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From the Editor:

To call these times “unprecedented” would be at the same time an overstatement and an understatement. On one hand, there is nothing new under the sun - in the long view, global pandemic is nothing human history hasn’t seen before. But, on the other (more immediate) hand, few if any of us have ever lived through a global pandemic like this. We are learning new ways to work, to be family, to prioritize, to be social, to gather, to learn, to play, and to serve. In this issue of *Northwind*, you will see articles about how we are coping with this on all levels of our organization. These months have been filled with anxiety, grief, adjustment, challenges, learning, and even hope. As we move into the next phase of this, and try to regain some semblance of normalcy in our lives (or maybe put the pieces back together in a new way), spare a thought for all of those who work to protect us, our health, and our well-being, be mindful of those who grieve in these days, and look for ways to support and engage one another, with honor, respect, and devotion to duty.

Peace to you,

The Rev. Gregory O. Schaefer
NORTHWIND editor (FL 46)



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From the District Commodore

2020 certainly came in with a bang!

What a year it has been... We had made plans, developed goals, and had hopes for what we could accomplish this year. We had an incredible D-Train planned, awesome plans for National Safe Boating Week, and several OPTREXs scheduled that our prospective crew members were eager for. We had a great plan for recruitment and had approved funding to ensure our ACV would get used as a recruitment tool. We were hopeful and ready for a great year. Then the Coronavirus hit. None of us could have predicted that we would be in stand down mode by the end of the first quarter.

Like everyone else, I have been hunkered down in my house for the past few months, only wandering out for groceries and other essential activities. It has only been in the past few weeks, as the stir-craziness got the better of me, that I took a ride in my car and got a look at the waters of SF Bay. The freeway was eerily empty for mid-morning on a commute day, and there were very few boats out at a time when the Bay would normally be full of sail boats. I didn't even see any cargo ships traveling in/out of the Bay, as so little commerce is being shipped.

In a time when we would normally be very busy doing Vessel Safety Checks, boating classes, PA booths, Marine Dealer visits, ATON checks, and surface/air ops, we are in stand down. On March 19th, essentially all AUX activities came to a halt, while our nation tried to deal with a horrific pandemic. Although we have had to curtail activities in the past (in fact just last year for 6 weeks during a government shut-down), this feels (and is indeed) very different. Last year we knew eventually there would be a budget approved and eventually we would be allowed to get back to the work of the Auxiliary; but this time we are waiting for infection rates to drop and new hospitalizations to stabilize. It's not about having money to do our missions, it's about life and death; member safety.

The Operational Directive from Commander District 11 (ADM Gautier) mid-March outlined the precautions to be taken by all active duty, reservists, and civilians to reduce the exposure and spread of COVID-19. The expectation was that every effort should be taken for them to work remotely when possible. Included in that memo was the directive to restrict all AUX activities that required in-person interaction. We had to significantly change courses. But, you can't keep D11N AUX members down! Our D11N members are resilient and always step up to the challenge! If we could meet by webinar, then that's what we were going



District Commodore, Mary Kirkwood

to do. We took advantage of this down time to offer training nearly every day for 8 weeks. Many great instructors stepped up to teach courses to help members maintain competencies, learn new skills, and obtain new certifications. Several members took advantage of the Core Values classes to complete their 5-year requirement. Many more completed the annual OPS workshop. We had classes in Marine Safety, Sea Scouts, communications, and ICS, and all of the AUXOP classes were offered. In addition, many of our members used this down time to complete other online courses offered via our National training site. Some of us finished up public education boating classes via webinar. As a result, we have become much more proficient in how to zoom or go-to-meeting to conduct meetings and trainings. The bottom line: we stayed engaged/in touch and didn't just sit back and wait.

Other virtual activities included conducting PPE inspections virtually, and our members who perform Commercial Fishing Vessel exams did them virtually and ended up doing more exams than the entire rest of the Coast Guard in April. Many of our members kept busy making facemasks for the active duty. We certainly stayed busy during this stand down period. Stand down didn't mean do nothing. Bravo Zulu!

