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Commander's Corner

Sam Walker, FSO-FC

On May 27, 2018, I received the National Safe Boating Week Proclamation from Commissioner Maureen Freaney of the Dunedin City Commission. I spoke about what we do as Auxiliarists to support National Safe Boating Week. I also said that we are very proud to announce that this year is the 60th Anniversary of Flotilla 11-10 and our involvement with the Dunedin community. Also present to receive the award and to represent Flotilla 11-10 were Allen Leimbach, Rob Bonnem, Dave Griffin and Gordon Thomas.

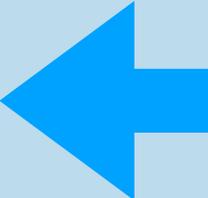
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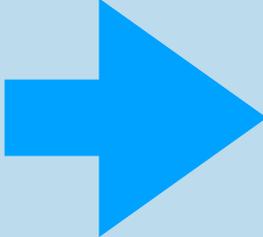
Photo by Gordon Thomas



A vessel safety check blitz was held on May 20 at the Dunedin Marina for National Safe Boating Week. Participating were Allen Leimbach, Harvey Prior and Gordon Thomas. Harvey and Gordon also responded to calls elsewhere afterwards. They did not let the rainy weather discourage them.



Allen patiently waiting for business.



Allen giving a vessel exam.



Photos by Harvey Prior

Banner posted at Flotilla 11-10's classroom in the Dunedin Marina.

Coming Events

June 1	Threshers Baseball Game Flotilla Social Event
June 2	CPR/First Aid Course
June 5	Boat Crew College Begins
June 7	Flotilla Staff Meeting
June 9	4 Hour TCT
June 9	Flotilla 11-10 Anniversary Dinner
June 9-10	ABS Class
June 14	Flag Day
June 14	Flotilla Meeting
June 16	Pollution Investigator Training, Ft. Myers, FL
June 17	Father's Day
June 21	AUXAIR Staff Meeting

Early registration for classes is important so that adequate materials can be ordered. Also, some class sizes are limited. Contact Harvey Prior, Flotilla Member Training Officer, (FSO-MT).

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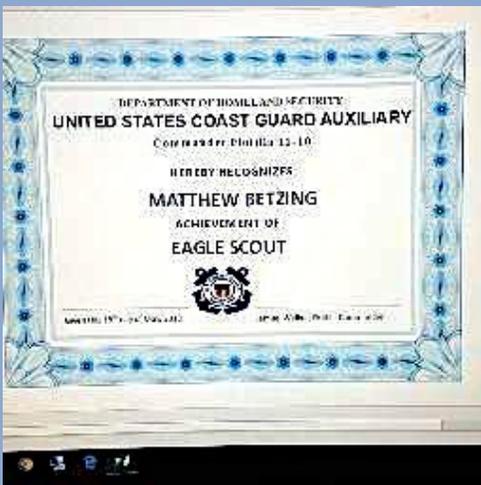
Photo by Joan Gutek



New members Keith Betzing and Dennis McKenna being sworn in by Sam Walker, FSO-FC, and Walley Weakley, Human Resources, FSO-HR, at the May flotilla meeting.



Matthew Betzing, son of new member Keith Betzing and nephew of Judy Deeley, Secretary Records, (FSO-SR), is presented with the Eagle Scout Award, the highest achievement in Boy Scouting, by Sam Walker, (FC).



2018 is 75th Anniversary of Naval Helicopters

By Cody Eager, LTJG

This year marks the official 75th anniversary of naval helicopters where we honor the 75 years of men and women who have served as naval helicopter aviators and crew members. Coast Guard Air Stations across the nation are promoting this commemorative date at different events such as air shows, fly-ins and open houses. Here at Air Station Clearwater, our Public Affairs Office and Operations Departments are working diligently to promote this milestone to the public. Air Station San Francisco has designed a Challenge Coin to mark the occasion.



Pinning Ceremony

Rob Bonnem submitted this article honoring a former Auxiliary member. Rob was asked by a friend to pin and recognize his father, Robert Mills, a former Coastie and Auxiliary Flotilla Commander. Rob said, "It was a true honor as he is in hospice with limited time until he passes over the bar."

