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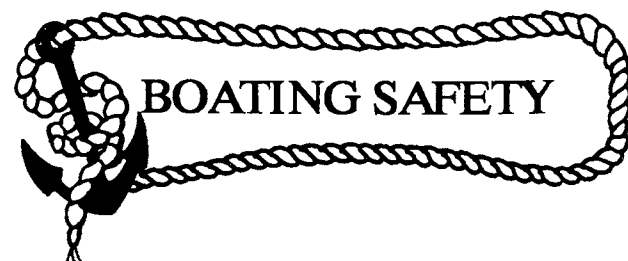
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into their reservoirs are requesting that trailer boats be restricted from their waters. I am sure you can think of many lakes in your area that this would have a disastrous effect on boating. The City of Baltimore has gone as far as recommending "a total ban on boating of any type an Gunpowder Falls State Park between Prettyboy and Loch Raven Reservoirs."

What can we do? Educate boaters on the danger and actions they need to take to prevent introducing Zebra Mussels into our waters.

Capt. Robert A. Melvin, III

## Chief of Boating Safety

### "WHEN YOU SHOOT FOR THE STARS"

It's hard to believe that summer is over. I know how hard you have worked to achieve your objectives. You have, as usual provided outstanding service to the boating public and have saved many lives. Not all of the lives you saved were on the water. Most of the lives you saved were preventing boaters from getting into life-threatening situations through your educational programs.

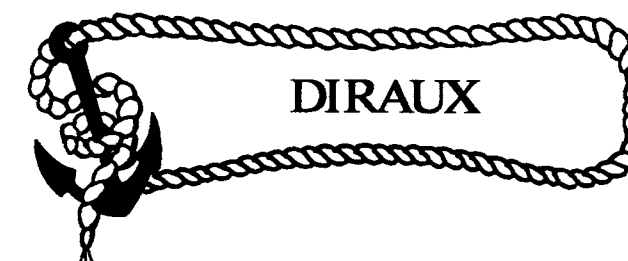
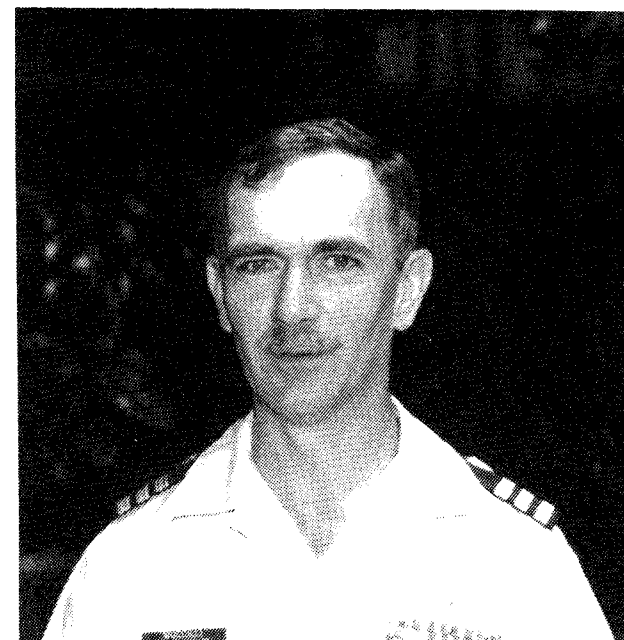
You should be proud of all of your accomplishments. If you met all of your objectives, great! If you didn't, stand tall for what you did accomplish. Don't dwell on the past, now is the time to rejoice for what went right and plan on how to improve on your experiences. You accepted some very high objectives for yourselves. If you have low expectations of your self or set low objectives, that is what you will achieve. I am very proud of you all setting your objectives "FOR THE STARS". What I would like for you to remember is when you set your objectives for the stars and fall short, "YOU STILL LAND ON THE MOON!"

One new thing is that we need to start making our students aware of the Zebra mussel threat. The Zebra mussel is receiving an increasing amount of attention. This tiny shellfish the size of a fingernail was introduced to the U.S. in Lake Erie in 1986 by a European cargo ship that emptied its ballast water. The threat is that these critters attach themselves to water intakes and very rapidly restrict or shutdown the water flow. Many municipalities in an effort to prevent the mussel from being introduced

FROM THE HELM . . .



SAFE Boating Pays Off!



that is the safest way to accomplish your task. As a TV character used to say each day prior to sending his men out... "Be careful out there."

Be safe and have fun in all that you do.

Cmdr. Albert A. Muccilli

## Director of Auxiliary 5(NR)

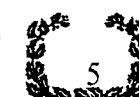
It's the end of July and well into the boating season. All of you are doing a terrific job in all aspects of the Auxiliary missions. I'm happy to report that the totals are all ahead of last year's at this part of the year, with the exception of CME's. I attribute that last fact to the weather and the lack of materials from ANSC. I believe that the 60 day limit on submission of AUXMIS material has helped keep our totals current and we are now getting a more accurate reflection of what is going on out there. Keep up the good work and we will all have a very successful and productive 1992.

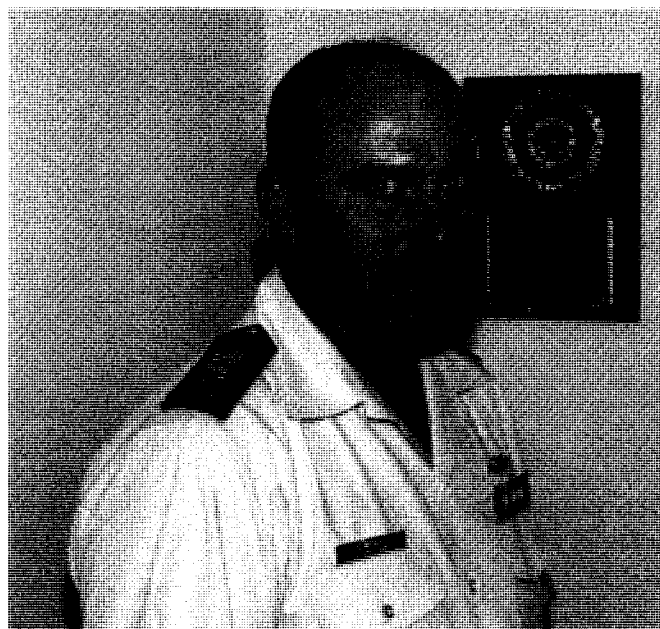
There is one aspect of the productivity picture that isn't emphasized enough and I would like to briefly touch on it. That aspect is SAFETY. While I certainly don't believe that any of you are purposefully performing your missions in a manner which would place you in harms way, I also believe that a little emphasis on safety will do us all a world of good. While all aspects of the Auxiliary programs are potentially dangerous I will concentrate on the operations portion, which by it's very nature can be inherently dangerous. Whether you are active in the aviation or the surface operations program, you all need to be constantly alert to the dangers peculiar to the operations you are doing that day. How many times have you gone out on a patrol or a SAR case without a briefing so that everyone involved knows what is going to happen and what is expected of them? Are you aware of the fatigue standards published in the Auxiliary operations Policy Manual? Do all members of your crew know what to do in an emergency and have they rehearsed it? A few moments spent preparing for the mission can mean the difference between success and disaster. Please take the time to get ready and during the mission reflect and decide if

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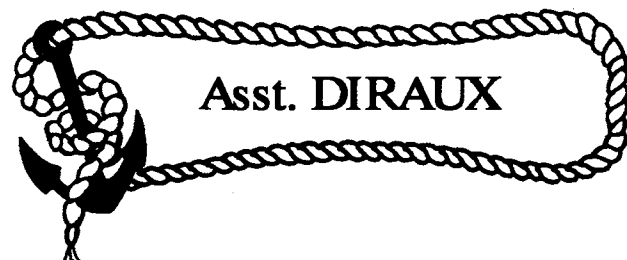
### LIFE OF A PATROL ORDER

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Patrol Order performs several important functions. It covers you and your facility in case of injury or damage. It can be non-reimbursable or reimbursable providing liability coverage in either case. It is imperative that you follow the correct sequence and provide accurate information to keep yourself out of trouble. It serves little or no purpose unless you follow established guidelines. In the following paragraphs, I will attempt to give you a brief description of "THE LIFE OF A PATROL ORDER".

The Patrol Order comes as a 5-part set. It consists of an ORIGINAL COPY (white), OBLIGATION COPY (green), SO-OP/ADSO- OPA COPY yellow), OPERATOR COPY (pink) and DIRAUX/ORDER- ISSUING AUTHORITY (orange).

STEP 1: The ORDER-ISSUING AUTHORITY completes pertinent sections of the ORIGINAL (white) and issues Patrol Orders in 4-part sets to SO-OPs/ADSO-OPA. 4-part set consists of ORIGINAL (white), OBLIGATION (green), SO-OP/ADSO-OPA (yellow) and OPERATOR (pink). The ORDER-ISSUING AUTHORITY COPY (orange) is retained for file.

STEP 2: SO-OPs/ADSO-OPA completes pertinent sections on ORIGINAL (white) and issues ORIGINAL (white), SO-OP/ADSO-OPA (yellow) and OPERATOR (pink) to the



Operator (NOT OWNER) that has requested the patrol. The OBLIGATION COPY (green) is returned to the Order-Issuing Authority to be forwarded to the Finance Center for recording purposes.

STEP 3: Operator completes pertinent sections on the ORIGINAL (white). Once the patrol is completed, Operator returns the ORIGINAL COPY (white) and SO-OP/ADSO-OPA COPY (yellow), with receipts, to SO-OP/ADSO-OPA. The OPERATOR COPY (pink) is retained by the Operator for file.

STEP 4: SO-OP/ADSO-OPA retains SO-OP/ADSO-OPA COPY (yellow) and returns completed ORIGINAL COPY (white) to the Order- Issuing Authority.

STEP 5: Order-Issuing Authority audits ORIGINAL (white), approves and then forwards Patrol Order to Finance Center.

STEP 6: Finance Center compares ORIGINAL COPY (white) to OBLIGATION COPY (green). If all entries are correct, Finance Center issues check, several weeks later, to Operator.

This is a basic sketch of what is suppose to occur with Patrol Orders. If anyone in the chain fails to enter correct data or submit appropriate copies in a timely manner, the entire system shuts down, and we all suffer the consequences.

For more detailed information concerning Patrol Orders and specific responsibilities, refer to your Fifth Coast Guard District (NR) Auxiliary Policy Manual, Chapter IV.

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aware of the Chain of Command and strictly adhere to it in communicating ideas, information, requests, etc. This is important not only for orderly conducting of organization activities but it actually expedites the work since many answers can be found directly at the Flotilla or Division level. CHAIN OF COMMAND AND PARALLEL STAFFING WORKS--TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT.

Now to another subject - our year-to-date statistics look extremely promising but of course we will not learn the final outcome until year end. (I am writing this article in August with five more months activity yet to come in.)

## District Commodore

Many articles have been written, and no doubt will be written in the future, regarding CHAIN OF COMMAND and PARALLEL STAFFING and how it effects the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary and it's members.

Most recently, I have received several complaints from leaders in our organization regarding Auxiliarists jumping the CHAIN OF COMMAND. Flotilla members contacting the Director, Commodores, and or District Staff requesting answers to questions or problems that more correctly should have been directed to the Flotilla or Division leaders or staff for resolution.

We at EXCOM and District Staff level are not without sin. We, at times, help create a problem by answering the question or attempting to solve a problem when in fact we should have referred the Auxiliarists back to the proper level in the Flotilla or Division for an answer. In an attempt to help we often render them and the Auxiliary disservice. THE CHAIN IS BROKEN.

The Auxiliary must function through a chain of Command and Parallel Staffing. This process assures that every activity is well monitored and carried out by the ablest officers and members. It prevents confusion and allows for the orderly flow of information. Auxiliary members should keep in mind that, through the Chain of Command, the Director is a vital source of information and assistance on special projects and routine Auxiliary administration. All Auxiliarists should be

The members of the Fifth Northern were tasked rather heavily this year as far as our AMOS goals were concerned. Our National goals were also raised rather substantially in some areas, but we have always been known to accept a challenge and deliver. You have responded magnificently and I thank you for all of your efforts. It looks like we will have a banner year, possibly the best ever.

This is my last Topside article as your District Commodore.

It has been fun, exciting, challenging, and at times disappointing. I can't believe that the two years have gone by so quickly. Our District has the reputation of a "CAN DO" organization which has been proven many times, by you, the members, over the years.

I want to thank the EXCOM and the District Staff for all of their support, hard work, dedication, patience, and devotion to duty. Your many constructive ideas, criticism, and caring made many good things happen in our District and I am proud of each of you.