So, has it all been worth it? Has it been worth all of us being restricted to virtual activities for the past 8 weeks? Our District boasts 60% of our membership over the age of 60, which puts our members in the high-risk group for COVID-19. Very scary, and all the more reason to remain virtual. And at the time this article was written, I have not heard of any of our members who became ill with COVID-19. No one was hospitalized with it or died from it. Our membership remains safe. Yes, I think it's been worth it!

I am eager to be more active, and hopeful that we will soon be allowed to return to some of our AUX activities. It will be good to get back to the work we signed up for, but I know we will need to work differently. The first missions that we will be able to return to are likely to be those that have minimal direct contact with the public, and those that we can perform while easily maintain social distancing. I anticipate that activities requiring close quarters, like air/surface patrols, may be delayed until later in the summer. It's frustrating when boaters are starting to be more active and we can't, but we need to ensure the safety of our members.

I applaud everyone's patience these past few months. I am so proud of everyone stepping up to make the best of a pretty horrible situation. We're almost there... just hang in there a little longer. DIRAUX has submitted our Phase 1 reconstitution plan to the ADM and we are standing by to stand by. Don't give up hope! At some point we will be teaching again, meeting again, and completing our missions again. I hope to see you all out there... hopefully sometime soon. Take care, and stay safe....

From the Director of Auxiliary

As I sit down to write this from home, yes home with my 5-year-old son asking questions about his schoolwork, I think about how our normal is changing right before our eyes.

I have just about completed two years as the D11 DirAux and I must say this tour has not been like I thought it would be. It's been a fun yet humbling experience so far. I have had the pleasure of meeting so many amazing Auxiliarists and hearing your personal stories, accomplishments, as well as your thoughts on important Auxiliary issues but there have been unprecedented events outside of our control that have kept me from meeting many of you, and for that I am sorry. The Partial Government shutdown in December 2018 prevented me from attending some Divisions' Change of Watch, and unfortunately COVID-19 prevented us from holding D-Train this year. These events also suspended Auxiliary operations temporarily, but it did not prevent you from showing your dedication to the American people and Active Duty Coast Guard members. It is very unfortunate that we have missed the opportunity to come together to recognize all the hard work and accomplishments you achieved and to hold training but the commitment you have to the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Coast Guard do not go unnoticed. You are truly a part of Team Coast Guard and are family.



DIRAUX, CDR Paige Keenan

Since March, the primary mission for all Coast Guard members - Active, Reserve, civilian, and Auxiliary - has been to stay healthy so that we are ready to respond when needed. Your DIRAUX office has been working from home the majority of the last 3 months and, when we start phasing personnel back into the office, we will have said *Fair Winds and Following Seas* to YN2 Alec Gaudin and his family. YN2 Gaudin will be advancing to YN1 which is a testament to all his hard work but unfortunately it means that he and his family are transferring to the Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center in Topeka, KS. I know YN2 Gaudin will be missed by all. In July we will welcome YN2 Tise Maele from Sector New Orleans. We can't wait for her to join the team but until she does and gets trained up it is very important that all requests be sent to the D11 North shared email inbox so that we can ensure items are processed in a timely manner.



CDR Paige Keenan, Mrs. Tina Perry, YN1 Alec Gaudin, and CWO Dustin Finkelson

After the Partial Government Shutdown in 2018, the Auxiliary didn't miss a beat when it was time to get back to full operation and I have no doubt that you will do the same after COVID-19! Summer is here and, when it is safe, the Coast Guard and public will need you to get back out there and assist in the countless ways the Auxiliary does. Unfortunately, we will have to adapt to the new reality of living with COVID-19, so please start thinking about ways to ensure we all stay healthy, and have patience with the Coast Guard and Leadership as we identify and implement any new protocols. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Board and Staff meeting in Sept and hearing all about your accomplishments once we are back operational.

Stay healthy and thank you for your continued dedication to the CG Auxiliary!

V/R, Commander Paige Keenan, D11 Director of Auxiliary

Shelter in Place with Core Training!

Vicki Hudson

Have you completed your CORE Training yet?

Maybe like me, you didn't think too much about it, having had all the same training at previous jobs or when in the military. Maybe like me, you've meant to get it done, but just kept putting it off, with demands of school, or work, or family. Well, under Shelter in Place orders, there is time!

