! **Best Costumes win prizes!** See the [DTRAIN Flyer](#) for complete details! **Please NO Livestock as part of your costume!**

A **Silent Auction** will be held at the Friday D5NR "Down on the Farm" Costume Party Fun Night . **We need donations of items for the auction** from Flotillas, Divisions and members. Items can be antiques, collectibles or Coast Guard items. If you think someone else would like it we would love to have it. The proceeds will be used to keep Friday Fun

Night going so District funds are not used. **Please send information on the items to Kevin Tyler [ktyler@ptd.net](mailto:ktyler@ptd.net)**



***Join us at our fabulous DTRAIN Site—  
the Crowne Plaza in Reading, PA***

*We are again returning to this wonderful facility, with great food, indoor pool, fitness center and where all rooms are close to all meeting, hospitality and dining areas! Service is superb and the staff is very accommodating.*

***Consult the DTRAIN Flyer for reservation information.***



**United States Coast Guard**  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Subj: 2020 NATIONAL OPERATIONS WORKSHOPS

Ref: Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series), section 8.B.1.g

1. The 2020 Surface Operations Workshop is required for all boat crew coxswains, boat crew members, personal water craft operators, paddle craft operators, and associated trainees.

2. This workshop must be completed by June 30th, 2020. Those who fail to complete the workshop by the deadline will not be authorized to be assigned to duty to perform surface operations patrols or activities and will be placed in Required Workshop Not Met (REWK) status. Those placed in REWK status will have until December 31st, 2020 to complete the workshop without further consequence to their competency certification status. The 2020 Operation Workshop presentation is located at the National Response Directorate web page at:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=R-DEPT&category=WHATSNEW>

3. The 2020 Air Operations and Telecommunications workshops are optional. Those members certified or training to become certified in aviation and telecommunications competencies are strongly encouraged to complete their respective program workshop.

4. These workshops may be delivered by any Auxiliarist qualified in the respective operations program as long as they are either a certified instructor or are under the supervision of a certified instructor.

5. Internet Release Authorized.

**\*\*\*For many reasons including the value of keeping communication lines clear and open as well as facilitating access to training and educational tools, all Auxiliarist are urged to have their own email address and to keep it updated in AUXDATA.\*\*\***

## CHANGE OF WATCH JANUARY 2020

The Corinthian Yacht Club was the setting for Flotilla 04-76's 2020 Change of Watch ceremony, and without a doubt, this was monumental by the any stretch imaginable! Congratulations to our members receiving awards for their service. Special Guest appearance by the Eagles mascot – Swoop, and a grateful thank you to Captain Anderson, DCapt Sarac and Div.Comm. Lacey, and to the Valley Forge Military Academy Color Guard. Honorees included: Captain Anderson, Joseph P. Sullivan-Deputy Philadelphia Police Commissioner Award and The Eagles Humanitarian Award.











Father Bill Rex and Swoop!



Kim Robinson-Davis-FSO-DV and Christopher Davis

**The introduction of the “Missing Man” ceremony was quite a somber presentation and thanks to Father Rex, Ash Kernan, Christopher Davis, Kim Robinson-Davis, Allaire Corbett, Scott Sigman and Justin Morgan for a phenomenal job!**





**The Eagles Humanitarian Award presented by Gretchen Raichle.  
Thank you for your service!**



**Deputy Police Commissioner Sullivan Award presented by VFC-  
Scott Sigman.**



**Captain Scott Anderson – Commander of Sector Delaware Bay is presented an award by FC-Ralph Onesti.**

## Member Awards and Presentations



**Ash Kernan received his OPS award by Capt. Scott Anderson...  
Congrats Ash!!!**



**Doug Ditoro, Allaire Corbett and Kim Robinson-Davis received awards for: AUXOP Communications Certificate.**



**Christopher Davis received his – AUXOP Communications Specialist Certificate.**





IPFC Charles Miller presents Incoming FC Ralph Onesti with the Al Lewis Award.



DCapt. Kurt Sarac offers remarks to the participants. FC Onesti moderats the program.



Deputy Commission Sullivan & Jimmy Deleon-FSO MA



Darryl and Selette Stevenson enjoy a moment with Swoop!



**Stephen Kurowski received the Mark Crater Rookie of the Year Award – Congrats..**



Cheers to an outstanding year ahead!



New FSO Staff being sworn into office



Allaire Corbett- FSO-HR and Swoop



DCapt. Sarac, Capt. Anderson, FC Onesti & VFC Sigman



Members mingle and share thoughts on today ceremony.



-A special view from the banquet room-

## PROSPECTIVE MEMBER INTERVIEWS – JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

On Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, our new HR ,MT, & DV FSO's conducted their first series on prospective member interviews at Sector. We're off to a great start and thank you team for meeting with these folks.



**Allaire Corbett-FSO-HR, Stephen Kurowski – FSO-MT and Kim Robinson-Davis-FSO-DV**





*FROM THE EDITORS DESK*

**Shipmates,**

**Our first meeting of the New Year is this Tuesday evening.  
Please plan to attend.**

**Thank you all for supporting our Change of Watch on  
Saturday. It was fantastic!**

**A special Thank you to Gretchen Raichle for her support as  
Flotilla Photographer. Wonderful photos and I greatly  
appreciate your support!!!!**