To all of the members of the fantastic Fifth Northern I say thank you. Thank you for your friendship - Thank you for caring - thank you for the many countless hours you have contributed to the success of the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. You all are truly magnificent. I know you will continue offering your support, as you have in the past, to the newly elected District Commodore and the District Staff. Meanwhile take care, smooth sailing and let's keep in touch.

Gene Pester





## Vice Commodore

Due to the events at the Fall Conference, I have asked the Editor to replace my submitted article with the following one.

The past 2 years has been a wonderful experience for me. I have visited all of the 15 Divisions, attended all of the Changes of Watch, except where two or more fell on the same night, attended three of the four National Conferences. and was invited to many Flotilla affairs. During these events I met many super members of the Auxiliary and made friendships I will cherish for many years to come.

I wish to thank the members and Captains of the Divisions who supported me during the past two years, always ready to comply with any request that I made. In return I have tried to support them in their programs and help solve their problems. The District Staff was one of the finest, admittedly, we made some changes during the year, but felt that they were always for the best. Priorities change and some of the Staff could not always continue to perform at their best. To all, I thank you for two years of cooperation and willingness to do what we asked. The past year especially, when we as a group, conducted the many schools and MUTT training sessions. To name names of all who helped would take too much space, but you know who you are, and my individual Thanks to each of you.

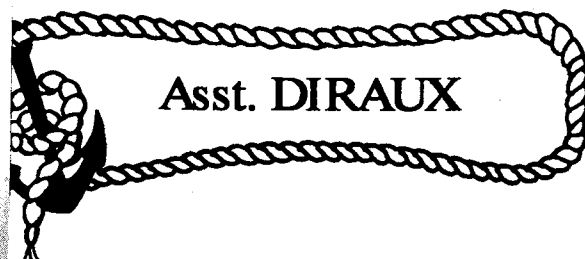
And now, a Very special thanks to you to Gene, we have developed a unique bond that will always be. You are the greatest. I thank you for your council and all of the knowledge you have passed on to me. Knowledge that will prevail far beyond the Auxiliary. We spent many hours traveling around the District, getting lost on the way home because we were so busy talking about the achievements and problems that a unit we had just visited were having. We enjoyed the good moments together and also the bad ones. You and Jane were always ready and willing to help with the little chores, such as folding and labeling 3000 notices which was done more than once, Thank you Jane, for being You.

Where would I have been and how would I have done what I did without the help of my wife Jean. Always willing to do every thing that I asked and more. Being the Hostess at the schools, helping with mailings, making phone calls, helping Jane with the Coffee's. Thank you Honey.

I will now find time to do more in my Flotilla and Division which have been a constant support to me. There is always something to do in the Auxiliary.

Finally to the District, I wish the best.

Harry L. David



## ON LEADERSHIP

1992 has been an exciting and successful year for the Auxiliary. Now we approach Change of Watches where new leaders will be taking their oaths and incumbent leaders can re-evaluate and re-commit themselves for the coming year.

Leadership in the Auxiliary is a special privilege. The volunteers with whom we are working are an especially fine group of people - people of vast talents, abilities and backgrounds; people who are in the Auxiliary because they want to be. Allow each member of your group to participate, to develop interests and skills as Auxiliarists. Draw every member new and old, into at least one of the cornerstones. Do not lose new members through neglect. Remember what it was like when you were first hearing all those acronyms and suspected the meetings were being conducted in a foreign language. Do not allow members of your group to feel ignored or shut out. Every member is too valuable an asset to be lost.

One of your first responsibilities will be to appoint your staff. Make those appointments, then allow each officer to do the job. Guide and assist as necessary. But do not do the job for the appointed officer. Utilize your staff in establishing the objectives for the coming year. This will give each staff member a better understanding of the goals and a more personal interest and greater sense of responsibility toward achievement of the established objectives. You will be pleasantly surprised by how much more fun everyone will have when you allow more of your people to feel pride and value in their involvement.

Remember that the quality and success of leadership is determined not by what has been accomplished by the leader individually, but by the achievements and growth of the leader's total group. Good leadership requires tact and diplomacy. We cannot make demands of our members. But by setting good examples, working hard together and having fun together we can not only achieve but exceed our objectives in 1993. And our work well done creates a better Auxiliary and brings great personal satisfaction.

Clyde E. College, RCO-W

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June 12, 1992

## BECOME, NOT FOLLOW THE LEADER

By the time you read this article, elections will probably be over and everyone will be reviewing their AMOS results and gearing up for the New Year. If your unit did not make it's goals or your favorite candidate did not get elected, do not become disheartened. There can only be one winner and that should be the Auxiliary! Now, its your job to help your new leader to success.

What management patterns will shape the future of the Auxiliary? What roll will management play in establishing your units direction? Your Flotilla Commanders and Division Captains must be leaders, and they must have vision and must embrace the following:

- excellent communication of the Auxiliary's visions and goals
- unwavering dedication of the Auxiliary's ideals
- early identification and use of high potential members
- frequent and meaningful interaction with members and staff

Your reaction to the list might be something like this: This flotilla would be a lot different if the "chief" did his or her job right away. Or, we would have our goals if we had a better leader. Or you might say, "It sounds great, but it's unrealistic. No one can do all that. After all, we are mere humans, not superheroes."

Before you discard the list, however, take another look. This list does not only apply to your elected officers but to the appointed staff and members as well. If every member in your unit made these items personal goals, the positive effect would be dramatic.

How often have you heard that tired cliché, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." That's a lie! Breaking it makes a lot of sense. You can't grow without stretching the boundaries and breaking the old rules. If you don't stretch the system, you won't know what it really can do.

True leadership doesn't mean survival by avoiding change. Nor is it as simple as anticipating change by "bracing the ship" so the unit won't suffer. It means anticipating changes and effectively planning to utilize them.

Whatever level of responsibility and authority you have, view yourself as a leader. Contribute to establishing your unit's direction for the future. Develop personal as well as departmental strategies. Be innovative and foster innovation throughout the organization.

The organization needs a beacon-a person or goal to follow. The brighter the beacon, the faster you get to your goal. Keep focused on your strategy despite change and challenge. Here's hoping that you are the beacon in your unit.

Edward Rearick, RCO-E

## CENTRAL IS EVENTFUL

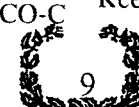
I am pleased that so many members of the Fifth (NR) have been working on their Specialty Courses as well as on Crew and Operator. I never remember so many AUXOP awards being presented as we have in the past few months. Keep up the good work. The knowledge received while taking the seven courses will someday come in handy when you are on the water, either on patrol or on a recreational outing.

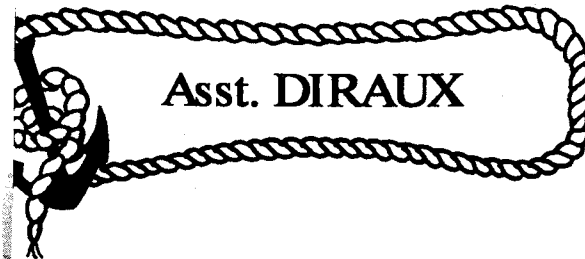
Boy this Summer has gone by fast. Not that the weather was so great but the corn crop sure was. Now that the boating season is almost over it is time to think about our PE classes. ARE YOU READY?? ARE THE BOOKS ORDERED? INSTRUCTORS, DO YOU HAVE YOUR LESSON PLAN SET?? DO YOU HAVE YOUR TRAINING AIDS READY?? FILMS, OR TAPES AS WELL AS THE PROJECTORS OR VCRS ALL TUNED UP READY TO GO. BOY I SURE HOPE SO!!! One other thing, very important as far as your Flotilla is concerned, are you ready to start your recruitment? Take time out now to read again Bobby G Carters, IPRCO-W, article in the last Topside. It makes good sense.

Last but not least it is getting close to election time again. It is up to you as Flotilla members to elect the best possible person to represent you at the Division level and be sure that your Flotilla Commander represents you when it becomes time to vote for the Division Captain. We must keep the flow of good, active members on the track upward.

Remember KEEP IT FUN!! WHEN IT STOPS BEING FUN LOOK OUT!

M. PHILIP STAMM, RCO-C





**SAFE BOATING WEEK**  
June 7 - 13, 1992

The blue skies and warm days of summer give us the opportunity to enjoy many outdoor recreational activities. Boating remains the Commonwealth's number one form of outdoor recreational enjoyment, and last year there were 302,000 boats registered in our Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania's lakes and rivers offer a wide variety of boating experiences -- from wilderness canoeing on the West Branch of the Susquehanna to the tidal waters of the Delaware.

In enjoying these many boating opportunities, it is important for both novice and experienced boater alike to practice safe boating habits at all times.

Last year in Pennsylvania, 18 people lost their lives and many more were injured while boating. Most of these tragedies could have been avoided with a basic understanding of safe boating and water safety. Public awareness of safe boating practices is the key to boating safety and courtesy.

Educational courses are available from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the United States Power Squadron, the American Red Cross and other organizations.

Therefore, I, Robert P. Casey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 7 - 13, 1992, as **SAFE BOATING WEEK** in Pennsylvania. I urge all boaters to increase their knowledge and awareness of safe boating and acquire the skills necessary to "Boat Smart," making every week Safe Boating Week.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and sixteenth.

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June 12, 1992

Eugene M. Pester, Jr.  
District Commodore, 5th District  
United State Coast Guard Auxiliary  
512 Feaster Ave.  
Feasterville, PA 19053

Dear Commodore:

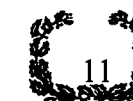
Just a note to thank you for taking time out of your very busy schedule to come to the Capitol to accept the Senate Resolution recognizing the Coast Guard Auxiliary in your efforts to promote safe boating in Pennsylvania. All Pennsylvanian's can be proud that we have an organization that is dedicated to the cause of safety first.

Again, thank you for all your efforts.

Sincerely,

*Bob Robbins*  
Robert D. Robbins

RDR/mah  
Enclosure



## FIREWORKS EXPLOSION ON LAKE WALLENPAUPACK, PA 04 JULY 1992

Following a patrol orientation meeting, conducted by Paul R. Mackes, ADSO-OP (5NR) and Patrol Commander, the crews of five Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels boarded their boats to get underway for the day/night Safety Patrol on Lake Wallenpaupack. It was about 1400 hours, on a delightful Summer day. The sun was shining brightly and all seemed right with the world.

The primary area of concern was Epply Island where the fireworks were stored and where many boats were anchoring, rafting-up and maneuvering for the ideal spot to watch the fireworks. One of our missions was to keep all boats a safe distance from the shore because of the ash fall-out that occurs during a fireworks display and other safety/security reasons.

As darkness came and more boats arrived, the red lights, green lights and white lights, glittering, shining and reflecting off the water looked like a "sea" of rubies, emeralds and diamonds. Quite a tranquil scene in contrast to what was about to happen.

The fireworks display commenced at approximately 2130 hours. About five or six rounds were fired when there was a tremendous explosion and resultant fire on Epply Island. It was about 2150 hours. A radio call came from the island asking for Auxiliary assistance because there was a problem.

The first to respond and answer the radio call was a Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel from Flotilla 10-05 (5NR), with a crew of five. Jim Schmitt, VFC, vessel owner; Jack Carr, FSO-OP; Elmer Stoudt, FSO-AN; Dave Becker, FC and Kenton Quint, Operator. Due to the darkness, boats attempting to leave the area, heavy smoke and the most dangerous was the large supply of unexploded fireworks that were very close to the fire and could be ignited at any time. Obviously navigating under those conditions was very treacherous.

Jack Carr, a Red Cross instructor debarked to assist burn victims. Elmer Stoudt debarked to assist three women, one of them hysterical, that had to go to the mainland. Jim Schmitt demonstrated his boat handling ability by navigating shallow water, rocks and boats leaving the area to say nothing of the poor visibility. Dave Becker kept in communication with Radio Wallenpaupack, stationed at the Yacht Club and manned by a C.G. Auxiliarist. He requested that ambulances should be waiting to transport the injured to hospitals. Because of Becker's knowledge of the lake he guided the vessels to the Yacht Club. The boat returned to Epply Island, picked up the two crew members and continued on patrol. It was about 2300 hours.

Another crew from Division X included, George A. Kanfer, VCP- X, vessel owner and his wife Marion Kanfer, FSO-AN, 10-04; Barbara S. Mackes, Flotilla 10-02 and her husband, Paul R. Mackes, ADSO-OP, (5NR) Operator/Patrol Commander. From Division V, (5NR) were E. S. Wolfkill, FSO-MT, 05-16; Seth B. Shafer, FSO-OP, 05-16, Operator.