Core training doesn't take long; in fact, it can be done in less than a day through the online portal; go to <https://my.cgaux.org/dashboard> and find *About the Dashboard*, click *Online Classroom*, log in, and you'll find a whole list of competencies ... classes you can complete that are worth the investment of your efforts (not to mention filling some shelter in place time). Click the *Auxiliary Core and Basic Qualification* portal and you are taken to the page where you can begin the Core training. Note, that's also where you can begin your Basic Qualification Training, mandated for new members. Additionally, while we are sheltering in place, the District is hosting a number of online webinars; go to <http://wow.uscgaux.info/about.php?unit=113> and click on *calendars*.

...it's important to you and your career in the Auxiliary and it is important to your Flotilla, Division, and District.

For the individual – "...events occurring after 01 January 2016 such as eligibility for certain awards, elections, Auxiliary ID cards, C-Schools, and augmenting the Coast Guard will require AUXMT to be completed prior..." So, if you joined the Auxiliary to do stuff, the mandated training is really important and the first 'stuff' you should get done!



At all levels from Flotilla on up – This is a tracked metric. There is a spreadsheet where everyone's completion is tracked and a big "N" in the completion column until each member completes the CORE training. The spreadsheet breaks down what elements of the mandated training have and haven't been completed.

How your Flotilla is doing with this metric is tracked and compared to every other Flotilla. Flotillas that are showing 90% compliance with completion of CORE training – there is an award! **The NACO 3 Star Award for Excellence in Auxiliary Core Training (AUXCT)** is an annual award intended to recognize those Flotillas that have at least 90% of their members having completed all 9 Core Training courses and are current in their AUXCT requirements.

Is your flotilla current with 90% completion or better? If you are a new member, one of the steps for completing your "onboarding" into the Aux is completing this training. If you've been around a while and aren't sure if it's time for training module renewal, visit the M-directorate webpage (<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=M-DEPT>) and click Core Training Status.



All the mandated training can be knocked out in a few days. Let's bring that NACO 3 Star Award to as many of our Flotillas as we can!

Vicki Hudson is a member of Flotilla 12-1, East Bay.



Now and Then

R. Michael Stringer

Two pandemics, 102 years apart, striking similarities; 1918 and 2020.



Subway-riders in 2020 (Business Insider) and in 1918 (National Archive).



Seattle police officers in 1918 (Wikimedia Commons) and NYPD in 2020 (Getty Images).



Medical personnel in 2020 and 1918 (National Archive).



A 2020 replica of the 14th Century Plague Doctor mask (Facebook).



Checking for Coronavirus updates in 2020 (Wanted Online) and strolling a NYC street in 1918 (National Archive).



Oakland's Grand Lake Theater in 2020 (Newsbreak) & Los Angeles mayor closes theaters (National Archive).



Hospital staff, 2020 (Orange County Register) and 1918 (National Archive).

R. Michael Stringer is FSO-PB in FL 070-05-09, Stuart, Florida. Michael compiled these images in their newsletter and Greg Schaefer edited the copy for ours.

Mask-making Auxiliarists from articles by Lewis Derfuss and Nancy Marion

Wanting to make a contribution, and seeing a need, Auxiliarists step up!

It all started with an email to Lewis Derfuss, Div. 5 DCDR, that an effort was underway to make face masks for Station Bodega Bay. Lew put out an email to members for help and, within an hour, had to send out another email cancelling the request as they had more than the requirement covered!

The effort was being led by Wil Sumner of FL 55. And, when Wil shared Division 5's efforts with Division 1, the Div. 1 Board was quick to support a similar initiative to provide masks for active duty stations in their AOR. As the project expanded, the Div. 1 Board moved swiftly to approve two budget amendments to fund acquisition of appropriate supplies.



Station Bodega Bay members sporting new face masks provided by Div 5.

