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Newly elected District Officers of the 3RD (SR) Top to Bottom: R. Carson, DCO, L. Weaver, VCO; Rodger Derr, RCO-E; R. Wecker, RCO-W.

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VICE ADMIRAL ROBERT I. PRICE

ROBERT IRA PRICE, a native New Yorker, returned to his birthplace as Commander of the U.S. Coast Guard's Atlantic Area and the Third Coast Guard District.

The 56-year old Admiral comes to Governors Island after two years as Commander of the Eleventh Coast Guard District at Long Beach, California.

His forte has been in the commercial vessel safety field, both nationally and internationally. Admiral Price holds a Naval Engineering degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1960 he became the Technical Secretary of the U.S. delegation to the International Safety of Life at Sea Conference in London.

As a result of his part in the investigation of the Yarmouth Castle disaster, Admiral Price, then Assistant Chief, Merchant Marine Technical Division at Coast Guard Headquarters, was awarded the Legion of Merit for meritorious achievement in international negotiations to improve the international safety standards of passenger vessels.



His extensive sea duty includes assignment aboard the USS PETTIT during World War II and the Icebreaker NORTH-WIND during "operation High Jump" in 1946.

For his outstanding performance of duty as Captain of the Port of Philadelphia VADM Price received the Meritorious Service Medal in 1973. Promoted to flag rank in 1974, he became Chief, Marine Environment and Systems. Born September 22, 1921, he was graduated from the Coast Guard Academy and commissioned as an Ensign on June 6, 1945.

VADM Price is married to the former Virginia Miller of Jefferson City, Tennessee. They have two daughters.

CAPTAIN RICHARD A. DECORPS, JR.



Captain Richard A. DECORPS, Jr., a native of Canton, Ohio, joined the Coast Guard as an officer candidate in February of 1955. He had previously attended Central Catholic High School in Canton, having graduated Valedictorian, and Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology.

UPDATE... LCDR Lee Crossman

Another successful year has passed and as we are winding down from the "Change of Watch Affairs" it is time to look forward to the work at hand of producing an even more productive and rewarding season of Auxiliary activities. We have a new leader at the helm this year and I believe, if we all pull together, we can help him make 1979 the most productive year the Third Southern has had. There has been several new manuals out this past year, with more to come, and it is my desire that you all thoroughly read these manuals, get to really know what's in them, as they will make each and everyone of our jobs much easier. If you remember when you joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary you were reminded that membership in this organization was as a volunteer, however, you still had certain responsibilities and obligations. You pledged to support the Coast Guard Auxiliary and it's purpose and promised to make a conscientious effort to participate in the Auxiliary's program to the best of your ability. Even though we may not like the individuals that got elected to office let's get behind them and support them, after all we are all grownups and the Auxiliary has no room for jealousy. We all have a job to do so let's do it and make this the best year yet for the Third Southern. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for the accomplishments you made in 1978 and challenge you to surpass them in 1979.

After receiving his commission, Captain DECORPS was assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter ANDROSCOGGIN in Miami, Florida on which he served as First Lieutenant. From the ANDROSCOGGIN, the Captain reported to Naval Flight Training at Pensacola, Florida and later to Corpus Christi, Texas for advanced multi engine pilot training. As a Search and Rescue Pilot the Captain flew the HU16E "Albatross", HC30B "Hercules" and HH52A "Flying Lifeboat" at Air Stations Brooklyn, New York, Barbers Point, Hawaii and San Francisco, California.

From 1966 until 1970, Captain DECORPS was stationed at Coast Guard Air Station Washington in Arlington, VA. At Washington, Captain DECORPS was Executive Officer and pilot for the Secretary of Transportation and Commandant of the Coast Guard. Upon completing his tour at Air Station Washington, the Captain was transferred to Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC where he served as a program analyst for the Chief of Staff, as coordinator of the Coast Guard Ocean Policy Staff and as liaison to the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee.

In September of 1975, Captain DECORPS returned to Coast Guard Air Station Brooklyn, NY as Executive Officer and HH52A pilot.

In his spare time the Captain has been active in Toastmaster International; he is a charter member of Governors Island Council of the Knights of Columbus and sings routinely with the St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir. He enjoys membership at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Metropolitan Opera Guild, where he is a regular subscriber.

Captain DECORPS is married to the former Mary Jane Freehoff of Villanova, Pa. and resides at Governors Island, New York.

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 November 30, 1978

The following letter was sent to me for use in the LIFELINE, and I thought it might be useful in both TOPSIDE and NAVIGATOR. The thinking behind it should be noted by all of us who do tend to overlook things that are right in front of our eyes.

Letter to the Editor:

Do as I say instead of as I did! This is the observation of a Division Staff Officer who missed the boat. Last year, when I served as SO-CC of Division II, there was an ideal candidate within easy reach. However, I didn't know it. The son of the man for whom I work is an honor student, has a good record of activities, and above all, would like to go to the Coast Guard Academy. I was so busy asking others to locate young eligibles that I forgot "to look in my own back yard" for that young man or young woman who would be eligible to attend the Coast Guard Academy. The young man sent this year by Division II was a fine and personable candidate. As I realized later, I work every day very closely with a gentleman whose son was not only an eligible candidate but he also had the desire to attend the Coast Guard Academy. This young man could have represented some Division in the AIM program. Next time around, let us all look more closely to home.

Donald E. Chaddick, 2-76, II, 3 (SR)
 Muriel G. Lewis, FSO-PB 2-76, 3 (SR)

DO IT RIGHT

How many times have you heard that expression? How many times do you figure that you'll hear it again? I know that it is a common word around the office and around my house too. It doesn't mean that we are perfectionists. But it does mean that all too frequently we are apt to become too lax and put forth only a partial effort.

Wouldn't it be great if we could know with certainty that the person we ask to do a job would be honest enough to put forth the effort to do the job right the first time? Wouldn't it be great if a staff officer took it upon himself to read the manuals to find the answer to a question rather than turning in his work for someone else to correct? From my side of the fence it would save countless hours and headaches if people would take it upon themselves to make sure they "do it right".

As we start this new year it should be the goal of every auxiliaryist to "do it right". By using five basic books, CG 305, CG 289, COMDTINST M16791.1, COMDTINST M16798.3 and the 3 (SR) Officer's Guide, a person can find the answer to almost any question. Why, then must the DIRAUX staff correct over half the AUXMIS forms? Why must 10% of the patrol orders be returned or corrected? Why can't people take the time to look it up? Maybe in this age of automation it is just too easy to push a button and have our dinner cooked in five minutes while we are relaxing in front of that amazing apathy producer the TV. Maybe people have lost that drive that was so characteristic of our fore-fathers.

In an organization that is purely voluntary you must be able to rely on your fellow members to do things right. It is not only your privilege to help others but it is your obligation. Remember the pledge you took when you became a member? In part you said, "I . . . sincerely pledge myself to support the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary . . . and to abide by the governing policies. . . ." How many people can really say that they have fulfilled that pledge? If you can you are one of the few auxiliaryists who are willing to carry the load for the majority. If not, maybe it is time for you to reassess your motives and reaffirm your support to the Auxiliary. Now is the time for everyone to "DO IT RIGHT".