Division XV crews were Dave Edinger, FC, 15-02 (5NR), Owner/Operator; Simer L. Lowe, SO-MR and Richard F. Lord, SO-IS (5NR). They made three assists. John D. Borzell, FC, 15-03, Owner/Operator and his wife Donna S. Borzell, FSO-FN, 15-03.

On 05 July 1992, all Auxiliary vessels resumed patrol around Epply Island to keep spectators a safe distance away while the unexploded fireworks were being disarmed by technicians and loaded on pontoon boats and brought to the mainland.

Semper Paratus (Always Ready) is the Coast Guard motto. A salute and "Well Done" goes to these crews who were ready and displayed a professional knowledge and dedication to boating safety during the 04 and 05 patrols on Lake Wallenpaupack.

The exciting world of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is truly a Proud Tradition, A Worthy Mission.

George A. Kanfer, SO-PA, X (5NR)



Photo by Ed Reindele



## The RAYSTOWN BLITZ, a lesson

The weekend following the devastation of hurricane Andrew was the weekend chosen for the Raystown Blitz. While Andrew's remains visited upon this central Pennsylvania area on Friday, the day before the exercises were to begin, they did not dampen the spirits of the Blitz participants.

That chilly night, in Huntingdon, PA. approximately 50 members of the Auxiliary, mostly team or group leaders, attended a comprehensive briefing of the planned activities at the Days Inn Motel.

The basic cornerstone activities of the Auxiliary, funded by Board Inc. and the United States Coast Guard, were an overall success.

There were approximately fifteen facilities present and used in patrol activities from time to time. Paul Mackes was in charge of operations. Several of the facilities were used as training platforms for the purpose of advancing aspirants of our boat crew qualification program. Boat crew qualification exercises included work with a Coast Guard Dauphine helicopter that was flown in from Cape May just for the day. The helo task is required for those advancing to the coxswain rating.

There were communications drills under the able direction of Chuck Yocum, DSO-CM. Carol Owens, DSO-VE came up from Delaware to oversee the VE activities. Over 300 CME's were conducted with a passing rate of about 50%. "We probably could have had more vessel examinations were it not for the fact that the weatherman predicted Andrew would be spilling rain on Saturday," Carol Owens observed, "most boaters stayed at home on Saturday."

The Huntingdon Daily News and TV channel 10 from Altoona were present during most of the day on Saturday. Both gave us excellent coverage on our activities.

Local caterers provided plenty of healthy, well prepared

food. More than 100 auxiliarists showed up for the meals. Rod Miller, overall project co-ordinator is to be commended for both the quality and quantity of food served. He is living proof of TQM.

There were two known and reported assists by those members out on safety patrol. When the activities were officially concluded on Sunday at noon time, some members remained out on patrol.

Captain Mary Gilbert, DCO Div IX, played an important role in establishing communications with the Park Rangers and the Corps of Engineers. She also made the headlines on Saturday when she was interviewed by Channel 10 from Altoona to explain the activities to the public.

Commodore Eugene M. Pester, Jr., said, "The exercise was a success. It was a success because it demonstrated that the members of the 5th Northern can work together anywhere within the district when given the opportunity. I want to especially recognize the outstanding support of the United States Coast Guard and our Director Commander Muccilli and his staff. I also want to acknowledge and thank the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Corps of Engineers for their active support and participation. It was this concerted, active and direct support that assured the success of this important mission."

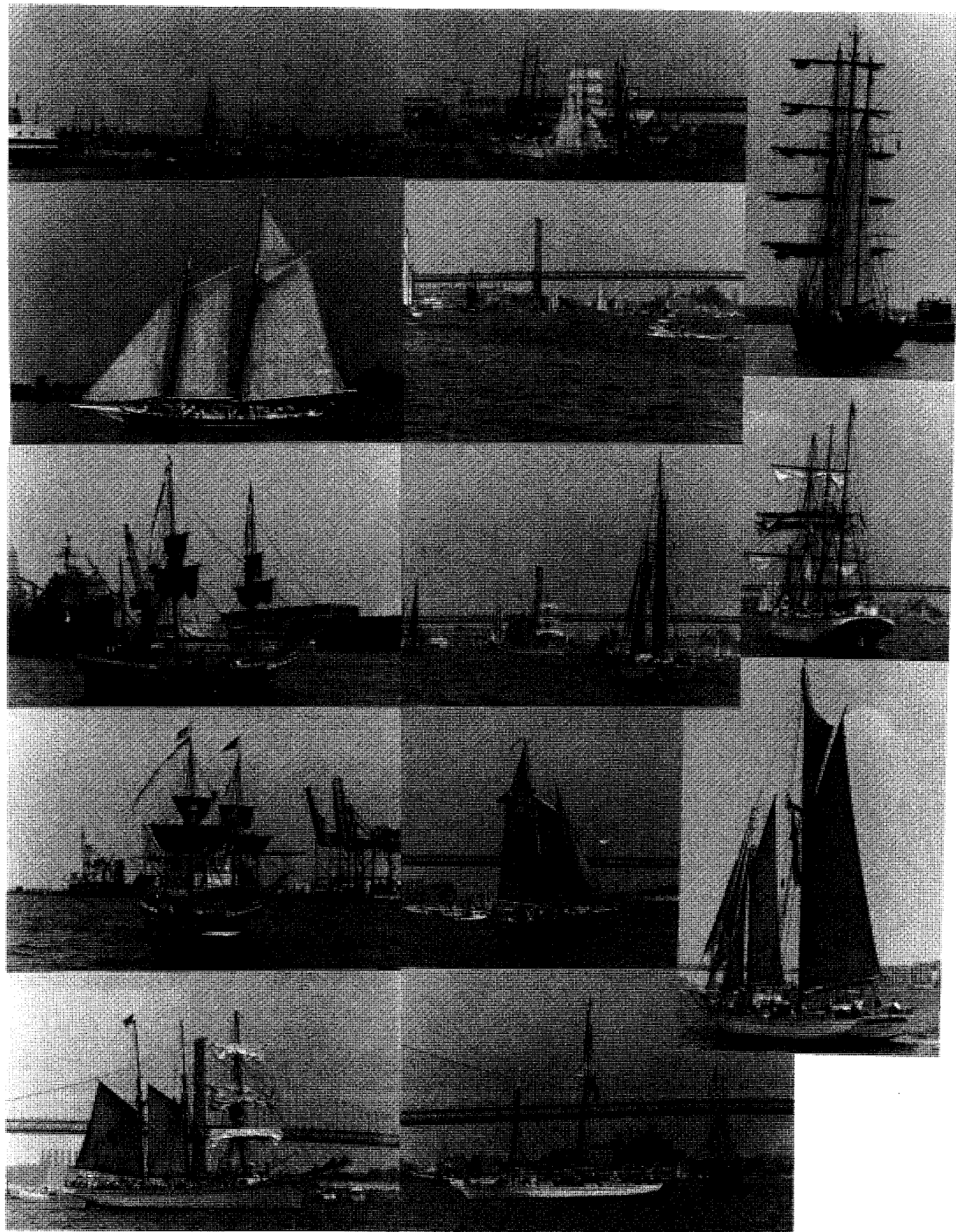
VCO Harry David, was visible at all times checking out the activities along with Commodore Pester.

"If there was a lesson to be learned from this weekend," VCO David noted, "it was the fact that we can plan and execute a major exercise. I am proud of all our members who were able to be present and who participated. I also want to thank those who helped in the planning and the logistics who could not be present to witness the success of this effort. They too contributed to the success of this exercise."

By Otis W. Littleton, DSO-PA







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5050  
29 April 1992

Commodore Eugene M. Pester, Jr.  
512 Feaster Avenue  
Feasterville, PA 19053

Dear Commodore Pester:

Sam and I want to thank you and Fifth Northern for the splendid weekend at your Spring Conference. We had a tremendous time. I thought your day long school for new members was a huge success, and applaud your trainers for their efforts. Even more gratifying is the close relationship you have developed with the states. I know of no other like ceremony where the states recognize Auxiliarists in the way the three do in your area.

One question arose concerning women's shirts that I'd like to answer here. I checked with our uniform people for the final word. New ladies' short and long sleeve shirt styles have been approved. Women may wear men's long or short sleeve shirts, if they fit appropriately. Present or old style shirts are still authorized. Women may sew epaulets on present long sleeve shirts to hold soft shoulder boards. Soft, hard and enhanced shoulder boards are authorized in full or three-quarter sizes, and a check with the National Materials Center found both sizes available. The problem with having a variety of sizes remains unsolved and is being argued in the DOD arena. A near solution is not in sight, but our folks are carrying on a vigorous campaign. I hope this addresses the concerns I heard.

Gene, the hospitality, friendship, and sincere fellowship is contagious with Fifth Northern. I also think your contribution is top notch in all Auxiliary endeavors. Please thank Sonny and Beverly for their part putting the show on, and be assured I'll come back anytime to play the washboard.

Sincerely,

*W. S. Griswold*

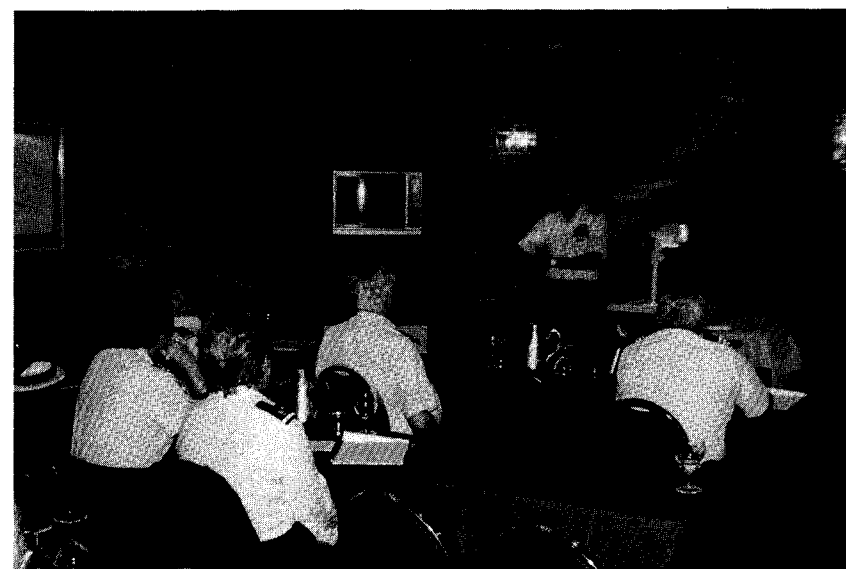
W. S. GRISWOLD  
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard  
Chief Director, Auxiliary

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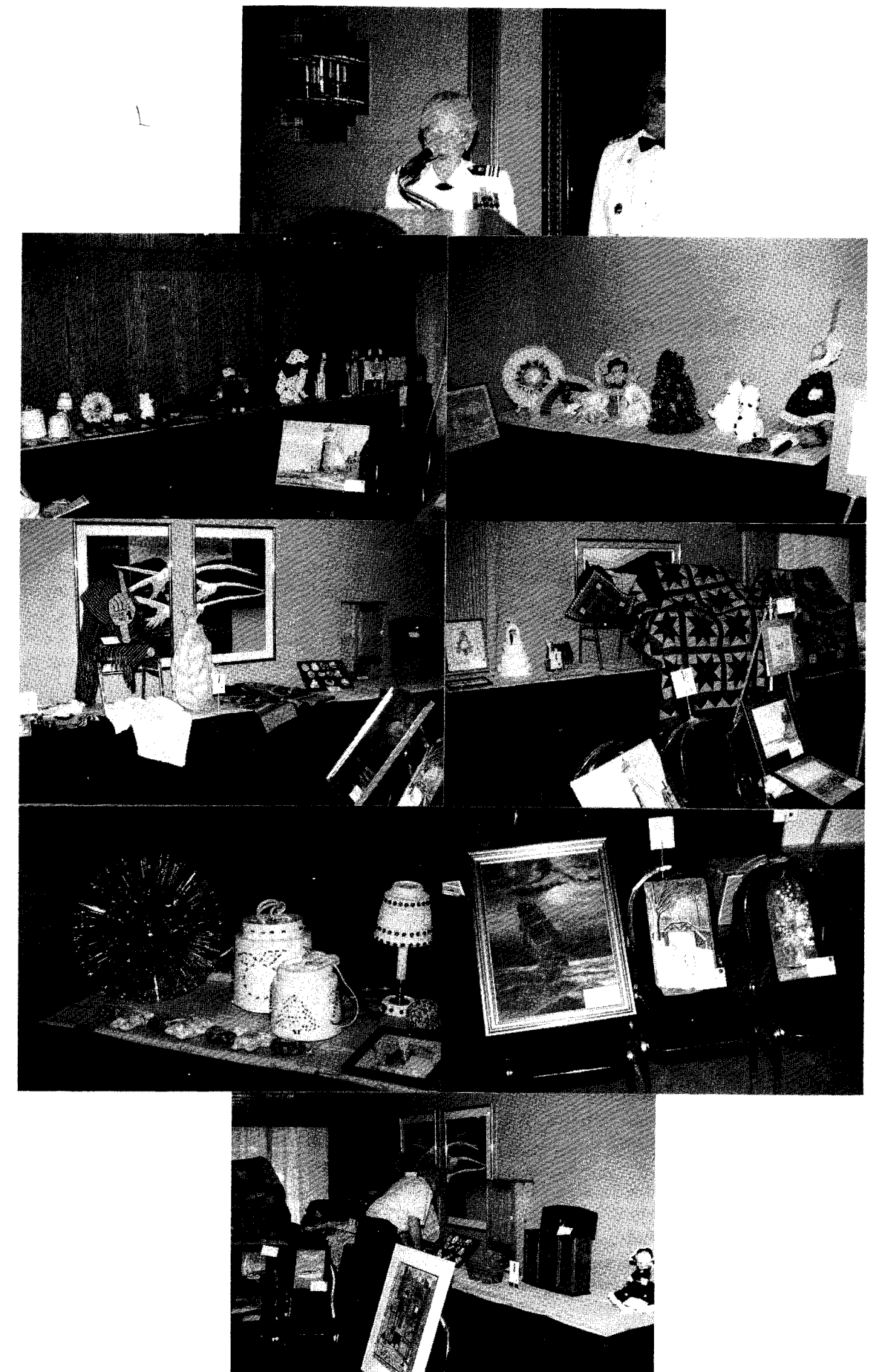