Wil Sumner was aided by his wife, Raychell, Jimmy Matthies and his wife, Maria, MsTc Jeremy Thomas, and Mandy Wright (all from FL 55). Jerry Gillgren and Bryan Brisco (FL 52) and Lisa and Randy McCormick (FL 53) Provided masks for Station Vallejo. Michael Ungersma (FL 51) enlisted the help of a local Benicia group called the *Mask Makers* to add to the supply of masks, as well as making several trips to no-contact drop-off points to pick-up and distribute masks.



Station Vallejo Crew aboard 25-foot Safe Boat sporting Div. 5 masks

The Div. 1 mask production team was Carol Paz (FL 14) and Cynthia Dragon (FL 17), who completed 246 masks, which were delivered to the Pacific Strike Team, Station Golden Gate, Station San Francisco, and Air Station San Francisco. With active duty stations supplied, the balance of masks will be distributed to Flotilla Commanders for distribution to their members as public meetings re-commence.

Additional thanks go to Gerald Norton (FL 17), Nancy Marion (FL 14), friends and neighbors of members who donated materials, and those who arranged authorization for delivery to active duty stations: FC Linda Pfeifer (12) for Station Golden Gate, AUC Greg Catani (FL 14) for the Pacific Strike Team, AUC Terry Blanchard (FL 19) for Air Station SF, and AUC Jim Losi (FL 12-9) for Station San Francisco. (Throughout the production and delivery process, members' health and compliance with local Shelter-In-Place and Auxiliary Stand Down orders were important. In Div. 1, for example, a single point of contact was implemented for all pick-ups and deliveries, utilizing face masks and all social distancing protocols.) Bravo Zulu, Divisions 1 and 5!



Motor Lifeboat Station Golden Gate



Nancy Marion, DCDR, Div. 1, is a member of FL 14, Central Marin.



Lewis Derfuss, DCDR, Div. 5, is a member of FL 53, North Solano County.

Cooking-in-Place

Michele Gibson

Eating is the secret to good cooking. -- Julia Child

As we find ourselves spending more and more time at home during the shelter-in-place order, I'd like to inspire you to cook up something special to enjoy. These are some favorite family recipes that I have been making for years.

POTATO LEEK SOUP	
2 lbs. potatoes, peeled and diced	
3 large leeks, washed and thinly sliced (discard tough green tops)	
2 qts. chicken broth (8 cups)	
2 tbsp. butter	
1/2 cup of half & half	
salt and pepper to taste	
Sauté the leeks in butter until tender.	
Add the broth and diced potatoes.	
Simmer 45 min (potatoes cooked through).	
At this point you can puree in a blender.	
Return to stove and add the 1/2 & 1/2.	
Warm it up a bit on low heat.	
Add salt and pepper to taste.	

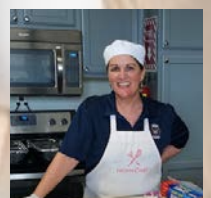
HERBED CHICKEN		<i>Serves 8-10</i>
8 boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut in half		
Equal parts fresh thyme, sage, rosemary (1T or more), chopped		
1 – 32 oz. container of chicken broth		
2 lbs. of fresh mushrooms, cleaned and sliced		
salt and pepper		
butter		
In a large saute pan, melt butter until bubbly.		
Place chicken thighs in pan (a single layer).		
Brown chicken on both sides.		
Sprinkle with herb mixture, salt, and pepper.		
Stir in mushrooms.		
Add enough broth to almost cover (don't cover!).		
Cook for 30-45 minutes on a low simmer.		
Add more chicken broth if necessary.		

CHICKEN POT PIES		<i>Makes 12 individual pies</i>
3 whole (6 split) chicken breasts, bone-in, skin-on		
3 tbsp. olive oil		
kosher salt		2/4
freshly ground pepper	2 leeks, chopped	
5 cups chicken broth	3/4 cups all-purpose flour	
2 chicken bouillon	1/4 cup heavy cream	
12 tbsp. butter	2 cups medium-diced carrots, blanched for 2 min	
2 cups yellow onions	1-10 oz. package frozen peas (2 cups)	
	1 1/2 cups frozen small whole onions	
	1/2 cups minced Italian parsley leaves	
	12 aluminum pie tins	

Basic Pastry Dough		<i>4/4</i>
2 2/3 cups all-purpose flour		
2 sticks butter, very cold, 1" pieces		
Half cup of ice water		
1 tsp salt		
Using a mixer, blend the flour, salt, and butter.		
Slowly add the ice water until dough comes together.		
Remove dough from mixer, wrap in plastic, chill.		
Fill aluminum pie tins with chicken filling.		
Roll out dough, cover each pie, turn edges under, crimp sides.		
Brush with 1 egg + 1T water, sprinkle with kosher salt, pepper.		
Bake until crust is lightly browned.		

