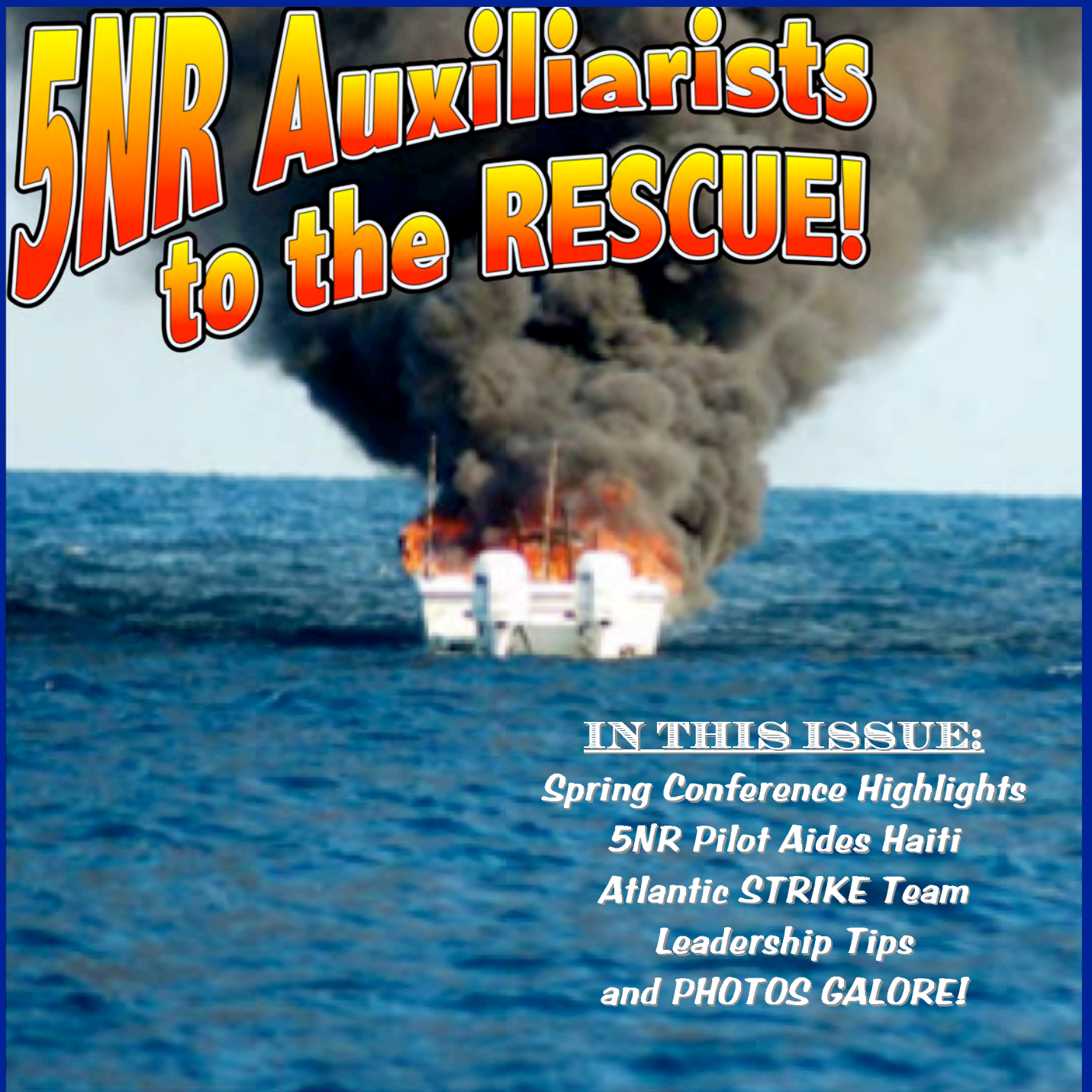


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## 5NR Auxiliarists to the RESCUE!



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*and PHOTOS GALORE!*



# District Spring Conference



Photo Captions (Clockwise from upper left):  
CDR Glena Tredinnick flanked by District Bridge K.C. Murphy DCAPT(W), COMO Jack Witemeyer, Harold Robinson DCOS and Jay Brandinger DCAPT(C).  
Conference Coordinators Ira and Arline Dolich with grandson Max.

Members take advantage of AUXPAT and NavRules training and testing.