Fall Conference, 1992





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## Fall District Conference Awards

### BOAT COXSWAIN AWARD CERTIFICATES

Leonard E. Karter	03-05
H. William Schnitz	06-10
William J. Zotto	07-09
Joseph A. Warner	08-05

### AUXOP AWARD CERTIFICATES

William A. Espenshade	02-04
Larry Faden	04-03
William S. Ashman	04-05
Charles T. Wagner	05-06
Arthur T. Arena	06-01
Edward S. Zamonski	06-01
Joseph A. Warner	08-05
Gerard J. Madden	10-05
Dennis G. Shaner	10-05
Astin C. Smith	10-06
William O. Stevens	11-03
Edward M. Henry	13-10
Michael R. Dietzler	14-03
Edgar G. Wagner	14-03

Arts & Crafts Awards	
1- Water Color	1st- Heather Bonner 2nd- Eric Pennell 3rd- Ernest Pester
2- Oil Painting	1st- Otis Littleton 2nd- Netty Frese 3rd- Otis Littleton
3- Miscellaneous	1st- Susan W. Campbell- Linoleum cut 2nd- Betty Frese- Painting on slate 3rd- Eric Pennell- Pen and Ink
4- Needlework	1st- Kenneth & Terry Lynne/ Joey Edwards 2nd- Netty Mae Edwards 3rd- Marion Kamfer
5- Quilting	1st- Betty Frese 2nd- Betty Frese 3rd- Elly Gardner
6- Knitting & Crocheting	1st- Patricia Rider 2nd- Ann Henderson 3rd- June Layton
7- Original Crafts	1st- Cathy Aptacy 2nd- Shirley Murphy
8- Miscellaneous Crafts	1st- Shirley Murphy 2nd- Cathy Aptacy
9- Woodwork	1st- Glen Rider 2nd- Glen Rider

## Arts & Crafts

The second annual Arts & Crafts show is now a thing of the past.

I would like to thank all who entered the show and congratulate all the winners.

Following is a list of the winners in the nine Categories that enabled more people to win, and more places in which to enter.

I would like to personally thank each of my committee Sandy Fink who sent out all my notices, Michael Ripton who chaired and got the Judges, Barbara Cunningham, Andy Kratzer and Shirley Murphy all of whom helped man the show on Saturday and with the setting up of the categories. Also Janet College for her assist on Friday night and Marion Kamfer for her help on Saturday.

Judges were, Michael Ripton-Chairman, his lady Jane, Shirley Stumbers and Mae Dietrick. It was not a easy task but they were well qualified for the job.

I would also like to thank John Johnson and Ed Rearick for their designs for the stationary on which all my notices etc. were sent out,

I hope the Third Annual Arts and Craft Show in 1993 is even bigger and better than this year. You can do it, start planning now on entering.

Thank you to all that entered and hope to see your new work next year.

Alice F. Stamm Chairman 1992 show

## Trade Show 1993

The 5NR District will have their Second Annual Trade Show at the Winter Conference on Saturday, 23 January 1993.

This trade show will give the District Staff Officers, and their assistants, the opportunity to present whatever is new in their area of responsibility to their fellow Auxiliarists. This will be done on a one to one basis, and will answer questions raised in the annual seminars, where confusion may still exist. There will also be time to communicate with the staff from the Director's Office.

In addition, manufacturers of boating equipment will be in attendance to present the latest in their wares, or to answer questions concerning their products.

Last year over 500 Auxiliarists, and members of their families attended the Conference and Trade Show. We expect to have all the DSOs present and have a greater number of manufacturers come out and support their efforts


Dudley D. Gallup

## 1993 Winter Conference

22, 23, 24 January 1993

Great Valley Hilton & Conference Center

Malvern, Pennsylvania



**BETTER THAN EVER!!!**

How many times have you heard that phrase used to describe a Conference to be held by the Fifth Northern District?

We can assure you that this one will top them all. Just see what is planned. ....

1. Our big Welcome Aboard Party at 2130
2. District Board Meeting at 0800.
3. Trade Show on Saturday
4. Ladies Coffee & Program
5. Mandatory seminars presented in the morning and afternoon. Register early by mail to ensure your choice. Lobby registration starts at 0730 Saturday but due to limited seating at each seminar you may not have a choice of morning or afternoon seminars. **REGISTER BY MAIL!!**
6. Cocktails at 1830 and the Banquet at 1930.
7. On Sunday, the District Staff will conduct workshops for all Division Staff Officers with a lunch provided at 1300. SO's see your VCP for details ASAP.

THE CONFERENCE IS AT THE GREAT VALLEY HILTON LOCATED ON RT. 29 JUST NORTH OF RT. 202 in the MALVERN, PA. AREA.

Arline and Ira Dolich  
Conference Coordinators

CONFERENCE RESERVATION

Use this portion of the form for your meal and Auxiliary conference registration for the Winter Conference at the GREAT VALLEY HILTON in Malvern, Pennsylvania, 22, 23, 24 January 1993

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Flotilla No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Is this your first Conference? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
\_\_\_\_\_ Registrations - Fee for each person over 17 years attending (\$3.00) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib au Jus @ \$25.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Baked Salmon @ \$25.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Char Broiled Chicken with Sun Dried Tomato Pesto @ \$21.00 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Members (Past Captains) who will attend PCA Breakfast ..... N/C  
\_\_\_\_\_ Guests PCA Breakfast @ \$10.00 ... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ladies Coffee & Program (Saturday 0930)  
GRAND TOTAL ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LAST DATE FOR RESERVATIONS  
14 JANUARY 1993

RESERVATION FOR SEMINARS

The following number of persons will attend either the morning or afternoon seminars scheduled for this conference:

0930 - 1130	1315 - 1515
<b>MORNING SEMINARS</b>	<b>AFTERNOON SEMINARS</b>
_____ Instructors Seminar	_____ Instructors Seminar
_____ Vessel Examiners	_____ Vessel Examiners
_____ Operations Seminar	_____ Operations Seminar
	1530 - 1730
	<b>AFTERNOON SEMINARS</b>
	_____ Instructors Seminar
	_____ Vessel Examiners
	_____ Operations Seminar

Make checks payable to U. S. C. G. AUXILIARY 5NR and mail to :

Arline and Ira Dolich  
Conference Coordinators  
108 S. Mansfield Blvd.  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

HOTEL RESERVATION  
GREAT VALLEY HILTON HOTEL  
(215) 296-9800

Rates: Single.....\$65.00 per night  
Double.....\$65.00 per night  
One night's deposit required  
By check or credit card  
Make your Reservations early  
CUT-OFF DATE - 1 JANUARY 1993  
FOR HOTEL RESERVATION

Use this portion of page for Hotel

Reservation Form for Special Rate at  
Great Valley Hilton Hotel

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 5th Northern  
1993 Winter Conference 22-24 January 1993

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Leave Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Require one night's deposit by check or

\_\_\_\_\_ MASTER CARD \_\_\_\_\_ VISA  
\_\_\_\_\_ DINERS CARD \_\_\_\_\_ AE

Card Nr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I desire reservations for:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Single @\$65.00 per night  
\_\_\_\_\_ Double @\$65.00 per night  
\_\_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking Room

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AND MAIL TO:

GREAT VALLEY HILTON HOTEL  
ONE LIBERTY BOULEVARD  
MALVERN, PA 19355

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UNITED STATES GUARD AUXILIARY  
FIFTH DISTRICT (NR)

WINTER CONFERENCE - 22, 23, 24 JANUARY 1993

Schedule of events:

Registration	Friday 1500 -2000	Saturday 0730 - 1600	Ballroom Foyer
District Material Center		Saturday 0830 - 1600	Conference Center
Trade Show		Saturday 0800 - 1700	Conference Center

Friday, 22 January

2000 - 2130	District Staff Meeting	Conference Center
2000 - 2130	Captains' Meeting	Conference Center
2130 - 2300	Welcome Aboard (No Host)	Ballroom Foyer

Saturday, 23 January

0800 - 1200	District Board (Open)	Conference Center
0930 - 1130	Ladies Coffee & Program	Conference Center
0930 - 1130	Seminar	Ballroom
1215 - 1315	Lunch Break	
1315 - 1515	Seminar	Ballroom
1530 - 1730	Seminar	Ballroom
1830 - 1930	Cocktail Hour (No Host Bar)	Ballroom Foyer
1930 - 2300	Banquet	Ballroom

Sunday, 24 January

0845 - 1015	Past Captains' Assn. Breakfast (Members)	Ballroom
1030 - 1100	Staff Officers Workshop	Conference Center
1100 - 1300	Divide into breakout rooms for SO Workshops	Conference Center
1300 - 1400	Lunch for SO Workshops	Ballroom

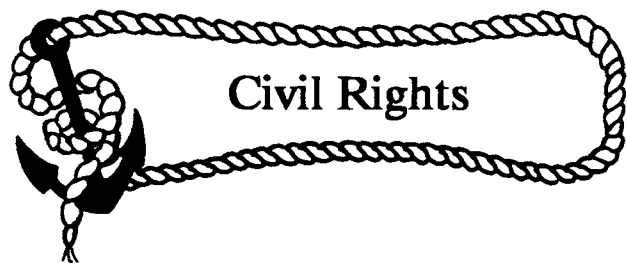
Banquet Menu

Homemade Soup of the Day	Tanners House Salad
Prime Rib au Jus or Baked Salmon or Char Broiled Chicken with Sun Dried Tomato Pesto	
Seasonal Vegetables and Twice-Baked Potato	
Rolls and Butter	Beverage
Kaluha Mousse	

Uniform of the Day

Friday Evening	Casual
Saturday	Service Dress Blue or Appropriate Civilian Attire
After 1800	Dinner Dress Navy Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress Blue (White Shirt, Black Bow Tie, Miniature Medals, No Name Tag) or appropriate Civilian Attire
Sunday	Service Dress Blue or appropriate Civilian Attire

THE CONFERENCE IS AT THE GREAT VALLEY HILTON  
LOCATED ON RT. 29 JUST NORTH OF RT. 202  
in the MALVERN, PA. AREA.  
(215) 296-9800



## Civil Rights

An environment free of discriminatory intimidation is essential to the maintenance of a high state of morale and discipline. Sexual harassment generates a harmful atmosphere and undermines the integrity of a relationship. Persons believing that they are victims of sexual harassment have an obligation to bring the facts to the immediate attention of the appropriate authority.

Age and handicap may apply to members of the Auxiliary.

Two areas not discussed are (1) Equal Opportunity and (2) Equal Treatment. Equal Opportunity is the instance of having the same rights, responsibilities, and privileges as another person of equivalent stature. Equal Treatment is the instance of being treated in a manner commensurate with one's stature, experience, ability, potential, and strength.