			<i>3/4</i>
Preheat oven to 375 degrees			
In large saucepan, heat broth and dissolve bouillon.			
In a large Dutch oven, melt the butter, sauté onions and leeks over medium-low heat for 10-15 min, until translucent.			
Add the flour, cook over low heat, stirring constantly for 2 min.			
Add chicken stock, simmer over low heat, stirring until thick.			
Add 2 tbsp. Salt, 1/2 tbsp. Pepper and heavy cream.			
Add the cubed chicken, carrots, peas, onions, parsley. Mix well.			

Michele Gibson, Div. 4 SO-FS, is a member of FL 46, Redwood



Surfmen Honored, Memorial Day 2019

Roger Bazeley

USCG Life Boat Station Bodega Bay hosted a Memorial Day event to honor the sacrifice of five surfmen who served to protect America's coast as a part of the United States Life-Saving Service. Visitors were invited to join by National Park Service Ranger Carlo Arreglo and the United States Coast Guard on May 27, 2019, for services at the Historic Life-Saving Service Cemetery that contains the graves of five surfmen, located at G Ranch Point Reyes National Park. Auxiliarist Roger Bazeley, PA1 attended and played *Taps* at the end of the service.



*Historic Life-Saving Service Cemetery at G Ranch
All four photos by Roger Bazeley*



Senior Chief J. Wolf reads the history of the lost Surfmen as USCG Station Bodega Bay service attendees look on.

The U.S. Life-Saving Service -- the precursor to today's Coast Guard -- in Marin dates back to the late 19th century where, in 1927, operations were relocated from the Great Beach to a new station built at Chimney Rock, where the water is calmer. Longer, heavier, motorized lifeboats were launched from there via rails by four-person crews, replacing the human-powered surfboats of the 1930s. The lifesaving boats and crew operated as first responders; "The bell would ring and they would push the boat in a cart on rails into the water and off it went." The Life-boat crews, in 76 years of operation, saved over 240 lives and participated in an estimated 100 rescues in the cold Pacific Ocean waters.

In 1890, the Point Reyes Life-Saving Station opened with a crew of eight and a seasoned keeper on a lonely stretch of Great Beach known for its notorious pounding surf and bad weather. Their positions were poorly paid, difficult, and full of danger. The surfmen patrolled the beaches of Point Reyes with an ever-vigilant eye, looking for shipwrecks and their desperate crews. They walked the beaches day and night, with the fog chilling them to the bone and the wind blasting sand at the unprotected skin of their faces. The boats stationed in Marin saved hundreds over the years as mariners slammed into rugged rocks along the West Marin coast.



Longer, heavier motorized lifeboats were launched via exterior rails by four-person crews.



Point Reyes--Motor Lifeboat 36542 restored and on display inside the Chimney Rock boathouse.



Roger Bazeley, ADSO-PB, is a member of FL 17, Point Bonita.

Paddlecraft Safety

New Paddlecraft Safety Effort Starts at the Water's Edge



Canoeists and kayakers may soon see a red safety sign posted at launch ramps and other water access areas across the country. The new safety sign is part of an ongoing effort to reduce the number of paddle sport fatalities. USCG Recreational Boating Statistics show that, between 2013 and 2018, an average of 133 paddlers died each year – nearly a quarter of all boating deaths. The vast majority of these paddlers were not wearing a lifejacket and drowned.