P.L. STEPHENSON
Asst. DIRAUX



UPDATE... Lt. James Davis

First, let me congratulate all of the new officers. 1979 should be an outstanding year for Third Southern, so let's all get out and support these people. They will need our help to complete the many programs and reports necessary to get the job done.

One of the best things we can do to help these new officers is to plan ahead. Now is the time to start getting your facilities inspected. The 30 June deadline will be here before we know it. Get started now. Now is also the time to plan the fall education classes. The fall classes this year caused us some problems getting books and supplies in time for the classes. Now is the time to plan dates, time, places, and supplies necessary for the fall classes. Has anybody ever tried to start a BS&S class in April or May? If a class was started in that time frame, I am sure the Marine Dealers, and even banks featuring boat loans might help with the advertising.



Looks like all are having a good time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

23-24 February 1979 Winter Conference at Valley Forge (see you there)

21-25 March 1979 Eastern Area National Conference, Williamsburg, Va. This is close enough for us to attend. If you ever wondered how things get done in the Auxiliary, this is a good time to find out. Williamsburg is a very historic area with a lot of things to see and do during free time. In my opinion, for those of us with children in school, this would be an education for them that might be worth missing three days of classes. Additionally, Reserve Training Center Yorktown is only about 30 miles away from those of you who still need uniforms. Let's try to attend.

1-2 June 1979 Summer Rendezvous. What better way to spend the Memorial Day weekend than with fellow Auxiliaryists at a rendezvous. RCO(W) advises me that he is trying to work out an interesting surprise for us.

7, 8, 9 September 1979 Cape May Rendezvous. Early enough in the year for a beach party????

12-16 September 1979 National Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Once again close enough for us to attend.

UPDATE... Robert A. Carson

Togetherness... Nice word, isn't it? I've always liked the sound of it. It means closeness, unity of purpose, comradeship. This is my first written message to the District as your new Commodore, and if I must choose a theme that will carry through my administration, I can think of none better — "Togetherness".

In the last few years, particularly the last two, I have had a chance to see quite a bit of our district, to meet a lot of our members. I've enjoyed my travels and I've learned a lot. Perhaps the most important thing I've learned is that Auxiliaryists — and people in general — will occasionally get something done if they are left alone. But working alone automatically puts you at a disadvantage: you've got no help. So much more can be accomplished by working together.

I do not intend to propose sweeping changes in District policies; we've had more than enough change in the last four years at all levels of our organization. What I hope to do is make the changes already in effect work. To do this, I have appointed a group of people as District Staff Officers, ADSO's, and Special Projects Officers who share my belief that working together is the easiest and most enjoyable way to achieve my goal. Our goal — promoting boating safety among the more than thirty million boaters of this country—is a far reaching one. It is something no one person, no single District, and indeed, no single organization can hope to accomplish. My Staff—I should say "Your" Staff — will be working towards that goal. Work with them. Accept their help. Remember, the Staff, the Vice Commodore, the Rear Commodores, and myself were all elected or appointed to serve you.

Work with other Flotilla's other Divisions, other Districts. Rivalries between units are healthy and can spur interest, but they must be healthy rivalries. Petty jealousies between units are not appropriate; more than that, they are damaging, and they should not be tolerated. Our friends in the Power Squadron, the Red Cross the State and regional boating councils, Marine police organizations, and many other groups are all in the same business we are — helping boaters. Help these groups whenever you can; get help from them whenever you need it.

Following our togetherness theme it is only fitting that I mention our brothers and sisters in the active duty Coast Guard. Our purpose for being is to help them, but we should also get help from them. If your Flotilla is lucky enough to be

UPDATE... Lee B. Weaver (VCO)

Many of our leaders need a helping hand. Are you around to help or are you side-stepping the call? Everyone in the Auxiliary should be available to help. Everyone holding an office in the Auxiliary needs an assist to do their jobs. When you join the Auxiliary you know part of your responsibility is to help whenever possible.

Many times new members will not join in and offer themselves whenever they are needed. They need to speak out and offer their new, fresh approach. New members or old members we all have a lot to offer of ourselves. Volunteer, get involved and lend a hand. The Auxiliary needs you.

My wife and I would like to thank everyone that made our Christmas season a most enjoyable one. We have met a lot of wonderful people over the last few years. Thank you again for a great year and we're looking forward to another good year.



Rear Commodore (E)-Rodger Derr, Commodore (IPDCO) - William Dischert, DCO-Robert A. Carson, RCO-W-Robert L. Wecker, VCO-Lee B. Weaver.

located near a Coast Guard Station establish and maintain a good, steady, give-and-take relationship with it's personnel — but place the emphasis on "give". We are an integral part of the Coast Guard Family, and as such we must be constantly striving to improve not only our performance but also our image, both in the eyes of the general public and in the eyes of the Regular Coast Guard.

I have said many times that we have a good District, one of the best. By working together — among ourselves, with the Coast Guard, and with the other organizations — we can be the best. But even if the numbers don't show us to be on top we can still have the great personal satisfaction of knowing we have taken on a tough job and done it well — together.

Finally, I wish to offer my personal thanks and congratulations to retiring Commodore Bill Dischert and his Staff. These people have set high standards for us to live up to, and they are certainly deserving of our gratitude for a job well done.

I'm looking forward to a busy and enjoyable two years in office. I'll do my best to live up to the trust you've placed in me; I owe you all that much. You must do your best, for you owe it to yourselves and to each other.

ROBERT A. CARSON

The Wonderful World of Points

Yes, the point system is here and no doubt will remain, and it may serve a useful purpose, but what a shame when point and the receiving of an award gets in the way of doing a job just for the love of the doing. Time was when the Auxiliaryist was happy just to do something for there flotilla without looking for those points. Someday the system may change, and if it does more smiles and a happier member will be seen.

While others have the Wonderful World of Disney, we in the Auxiliary have the Wonderful World of Points, those little credits or gold stars, etc. we get for doing something. For some members getting points is the only thing that matters. If for any reason they are shorted a point or two on the print-out or somewhere in between, there is no living with them, its the end of the world. The picture of not receiving a plaque or certificate races through the mind and the smile leaves the face, and they are often heard to say "Why do it when there is nothing given in return."

George W. Smith IPDCP-VIII 3rd (SR)

UPDATE...IPDCO William Dischert

All elections have been accomplished and leaders have been chosen for the next regime. To those who were not successful in seeking office, I would ask that you give the elected officers the same support you would have expected had you been elected. To every Auxiliarist I ask that no matter who you supported, unite in the common cause to generate a stronger Auxiliary. To you who were elected, congratulations. The reins are now in your hands and the only way to go is forward. The organization must grow and flourish. To stand still is as wrong as going backward. Either promotes stagnation. Each of you should be prepared to present new ideas to the membership for the good of your respective units in particular, and, the Auxiliary in general. If you think a program can be improved, be innovative, don't be backward in changing because tradition says this is the way it has always been done. One word of caution, however, be sure that the proposed change means progress. Change for change alone is not acceptable. There is no room in our organization for ego trips.