COMO presents the Past DCO Trophy to Flotilla 4-9 accepted by Thomas Dever, VCDR-04.

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*Editorial...*

## Your History Begins Now

Last year marked the 70-year anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary; and, this year is the best time to start researching the history of your Flotilla and Division. Most of the original Auxiliary units began in the Mid-Atlantic States, and District 5NR contains some of the oldest Flotillas in the Country. Whether your Flotilla or Division is old or new, now is the time to begin researching or up-dating the rich and unique history of your unit. Knowing your unit's history brings pride and a unique perspective to an Auxiliarist's membership. It is also a great news story for local newspapers which can promote the Auxiliary and attract new members to your unit.

How to research your history: Be advised that if you have a charter date of 1959, that this is the year Coast Guard files were computerized, so you may have a much older unit. Otherwise, in researching your history, the following is recommended:

1. Contact your District Historian to determine what information he/she holds.
2. Interview longtime current and past flotilla members and collect documents for donation to the Auxiliary national records collection and artifacts that will be incorporated into the Coast Guard collection; collected items must be shipped through your District Historian.
3. Contact your local newspaper morgue to search for articles on the Auxiliary.
2. Contact your local historical society.
3. Many Auxiliary units were originally formed from yacht club memberships; contact local yacht clubs to see if they hold Auxiliary documents and/or photographs.

*Happy Hunting!*

Joseph Giannattasio

- Editor





# In Memoriam

## DECEASED SINCE LAST CONFERENCE

Alice Drew	2-04	Frank W. Sherry Sr.	6-06	Joseph Cook	14-07
William Sutherland	3-02	Thomas Kulig	7-07	Linda Gardner	15-01
George Grable	4-02	Jack Gindlesperger	10-05	Jeffrey Ellis	15-05
H. Bruce Snyder	5-04	Leonard Rickert (ret.)	10-08	Randy Johnson	15-09
Edward Reading	6-03	Vince Zaffiro (ret.)	11-03	William Fennelly	16-10
Melvin Bewell	6-03	Joseph Bauer	12-03		
James Mee	6-03	Charles Smith	12-03		

## District Awards

Vessel Safety Check Award - John Williams 14-01  
 RBS Program Visitor Award - Vincent Maciborka 07-07  
 Operations Program Award - Harold T. Robinson 04-09  
 Andy Kratzer ATON/CU Award - John G. Fuller 02-76  
 Support Missions Award - William R. Francen 16-05  
 Instructor Award - L. Daniel Maxim 06-06  
 Assists Award - Edward J. Ross, Jr. 14-02  
 Edmund Morton MT Award - Patrick M. Cunningham 02-76  
 Commercial F/V Exam Award - Aldo Guerino 07-12  
 Massman Award for Performance - 08  
 Massman Award for Activity - 04  
 Flotilla Membership - 08-02  
 Flotilla Operational Support Mission - 01-04  
 Flotilla Operations - 04-09  
 Flotilla Vessel Safety Checks - 04-09  
 Flotilla Aids to Navigation/Chart Updating - 02-76  
 Flotilla RBS Visitations Program - 12-02  
 Wm Ross McDonald Public Education - 08-02  
 Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award - 08-02  
 Past DCO Plaque - 14-01  
 Past DCO Trophy - 04-09

# 5NR AuxAir Pilot Helps Haiti

## Delaware Auxiliarist Participates in Haiti Relief Effort

by Joseph Giannattasio, ADSO-AV (PA)

*"This was a really rewarding experience, probably the greatest I ever had in my life ... You don't think about what you can do, you just do it."*

- Andrew Diffley, FL-11-9

On January 12, the Island nation of Haiti experienced a catastrophic magnitude 7.0 earthquake that affected three million people, killed over 250,000 people, injured 300,000, and left 1,000,000 homeless.

Auxiliarist Andrew "Andy" Diffley, an Aircraft Commander in the District's Air Program is a private pilot who enjoys flying his airplane for personal enjoyment, but also volunteers as a pilot for missionary groups. On January 17 Andrew was contacted by an International missionary organization and asked to fly relief supplies to Haiti in his twin-engine Piper Aztec. Andy, who is 59 years old, his airplane is 37 years old, and his Caribbean charts from his last trip to the islands are 25 years old, didn't hesitate to volunteer.

His plane completely filled with medical supplies, Andy took off from Wilmington, Delaware on January 17th to the relief transshipment point in Nassau, Bahamas. After unloading the medical supplies Andy met two doctors trying to get to Les Cayes, Haiti. Les Cayes is Haiti's third largest city, and there was no relief flying in. So began Andy's second mission.

Safely transporting the doctors to Les Cayes, it was too late to fly back and Andy was invited to spend the night with Christian missionaries, sleeping on a couch.

The next day, Andy was asked to volunteer in flying into different towns to deliver food where there were landing strips. After Les Cayes, the city of Fond des Blancs was his next destination. He ate one meal a day, got sunburned, and lost ten pounds, but none

of that mattered to Andy.

His next mission was to La Gonave, an island right in the center of Haiti but totally isolated from the rest of Haiti. This time, he was carrying food. The mayor of La Gonave came to meet Andy and shook his hand. The mayor spoke only French and Andy didn't understand one word, but he clearly understood the appreciation.

Andrew learned firsthand how challenging it is to provide relief and assistance to a country like Haiti that experienced such utter devastation. In the small cities and villages in the outskirts, he didn't see any government agencies. The clinics and hospitals usually had only Tylenol for treating patients. In the capital of Haiti, Port au Prince,

Andy witnessed first-hand a huge international relief effort represented by many countries including Cuba, Jordan, Brazil and Canada; and different agencies scraping up donations. However, the tricky part was getting all of that relief into towns outside Port au Prince. The smart people are not trying to organize all of this, they just take a small piece of the effort and get it resolved. The whole trip became an adrenaline rush: flying into a small village, in the mountains, short narrow and bumpy runways.

What started out as a normal Sunday for Andrew wound up as a week-long adventure in Haiti delivering much needed supplies and food to remote villages. He traveled four thousand miles through the Haiti earthquake disaster. He would land his plane, crash into sleep, wake up early in the morning and start all over again. Andrew estimates his personal out-of-pocket costs equaled about a dollar a mile. And yes, he would do it all over again.

So, what did you do last week? - **topside**  
- See photos of Andrew Diffley's adventure on page 8 -

# 5NR Auxiliarist in ACTION

- Cover Story -

## 5NR Auxiliarists to the Rescue!

by Alan Moose, FSO-PA FL85

Auxiliarists, Gil Finkelstein and Ken Eisenberg of Flotilla 85 Brigantine were recently in Highland Beach, Florida, visiting long time friend, former Flotilla 85 member Marc Brody. While there they participated in a routine marine safety patrol that ended up as a search and rescue mission that saved two lives.

Weather was clear on the Martin Luther King holiday for their offshore run from Boca Inlet down the coast to CG Station Fort Lauderdale. On the run back to Boca, they stopped outside Hillsboro Inlet to check out a small boat seemingly in distress. The small boat waved them off as they resolved their problem. As they turned around to exit the inlet they saw a large plume of dense black smoke about 3 miles off Lighthouse Point. Coxswain Marc Brody, and crew members Jerry Edelman, Gil Finkelstein and Ken Eisenberg sped out of the inlet at full throttle notifying Sector Miami of the boat fire.

They arrived first on scene as the vessel was fully engulfed in flame. The two crewmen of the distressed vessel were pulled out of the water by a good Samaritan and quickly transferred to the Auxiliary vessel. After initial observation it was apparent they were suffering from hypothermia. The Auxiliarists had them remove their wet clothes and gave them towels and dry clothing. Brody, an EMT, continually checked

their vitals to prevent shock. Sector Miami was given constant updates on the situation of the fire and two victims.

Vessels from the U.S. Coast Guard, Florida Fish & Wildlife, and the Broward Co. Sheriff's Dept. also responded to the scene and the two victims were released into the care of the Sheriff. They were returned to Pioneer Park in Hillsboro where they had launched their boat. After the fire was out, Sector Miami released the Auxiliary patrol from the scene. A \$125,000 boat was lost but two men, one being U.S. Coast Guard retired,



L to R: Gil Finkelstein, Jerry Edelman, Ken Eisenberg and Marc Brody assist in rescue off the coast of Boca Raton, Florida.

returned safely to their families.

Gil Finkelstein and Ken Eisenberg are both long time members of Flotilla 85. Marc Brody, a past Flotilla 85 Commander, and Jerry Edelman are both members of Flotilla 36 in Boca Raton, Florida. All are dedicated Auxiliarists and very active in their flotillas.

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# Effective Communication

## Communication within the 5th Northern District

by Harry F. Dyer, ADSO-CS (Editorial)

Communication – the thread that binds and keeps an organization from unraveling at the seams. Without a strong thread, an organization will unravel, break apart, and in time will completely disintegrate. To prevent this from occurring, the thread must pass through and bind all organizational levels to insure a tight knit working community.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has the guidelines/policy for a strong thread to pass through and bind all levels in the “Chain of Communication.” Unfortunately, the thread is broken and the Auxiliary is starting to unravel. We must re-evaluate our commitments and take a good look at ourselves. Are we communicating with fellow Auxiliarists, to the degree that we need to sustain a strong organization? The answer is obvious – a resounding NO!

The main seam in the Auxiliary is the Flotilla. Communication must start there and wind its way up through the “chain.” Members must express their needs to their Flotilla Commanders and staff officers. In turn, the Flotilla Commanders and staff officers must pass this information up to the next level, their division officers. Consequentially the information must then go the district officers and then on to national officers. It is the duty of the Flotilla Commanders to provide the “needle” to start the information winding its way up through the “chain.” The next step requires the thread to reverse itself and wind its way back down from National to Districts to Divisions to Flotillas.

As you can see, there are two different paths the thread must bind - the elected officers’ path and the appointed staff officers’ path. If the information flow follows these paths, we will have a tight knit organization that is held together at the seams by a strong thread.

How can we stop the unraveling that is occurring? First, the elected officers must provide proper guidance. In some instances, this is not occurring and members are becoming discouraged by not receiving all the information that is available. Flotilla elected officers, in many instances do not fulfill the commitments of their office. They do not disseminate available information to their membership nor do they submit reports to their Division Captains. This they must do to set an example for their staff officers and insist that the staff officers follow their example. The next steps, at the division and district level, the same procedure must be followed. As at the flotilla level, in many instances, this is not occurring. The thread is broken at three places at three levels. A strong leadership is needed to insure the “Chain of Communication” is not broken.

There are many dedicated members in the Auxiliary who do an excellent job of keeping the membership informed. However, they cannot perform the duties of those who do not set a good example. Neglect of communication creates a disgruntled membership. The solution to the “communication problem” is found in “training.” Without proper training, skills can only be partially achieved. We (5NR) recently held Elected and Appointed Staff Officers training at the Area level (Eastern, Central and Western). This is a step in the right direction, but only a step. The full cooperation of all members is necessary to insure communication up and down the chain.

In real estate, there is a saying; “location, location, location!” Let us make a commitment to resolve our problem not by saying, but by performing; “communication, communication, communication!”



# How to be a Successful

## Successful Leaders

by Bruce Long, DCAPT - East

*"Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results."*

- George S. Patton

**M**any of you are holding an Auxiliary Elected and Appointed Leadership position for the first time. And most of you may be asking yourself, "How do I become a successful Leader?"

I've held several Elected and Appointed Officer positions in Fifth Northern and have trained, mentored, and worked with many of you over the years. What advice, then, can I give you to succeed?

1. Be proactive; if you sit back and wait for something to happen, chances are it won't happen. Develop a plan, communicate your plan, establish responsibilities, determine goals, track progress, and make changes as needed.

2. Provide training opportunities and activities. Members joined the Auxiliary for a chance to actively support the Coast Guard and improve themselves. Help new members become vessel examiners, instructors and program visitors. Encourage established members to take specialty courses and watchstander qualifications. Consider improving your skills by taking courses offered by the Auxiliary such as the Computer Classes that are available at TRACEN, Cape May. On April 3, 2010 there is a Hands-On Computer Class scheduled. Subjects covered include how to properly utilize the Internet, Microsoft Courses, such as Word, Excel and Power Point Presentations. Keep an eye on the 5th Northern Web Site for courses we are preparing to present. All of this training is free.

3. Reward deserving members with Awards. Help others enjoy the rewards of Auxiliary participation; motivated members will help others to succeed.

4. Have fun! It's important to participate in fellowship activities and enjoy the camaraderie and working together with others in Team Coast Guard. Consider attending the Auxiliary Conferences that are offered two times each year. Yes, it is an expense, but you have an opportunity to train and mingle with the other members of Fifth Northern. A great deal of effort is expended to make these Conferences enjoyable for you. In March each year, we have our Awards Conference. This is "pay day" for many members and you will have an opportunity to see the heavy hitters that lead your organization.



Last of all: Project what you look for in a leader - Be Professional, Be Responsible, Be Accountable and you will Be Successful!

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# Auxiliary Leader

Leaders in the Auxiliary must not only look sharp, but also be sharp about how they conduct business, do paperwork, and support their unit and office programs. Successful leaders ensure orderly meetings and regular fellowship; they instill an atmosphere of willingness to participate among their members. They lead by example, good humor, and by actively listening and helping others.

Successful Leaders ensure their members are treated fairly, are provided a chance to learn and succeed and providing all the guidance necessary for them to do so. When your members complete qualifications, ensure the paperwork is correct, properly submitted and tracked as though it was your own.



Most importantly, a successful leader ensures their members are properly recognized and awarded. The awards and recognition of their staff and members measure good leaders. Anyone can recognize a fellow member for his/her hard work by submitting an award application through the chain of leadership.

District Fifth Northern has a long and rich history of actively serving the Coast Guard; earned by the work and dedication of its membership and their leaders.

I am confident that you too, will continue this proud tradition. I look forward to working with you for many years to come. - **topside**

## Haiti Mission

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Photos by Andrew Diffley FL-11-9



Photo Captions (from upper column):

View from the cockpit of a typical runway in Haiti - Yes, that IS a runway at the 12 o'clock position! Villagers help unload food and supplies from Andy's airplane. Pilot Andrew Diffley FL-11-9 gives a presentation of his Haiti assistance experience during a recent District Air Program meeting. (photo - J. Giannattasio)

# Historian's Corner

## U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY INSIGNIA

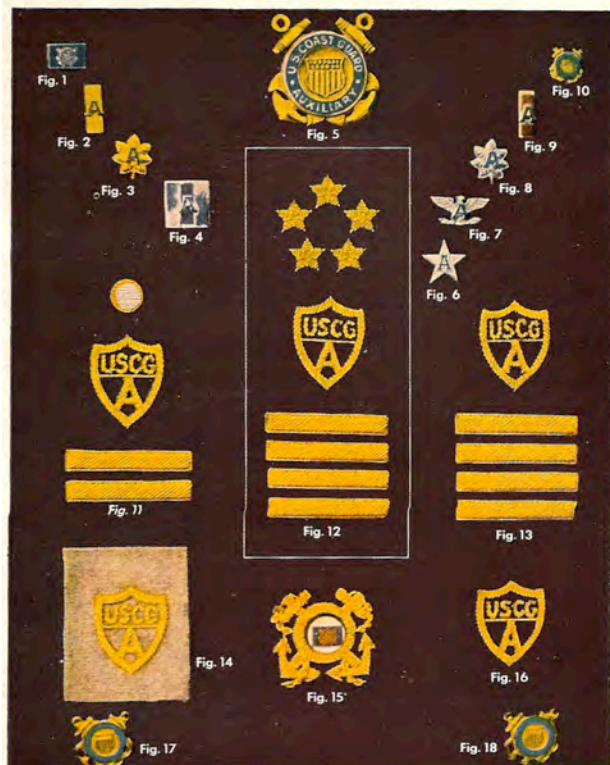


Fig. 1. CIVILIAN paper emblem.  
 Fig. 2. Right collar insignia, Flotilla Vice Commander.  
 Fig. 3. Right collar insignia, National Sea Officer, District Vice Commodore, District Rear Commodore, Division Captain.  
 Fig. 4. Right collar insignia, District Sea Officer, Division Vice Captain, Division Training Officer, Division Staff Officer, Flotilla Commander.  
 Fig. 5. Uniform cap device.  
 Fig. 6. Right collar insignia, National Sea Officer.  
 Fig. 7. Right collar insignia, National Vice Commodore.  
 Fig. 8. Right collar insignia, District Commodore.  
 Fig. 9. Right collar insignia, Flotilla Training Officer.  
 Fig. 10. Left collar emblem insignia.  
 Fig. 11. Right sleeve insignia, Division Staff Officer.  
 Fig. 12. Right sleeve insignia, National Commodore.  
 Fig. 13. Right sleeve insignia, Division Captain.  
 Fig. 14. Right sleeve Corps Device, khaki background, all members.  
 Fig. 15. Yachting cap device.  
 Fig. 16. Right sleeve Corps Device, blue background, all members.  
 Figs. 17 and 18. Garrison cap emblem insignia (women's style).

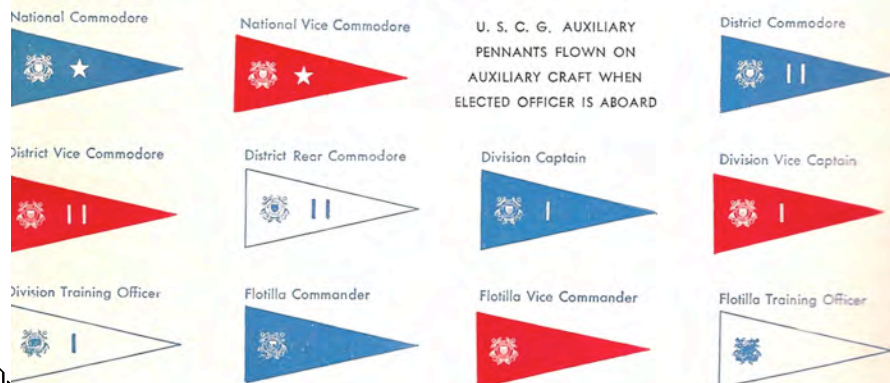
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NOTE 1: District Vice Commodore same as Fig. 12 but with two stars. District Commodore same as Fig. 12 but with three stars. National Vice Commodore same as Fig. 12 but with four stars.

NOTE 2: Division Vice Captains same as Fig. 13 but with three bars. Flotilla Commander and Division Training Officer same as Fig. 13 but with two bars. Flotilla Vice Commander and Flotilla Training Officer same as Fig. 13 but with one bar.

NOTE 3: District Staff Officer same as Fig. 11, but with three bars. National Sea Officer same as Fig. 11 but with four bars.

NOTE 4: Collar insignia is worn on khaki uniform shirts only.



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## How Things Have Changed

This chart of Coast Guard Auxiliary insignia dates from 1963. Although the designations for offices and color-schemes may have changed, the important work and scope to assist the Coast Guard and serve the boating public remains the same.

If your Flotilla or Division has a milestone anniversary coming up, or if you want to know the history of your unit, the District's Historian John "Jake" Lincoln (pictured Below) has a treasure trove of Auxiliary archives, documents and artifacts, and he's happy to help you research the history of your unit.

You can contact Jake at:

[hlincoln@comcast.net](mailto:hlincoln@comcast.net)

## WANTED

If you have an Auxiliary item of historical significance (pictures, documents, items, ETC.), share them with your Shipmates. Digitally scan the item or take a digital photo of it and email it to TOPSIDE so everyone can enjoy your treasure.

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# Profile In Service

## Division 8 Auxiliarist of the Year

- Richard Weiss -

Having accomplished a career as a medical professional, a world-class professional race car driver, and Associate Dean of a prominent medical university, most people would consider that a full life. Not so of Richard Weiss, Flotilla 82 Cape May, NJ.

In 2007 Richard Weiss joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary and wasted no time in becoming an active member. During his first year of membership he provided invaluable leadership and fresh perspectives in contributing to Flotilla 82's New Member Mentoring Program. He diligently participated in numerous activities augmenting all the Auxiliary Cornerstones such as coordinating and scheduling his Flotilla's PE classes as Flotilla Staff Officer - Public Education, manning Information Booths at marine events, conducting Vessel Examinations for recreational boat owners, and developing Marine Partners.-



Richard Weiss is awarded the Auxiliarist of the Year by DCOS Harold Robinson at Division 8's Change of Watch. Photo by J. Giannattasio

Demonstrating exemplary commitment and teamwork, Richard consistently provided superior service to his Division and Flotilla shipmates. Exhibiting exceptional foresight and technical ability, he expertly developed and produced a Coast Guard Auxiliary NAVRULES teaching curriculum, student workbook, and PowerPoint presentation. Richard Weiss worked tirelessly to assist fellow members requiring NAVRULES qualification in various Auxiliary training events. This involved presenting this new training vehicle at the 2009 District Spring Conference, 2009 District Crew School, and various Division and Flotilla training sessions throughout District Fifth Northern.

A model of performance for all new Auxiliarists to emulate, Richard diligently completed qualification requirements for Instructor, Vessel Examiner, Program Visitor and Coxswain. A USCG Licensed Captain, he successfully qualified to crew on the Coast Guard's Utility Boat Light (UTL). Richard is also a candidate for In-port Watchstander onboard USCG Patrol Boat IBIS.

At Division 8's Change of Watch, Richard Weiss was awarded Auxiliarist of the Year. His citation ended with the same words that all of us in District Fifth Northern would like to extend Richard for his service: "Mr. Weiss' diligence, perseverance, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary." Richard continues to actively build his legacy in Fifth Northern!.

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# Atlantic STRIKE Team

## USCG ATLANTIC STRIKE TEAM CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

*by George Eugene Morris, FC 3-2*

On July 9, 2009 a Change of Command ceremony was held at the Atlantic Strike Teams home at Fort Dix, N. J. The Change of Command, which is a time honored tradition, held as Commander David C. Haynes, a native of Homer, Alaska was succeeded by CDR Richard J. Schultz a native of Hyannis, Massachusetts.

The Change of Command was presided over by LCDR Monica Rochester, Executive Officer. In attendance was CAPT Gail Kulisch, Deputy Cdr of the Deployable Operations Group and CAPT Richard J Schultz, National Strike Force, CO.

Just prior to this ceremony the Auxiliary was honored with a leather bound presentation of the congratulatory letters celebrating the 70th birthday of the Auxiliary from President Obama and Commandant Allen.

The Auxiliary presents a very strong force multiplier at the Strike Team. The Auxiliarists work Monday thru Friday each week as Incident Response Watchstanders. Their commitment to the AST has strengthened the capabilities and truly reinforced the concept of "Team Coast Guard."

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Left: Auxiliarist Morris, Giroud, Smith, Voorhees, Kretsch, and Volz. Auxiliarist Verbanetz not pictured. Photos by exercise members.



**Do You Know?** - The AST is one of 3 Special Teams that make up the National Strike Force. It is a vital national asset comprised of a unique, highly trained cadre of Coast Guard professionals who maintain and rapidly deploy with specialized equipment and incident management skills any time to any place or hazard.

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1. **KEEP IT SIMPLE:** Sometimes all that is needed to tell a story is a photograph with a concise caption. Articles and stories of any length up to approximately 700 words are welcome. TOPSIDE has no set minimum number of words.

2. Every article or photo caption should answer the basic questions: Who is this about? What is this story about, or what is pictured in the photograph? Where and When did the story take place? Why is the action being done? and How is this performed? As an all-volunteer organization, nearly every thing we do can be noteworthy. Always provide the name of the photographer as well as the author's name, or byline.

3. Most people can improve their photos by just getting closer. Take pictures from **NO MORE** than 10-12 feet away from your subject. **Photographs must be high-resolution images.** Set your camera for the highest resolution possible. Check your camera's documentation on how to do this.

4. When writing an article for submission never use all capital letters unless you are typing an acronym, and always spell out the complete name the first time followed by the abbreviation or acronym in parenthesis after it. Thereafter, the acronym may be used.

5. All submissions to TOPSIDE should be forwarded to your respective regional ADSO's.

All of this information and more can be found on the Public Affairs website. I encourage every Publications Officer to take advantage of this site. You will find any number of resources: from Power Point presentations to written guides on numerous topics; from how to write an effective news or feature story to how to take high resolution photographs and, of course, the Publications Manual. If you have not visited this site recently then you might be amazed at the vast number of resources available to you.

Get out those cameras and start writing. We need to tell everyone what a great job our members are doing!

*Joseph Giannattasio DSO-PB, Editor*

From Top: Ed Gillespie FC-86 presents an award to CO TRACEN, CAPT Cari Thomas during FL86's COW. Ken Kendall VCDR-07, Harold Robinson DCOS and Barry Kyper DCDR-11 enjoying the District Conference. Pete Fuhrman FSO-PE is awarded Flotilla 84's Blue Pig Award by Paul Rudolf IPFC at the Flotilla's COW.





# Parting Shots



Clockwise from upper left: Ernest Phillips FC-84, Tom Klein VFC-FL84 and Ken Wilde FC-81 enjoying the Conference dinner. CDR Terry Johns 5NR DIRAUX-Select and CDR Glenna Tredinnick DIRAUX. Rich Weiss VFC-82, Carol Hartman, Sandy Weiss, Dorothy Niwinski and Walt Niwinski FC-82. D5NR Color Guard, Paul "Santa" Rudolf IPFC-84 and helper. Harold Robinson DCOS and COMO Jack Witemeyer presents Joanne Perrone a Certificate of Appreciation and flower bouquet.





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