The sign resembles a stop sign and carries a simple message - *Stop. Always Wear Your Life Jacket.* “The purpose of this program is to remind paddlers that the single most important factor in preventing drowning is to wear an appropriate life jacket,” said Robert E. Kumpf, of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

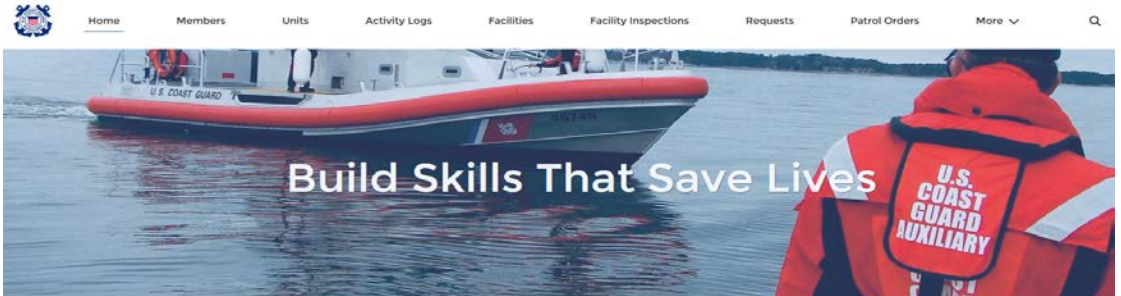
The Coast Guard Auxiliary, the National Safe Boating Council, the Water Sports Foundation, and regional paddling organizations have worked together to promote paddlecraft safety. For more information about the Coast Guard Auxiliary’s paddlecraft safety programs please visit the Recreational Boating Safety Outreach Directorate's website (<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=B-DEPT&category=paddlecraft-safety>).

AuxData II

Rob Firehock

Opportunity Is Knocking

By now most of us are aware that we are in the early days of implementing our new Auxiliary Data management system. Notwithstanding the



usual bugs that accompany any major platform transition, whether software or a new cutter, early experience suggests that our Salesforce-based data management system will be providing us with powerful, modern management tools that will become force multipliers in and of themselves.

The Salesforce company, whose name is on the newest tower in downtown San Francisco, produces CRM software – not the *cockpit* or *crew resource management* with which many of us are familiar, but *Customer Relationship Management*. Salesforce software is a very powerful database system that can be customized relatively easily to an individual entity’s needs, like those of the Auxiliary.

This ease of customization allowed Acumen Solutions, to produce a system as complex as AUXDATA II in less than a year. Acumen configured the Salesforce software with the business logic required for performing all the functions formerly handled by AUXDATA, AUXINFO, and AOM. (Acumen also produced many of the presentations, guides and videos that are on the National training resource page.) In addition to combining three old platforms into one, AUXDATA II puts you, the member, more in charge with direct access, data input, and control over powerful relational database tools you can customize to your needs. You will input your own activity reports and be able to extract aggregated data in useful formats and content. Two less significant but noteworthy items are the change to a mouse-driven interface from the keystroke-centric world of the old systems, and the ability to find people, facilities, and records by typing almost anything about them in a search box, like member number or boat name.

There are no silver linings to pandemics, but there can be consequences that in normal times would be welcome and beneficial, like the disappearance of rush hour traffic and cleaner skies. One of those consequences is the AUXDATA II roll-out, coinciding with the national shut-down of virtually all Auxiliary missions so that IS staff can spend many hours understanding the system before helping you learn it.

Finally, the system is dynamic and evolving, changing daily in response to bug fixes and intermediate upgrades. This is the way it’s done these days: newer versions of software cascade down on the user group as feedback drives fixes made on the fly. We are still building this boat as we get underway, but at least it floats.

Rob Firehock, ADSO-IS, is a member of Flotilla 12-01, East Bay.
 (Ron tips his hat to DSO-IS Anita Farnholtz and ADSOs-IS Pam Berger, Robert Alston, and Doug Kerr).