PDCO William Dischert, CRC 5(NR)

Editors Note: PDCO Dishert is the 5(NR) Civil rights Counselor. Additional information may be obtained by reading enclosure (6) to the Auxiliary Manual (COMDTINST 16) 90.1c

## 25 Year Service Awards

Congratulations and thanks go out to the people listed below. They have achieved 25 years of service to the Auxiliary during 1992 and deserve hearty applause.

John Fry, Flotilla 14-06 25 years 7-3-67  
Ann M. Herman, Flotilla 14-01 25 years 7-3-67  
J. Irvin Shelly, Flotilla 14-01 25 years 7-3-67

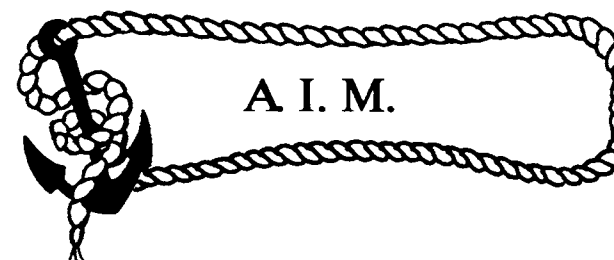
The Coast Guard Auxiliary is subject to the current Equal Opportunity policies of the Secretary of Transportation and the Commandant of the Coast Guard. No person shall be subject to discrimination in the Auxiliary or its programs because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or disability. Members of the Auxiliary who believe that they have been victims of or subjected to, discrimination or discriminatory treatment within the Coast Guard Auxiliary have the right to file a complaint. A complaint may be filed in any of the following ways:

- Informally with the members flotilla commander or other higher elected Coast Guard Auxiliary official from the members district or region.
- Informally with a designated Coast Guard Auxiliary Civil Rights Counselor for processing within the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- Formally and directly with the Chief, Office of Civil Rights at Coast Guard Headquarters.

All Auxiliary members have the unrestricted right to communicate informally and directly with the Civil Rights Counselor. Any information obtained by the Counselor during the informal resolution process is considered "privileged". It cannot be used in any investigation that may be conducted as a result of a subsequently filed formal complaint.

An Auxiliary complaint shall be regarded as meriting investigation unless it clearly appears to be frivolous or trivial, it appears to be a personality conflict or the party charged is presently under investigation by another federal agency or the complainant cannot provide specific information.

Civil Rights belong to a person by virtue of his/her status as a citizen or as a member of a civil society. These rights include equal opportunity and treatment regardless of one's race, religion, color, national origin, disability or sex. This brings us to a form of discrimination prevalent in today's society - Sexual Harassment which is a form of discrimination characterized by deliberate or repeated unsolicited comments, gestures or physical contact of a sexual nature which are unwelcome. Sexual harassment cannot be tolerated as it violates basic tenets of human dignity. Such conduct is illegal and may be cause for disciplinary action. Elimination of sexual harassment is the responsibility of every individual and the best way to prevent its occurrence in the first place is to express strong disapproval.



## A I. M.

Career Candidate

Academy Introductory Mission)

Our 1992 A.I.M. candidates are now waiting to hear if they've been accepted into the U.S.C.G. Academy - Class of '97, and the Career Candidate officers are busy obtaining applications for our 1993 "AIMers."

Fifteen outstanding young men and women from 05N attended A.I.M. week at the Coast Guard Academy, 30 July through 6 August 1992 - part of a contingent of 211 from all parts of these United States.

During A.I.M. Week these young men and women, about to enter their senior year in high school, spend this week learning as much as they can about cadet life. More specifically, they learn about the life of a fourth class cadet (Swab), in order for them to make a decision on applying for an appointment to the Academy the following fall. The task of "indoctrinating" these students is given to 24 of the most motivated and trained members of the second class cadets (Juniors). Their goal is to simulate an atmosphere of "swab summer" in order to give these high school seniors a realistic picture of life as a fourth class cadet during the demanding first year at the Academy. IT IS NOT CAMP COAST GUARD! There are great physical and mental demands placed on these students. They undergo training (and competition) in the basics of drill, military fundamentals, physical fitness and the fourth class system. They also undergo orientation about the Coast Guard - its missions, traditions and role in today's world.

NOW is the time to put any interested, qualified junior in high school in touch with your FSO or SO-CC. Competition is keen for this program and the minimum requirements for application must be strictly adhered to. There are also deadlines set that must be met.

The following requirements are necessary for submitting a preliminary application:

- Not over 18 years or under 15 years of age and a United States citizen.
- Currently in their JUNIOR year of high school.
- Have NO physical handicaps or defects; in good health without chronic medical problems. (There are no medical waivers).
- Have a good scholastic record (3.0 GPA or better or scholastic average of 85 over a 2 1/2 year period).
- Visual acuity no poorer than 20/400 in either eye correctable to 20/20 in each eye, refractive error not to exceed +6.0 diopters. Astigmatism not to exceed 3.00 diopters. Anisometropia not to exceed 3.50 diopters. NOT COLOR

BLIND.

6. Understand the objectives of the Coast Guard and have a sincere interest in them.

7. Have taken a College Entrance Examination - PSAT, SAT or ACT.

The A.I.M. program has become a continuing Auxiliary program appreciated by the Academy and the Coast Guard because the A.I.M. participants are well motivated before they become cadets. They know what the Academy is all about.

The Coast Guard Academy is the only one of the national military academies where admission is through merit only, not through congressional appointment, and there are no geographic limitations. Entrance requirements are rigid and academic standards are high. Careful screening must be established in the selection of candidates.

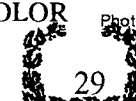
Get involved with A.I.M.!! It's a great program!

Thank you to all who continue to help make and keep A.I.M. the outstanding program it is.

Allen E. Wenrich, DSO-CC  
Donna K. Carpenter, ADSO-CC



Photo by Allen E. Wenrich



Downingtown, PA 19335  
August 15, 1992

Mr. Hunter C. Rees  
Media, PA 19063

Dear Mr. Rees,

I would like to personally thank you for all of your efforts in helping me to attend the USCG Auxiliary AIM program. The experience was a tremendous help to me in making some of the most important decisions of my life, those involving college.

I went to New London not knowing what to expect from the program, much like I would feel if I were an entering fourth class that had never been to the academy. However, because of my exceptional experience in New London, there is no doubt in my mind as to what I want in life. I have my mind totally set on a military academy. The people I met at the academy, both military and Aimsters, gave me a real feel for academy life, and by the end of the week, I didn't want to come home. I also got a real taste of the academic life. I was truly impressed with the program at the academy. Although the courses seem to be quite difficult, they all have a practical purpose in preparing you for a career in the U. S. Coast Guard.

Overall, I was completely impressed by the academy. However, none of this would have been possible if it weren't for yourself and all the others in the Coast Guard Auxiliary who made it all happen. I would like to thank you for your efforts, which in turn, made my life a whole lot easier by eliminating a lot of the anxiety involved with college selection.

Cordially

Brian Laidlaw  
Class of 1997



Coast Guard Academy

18 August 92

Dear Mr. Wenrich,

It was a pleasure seeing you again over AIM week this year. Thank you very much for the pictures as they will serve as a valuable reminder of my Swab Summer. I would also like to tell you about the invaluable job that you perform as a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Before the Cape May Program I barely even knew there was U. S. Coast Guard Academy. But through that program I learned more about the Coast Guard and the Academy. Then through the AIM Program, which was probably the most valuable experience of my life, I had the opportunity to see the Academy and to experience Academy life first hand. As a result of the personal interaction and the closeness that I experienced at every program. The U. S. Coast Guard Academy began to become my goal. Eventually I was selected for an appointment, and here I am today. I can not state enough what an impact your work made upon my life, but I can only say keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

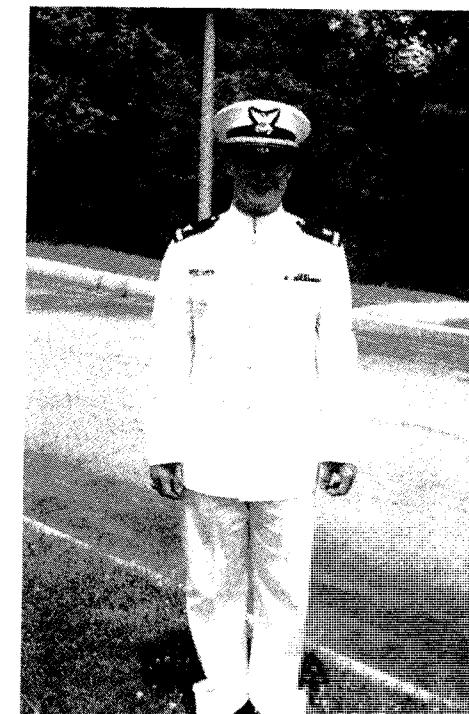
Daniel M. Stulack

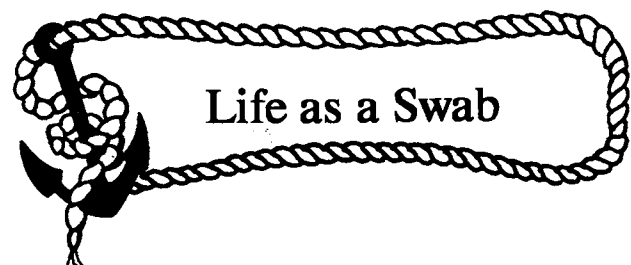
P. S. If you ever need my help for the AIM Program or anything else, please call my home or write me here at the Academy.

Congratulations to new Ensign Ronald S. Horn of Willingboro, N.J. shown here at graduation ceremonies at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy held in May 1992. Ron was an AIM candidate of Flotilla 65. Also pictured is Ensign Horn with his proud parents.

I found Ron as a candidate when I was FSO-CC of Flotilla 65. Ron was not accepted at first but together we submitted more and more information about his accomplishments in high school and in life itself (about 35 letters from teachers, high school band leader, minister, scout leader, ROTC instructor and newspaper articles and photos of his civic accomplishments), he was offered a alternate appointment which of course turned out to be a full appointment, and today the U. S. Coast Guard has a career officer that graduated in the top third of his class.

Chuck Yocum  
DSO-CM 5(NR)





## Life as a Swab

My life changed on 07 Jul92, for this was the date I became a Swab. No, I did not become a mop as the dictionary suggests, I became a member of the Coast Guard Academy's Class of 96. I have learned wonderful new terms such as Cadre (cadet drill sergeant), Indoc (weekly test of Coast Guard knowledge), B.C.G.s (Government issue glasses), liberty (a short parole according to the running light), and running light (source of swab knowledge), just to name a few. I have also learned how little sleep someone can really run on.

Thanks to the Physical Training (P.T.), my vocabulary and sleep are not the only things that been expanded and been reduced. I now have broad shoulders and a thin waist (28 verses the 34 before Swab Summer). I must admit though that I am in the best shape of my life.

Over all, Swab Summer was a rough six weeks. There are some high points and some low points. Many of my classmates who reported with me will not make it to graduation. 23 of 317 have not made it this far. It's a rough life but it is very rewarding.

Two things drilled into a new Swab are teamwork and responsibility. Without teamwork there are many things that my class has done that would have been impossible. There are a few people who can not say that their classmates helped them do better on the mile and a half or the obstacle course, and the only reason is that they are so fast that we can not keep up with them.

How many teenagers not two months out of high school can say that the lives of 83 people and millions of dollars worth of equipment was entrusted to them, where a slight shaking of the hand could have been disastrous.

by Austin J. Mc Guire. III.

## Certificate of Service

A "Certificate of Service" has been approved for use to recognize the contribution made by a member of the Auxiliary who has not reached 15 years of service, which is the minimum service to request permanent membership, and who wishes to resign.

The certificate, somewhat resembles a "Discharge" from military service. It has the Auxiliarist Name, length of service and highest office held while in the auxiliary.

The awarding of this certificate may be set in motion by the Flotilla Commander of the resigning members flotilla by requesting issuance of the certificate of service from DCO via DSO MR. If approved, DSO MR will issue the certificate for presentation by the Flotilla Commander.

James J. Dempster DSO MR 5(NR)



## Retirement

It is good to be reminded, from time to time, what a great organization we belong to.