As outgoing Commodore I would like to offer a few thoughts to all officers. Seek advice and opinion from your predecessors, not just the immediate past but all who have traveled road before you. These people have one important quality you do not have and only time can give — experience. The problems you will face, they have encountered, ask for assistance. I do not say you should do exactly as they counsel but use their experience as an extension of your own thoughts. Each advancement in office presents new frontiers, more lessons to be learned, so it should not be humiliating to ask for guidance. Anyone who thinks he knows it all, knows very little.

I wish all elected officers utmost success and hope all appointed officers produce to your satisfaction. May you lead your respective units to greater heights.

To those who have nothing to contribute but scathing criticism, I quote an old Indian axiom — "Don't judge a person until you have walked a mile in his moccasins".

Finally, I want to thank every member of the Third Southern for the support you have given me during my tenure as Commodore. I have been blessed with an excellent district board and staff who have worked hand in hand with the front table. I have had an official body of Commodores and Directors who have given all the support anyone could ask. I have no words to express my appreciation to all of you so I leave as Commodore with a simple — THANK YOU.

UPDATE...RCO-W Robert L. Wecker

The primary function of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to assist the United States Coast Guard.

One of the Auxiliary's programs under the direction of the Career Coordination Officer is the Academy Introduction Mission. This program gives the Auxiliary the golden opportunity to participate directly in introducing to the boys and girls of our high schools an inside view of future opportunities available to them in the Coast Guard.

This should not be a crash program starting on Flotilla level in March or April. The FSO/CCs should be making initial contact with the responsible persons in their area schools in January. This would give every student interested in the program and a future career in the Coast Guard ample opportunity to arrange their personal schedules for this purpose.



3(SR) 1978 FALL RENDEZVOUS

The 1978 Fall Rendezvous for the Third Southern District was held 13-14 October 1978 at Cape May, New Jersey. Over four hundred fifty members attended the event, sponsored by Division VIII. Highlighting the events on Friday was the Recruit Graduation ceremony held at the Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, N.J. VCO Robert A. CARSON was the reviewing official along with Capt. Leo DONOHOE, Commanding Officer, Training Center, Cape May. (Photo at top) Saturday's events included the Third (SR) District Safe Boating Queen Contest. Eight young ladies, all Division winners from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware competed in the contest. The winner was Francine Walter, Division V and the first runner-up was Lisa DeAngelis of Division XIV. Also held was the District election of officers. The gala event was concluded Saturday night with a formal dinner and crowning of the 1979 Safe Boating Queen.

Another way to promote the program is to have the instructors, who are teaching our Youth Courses, mention the AIM program to the class and inform them that this program is available to these students when they are juniors in high school. In short, it pays to advertise.

Presently there are sixty-one former AIM candidates who are Cadets at the Academy. The program is working. However, I am convinced that there are students and high school officials in our own area who are unaware that the AIM program exists.

Fellow Auxiliarists, by assisting our FSO/CCs in promoting this program to its fullest extent, we can all feel that inner sense of satisfaction that we played a part in starting these interested young men and women on their road to future careers in the U.S. Coast Guard.

UPDATE...RCO-E Rodger Derr

A Commander who had just been elected boasted so much about it to his wife that she finally retorted: "Commanders are a dime a dozen. Why, in the supermarkets they even have a commander in charge of prunes."

Furious, the husband phoned the supermarket in the expectation of refuting his wife. He asked to speak to the Commander in charge of prunes. "Which kind?" was the reply. "Packaged or Bulk?"

There is little doubt that we are beoming highly specilized in almost every field of the Auxiliary. It is one of our strengths. Unfortunately, it's also one of our weaknesses.

People who devote their entire Auxiliary time and effort to one particular field develop special skills and knowledge which make them experts in that particular area. Without exposure to other concerns, however, they may also develop "tunnel vision." Tunnel vision prevents Commanders and Staff Officers from seeing beyond the special problems of their own Flotilla. It results in a "narrow, one sided, inflexible view."

It's a common ailment — even among otherwise competent leaders. Most captains and commanders get their start, of necessity, in one specialty or another. The tendency — at the bottom of the ladder — is for people to know more and more about less and less. Unfortunately, the more knowledgeable the commander gets in his work, the more all-important it

Summary of Films Available at the Coast Guard Base

SAILING-DO IT RIGHT-KEEP IT SAFE— Learning how to sail on a Flying Junior class sail boat including a review of sailing terms, technics and safety equipment (28 Min.)

WHAT WENT WRONG-SKIPPER— Charles Nelson Reily humorous film about his experience on the good shop ARTI-CHOKE HEART. (17 Min.)

SUDDENLY IN COMMAND— What to do when the operator of a boat becomes disabled. (15 Min.)

RIPPLE— Interesting story of the purchase, outfitting and operating a pleasure boat named Ripple. Includes details in safe operation, man overboard drills and damage control. (25 Min.)

REVOLUTIONARY REGULATIONS— Interesting and light mannered film on Personal Flotation Devices using persons dressed in colonial costume. (18 Min.)

ATON Part No. 1— Covering navigational aids in the western rivers. (18 Min.)

ATON Part No. 2— Covering navigational aids in coastal waters. (18 Min.)

SUDDENLY WITHOUT WARNING— Short but good film on Personal Flotation Devices. (10 Min.)

DROWNING IS FOREVER— How to survive a Falls Overboard accident. (14 Min.)

FIND A FLOAT— Showing various items that can be thrown to a non-swimmer in the water to avoid drowning. (10 Min.)

50,000 LIVES— Advantages and methods of mouth to mouth resusitation. (15 Min.)

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING TEST— Film shown on television as question and answer program on safe boating practices. (25 Min.)

FROGGY AND FRIENDS— Film for children showing the

becomes, in his way of thinking, and less sensitive he is to the viewpoints of people, the Division or Auxiliary as a whole. They appreciate the difference between division and the Flotilla point of view. You'll seldom find them mistaking their corner of the office for the whole building.

How do commanders widen their own viewpoints and their staff officers? The best way is by recognizing the dangers of "Tunnel Vision" and fighting against it from the very start. They use every possible contact to broaden their point of view to understand the problems of each Auxiliary program as a whole.

They don't build fences around their own Flotilla. They make an effort to understand the job of the distric commadore and what his staff is trying to accomplish.

They don't automatically take issue with everything others say, and act as if the work of others is in competition with their own. Nor do they respond in kind when the others do something shortsighted.

They also make a real effort to see where their activity fits in the overall Auxiliary picture. They know that many problems cut across organization lines — what's best for their Flotilla may not always be what's best for the Division or District, Division and Flotilla point of view.

You'll seldom find them mistaking their corner of the office for the whole building.

right and wrong way to use a small boat. (9 Min.)

The 44 FOOTER— Showing the weather wise characteristics of the 44 foot Coast Guard patrol boat. (15 Min.). Silent.

EARTH— Describing the detail how the earth is divided into latitude and longitude. (15 Min.)

ALWAYS READY— Short film of duties of the Coast Guard in War and peace. (10 Min.)

SEA SPRAY AND SAVING LIVES— Showing various uses of helicopter in saving lives. (10 Min.)

TO CHOOSE THE SEA— Life and training at the U.S.C.G. Academy-Good for schools and youth programs. (15 Min.)

U.S.C.G. CADET— Showing life of a Cadet at the U.S.C.G. Academy. (20 Min.)