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A Monthly Publication for Employees

Veteran Pinning Among the Magnolias

Located in Lutz, Magnolia Manor Assisted Living Facility was the site for the veteran pinning of LifePath Hospice Teal Team patient Robert Mills. On Tuesday, April 17, Chaplain Mathai Abraham performed the ceremony with Robert's son, Mike, in attendance. Mike shared the following information about his father and how he became involved with the U.S. Coast Guard:

Born in 1937 in Regina, Saskatchewan, my father always had a love for adventure and the outdoors. He started Great Lakes Divers in Buffalo, New York, in 1967 and taught scuba diving, and yes, ice diving in the chilly waters of Lake Erie and the Niagara River. Shipwreck diving was his specialty and over the years, he explored many wrecks across the Great Lakes. In 1999, he and Annetta

moved to Key Largo, Florida, with a house overlooking the Atlantic Ocean with daily spectacular sunsets, diving and fishing. Dad became active with U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-8 in Islamorada and eventually was made Flotilla Commander in 2009. He was Coxswain of his 38' Bayliner "Ocean Fox" with George Burger, Dewy Jackson, Joe Penar and Jim Murphy. My father initiated "Helo-Ops" training with Station Miami for the Flotilla, which still continues today about six times per month.

No matter the war or military action, whether Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard or Merchant Marines, whether combat era or peacetime, those who pledged their service to our country are always recognized and honored at the affiliates of Chapters Health.



There is still time

Although the deadline has passed, it is not too late to attend the anniversary dinner at the Dunedin Country Club. Sam Walker has extended the date so if your plans have changed and you would like to attend let Sam know as soon as possible.

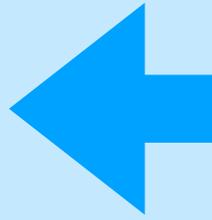
	
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FLOTILLA 11-10	
IS TURNING	
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Saturday, June 9th Attitude Adjustment Hour 1800	
Dunedin Country Club	
1050 Palm Blvd, Dunedin	
Dinner 1900	
RSVP by May 19th to Sam Walker at	
samiee1117@gmail.com	
<small>Email selection or tear off this section and mail with check</small>	Send check in the amount of \$26.00 per person to:
Dinner selections:	Jimmy Ryder
<small>Quantity</small>	953 S. Bayshore Blvd.
<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Stroganoff	Safety Harbor, FL 34695-4217
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Auxiliary Air Workshop



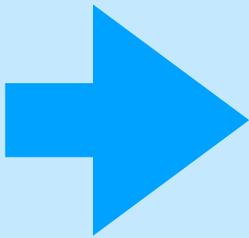
Clearwater Auxiliary Air, AUXAIR, held its annual workshop at Air Station Clearwater in April 2018. Among the topics covered during the workshop were aviation physiology, safety, weather and egress from a downed aircraft. In addition, each crew member was required to swim three laps of the pool (75 yards) wearing a flight suit and inflated life vest then crawl into a life raft.

AUXAIR members from Flotilla 11-10 are Jon Nicholls, John Landon, Eddie Townsend and Joan Gutek.



Jon Nicholls getting ready for his swim test.

Photos by Joan Gutek



Ann Bennett from Flotilla 11-1 shows how to get in the raft.



NAV 4 KIDS Class

Judy Deeley, Secretary Records, (FSO-SR), asked Buddy Casale, Public Education Officer, (FSO-PE), if he would teach navigation to 34 students in her seventh grade algebra class at Guardian Angels Catholic School in Clearwater. Assisting Buddy were Walt Murray, Doug Simpson, Larry Gilbert, Kristi Mackey, Jimmy Ryder, Harvey Prior and Sam Walker. The instructors wore different uniforms to encourage the students' interest and Buddy reported that there were multiple requests from the students to tell them more about the Auxiliary.

Each of the instructors was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their participation from the Coast Guard and Guardian Angels School.



Photos by Judy Deeley



Do You Know Something?

By Harvey Prior, FSO-MT

Do you know something? “What a stupid question,” you are probably saying to your self. “Of course I do.”

We all have different backgrounds and therefore different knowledge bases. Some people can speak multiple languages. Some people can fly airplanes. Some people can tie a bowline.

Now that we have established that we each have some knowledge, what are you doing to share your knowledge with others?

Do you attend public affairs events? Do you teach public education classes? Do you tell other members about all that you have learned in a member-training course? Do you talk to members that you don't know at flotilla meetings?

There are many things we must learn as we enter the Auxiliary. As our experience level grows and we take courses, we expand our knowledge base. Flotilla members have to take several courses to become Basically Qualified, BQ status. To get certified in

various areas, more knowledge must be learned. Whether you want to be a vessel examiner, a boat crew member, a station communications watch stander or any of the many other certifications that an Auxiliarist can obtain, there is knowledge to be learned.

Sometimes members don't know what they are missing because no one bothered to tell them. Some members were never in the military and when they join they don't know what a blousing strap is. Some members don't know who you are so introduce yourself to them.

The accumulated knowledge base within a flotilla is large. Within our flotilla, we have over seventy knowledge bases. Don't be a hoarder and keep your knowledge to yourself and don't miss the opportunities to expand your knowledge. Talk to people and take some classes. You will be a more knowledgeable person for doing it.

Know more!