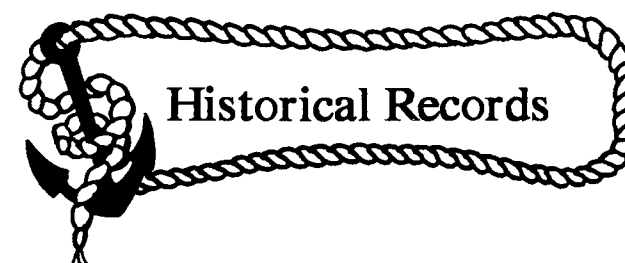
Last month I was privileged to attend the retirement ceremony of one of the Coast Guard's finest officers. The captain was retiring after a distinguished thirty years of Coast Guard service. It was a career characterized by devotion to saving lives. While serving on a cutter, he helped save the lives of fishermen in the North Atlantic. As a helicopter pilot, he performed search and rescue missions, including saving the life of an infant born prematurely at sea. While serving in Vietnam, he flew his helicopter into enemy fire to rescue a downed airman who was stranded after previous rescue attempts had failed. Later, while leading the Coast Guard effort to seize illegal drugs entering the United States, he saved countless individuals from destroying their lives, and those of their families, through drug addiction.

As I listened in awe to the accomplishments of this one man, I realized that it is men and women such as this who make up the United States Coast Guard. Men and women whose careers are devoted to serving their country and to saving lives. I began to feel a renewed sense of pride that the Auxiliary is part of this incredible organization called the Coast Guard, and I felt a relationship to these men and women of dedication, character, and accomplishment.

It made me think how we, as Auxiliarists, can do our part. Although our missions are not as dangerous or as demanding of skill and bravery as those of the regular Coast Guard, we, too, have important work to do. Through teaching public education classes, inspecting vessels, conducting safety patrols, standing radio watches, distributing safety information, setting a positive example, and in many other ways, the Auxiliary is also helping to save lives. In carrying out our missions, we, as Auxiliarists owe it to the men and women of the regular Coast Guard, to apply our skills with a sense of purpose and pride.

What a privilege it is to be part of this great Coast Guard team.

Richard G. Kauffman, VFC 2-76



## Historical Records

25 February 1992

Dear Commodore Pester;

**We need your continued help and support!**

As you know, the Auxiliary has established a National Historical Records Collection at East Carolina University. ALL units were asked almost 3 years ago to send copies of their past and current publications along with other items of historical interest. Many units have responded in a most commendable manner; however, many have yet to do so.

Recently, the Library at ECU provided us a listing of the publications that had been received. A listing of your publications is enclosed. Since the initial listing provided you in April 1991, your District has made good progress in providing the library with current and past documents.

Please review your listing. You will note that the response has been really outstanding by many of your units; please give them our thanks for their current and continued support. Some units; however, haven't provided anything yet. We had hoped that ALL units would at least start sending the Collection a copy of their current publication and minutes as they were published, but as you can see this isn't so.

I would appreciate your personal support and emphasis in requesting all your units to provide the Collection copies of their past and current publications and minutes. Please have them sent to: AUXILIARY NATIONAL RECORDS COLLECTION, c/o: J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C. 27858-4353, via penalty indicia mail.

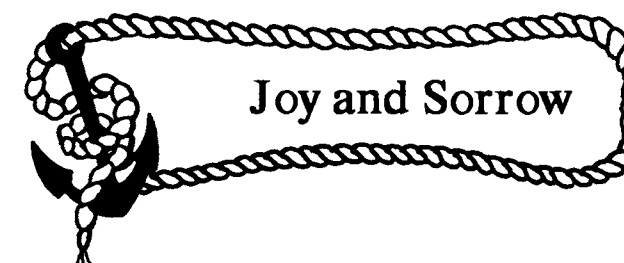
I know that you share our belief that it's important to preserve a permanent record of the Auxiliary's achievements and dedicated support to the nation.

Sincerely;

Ed Tucker, DC-M

cc: NACO, NAVCO, National Historian

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please see your SO-PB for the listing of publications.



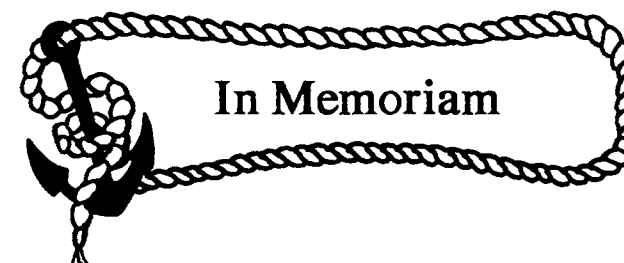
## Joy and Sorrow

**WE HAVE ADDED A NEW SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICER.** In the past, there has been a serious lack of communication amongst the members of the District, and especially in the area where someone is in the hospital, a member has died, etc. To rectify this, we have added a Special Projects Officer (JOY AND SORROW), and have appointed Muriel Lewis to this position.

If you know of anyone who should be remembered or recognized for any of the above reasons, notify either the Commodore or Muriel, and the necessary arrangements will be made.

In this way, we hope to let the members know they are being thought of at a time when these thoughts are important.

**GET WELL WISHES.** We are happy to report that three of our members who have undergone major surgery are now recuperating and home and doing nicely. To Beverlee Wachter, Bill Dischert, and Lee Crossman, we wish you a speedy return to good health. As of this writing, Jim McCabe is still in the hospital after major surgery. Get well soon!



## In Memoriam

Names of Deceased members April to July Conference

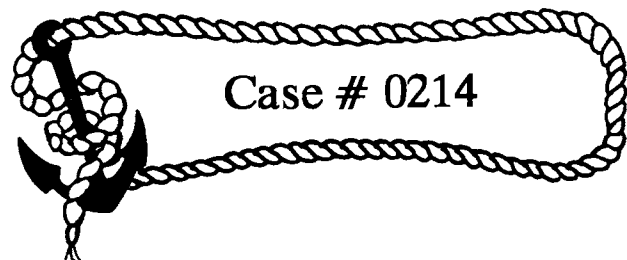
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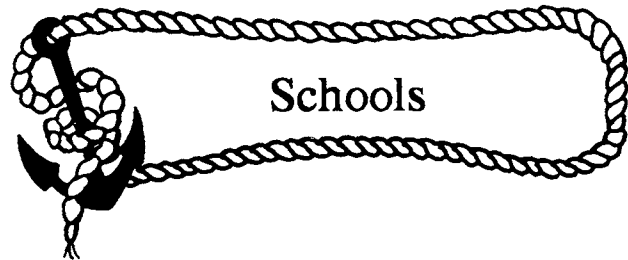
Case # 0214

2 August 1992  
U.S.C.G. Aux. Flo. 7-7

Case # 0214

While on a routine patrol an unidentified vessel calling for the Coast Guard at 1335 message was : A male adult in a vessel "Huckster" is having a Diabetic (insulin) attack and is passed out. Coast Guard asked for location and reply was "west of Tucker's island". Coast Guard dispatched two vessels to location. Auxiliary "198" monitoring "16", then advised B.H.C.G. he was heading to the location. At 1340 "Auxiliary 198" arrived on scene. Vessel was among many boats in congested area and rough waters in the inlet. "198" crew Jean Pojnar placed a tow line on vessel "Huckster" and towed same away from unsafe conditions. Orange juice was received from another vessel and was given to the patient. Two Coast Guard units arrived on the scene. One unit took patient on board and headed to Pennas Marina where an ambulance was waiting. Second unit took female passenger to same Marina. "198" towed empty vessel towards same marina. Coast Guard came back and relieved the two from "198".

Stan Pojnar, C.G. Aux. 233-198



Schools

In June, the Member Training and Vessel Examination Departments conducted two District level Schools. One to qualify new Examiners and one to give previously qualified Examiners more training.

The first, held on 15-17 May at Lionville, qualified 25 new Examiners. Their training included Hands on demonstrations with fire extinguishers, flares and use of PFD's in the water. This experience better enabled them to pass on information to the Public. Actual CME's were conducted and the exam taken, all at the School.

The second school for qualified examiners was held at Lionville on 28-31 May. After a long day of review of CME requirements, the group prepared for a field trip to Summit

North Marina where they gained experience inspection of operational vessels. Although there was a steady drizzle all day, no one seemed to mind. Rained out of a planed trip to Blue Marsh Lake to set up CME stations and PA booths on Sunday the class divided into four groups and each put together a "simulated" CME station.

The consensus of all was that both schools were a great success.

Harry David



Photo by Harry David



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

August 28, 1992  
(Miami, Florida)

MEMORANDUM TO ALL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES

As a first-hand witness to the devastation left by Hurricane Andrew in both Florida and Louisiana, I am shocked by the extent of the destruction and its effect on the personal lives of the people there. I am also tremendously impressed by the courage and the spirit of these people as they begin to rebuild their homes and communities.

Many DOT employees are among those who lost their homes and their personal possessions, and they need all the support we can give them. The USCG and the FAA have moved quickly to provide temporary shelter, food, and clothing for their employees. We will be working with other Federal and State agencies and volunteer organizations to assist all those whose lives have been so seriously disrupted in applying for disaster benefits and tax relief. There is more to be done.

You can help. In addition to providing moral and emotional support to these disaster victims, you can contribute to emergency relief funds to help the general population and DOT employees in particular (Coast Guard's Mutual Assistance Fund and FAA's South Florida Relief Fund). I urge each of you who would like to help and feel you can to make a donation directly to (checks payable to any of the following funds):

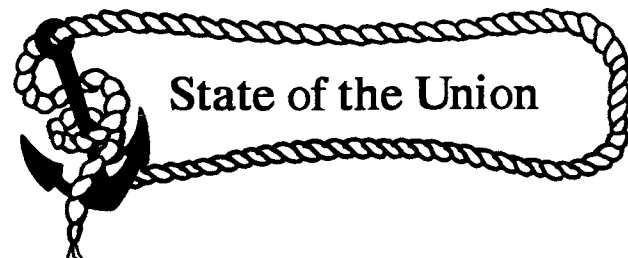
CGMA - Hurricane Andrew Assistance Fund  
Commandant (G-2MA)  
U.S. Coast Guard  
Washington, DC 20593-0001

FAA South Florida Relief Fund  
Miami ARTCC  
7500 NW 58th Street  
Miami, FL 33166

Disaster Relief Fund, Hurricane Andrew  
American Red Cross  
P.O. Box 37243  
Washington, D.C. 20013

I know you join me in the hope that our fellow employees, their families and all those affected by the storm may soon restore order and peace to their lives.

*Andrew H. Card, Jr.*  
Andrew H. Card, Jr.



## State of the Union

25 September, 1992

From: District Commodore, 5(NR)  
To: Stanley Y. Kennedy, NACO

Subject: 2ND AND 3RD QUARTER DCO REPORT

1. Had a most successful Coast Guard Mutual Assistance fund drive this year. Presented a \$ 5,518.00 check to Admiral Leland from the members of the Fifth Northern. An outstanding effort, two years in a row, and especially in light of today's depressed economy.

2. As of 29 August, 1992, we have met our National goal in membership growth and are closing in fast on all the others except VE. We have had only 4 weekends without rain this Summer, which has put a damper on our VE program. (Excuse the pun.) Actually, our year to date results are slightly ahead of last years, however we have introduced a new 60 day activity reporting rule in the District which means there can be no holding onto cards until later in the year. In spite of the VE problem, I still am confident we will end up with a banner year.

3. We have really concentrated on Member Training this year. The following were some of the schools we held during the past two quarters.

APRIL -- We conducted an 8 hour training session which was geared toward the new members who had been B.Q.'d recently. The session was held at our April District conference with 35 new members in attendance. In addition to exposing these members to a thorough familiarization of the Auxiliary and what it has to offer they were introduced to the Chief Director, the Fifth District Chief of Boating, the Director of Auxiliary and the DCO. The session was well received - so much so that it is now our intention to take the class, twice a year, out into the field and offer it to the new members in each of our three areas. We will be using our Area Mobile Unit Training Teams along with instructors from the District MT and MR department.

MAY -- A Private Aids Verification course was conducted in May. Put on a District two and a half day Basic Vessel Examination school with 25 students in attendance.

An advanced two and a half day Vessel Examination school was offered in May to 20 students.

JUNE -- Our District served as host for a National ATON school with 34 students in attendance. Put on a District (Na-

tional Approved) Operations school with 20 students and 5 local instructors being involved. Had 19 students participate in a weekend Auxiliary Specialty Course in AUXSAR. A final examination was administered at the end of the course with all but two passing. In addition to the above training, our MUTT groups provided 2 Watch Stander courses resulting in 25 of our Auxiliarists becoming Radio Watch Standers and are presently serving as such at our AUXSARDET and Coast Guard SARDET locations. The MUTTs also provided BCQ training throughout the District. One more Instructor school is scheduled for the end of this month. Advanced registration tells us the class is filled.

4. We have received a \$ 15,000.00 grant from the State of Penna. - Fish and Boat Commission to be used within the State for Patrols, Vessel examinations, Aid Verifier, conduct classes in the North and Western part of the State, etc. We recently used a portion of the money to conduct a Western Area BOATING WEEKEND BLITZ at a location known as Raystown lake. This lake is located in the Northern part of the State - is some 30 miles long, has 7 launching ramps, 2 large marinas one capable of handling 400 boats, and the lake covers some 8300 acres. An ideal location for a BLITZ and one that fits in with the Fish and Boat Commission wishes. We also invited the Fish and Boat Commission to participate in the BLITZ. It was a District sponsored project making use of trainers, QEs, and Vessel Examiners from all our District areas.

The BLITZ started on Friday evening, 28 August and ended on Sunday afternoon, 30 August. Some of the Auxiliarists stayed well into the evening in order to conduct CMEs and other activities. We examined over 300 vessels, established a PA booth at most ramp locations, set up Auxiliary recruiting booth, offered extensive training and sign offs for the Boat Crew program, put on a night OPS session, - We even had a helicopter fly in from Cape May and put on a demonstration for the public and the Auxiliary as well. Also used the helicopter for live hands on training for our people. We had almost 100 Auxiliarists participate in the BLITZ. Another spin off from the BLITZ was the boating public as well as others now know there is a Coast Guard presence at Raystown Lake. We are in hopes that the host Division will pick up the ball and put on such a program next year. The fourth cornerstone was very much in evidence during the weekend. Every one had a great time and I heard nary a discouraging word about the entire weekend, in spite of Saturday being cold and overcast. The project was so successful that we plan on putting on a similar Blitz at Lake Wallenpaupack next year. I must add that our Director, Commander Muccilli and the Assistant Director, CWO Ken Edwards spent the entire weekend with us and participated in all of the activities. They were extremely helpful and totally cooperative. As a matter of fact they were a major factor in our BLITZ being so successful.

5. We are going to conduct a Civil Rights workshop at our September District conference where we will train a trainer from each of our 15 Divisions. These trainers will return to their respective Divisions and conduct Civil Rights sessions for the flotillas within the Division.

## SOME ITEMS OF CONCERN AND OBSERVATIONS

1. N.S.B.W. kits did not arrive until the end of April. This created a problem for our District N.S.B.W. chairperson as well as the Flotillas who were most anxious to put on a good show. The kits were mailed individually throughout the District instead of being distributed through the Directors office as was done in the past. Some people received the kits while others did not. Much confusion. We would like to see the old distribution system brought back, and steps taken to ensure the kits arrive in time for 1993 N.S.B.W.

2. Again, the same old saw, SHORTAGE OF KEY MATERIALS for our members, especially our new members. The latest problem as of 4 August, 1992 is NO VESSEL EXAMINER STUDENT MATERIAL AND NO COURTESY EXAMINERS INSTRUCTOR GUIDE. I need all of the Vessel Examiners I can get and I don't need road blocks such as no manuals to teach from. We experienced the same problem earlier this year when we tried to obtain Instructor materials and B.Q. packages. What can be done about this on going problem? What are the minimum shelf / stock levels for these key materials? Should the levels be revised? Is someone looking into the problem? HELP! HELP!

3. Some consideration should be given to find the time or the ways and means of enabling the DCOs to get together at NACON in order to discuss success stories as well as problem. An informal meeting where all DCOs could let their hair down and have a really meaningful rap session. I am certain there are a million stories out there in the naked city - experiences that could be used by the DCOs. Why should we reinvent the wheel when others may have tried a particular program and had much success. I know, many of the DCOs would like to see such a meeting take place. Please think about it.

4. I question why the DCO must approve all new M.D.V.s? We don't require this for Instructors or Vessels Examiners, or any other classification. I think it is ludicrous for us to delay the process by adding an additional approval which serves no practical or meaningful purpose.

5. Are there any future plans to either up-date the present AUXLAM course or better still create a new one known as AUXLAM II. What the leaders in my District are calling for is - Problem solving techniques, and role playing, etc. Is there anything in the mill? Why should National Staff develop such a course when in fact there are hundreds of excellent management development courses offered commercially. Courses that have been tested, field tried and proven effective. Why not task someone to look into such courses and recommend one that would be suitable to the Auxiliary leaders needs. Why reinvent the wheel when it already is available.

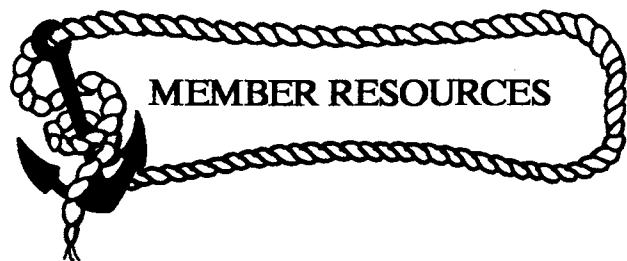
6. I am still hearing complaints from my people regarding the blanket registration fee for EACON, and NACON. I understand that the subject will be covered in depth by our present NARCO-E at NACON.

In conclusion, I can truthfully say our District is strong, very active in the four cornerstones and growing in membership each month. Our training programs are moving along in excellent fashion. We have had some rough moments with some of our AUX SARDET locations but as of today these problems have been resolved and the SARDETS are performing magnificently by serving our customers the boating public and the Coast Guard and at the same time offering an excellent platform for members training. All of our SARDETS have vessels assigned to them except one and that boat is expected shortly. Our thanks go out to Capt. Bob Melvin for all of his support and without whose help we would not have any vessels at all.

I have enjoyed my two year term as DCO. It has been exciting, challenging, rewarding, and has offered me the opportunity to make a host of new friends throughout the country. For this I am truly grateful. We have tried many new things, many of which have been highly successful and some few fell by the wayside. I am proud to be a member of what I consider to be the best District in the Auxiliary. We work hard and we also know how to have fun doing it.

Eugene M. Pester Jr.  
District Commodore,  
Fifth Coast Guard District  
Northern Region





As of 23 July 1992, 5th Northern district had a total of 3083 members in 95 flotillas which are part of 15 divisions. We have had 205 enrollments; but, we have had 48 disenrollments, 17 deaths and 14 transfers out of the district.

What I am trying to point out is that the enrollment figures are just like your paycheck - it looks great until the taxes are taken out.

Now, no one can control the death figure - what will be will be - and the transfers out of the district are usually a thing dictated by a persons job or family requiring him to change his geographical location and, not much can be done about this. But, how about this disenrollment figure? Is this something that can be corrected? It certainly is something that we can examine and do our level best to correct it.

Maybe, it's because we have folks that have not been given something to do and they would dearly like to have some responsibilities or, perhaps it's because they're bored doing the same old thing and they need a change.

Whatever it is, it's our job to analyze the situation and get some answers - if it can be corrected and I'm sure it can in most cases, let correct it.

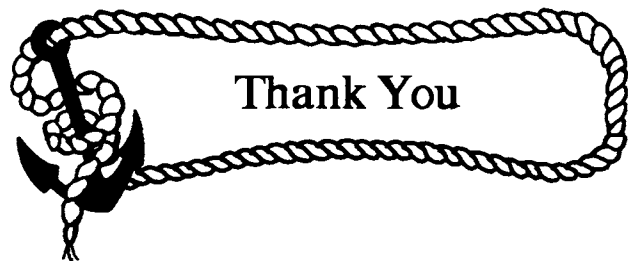
We have an extremely viable product being sold by a dynamic organization - LET'S NOT LET IT SLIP BACK.

Jim Dempster DSO-MR

## Update

We've changed our mailing address  
We request you update your files.  
Our new mailing address is:

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission  
P.O. Box 67000  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000



5 July 1993

Eugene M. Pester Jr.

Dear Shipmate,

Many thanks for a pleasant surprise, it has really brought a lot of compliments from everyone here. We enjoyed your visit and our best to you and your staff, especially your mates.

I was glad our daughter Beverly came in time to hear the scuttlebutt and meet you folks. We sure covered a lot of old memories, how times have changed!

Captain Kenneth C. Hollemon called me again last Friday and I filled him in on your visit. He has been a faithful friend. I sent him a copy of the news item that was in the Herald Newspapers he likes to keep in local news. I included the pictures that were in the Press of the Change of Command. He said one of the Captains was a classmate of his.

Extend my sincere THANKS to your staff for an excellent gift.

Russell Higgins

P. S. We enjoyed the Tall Ship Parade for the 500th Celebration of Columbus in New York. Brought back memories of the 4 mast schooners on the Delaware when I was about 10 or 12 years old. When I was 17 or 18 I worked on the river as a tug deckhand

Russ

From the Herald 2 July 1992

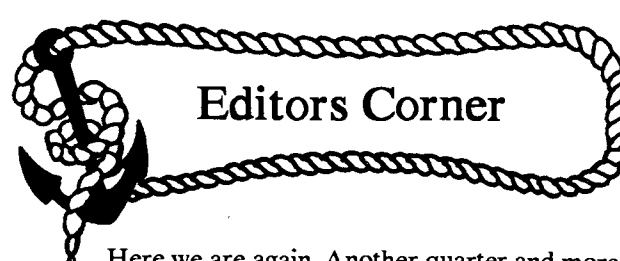
HIGGINS HONORED BY COAST GUARD

North Cape May - Russell Higgins had recently been honored by the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for being a 50 year auxiliary member and 31 year member of Flotilla No. 83 of Wildwood.

Higgins served in the Coast Guard Reserves starting in 1942. He was a crew member aboard auxiliary boats assigned on patrol between Cape May Inlet, Townsend Inlet and Five Fathom Bank.

He served as operations officer before being elected flotilla vice commander. He was then promoted to warrant boatswain, flotilla commander, ensign and Lieutenant JG in 1945.

Higgins has been awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the American Theatre Defense Medal and the Security Shield of Honor for service to Flotilla No. 83.



Here we are again. Another quarter and more news. Several things have happened since the last issue and some things have not happened. There were no letters to the Editor and no letters to ask Mr. Uniform. Strange that no one has uniform questions. You will notice in the AIM section that there are two letters from Aimsters past and present. These letters show that the program does work and we are doing the right thing. If you have letters about a program, PE, VE, OPS or any other, share them, use your bragging rights. There is an article about life as a swab that was written by my son. He is an Auxiliarist and SPO-PB. If any of your sons or daughters at the Academy would like to write an article for *TOPSIDE*, they can mail it directly to me or give it to my son in Foxtrot Company. When submitting articles, please type them either single or double spaced, and upper and lower case. When you submit in all upper case, it is harder to retype and causes extra errors. When submitting photos, either black and white or color are acceptable. Do not write on the photo. Drawing lines to point to something will reject the photo. Instead, use a post-it or paper and tape on the reverse side of the photo.

The District elections were held and the results will follow this article. Different people that I have spoken with have suggested some changes to *TOPSIDE* in the format and actual printing. I have incorporated some of the changes in this issue but I want to hear from the majority of readers. Look in the table of contents for the reader survey. What I want to know is if you like the type style and the type size of the last issue or this one. Let me know which one is easier to read. If you recycled the last issue already, the survey card has both on it. Since the card has no place to put your name, please take the time to send it in.

Attached to the reader survey card (which is to be cut off) is a coupon to mail to the exchange at Base Cape May. The manager will mail flyers periodically with items that may be purchased either by mail or at your local exchange. If there is any problem getting merchandise, you can call the manager at (609) 884-6940 and a solution can be worked out. If you do not want to cut the page, simply photo copy the page and sent that or else send a post card with the same information on it.

In closing, I want to thank the outgoing officers that I have worked with over the past year and I look forward to working with the newly elected officers. I have been asked and will remain as your editor of *TOPSIDE*. See you on the water.

Commodore - Edward W. Rearick, Jr.

Vice Commodore - Nancy K. Davis

Rear Commodore (W) - Clyde E. College

Rear Commodore (C) - M. Philip Stamm

Rear Commodore (E) - L. Daniel Maxim

## "WHAT IS THE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM???"

NUTSHELL DEFINITION:

1. IT'S AN INDEPENDENT, NON-PROFIT, ORGANIZATION WHICH IS FOUNDED PRIMARILY THROUGH PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

2. THESE FUNDS ARE DISBURSED AS INTEREST FREE LOANS TO THOSE ELIGIBLE COAST GUARD PERSONNEL WHO DEMONSTRATE A SERIOUS FINANCIAL NEED.

3. IDEALLY, THE PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO BE A ONE-TIME, IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF RELIEF.

4. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE LOANS SHOULD BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT, NOT TAKE PLACE OF, ALL OTHER AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE, SUCH AS FINANCIAL COUNSELING, PARENT/FAMILY AID, OR A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.

5. PROMPT REPAYMENT OF LOANS ARE EXTREMELY CRITICAL TO THE EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM BECAUSE IT IS SUPPORTED BY THE CONTINUAL RECYCLING OF FUNDS AS LOAN REPAYMENTS.

6. THE PROGRAM IS BROKEN DOWN IN FIVE SUB-PROGRAMS EACH OF WHICH HAVE THEIR OWN SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE. THEY ARE:

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

ADOPTION ASSISTANCE

ADMIRAL ROLAND STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

## Conference Note

The April Conference will be held April 2-4 instead of the third week in April  
Thank You

Arline Dolich, Conference Coordinator

U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
VALUE STUDY  
1990/1991

Have you ever wondered what the real value of the Auxiliary might be? Sure we all have a qualitative feeling for our efforts in helping the Coast Guard and promoting boating safety but what about our real value in terms of dollars? That question was bothering our National Executive Committee, which in turn prompted this study. The study was conducted by James R. Snook, IPDCO-13. Each member of the National Board has a copy of the complete study. The answer to the question

for 1990 was at least \$360,389,680 (\$36,426,706 in yearly recurring costs) and for 1991 it was at least \$377,031,439 (\$40,832,359 in yearly recurring costs) based on the same data source and basic assumptions. The increases shown for 1991 can be attributed primarily to maintaining our normal levels of activity, with some slight increases in cornerstone programs, while at the same time doing considerably more

in the multimission operational support category. In order totally understand these numbers we need to know how these numbers came about and what kind of data is included and what kind of data is not included. A rough outline is included below:

	%		
	1990	1991	increase
AUXILIARY ADMINISTRATION			
	\$12,887,112	\$13,714,211	6.4
AUXILIARY TRAVEL	4,274,333	4,602,040	7.6
AUXILIARY UNIFORMS	3,079,440	3,272,040	6.2
AUXILIARY PROGRAMS			
Public Education	2,645,908	3,268,244	23.5
Member Training	1,327,561	1,613,522	21.5
C.G. OPS Support	1,403,296	1,826,715	30.2
C.G. Adm. Support	354,376	415,613	17.3
C.G. Recruiting	95,890	131,313	36.9
Public Affairs	1,172,207	1,270,805	8.4
Patrols	4,013,159	5,063,400	26.2
C. U. Patrols	135,155	185,590	37.3
C.M.E.'s	601,575	762,855	26.8
MDV Program	79,414	113,852	43.4
AIM Program	126,155	138,771	10.0
MISCELLANEOUS COSTS			
Meeting Costs	3,050,699	3,175,405	4.1
CME Travel	618,205	676,834	9.5
Publications	217,535	257,835	18.5
National Store Items	344,686	344,686	0.0
SUBTOTAL	\$36,426,706	\$40,832,359	12.1
FACILITIES	\$323,962,975	\$336,199,080	3.8
TOTALS	\$360,389,681	\$377,031,439	4.6

Auxiliary Administration takes into account the time spent by elected and appointed officers in administrating the Auxiliary and its programs. The time spent by officers at every

level was based on input from all areas of the Auxiliary and averages were used. For instance, the average Flotilla Commander put in the equivalent of 2.4 weeks (96 hours) during the year just in Flotilla Commander duties. This doesn't include the time he/she spent in teaching or doing CME's or operations. The dollar value was calculated using a Coast Guard Lieutenant's pay as the equivalency. This was done for all appointed officers at Flotilla, Division, District, and National level as well as elected officers at all levels. The Coast Guard equivalency pay corresponds to the rank insignia authorized for each officer. One might argue about the time assigned for any office and it might be too high or too low for any specific case but on the average these numbers would be considered conservative by most Auxiliarists. The time assigned for all FSO's is 1 hour per week. We all know some FSO's who won't average 15 minutes per week but by the same token we have some who probably average over 5 or 10 hours per week.

Auxiliary Travel is based upon the travel time reported in AUXMIS and assuming an average speed of 40 M.P.H. at the government mileage rate for the year (1990-\$0.24 ~ 1991-\$0.25). The kind of travel recorded in this category includes travel for reportable activities in public education, member training, C.G. operational support, C.G. administrative support, patrols, RAP/AIM, public affairs, and MDV. Travel in support of the CME program is included under "Miscellaneous Costs".

Auxiliary Uniform values are based on an average cost of \$90 in 1990 and \$95 in 1991 for initial, updating, and replacement costs for uniforms. We have had significant changes in the Auxiliary uniform in the last few years which has affected every member. Uniforms are an important part of our image as well as the Coast Guard's image to the public and adds to the total value of our contribution. This value refers to just the uniform and does not include items purchased through the National Materials Center.

In order to put a dollar value on our Auxiliary programs we felt that the fair market value would be what it would cost to have a Coast Guard commissioned or non-commissioned officer perform the function. Thus Auxiliary programs an evaluation of our AUXMIS reported activities converted to hours times equivalency pay for the specific function as follows: Public Education - the value here includes 3 Aides and 1 Instructor for every PE hour. The dollar value is based on the Instructor being paid at the rate of a Chief Petty Officer (CPO) and the Aide at the rate of a Second Class Petty Officer (PO2). Member Training - The value here includes 2 Aides and 1 Instructor for every MT hour. The dollar value is based on the same rates, CPO and PO2, as public education. It does not include the time or travel spent by our members taking these courses.

C.G. Operational Support - the time reported in this area is calculated at the rate of pay of a First Class Petty Officer (PO1).

C.G. Administrative Support - the time reported rate of pay of a Chief Petty Officer (CPO).

C.G. Recruiting Support - the time reported in Chief

Petty Officer (CPO).

Public Affairs- the time reported in this area is calculated at the rate of pay of an Ensign.

Patrols - the value here is based on 1 Operator and 2 Crew Members for each patrol and the dollar value is based on First Class Petty Officer (PO1) and Second Class Petty Officer (PO2) pay respectively. Chart updating values are based on CPO and PO1 pay respectively.

CME's - the value here is based on 20 minutes per CME at PO1 pay.

MDV's - the value here is based on 30 minutes per MDV at PO1 pay.

AIM - the value here is based on time spent at all levels for each candidate that makes it to the Academy. It includes transportation costs borne by the Auxiliary for the candidates and for those Auxiliarists that make the trip to the Academy.

It is in our Auxiliary programs that we realized a 24% increase in 1991. We had a significant increase in program activity and only a slight increase in membership.

We also recognize that the value of our facilities should be included in an overall study of the dollar value of the Auxiliary but this is not a recurring cost. The value of our facilities (vessels, aircraft, and radios) in 1990 is \$323,962,975 and for 1991 it is \$336,199,080.

Miscellaneous costs include those areas not based on AUXMIS but which can be reasonably evaluated using the principles established above (meeting costs, travel time, publication costs, and other uniform items). Meeting costs include round trip travel time to get to meetings at all levels and the hotel and food costs associated with attending District and National meetings. Such costs associated with Division meetings was not considered. In many cases there are no food or hotel costs associated with Division meetings. Travel time associated with CME's is based on having to travel at least once for every 5 CME's given. The average time in CME travel is estimated at 1 hour per trip (round trip). Publication costs for newsletters at all levels assumes that 30% of the Flotillas have newsletters, 90% of the Divisions have newsletters, all Districts have a newsletter, and the "Navigator" costs are based on actual expenditures. The last miscellaneous item includes the National revenue from the Materials Center for all items except PE books. In other words the uniform insignia and other paraphernalia purchased by our members through their District Material Centers. Insignia costs were not calculated under uniform costs.

These are the dollar values attached to our principal Auxiliary activities that can be readily quantified and they do not include our expenditures that were reimbursed by the Coast Guard (patrol gas, some meeting expenses, etc.). We need to realize that this list is not complete. We do not recognize many of those activities that are not recorded in AUXMIS. In addition many of our members, for one reason or another, simply do not report some of their activities. We do not recognize the time spent by our members taking advanced training, AUXOP or Institute courses. The same applies to our boat crew program. We recognize the time spent by our QE's but we do not record the time or travel involved by our members in getting checked

out by a QE. Ultimately the member's accomplishment is recognized by the Operator, or Coxswain ribbon or pin but the time spent by the individual is ignored. We do not recognize the time and effort spent in building training aids PA booths. We do not evaluate the Xeroxing costs involved in promoting our programs. I am certain that this is a significant figure for our appointed and elected officers, but it is difficult to evaluate.

This study is geared toward the recurring yearly costs involved in carrying out the Auxiliary Programs. The other dollar value not addressed in this study is the value of life and property saved. How do you put a value on 535 lives saved in 1991? How do you put a value on the 27,304 persons assisted by the Auxiliary in 1991? The \$202,453,000 worth of property assisted or saved by you is a matter of record. You can put pride and confidence in your bearing, knowing that you played a part in these statistics. Each of you contributed at least \$1185 in 1991 toward boating safety and the Coast Guard's program in addition to offering your facility for use. Your contribution is based in part on actual dollars spent and the rest is time and travel. We should do a better job of selling the public on the value of our services. In addition we must find more volunteers to help us take on the additional burden of our new and planned programs. In our communities we are the most visible professionally trained members in boating safety. Let us not hesitate to stand up and be counted!

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Dear Fellow Auxiliaries,

I regret to inform you of the death of Past National Commodore J. Webb L. Sheehy on 26 August 1992 in Rochester, New York. Commodore Sheehy had been hospitalized for some time. He was 87.

Memorial Services were held on Sunday, 30 August, at the Asbury First United Methodist Church in Rochester. Joseph D. Favaloro, District Commodore, Ninth District (Eastern Region) represented the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The family requests that donations be made to the American Red Cross Disaster Fund via your local chapter.

Commodore Sheehy's memorabilia has been included in the Auxiliary National Records Collection at East Carolina University.

Enclosed is a copy of his obituary.

Sincerely,

Stanley Y. Kennedy

**J. Webb L. Sheehy, 87; was Irondequoit town justice**

J. Webb L. Sheehy, a former Rochester lawyer and Irondequoit town justice, died Wednesday of heart failure. He was 87.

Mr. Sheehy, of Irondequoit, began practicing law in Rochester in 1929.

A Republican, Mr. Sheehy was elected Irondequoit town justice in 1960 and served through 1973.

"He took each case as it came and tried to do the best he could," said his daughter, Nan Lafont of Madrid, Spain. "I think he was good and fair. Everybody liked him. He was lots of fun."

Samuel Flandach, a friend and former Irondequoit town justice said Mr. Sheehy took his work seriously.

"But he never lost his sense of humor and humanitarian side" Flandach said. "He was compassionate. He loved people and believed in the system."

Four scared youths appeared before Mr. Sheehy in his court in 1961, according to a newspaper clipping three pleaded guilty of throwing firecrackers into a crowd at Seabreeze Park.

But the last boy hesitated then said he might as well plead guilty because he couldn't afford a lawyer.

Mr. Sheehy responded with a civics lesson. "Young man let me tell you this," he said. "If you are not guilty, then plead not guilty!" "You boys may not realize it, but this country has a system of jurisprudence that is a cornerstone of our freedom, Mr. Sheehy continued "If you sincerely believe that you are innocent, young men, I will not permit you to plead otherwise."

Mr. Sheehy later found the four boys innocent.

Mr. Sheehy served as president of the New York State Magistrates Association and the Monroe County Magistrates Association.

James E. Morris, a friend and Brighton town justice, worked in Mr. Sheehy's court as an assistant district attorney.

"He was very knowledgeable in the law and showed a lot of dignity on the bench," Morris said "He was a very calm influence. He would never get excited. He always had a practical solution.

Mr. Sheehy practiced law up until he entered Rochester General Hospital in November. He took on a variety of cases.

"He was always more interested in helping people than in getting the bills out," said Patricia Davis, Mr. Sheehy's secretary for about 25 years.

An avid yachtsman, Mr. Sheehy was National Commodore of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1955. The Auxiliary was a civilian adjunct that aided the Coast Guard.

He also was commander of the Rochester Power Squadron and a member of the Rochester Yacht Club, sailing a 40 foot cruiser, the Neaga.

"That was his favorite love, his boat," Davis said, "He had that boat for years."

Mr. Sheehy was born in New Castle, PA and later moved to Cambridge, MD. He earned a bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1926 and a law degree in 1929.

Mr. Sheehy was a lieutenant in the Coast Guard Temporary Reserve in World War II.

He belonged to Theta Delta Chi and was past master of Wakan Hubbard Lodge 154.

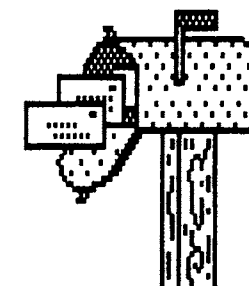
Besides his daughter, Mr. Sheehy is survived by his wife, Ruth; a son-in-law, Ramon Lafont; and three grandchildren.

-Stephen Lowe

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