Direct Support to Active Duty

from an article by David Gamble

Virtually everything we do as Auxiliarists supports missions of the Coast Guard by contributing to promoting and improving Recreational Boating Safety. But there also are opportunities available for us to directly assist the active duty in their work. Following the same rigorous training and qualification as the active duty members, volunteers can work as little or as much as they wish in direct support roles such as these:

1. **AuxChef:** AuxChefs fill in for active duty Culinary Specialists when they need time-off. If you aspire to getting underway with a cutter, this may be the best track to pursue.
2. **Interpreter Corps:** Your foreign language skills can be called on for over-the-telephone support, assisting at conferences, or even underway on a cutter.
3. **Clergy:** Auxiliary Clergy Support is provided to many active duty units, afloat and ashore, officiating at active duty events such as Changes of Command and providing member support.
4. **Medical:** If you have any type of medical expertise, there is a high demand for whatever time you can give at clinics throughout the area.
5. **Legal:** Legal offices can use help – including administrative support, if you are not a lawyer.
6. **AuxBuild:** Civil engineers can assist the active duty effort to develop land-based facilities.
7. **Financial:** Auxiliarists with financial backgrounds can train to provide advice to Coasties.
8. **Public Affairs:** The PA mission includes local outreach about the Auxiliary and RBS mission, but also active duty PA missions, at the District and even onboard cutters and aircraft.
9. **Crew:** Qualifying as crew on active duty boats, cutters, and aircraft is rare but possible, requiring physical fitness, substantial effort, and considerable and ongoing time commitment.
10. **Marine Safety Inspections:** The significant qualification regime allows you to participate alongside active duty teams inspecting containers, uninspected commercial vessels, and more.
11. **Watchstanding:** There are many opportunities to stand the watch - receiving distress calls and dispatching active duty and Auxiliary assets to respond. A PQS training regime is required.
12. **Emergency Management:** Those with training in Emergency Management can assist in many roles in a disaster; but this training must be accomplished in advance of the need!
13. **Administrative support:** There is literally no end to the possibilities of where you can volunteer, if you are willing to provide administrative support.
14. **Training Active Duty:** Generally, active duty members train other active duty members; but when Auxiliarists have unique skills, they can be welcomed onto the training staff.
15. **Support Active Duty Training:** Auxiliary Facilities can be made available for practice boardings, platforms for aviation support, practicing hoists, and retrieving drops of equipment.

Volunteering alongside active duty personnel brings high levels of satisfaction - from being that much closer to “the action” and from providing relief to hard-working Coasties. When augmenting the active duty, Auxiliarists often aren’t “out front” but provide critical “behind the scenes” support that allow our highly skilled active duty counterparts to be more effective. If you are interested in augmenting an active duty mission, speak with your Flotilla Commander who can help locate the correct point of contact for more information. Then, be prepared for a rewarding adventure, working with some of America’s finest men and women!

David Gamble is VCDR for the 6th Division of District 54.



Spotlight Question

Greg Schaefer

Test your knowledge!

Test your knowledge of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary! Even better, test your ability to find information on our organization's web pages! The questions on this page each quarter are meant not to test your memory but to encourage you to explore the Auxiliary's many webpages. The first three people to submit the correct answer to this quarter's question will be spotlighted on this page in the next issue of *Northwind!* (And, of course, the answer to this quarter's question will also be posted here.) Send your answer to gregschaefer.uscgaux@gmail.com. Good luck!

This quarter's question:

According to an official US Coast Guard Auxiliary website, 1) who was the "officer most responsible for the Auxiliary's establishment," 2) what can you tell us about that person, and 3) where did you find this information?



Happy 81st Birthday to the Auxiliary!

On 23 June 2020, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary celebrated its 81st birthday, commemorating the day in 1939 that Congress established what would later be called the Auxiliary. Happy Birthday to us!

Those Who Have Crost the Bar

December 14, 2019 through May 31, 2020

"Crossing the Bar"

by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

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Rest easy, Shipmates; we've got the watch.

Safe Boating during COVID-19

By Kim Holland

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Social Distancing While Boating

- Go straight to your boat
- Only boat with the people that live in your house
- No boating with friends or guests
- Wash your hands thoroughly after fueling
- Maintain proper distance from everyone you encounter
- No beaching or rafting with other boats or people
- Follow all boating safety practices
 - Wear life jackets
 - File a Float Plan
 - No boating under the influence
 - No bow riding
 - Be Safe - Have Fun!
- Always protect the marine environment

Follow All Stay Home Orders

Kim Holland, DSO-PB for District 54, when asked for a photo, said she is always the one behind the camera. So, best guess:

