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Commander's Corner

By Sam Walker

Shipmates, we are in the hurricane season and as Auxiliarists we need to be prepared. Please keep your information up to date in AUXDATA as that is where the Call Tree begins. If a hurricane is in the area, a call will go to members affected on your cell phone, home phone and computer. You need only answer any one of the above. If you don't reply, I am responsible for locating you and confirming your safety. Therefore, it is important that you let me know your location should you need to evacuate, vacation plans or if you are a snowbird during hurricane season. Also, if you prefer not to be included on the call list, please advise. You may still get a call but we will not send someone out in what may be dangerous conditions if you don't reply. Let's all hope for a quiet season.

July 2018



Coming Events

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 5 Flotilla Staff Meeting
- July 9 Boating Skills and Seamanship Class begins
- July 12 Flotilla Meeting
- July 19 AUXAIR Staff Meeting
- August 16 National Auxiliary Conference begins in Orlando



Have a Happy and Safe 4th

When Buddy Casale visited the Dunedin Library to deliver Safe Boating pamphlets, he came across this beautiful tribute to our United States Military. Can you guess what Old Glory is made of? Take a guess before going on to the next page.





Did you guess tuna and soup cans? Thank you Dunedin Library.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game



On June 1, members of Flotilla 11-10 and their guests attended a Threshers ball game. The weather was mild, the food was good and the company was perfect. A good time was had by all.



Walt Murray, Jimmy Ryder, Kristi Mackey and Harvey Prior.



Buddy made a friend.

Anniversary Celebration



Our anniversary celebration was held at the Dunedin Country Club on June 9, 2018. Scott Birdwell provided music during the social hour. After dinner, Commodore Hudson gave a fun speech on what was happening during the first year of our flotilla. For example, gas was 25 cents a gallon. Ah, the good old days.

Photos by Jon Nicholls

Allen Leimbach and Sam Walker attach a streamer marking our anniversary.



Jesse Scott, Division Commander, (DCDR), presented the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation to the Safe Boating Week Team from 2017.



Another Anniversary is Recognized



Allen Leimbach and Gordon Thomas with Commodore Bill Coppla.

American Legion Post 275 in Dunedin posts important events on their bulletin board. They recently posted the Coast Guard Auxiliary's anniversary. When the Commodore introduced visitors Allen Leimbach and Gordon Thomas, they were given a warm welcome with applause and a "thumbs up."



Vessel Safety Exams at Three Rooker Island

It was a team effort to do Vessel Safety Exams (VE) recently on Three Rooker Island. Harvey Prior volunteered to ferry the examiners close to the island. They then transferred to Walt Murray's boat and were transported to the beach. Inspectors were Buddy Casale, Allen Leimbach, Harvey Prior and Gordon Thomas.



Photos by Gordon Thomas and Allen Leimbach

The examiners waded out to where boats were anchored. As Gordon went further towards the bow to check the navigation lights during his examination, his inflatable life jacket with an automatic inflation capsule got wet and inflated. They drained one side so Gordon could continue to do exams. Now that's determination.



Basic Navigation

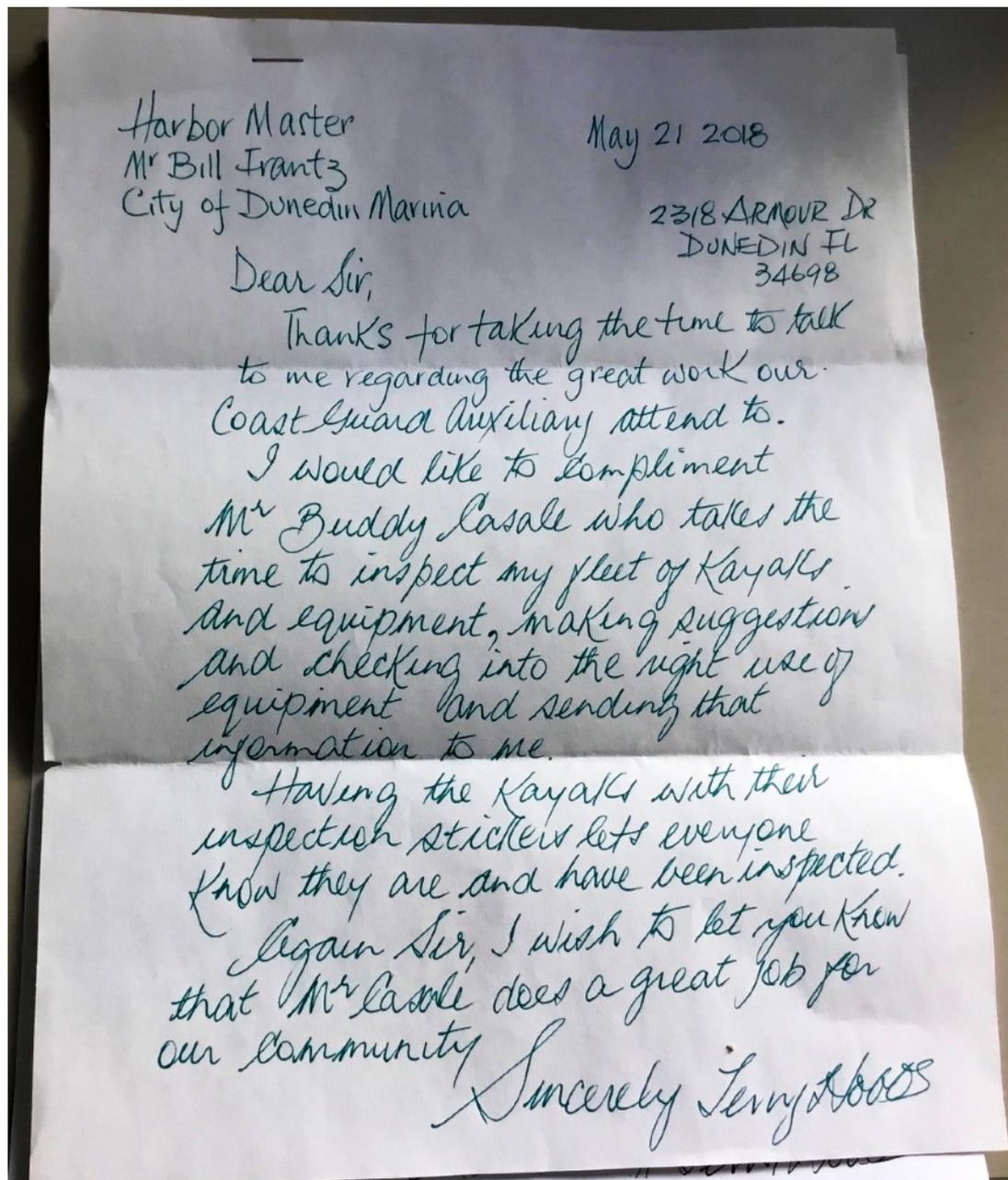


Photo by Joan Gutek

During our June flotilla meeting, member Steve Henkind gave a very interesting presentation on navigation before the days of GPS going all the way back to the Vikings. Most of us have heard about navigating using the stars but did you know that you could navigate using a stick? Steve knows what he is talking about because he serves as navigator aboard the Eagle, the flagship of the United States Coast Guard.

Compliments to the Auxiliary

The following letter was received by the Dunedin Harbor Master from Mr. Terence Hobbs. Mr. Hobbs is a very special person who volunteers his time teaching kayaking to everyone but specializes in training handicapped veterans with missing limbs and other disabilities. Mr. Hobbs takes pride in the safe condition of his nine kayaks and has them inspected annually. We thank Mr. Hobbs for his dedication to safe boating and his patriotic work with our veterans and congratulate Buddy on another job well done.



Coming Soon to a Flotilla Near You



Photos by Gordon Thomas

Gordon Thomas recently attended the Conch Republic Festival in Key West and is planning a presentation for a future flotilla meeting. Without taking away from Gordon's presentation, here is a brief history.

In 1982, the US Border Patrol set up a roadblock and inspection point on US1 connecting Florida to the Keys. The Key West City Council protested and "seceded" from the union then quickly asked for a billion dollars in foreign aid. Their "Independence Day" is celebrated on April 23 each year with a mock battle staged between the Coast Guard and the Conch Republic Navy as part of the festival. To learn more, you will have to attend the flotilla meeting for Gordon's video and slide presentation.



The Coast Guard and Conch Navy battle with water cannons.



Devotion to Duty

By Harvey Prior

The Coast Guard Core Values are Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. The words sound nice but to be a good member of the Coast Guard family they need to have meaning to you.

The Coast Guard expects each of us to be honorable, respectful and to properly perform our duty. If we do not do our duty the way the Coast Guard says to do it, then how can we say that we have honorably performed or that we respect the Coast Guard and the boaters that we assist.

Recently, I observed an Auxiliary vessel examiner giving meaning to these words. The examiner did not hurry away at the end of the vessel safety check but he took the time to answer questions that the boater asked. A vessel safety check is a time to communicate with the boating public. The examiner knew that numbers are good, but our mission is boating safety.

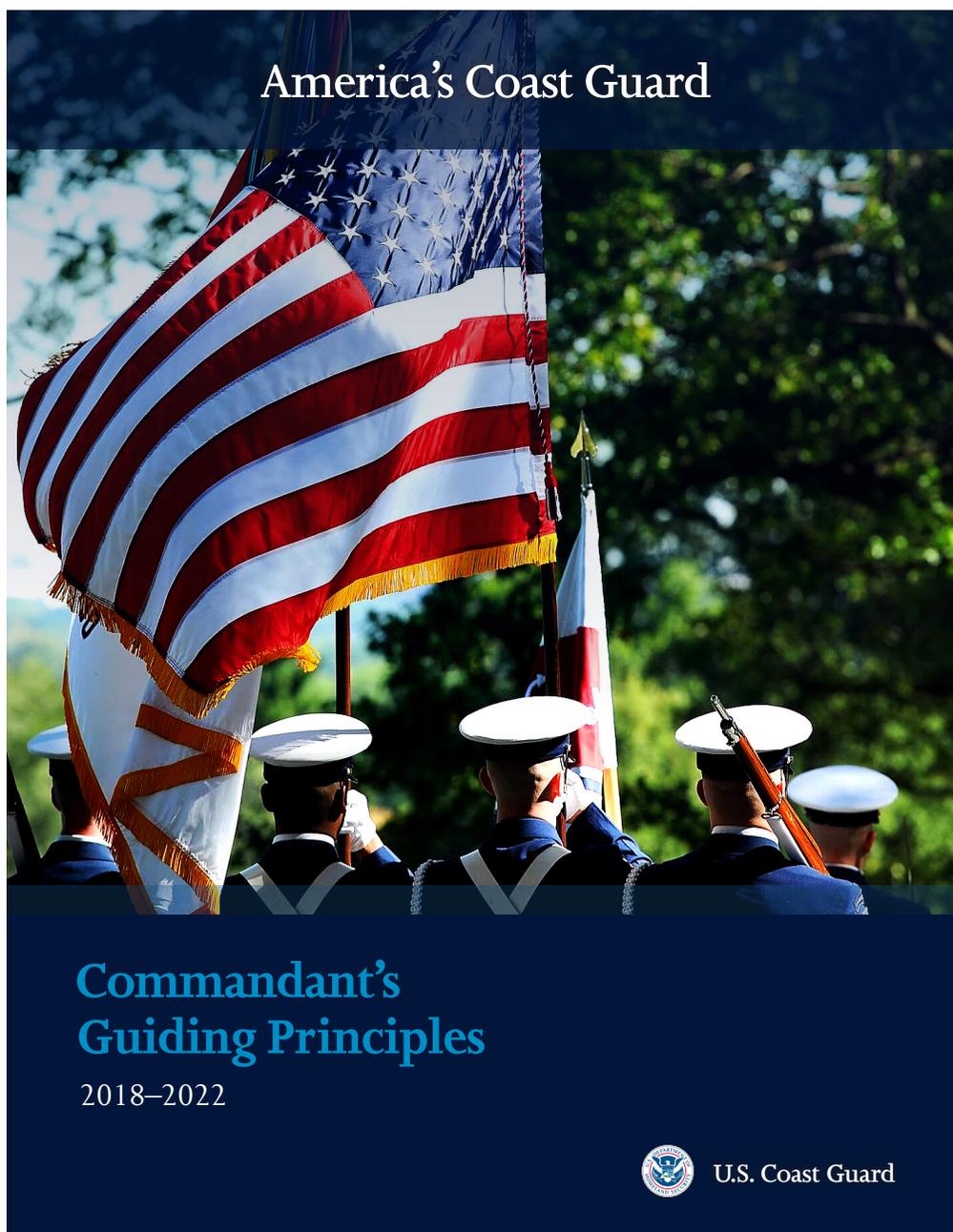
We also need to remember that the mission is not complete until the paperwork is done. Whether you are putting hours on your 7029 form or completing a different form, the report needs to be filed. Devotion to duty includes the completing of paperwork.

One of the questions that is at the end of the Auxiliary New Member Course is, "Are you willing to attend and become involved in flotilla meetings?" Since we all must have agreed to this when we joined, I look forward to seeing you at the next flotilla meeting.



The Commandant of the Coast Guard has asked that the following be included in our newsletters. Please go to the following site to read the entire message in a clearer copy.

https://www.uscg.mil/Portals/0/seniorleadership/COC/2018/CCG_CommandantsGuidingPrinciples_SinglePage_Web_20180530.pdf?





It is my distinct privilege to serve you and the American public as the 26th Commandant of the Coast Guard. My guiding principles below will ensure our Service remains best positioned to “*Stand the Watch*” and serve a Nation whose economic prosperity, national security, and global influence are inextricably linked to the maritime domain. Our service is strong, the total workforce highly capable, and the demand for Coast Guard services never greater. As I assume the watch, our heading will remain steady but we will look to pick up speed building on *Service to Nation, Commitment to Excellence, and Duty to People*. Our approach to *Duty to People* will be reframed through the lens of building and optimizing a “mission ready total workforce,” more closely tying the development and support of our people, and their families, to service readiness.



These guiding principles frame my direction and will support the Department of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Defense and Combatant Commanders, and other national and global maritime interests.

READY

We will be prepared to serve and protect the American people and our national interests.

RELEVANT

We will be a professional and agile armed force, law enforcer, regulator, and maritime first responder on which our partners confidently rely to address the Nation’s increasingly complex maritime challenges.

RESPONSIVE

We will employ our bias for action to excel in mission execution as we protect and defend the homeland.

Our Coast Guard is strong, and that is a testament to you. Thank you for the dedication, hard work, and sacrifice you and your families make daily to successfully accomplish all of our missions. I am incredibly proud of this great organization and humbly honored to serve alongside you as we build on past success and lead our Coast Guard into the future.