EIGHTH MISSIONS— Operations of the Coast Guard including Search & Rescue, Marine inspections, Investigation of accidents, Maintenance of Aids, Etc. This film has plenty of action. (30 Min.)

U.S.C.G. OFFICERS— Duties of a Coast Guard Officer from Academy thru various stages of advancement. This film shows the vast variety of activities in this branch of service. (15 Min.)

SHOULD THE DAY EVER COME— Story of the Coast Guard Reserves. An exciting enactment of training available to Enlistees of the Coast Guard Reserves. (30 Min.)

U.S.C.G. AUXILIARY— Showing activities of the Auxiliary including Courtesy Examinations, Public Education and Patrols. (15 Min.)

AMVER— How a service called Automated Merchant Vessel Report Center gathers sailing information from cooperating vessels throughout the world. With this information any vessel in distress can get help from a nearby vessel through radio communications. (15 Min.)

DISTRICT

AWARDS: Members are asking what the Coast Guard award was as mentioned in the 1978 GAP. The Coast Guard award figure is the number of inspections, lectures etc. that must be accomplished to qualify for the Flotilla Achievement ribbon (COMDTNOTE 16799, 8 June 1978). Those Flotillas attaining the Auxiliary goal will be issued a Flotilla Goal Attainment Award Certificate signed by the National Commodore and the Chief Director.

CHART UPDATING: The following forms are available thru ANSC even though they are not listed. The forms are: NOAA form 77-3-stock number 07037, NOAA form 77-5-stock number 07038.

NEW CAP DEVICE: Is now available through the Division SO-MA. The price is about \$8.00 for the dress cap device and about \$4.00 for the garrison hat device. Metal devices are now in stock.

SAR INCIDENT REPORTS: The Old CG-3937 is obsolete. The new CG4612 (Aux) form is the only form to be used to report an assist. Thanks to all who have using the new form and filling it out so perfectly.

COMDTINST 16791.1: Is the Flotilla Elected Officers Guide and has been mailed to all elected officers and Membership Training Officers, as record of October 1978. Distribution is to all elected officers, FC-VFC on up to DCO.

COMDTINST 16798.3: Is the new Operations Manual. A correction had to be made and was sent to a contractor. This publication will go to all elected officers and all facility owners.

BS&S AND SAIL BOOKS: The DSO-MA has received additional shipments of BS&S and Sail Books. Now would be a good time to order your supply.

ANSC: FSO-MA may also sign order forms for the ANSC. FC and FSO-MA are authorized to sign on the Flotilla level and both the DCP&SO-MA on the division level. The ANSC order form will be revised in January. To order new items not presently on the form, place the name, number and quantity desired in the space at the bottom of the form.

CE'S: New requirements for ventilation systems on boats built after 31 July 1978 have been distributed to each flotilla. Please check with your flotilla commander.

NEW FILMS: Have you seen the new films? The titles are "Suddenly in Command", "White water Primer", "Sailing, Do It Safe Keep It Right". Most of the Divisions now have their copies.

CHAIN OF COMMAND: Members, are reminded they cannot write directly to Coast Guard Headquarters to obtain material. You must use the proper chain of command. Also, members who call for information out of chain of command will be politely reminded to use the Chain of Command, starting with the Flotilla Commander, and Division Captain.

FORMS: Several units are using outdated forms. Please insure you use a current form, especially when reporting PEC course completion and PR reports.

PEC ROSTERS: In order to receive total credit for 3 or more lesson PEC courses you must send a copy of the roster to the DIRAUX upon completion of the course. All CG-4945's received without the roster will be returned without credit.

UNIFORMS: Yes, It is a good idea to wear uniforms while conducting PEC sessions. . . .

SAR 4612-(AUX): Due to an error in printing CG4612-Aux implies that the value of property lost or saved should be recorded to the nearest \$100 dollars. It should be recorded to the nearest \$1000 dollars.

MARS: The following changes in accordance with COMDTINST M16798.3 will be effective 1 December 1978. No operational support of man hour credit will be given to members checking into MARS nets. The only exception will be that the net control station for the 1800 Auxiliary net may turn in a man hour card listing each member checking in so that one hour credit may be given.

1978 OPERATIONS: 3 (SR): 541 Authorized Safety Patrols, 28 Regtta Patrols, and 1,329 Assists. These numbers are up form 1977.

NEW OFFICERS — Be sure that all materials are turned over to the newly elected or appointed officers. For elected officers this should include all paperwork and publications, including the Third (SR) Officers Guide and Flotilla Elected Officers Manual, COMDTINST M 16791.1

ASSIST CREDIT — When performing an assist while on a recreational outing, you must submit a man hour report if you want credit for the time spent on the assist.

SEMINARS — The seminars guide to qualify for 1980 should be distributed during January 1979. These will be used for both requalifications and new qualifications done during 1979.

OSC EXAMS — When requesting OSC exams — remember - you have only two weeks from the date you request the exam to be administered on to take it. If you do not take the test within two weeks, it will be returned to DIRAUX and you must make a second request for the exam. A specific date must be requested for administration of the test. If no date is given it will be assumed that they are requested for the date the transmittal was completed.

PRESS

FORMS UPDATE: The following is a summary of Coast Guard forms that have recently been or are presently being changed, modified or cancelled.

CG-2736A

Radio Equipped Facility Inspection and Offer of Use Report.

Will be changed to Pertain to Radio Stations only. Boat radio info will be incorporated into CG-2746. Est. revision 1/1/79.

CG-2746

Vessel Facility Characteristics Report.

Adding radio frequency information. Est. revision 1/1/79

CG-3594

Courtesy Motorboat Exam Report

Changed "Motorboat" to "MARINE"

CG-3615

Record of Unit Meeting

Added provisions for current membership categories and prospective members.

CG-4625

CME Information Card

Cancelled

CG-4709

Auxiliary Information Report

Changed 'Motorboat' to "MARINE"

CG-4947

Mission Man-Hour Card

Changed "Optional DIRAUX-Defined Category" to "other missions". Changed title to "Auxiliary Mission Hour Report"

CG-4948

Change to Member Information Report

Dropped 'List Occupation'

CG-4949

Change of Status Card

Dropped 'CD' added 'IAB' and 'IAA'. Changed 'operational' to 'operator' CG-4952

CG-4952

Public Relations Report

Dropped (SO-PR). Dropped (Division level)

CG-4954

Course Completion Report

To be revised in the near future to properly accommodate 13-L Sail.

CG-3614

Exam Answer Sheet

Cancelled, use up existing stock, then replace with CG-4886

CG-3616

BQ Certification Record

Dropped Conditional Member

CG-3937

Casualty Assist Report

Cancelled effective 10/1/78. To be replaced by CG-4612 (AUX).

CG-4389

Auxiliary Certificate of Achievement

Cancelled

CG-4481

Auxiliary Permanent Member Certificate

Dressed up. Dropped 'His'.

CG-4886

Auxiliary Exam Answer Sheet

Changing Title to make for applicable for all Auxiliary exams.

CG-4612

SAR Incident Summary

New form to be effective 10/1/78. Implementing instruction being written. Only form to be used now.

Since many of the present forms are usable, some forms will not be printed until the present stock is depleted. This means it may be after 1 January 1979 before some of the new revised forms reach the field level.

DISTRICT PRESS

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1979 OPERATIONS SEMINAR: If present plans materialize, Operation Seminar will be allotted enough time at the Winter Conference to hold a full Operations seminar. This would mean that everyone who attends the Winter Conference Seminar would be qualified for the year 1979, and would not have to attend a seminar in their Division.

NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1979-1980: NACO – Dr. Robert L. Horton NARCO (C) – Frank L. Pracher
NAVCO - Aime R. Bernard NARCO (W) – Fred C. Havens
NARCO (E) – Martin S. Herz IPNACO – J. Kevin Mitchell

CHART UPDATING PATROLS: Chart Updating Patrols are to be handled the same as Voluntary patrols. They must be performed from a facility, scheduled by the Flotilla Commander and approved by the Director prior to performance. This should be done in writing. Also chart Updating has been authorized to be performed via aircraft.

VOLUNTARY PATROLS: Voluntary patrols should be scheduled and approved by the DIRAUX or his designee prior to performance.

PENALTY INDICA: National says it is perfectly legal to use penalty indicia mail for mailing press releases to the news media.

CHANGE 1 to CG-305: The main change will be adding a new section F to appendix A dealing with processing complaints of discrimination. These changes will be in the form of new pages so it is recommended the manual be placed in ring binder notebooks for easy access of page changes. The Commandant's office advised on 11 October 1978 that one of the changes to CG-305 you might be interested in deals with insignia on sleeves of womens Service Dress White and the Mens Dinner Dress Navy Blue jacket (page 2-27, par. 1) last line presently reads "1/2 inch above preceding lace", it should read 1/4 inch.

CG-3615 (RECORD OF UNIT MEETING): It has been noted that the majority of the Flotillas and Divisions are only listing the elected officers in block 8 of form CG-3615 (Record of Unit Meeting). It calls for all officers. List them or we will send them back for correction.

NEW BS&S SLIDES (471 to set): When they arrive they will be distributed to each Flotilla. They are set up so that they can be used with both the present 7th edition and the proposed 8th edition when it is published.

EASTERN AREA 79 SPRING CONFERENCE: The Eastern Area 1979 National Auxiliary Spring Conference is scheduled to be held 21-25 March at Williamsburg, Va. There may be a day change, however it is set at this time for that weekend, so make plans now. As more information is available it will be passed on.

FALL 1979 NATIONAL CONFERENCE: The 1979 Fall National Auxiliary Conference is scheduled for 13-15 September 1979 at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Reservations will be required NO LATER THAN 20 August 1979. Room rates are \$31.00 single or double plus tax.

COMDTINST 4200.15 dated 6 sept 78: On the Division Level COMDTINST 4200.15 states that both the DCP and the SO-MA can order from the ANSC. Make sure you use only the Division form. Good Luck!

COMMUNICATION OPERATORS: Trevoe Comm Center and Radio Bowers are always looking for a few good operators. As reported at the last District meeting Radio Bowers had a disasterous situation develop, someone broke into their radio station and took all the radio equipment. If anyone has any idle gear that they would loan to Radio Bowers I'm sure it would be greatly appreciated.

OPERATIONAL WREATH – To affix the operational wreath to the 1979 facility decal, it must be placed directly below the decal with the edges touching. There should be no space between the wreath and the decal. To be sure, check the back cover of this issue of TOPSIDE.

NEW SEMINAR GUIDES: New Seminar Guides will be mailed in January 1979. These guides will be used in 1979 to qualify you for 1980. This year there will be an Operations Seminar Guide. This will be part of our qualification for being operational in 1979.

CG-289: (New number unknown) Only about 70% complete. We really don't know when it will be ready.

OFFICER'S CHANGE – Now that the year has come to a close and new officers are taking over make sure that you turn over all records and equipment to your replacement so that he or she can keep on operating smoothly and they will have the materials necessary to do their job properly.

NEWSLETTERS – All Flotilla newsletters, must be approved by DIRAUX PRIOR to mailing.

THEME FOR POSTER CONTEST – For 1979 the theme will be "SAFETY IN BOATING".

VESSEL CHARACTERISTICS: The new CG-2746 that was supposed to have been printed by January 1979 has been indefinitely shelved. We will continue to use the old CG-2746.

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PLEDGE FOR STAFF OFFICERS:

The following items adopted by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary National Board at the Fall Conference in San Diego, California, 11-16 September 1978 have been approved by the Commandant.

- a. The Auxiliary membership is authorized to participate in the Coast Guard Institute Search and Rescue Course and in addition take the Navigation Rules. NAVRULS (Rules of the Road) course.
- b. All Staff Officers are now required to take the following pledge upon acceptance of a staff position:

PROLOGUE:

Those of you assembled here have indicated your willingness to accept appointment as a (Flotilla/Division/District) Staff Officer for (year). Each of you has offered your talents and services in the interest of a better Coast Guard Auxiliary. Therefore, the pledge you are about to take admits you to an office of high honor. Along with this honor, you must be prepared to accept direction of your activities by elected officers as well as the administrative responsibilities of your office. Your task is to develop all of those programs under your purview to the maximum efficiency that conditions permit. You are expected to promote closer liaison between the Auxiliary and local Coast Guard units; constantly reminding the members that their actions reflect not only on the Auxiliary but the Coast Guard itself. As a leader, you are charged with maintaining high standards in all Auxiliary programs, never compromising honesty and integrity, knowing that your success will be dependent upon the support you receive from fellow members and officers. With the full realization of the demands of your office in terms of time, travel, and dedication, if you are willing to accept this honor, please repeat after me:

PLEDGE:

"I, _____, in carrying out my duties as an appointed Staff Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, do sincerely pledge myself to discharge my assigned duties, to support the Auxiliary and its purposes, to promote its authorized activities and to abide by the governing policies established by the Commandant of the Coast Guard".

BS&S PILOTING:

The paragraphs in BS&S course will be modified regarding the limitations of BS&S Piloting Chapter for the study of professional navigation.

The final response from a recommendation adopted at the Spring Conference in San Antonio, Texas, 25-30 April 1977 regarding Aid in identifying Auxiliary Facilities during towing operations is as follows:

At the 1977 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary National Board Spring Conference held in San Antonio, Texas, an agenda item was passed concerning aids in identifying Auxiliary facilities engaged in towing to reduce interference from third party boats.

This item was taken under study by the Coast Guard's Office of Research and Development. The final project report emphasized the need for educating both the Auxiliarist and the boating public. Auxiliarists should be instructed, through the District's operator qualification programs and the operation seminars, in the practice of "defensive seamanship" involving evasive maneuvering to avoid errant vessels. Boating Safety courses should educate the boating public to be aware of vessels engaged in towing and to act appropriately. The Coast Guard's Rules of the Road Branch in the Office of Marine Environment and Systems has suggested the following additional precautions:

1. For night use
 - a. All vessels towing another vessel must display the proper lights for a vessel under tow based upon the applicable Rules of the Road.
 - b. Chemical lights may be spaced on the tow line.
 - c. A search light can be used to illuminate the tow line and towed vessel.
2. For both day and night use
 - a. A strobe (flare up) light is authorized under the Rules of the Road to attract attention. Such a light may be used from an appropriate point on the towing vessel when other vessels are in close proximity and there is concern that they might not recognize a vessel under tow. This light is not to be used continuously.

Together these recommendations should help to reduce the interference found in towing situations.



Left to Right: Rodger Derr, Lee Dischert, George Fender, DCP IV, being congratulated by RCO W Lee Weaver, for being Guest Host for NE Maryland Rendezvous. DSO-PR 3 SR



At Dockside at NE Maryland Rendezvous. Left to right: LCDR Crossman, Jinny Conrad, Mrs. Irma Crossman, Dick Hudson and Bertram Hodgen. DSO-PR 3 SR

Col. Edwin Lutz, Deputy Director of the Marine Services of the State of New Jersey, presented the following Certificate of Appreciation, at Fort Mounmouth, N.J., State Dinner of Appreciation.

State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Marine Services
Certificate of Appreciation

Presented To
Walter Rutkowski DPCP VI;
June Rutkowski ADSO-PEY 3RD SR
and Joseph Widony DCP Div X 3RD NR

In recognition of and appreciation for
promoting safety on New Jersey waters by
teaching N.J. Basic Boatman's Safety Courses. 1978
to over 35,000 students
September 20, 1978 — Donald F. Graham, Director

ADMIRAL LAUTH RECEIVES AWARD

On 26 May 1978 Pierre Olney, Secretary Department of Environmental and Natural Resources for the State of Delaware, representing Gov. Pierre S. duPont proclaimed the week of 1 June through 6 June 1978 as safe boating week in Delaware.

Ceremonies were held at the officers Club, Dover Air Force Base. During the ceremonies Rear Admiral David K. Lauth, Chief Office Boating Safety, Washington, D.C. was awarded "The Order of the First State" for his valuable contribution in furthering safe boating in and on the waters of Delaware. Admiral Lauth joins a select few who have received this prestigious honor.

The luncheon ceremonies were sponsored by all boating organizations in the State of Delaware. Divisions I and CIII were in attendance and assisted in the program.

R. B. HUDSON, FSO-PR



Rear Admiral David K. Lauth being presented with "The Order of the First State" by Pierre Olney, Secretary Department of Environmental and Natural Resources.

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THIRD (SR) SAFE BOATING QUEEN



Miss Francine Walter



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THIS NEW 9 1/2" DECAL
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IETY OF WAYS, APPLY IT
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TRUCKS, VANS, DOCKS,
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IT TO ADVERTISE AND
IDENTIFY CME STATIONS
AND OTHER AUXILIARY
ACTIVITIES. USES PRES-

SURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE JUST LIKE OUR
CME DECAL. EXPOSING OUR AUXILIARY EM-
BLEM TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS AN EXCEL-
LENT PUBLIC RELATIONS TOOL. YOUR FLOTILLA
SHOULD KEEP A SUPPLY ON HAND. NO. 81216

Understanding AUXMIS

Ever since I joined the Auxiliary in 1974, after graduating from BS&S, I have heard of AUXMIS, and I had a vague idea it was some sort of computer that the District used. Since that time, I have taken a job with the Internal Revenue Service and in the course of my duties, I use a remote computer terminal every day. As I learned more about IRS computer operations, I became very curious about AUXMIS.

Recently I searched through the past two years of the *Breeze* and the *Navigator* which we have at home, for information on AUXMIS but found precious little. This is not a criticism of these two fine publications for this lack, but it is an attempt to fill what I feel is a very real need. I have heard members of my own Flotilla express indifference to AUXMIS; some downright hostility, especially to all those forms. I hope this article will give Auxiliarists who read it an understanding of AUXMIS — something that is sorely needed if the system is to really work up to its greatest potential. AUXMIS can give us all worlds of information. AUXMIS touches us all.

Most of the material in this article is based on the very informative CG305, Auxiliary Manual and CG412 the Administrative Handbook. I also have supplied my own knowledge of computer terminal operations. The Coast Guard is using a CDC 3000, similar to what IRS uses, so I feel right at home in discussing it.

I hope every Auxiliarist who reads this will gain some insight, and will achieve a friendlier attitude toward AUXMIS.

WHAT IS IT?

AUXMIS is AUXILIARY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM. It is a computer hookup between Headquarters in Washington and all Coast Guard District offices, which allows for the compilation and exchange of information between the District officers and the Master File in Washington.

Most Districts have remote terminals which they can use to input information to the master computer file and with which inquiries can be made to the master file.

WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?

The purpose of AUXMIS, broadly, is to give all management levels in the Auxiliary and in the Coast Guard information they need to carry out their duties. More concretely, AUXMIS:

1. Turns out statistical data for comparative and evaluative purposes at the Flotilla and Division levels within each District.
2. Provides personnel information — data on each individual member such as date of enrollment, current office held, highest past office, and other pertinent data.
3. Provides information at Flotilla and Division levels on activities in pursuit of the 3 Auxiliary cornerstones of Public Education, Operations, and Courtesy Examination. For example, one can find out which Flotilla within a given Division taught the most 7-lesson sail courses, or which one gave the most passing CME's.
4. Can show at the Flotilla and Division levels not only the positive accomplishments, but may also pinpoint un-

desirable trends such as an inordinately high disenrollment rate, which may warrant an inquiry and some corrective action.

5. Provides the information to decide on the awarding of various trophies such as the National Commodore's Award and the National Vice Commodore's Award.

As far as the compilation of readily — comparable statistics is concerned, AUXMIS gives a depth and detail impossible to achieve before, due to the prohibitive amount of paperwork that would have been involved in such an undertaking.



In achieving an understanding of AUXMIS, it is important to grasp the basic idea that the accomplishments of the Auxiliary nationally are actually, statistically speaking, a summary of the accomplishments of the Auxiliary at the District level. And the District's accomplishments are merely a summary of the accomplishments of their Divisions, the accomplishments of which are actually a summary of their Flotillas. And what are the Flotilla's feats but a compilation of the feats of its members? Thus we see that the **individual Auxiliarist** at the Flotilla level is the basic element of the whole structure.

Submitted by "A Friend"

COFFEE FOR THE LADIES!!

Bob and I would like to congratulate all the newly elected officers and also the appointed staff officers for 1979. We both are looking forward to working with you all and if we strive for working together we should make the 3rd SR the best in 1979.

At this time I would like to introduce to you the District Commodores and their Ladies: DCO Robert A Carson (Toni), VCO Lee Weaver (Linda), RCO-E Rodger Derr (Shirley); RCO-W Robert Wecker (Neva), IPDCO William Dischert (Lee), DCO-Aode Less Conrad (Ginny)

As most of you already know, the Winter Conference will be held at King of Prussia Hilton on the 23-24 February 1979. On Saturday morning the Commodore's Wives will hold a coffee, in the Presidential Suite on the 8th floor, from 0900-1020 Hr.

I would like to extend an invitation to all the ladies to meet the Commodore's wives, members and friends of the 3rd SR at this time. Come casual. There are many ladies whom I do not know and believe this will be a good time to greet old friends and make new ones. Come join us for a cup of coffee and a good old gab feast. SEE YOU ALL 0900 — 24 FEBRUARY 1979.

Toni Carson

Historically Speaking

This year of 1979 marks the 40th year of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. It was on 23 June 1939 that the Congress of the United States of America created our organization by establishing the Coast Guard Reserve, predecessor of the Auxiliary, by passing 53 Stat.854.

Although the original concept of and the organizational character of the group were not changed, the name was altered when the Congress, on 19 February 1941, revised the original Reserve Act, creating a new fully military Reserve and re-named the original Reserve, the "Coast Guard Auxiliary."

An "Auxiliary Bulletin", Number III, October 1941, mentions that "Henry Abbott, owner of the "ALQUANDA", deserves our thanks for patrolling a "launching" at Sun Shipbuilding Company recently."

Mr. Abbott was a member of Essington Flotilla 22 (now 42) and subsequently joined the USCGR, became Director of Auxiliary, and remained in the Coast Guard until his retirement with the rank of Captain.

Other excerpts from the same Bulletin:

"Through the efforts of Senator I. Grant Scott of Cape May, New Jersey and John J. Sader, Commander of Flotilla 21, a new flotilla at Cape May is about to be launched.

"F.H. Mackenzie, of Flotilla 22, holds the distinction of being the first Auxiliarist in the Philadelphia District to have sent in an Assistance Report. "Mac", with six other Auxiliary members aboard his yacht "LANA", while doing patrol duty on the Delaware River a few weeks ago, discovered a cruiser in need of assistance. It was about 1 A.M. when they sighted the cruiser and found the owner tinkering with the engine. They took her in tow and proceeded to Essington.

"When a boat is accepted in the Reserve, it comes in for one year. The Skipper is usually made a Chief Boatwain's Mate. Reserve boats also usually have a petty officer, first or second class and two seamen either 1st or 2nd class.

"Delivery of pins and lapel buttons will be in the indefinite future." (Times haven't changed in the last thirty-eight years).

"On September 20, 1941, 203 Auxiliary vessels were on active duty."

"Flotillas 21, 22, 31 and 32 will occasionally hold joint meetings this winter in Philadelphia."

"IDEAS SUBMITTED - Several good ideas for a name for this publication (?) have been submitted in response to our recent request. However, none has been chosen yet, as we want to give the members a little more time to submit ideas. Also remember ideas have been requested for a more colorful Auxiliary flag."

It was not until March 1943 that Volume I, Number I of TOPSIDE appeared. Under "EDITORIAL BILGE" of that issue was the following: "To Commodore Nelms (Richard W. Nelms) goes the hand crocheted windless for our new calling piece. After due consideration of all the fine names submitted by members throughout the district, until our staff was red in the pan, Mr. Nelms steps forward and in his usual cheery calm suggests that, 'As we are boatmen we should have a ship, and every well founded ship has a deck. -On Deck-TOPSIDE! various colored chunks of flotsam will be awarded to Member-contributors, wupon request and proper identification, for those swell names that just missed the dock. Many of the names were so good that other districts had already copied them."

"So we built us a ship under "Topside". The staff has permitted its imagination plenty of scope to make your bulletin shipshape. We trust you are pleased.

"Topside is entirely Auxiliary manned and with the blessing of Lt. Commander Abbott, our director, the first issue has been launched. If your copy smells - slightly of champagne, it may be taken for granted that the launching was a success."

"The staff urges you to throw us a line. The Editor will be happy to establish a column for airing them. We will hold on to the Bitter End."

And so it was, almost forty years ago.

John E. Johansen
PDCO, 3CGD (SR)
Historian

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY	
DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS VESSEL EXAMINATION DIVISION	
CE HOT LINE	
FOR THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF ALL COURTESY EXAMINERS	
16796/10-78	3034 South West Drive Sarasota, Florida 33579 (813) 955-7205
FROM: DVC-OV	
TO: EXAMINERS, ALL	
SUBJ: RULES OF THE ROAD - LIGHTS	
INFO: With the change to the "Lines of Demarcation" established in accordance with the 72 COLREGS, there has been numerous questions raised regarding lighting configurations.	
DISCUSSION: When the new Demarcation lines were established, there have been several areas where vessels are moored on inland waters, but most of the adjacent boating waters are international. Some Courtesy Examiners have suggested only boats that have International lights be awarded a CME decal in these situations. After careful consideration, it was decided not to adopt this suggestion. The CEs cannot take it upon themselves to presume that it is the intention of the boat owner to use a boat with the Inland lighting in International waters, even if the boat is moored on or adjacent to International waters. The CEs should remind the owner/operator that it is their responsibility to operate their boat according to the rules of the road, including the use of proper lights. Remember - Courtesy Marine Education is the basic INTENT of the CME program.	
ACTION: For award of the decal, the lighting requirements must be either International or Inland light configuration working properly. Boats on International water with Inland lights may be awarded the decal. The CE shall note on the CG-2901: "Lights approved for Inland use only."	
DSO-VE's disseminate this info to all CE's as soon as possible.	
Approved by: <i>James D. Brout</i> M.K. Wood, CHDIRAUX Captain, U.S. Coast Guard Chief Director, Auxiliary	<i>Phillip W. Conley</i> Phillip W. Conley <i>Edward W. Frank</i> DSO-VE

If You Can't Reach Them— You Can't Teach Them

The article below was written by Dr. John E. Keshishoglou, DSO-PR 9 (ER). I received this article with a report brought back to me from the National PR. I felt this article about Public Relations Officers was so "Outstanding" that I thought I would share it with the 3rd. Southern.

For the first time this year, the District Public Relations Staff instituted a number of seminars, (one for each division) in order to familiarize the SO-PR's and FSO-PR's with PR policies and procedures. More important, we are attempting to instill in our PR's the sense of responsibility which inevitably accompanies the appointment to the PR office and which the Auxiliary has to this date, failed to treat with the importance it attaches to other staff assignments.

Unlike the programs in CE and PE which requires that a vessel examiner or an instructor take and pass an initial qualifying examination, requalify annually and show evidence of some performance, an Auxiliarist who is appointed as PR officer is expected, to put it bluntly, to know nothing. In fact experience has known that quite a few of the FSO-PR's know very little about PR. Some have even been unable to fill out properly the PR Activities form CG-4952 (rev. 8-76). There have been cases where PR officers attempted to report on the form, three hundred (300) articles in a given month, simply because the suburban newspaper where their one article appeared had a circulation of 300.

How is it that we trust the image of the Auxiliary-our own reputation-to one who cannot fill out a PR report? Evidently this has been going on for years. The PR Officer is at the bottom of the totem pole and often remains there...In fact unlike other staff appointments, PR appointments are not even mandatory. In other words, a flotilla should have a PR officer but, it is not mandatory!

As one whose career is to train college students in the mass media, I know it requires both skill and training to write articles, produce radio-television spots or programs and carry on the other PR duties. Public Relations and promotions are nothing but another version of advertising. It is part of every day life, we have grown accustomed to it, and its effectiveness in promoting a product or a service is undeniable.

In the Auxiliary, we have an organization which depends a great deal on attracting volunteers in the first place, promoting its services such as PE, CME's, etc., activities which require extensive promotions, ergo PR. Yet, the Auxiliary does not even bother to make PR a mandatory appointment! PR officers are left alone to develop expertise by osmosis or by some other means which has hereafore illuded me. The Auxiliary is too busy providing training for PE instructors who often teach to small or even empty classes because of failure to promote effectively the BS&S course(s). Hence the topic of this article. If you can't reach them, you can't teach them!

Larry Reining, the ADSO-PR and I heard some very disturbing things from the PR officers during some of the PR workshops. And speaking of workshops, I would like to express my thanks to all DCP's, VCP's in the District without whose cooperation and assistance, attendance would have been minimal.

However, while a lot of Auxiliarists (FC's, VFC's and SO's) attended these workshops, approximately fifty (50) per cent of the FSO-PR's did not! This in a way is understandable. Why should they take their job seriously, if the Auxiliary itself fails

to do so! Even in instances in which PR's who were sincerely interested in doing a good job, they found themselves handicapped because of lack of formal training and direction in public relations.

Our District which pioneered certain programs in the past, should take this one by the horns. It should implement a policy, making the PR appointment mandatory. Secondly it should require that all newly appointed PR officers to attend a PR qualification workshop.

Those who qualify should be rewarded a qualification ribbon (similar to that of the instructor or CME Examiner). When a FSO-PR is reappointed to his position, he/she will attend a refresher seminar. Once the District approves these recommendations, they should be forwarded to the National Board.

Public Relations, the Auxiliary's own IMAGE, is too important to be trusted to persons who do not have the proper preparation. Need I say more?

Submitted by, Trudy Gundy, DSO-PR 3 SR

Words of Wisdom for Instructors and MT'S

A TRAINING DIRECTOR of a large corporation, about to retire, was passing on advice to his replacement. "I have no theoretical advice to give you," he said, "but I'll tell you one thing I've learned from experience. When you're conducting training sessions some guy will always disagree with what you're saying. He will probably shake his head violently. You will be tempted to go after him and convert him then and there. Don't do it. He is probably the only one who is listening."

Taken from DEC. 1977, "Bits and Pieces"

Taking Over...

Taking over the job as District Materials Officer is somewhat of a challenge to do a good job. We will introduce some new procedures and follow some of the past ones.

In a very short time, we will publish a pictorial catalog with a new price list. More has been incorporated into this catalog, such as sizes, colors, etc. We hope this will make your job easier.

We will attend all the conferences and set up a 3SR District Store. We hope to have a good inventory of items that were in short supply before and many new items.

We would like to see all newly appointed Division Materials Officers at the Winter Conference to discuss procedures and listen to any suggestions you might have to improve our operations.

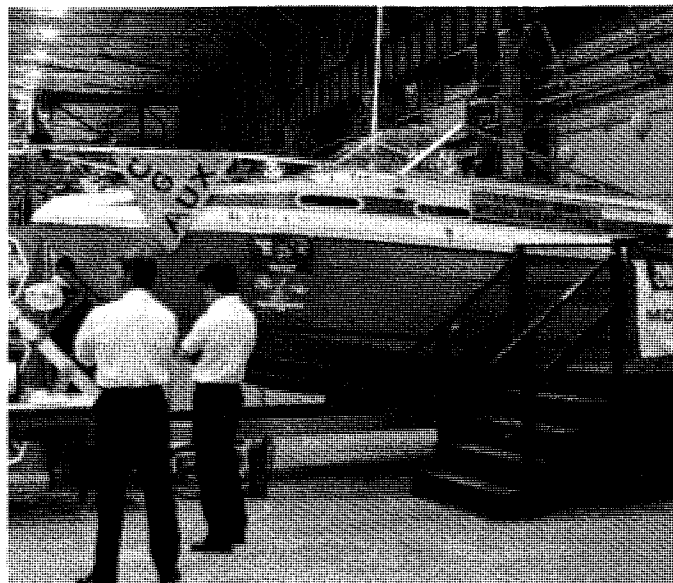
Anyone wishing to reach us by phone, the number is 215-NE2-4555. If no answer, call 215-639-9812.

We're looking forward to a good year as your Materials Officers. A safe and prosperous year to all.

George R. & Evelyn Brouse, DSO-ADSO/MA
100 Village Lane
Phila., Pa. 19154

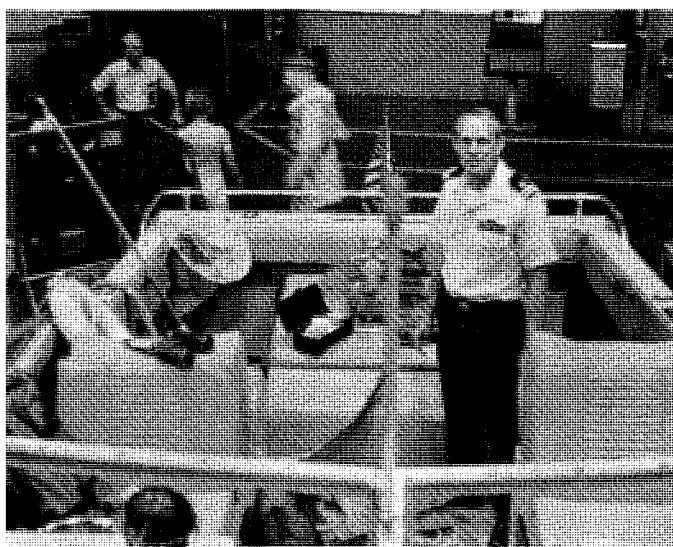
Coast Guard Auxiliary and Industry Celebrate National Safe Boating Week

Flotilla 18's National Safe Boating Week activity included participation in Boeing Vertol Company's Annual Family Day which was attended by approx. 10,000 employees, their families and guests. A booth displaying a facility with all operational equipment requirements, a slide presentation of Auxiliary activities and the showing of Coast Guard Safe Boating films was part of the activity portraying Boeing employee outside activities. Flotilla 18 was supported by the Delaware Marine Police who provided equipment and helped man the booth.



Auxiliary Operational Facility Equipped To Serve The Boating Public.

In addition, major flight ramp activities included: U.S. Navy "Seal" Team demonstration, Company Helicopter Flight Demonstration, and a sea rescue demonstration by Flotilla 18 members. The sea rescue mission demonstrated the correct usage of the Marine VHF/FM radio for a May Day transmission, use of visual signal aids and proper towing techniques.



All This And More For Boating Safety

Growth & Retention (Feast or Famine)

Growth and Retention (GR) seems to be a series of programs that are only sometimes pursued. In contrast, they should be conducted on a continuing basis. GR is simply bringing in new members and keeping members. With this in mind, GR should always be visible, after all without members, there is nothing. Many approaches have been used to recruit new members, but the most important one is the one-on-one, personal touch. Because most new members come from the PE programs, it is vital that instructors are friendly and strive to become acquainted with as many attendees as possible. When recruiting, don't sell the Auxiliary — Explain what it is and what it does. Then convince the prospective member that the Auxiliary is in need of him/her, their ideas, their skills, etc. This also applies toward retention. Most people join organizations because they want to feel needed. It is in this spirit that we keep our members and they remain active. Yes, sometimes a gentle nudge is needed to recruit and/or retain members, but Don't Push it isn't worth it.

Take a look at a flotilla this a consistent performer in the Auxiliary year after year. They continue to grow at a steady rate and so do their programs. These flotillas are able to perform smoothly by making GR and all other programs compliment each other. Does your Flotilla?

C. McGraw SO-GR II

New Flotillas Charted

12-08	Delaware	14 Nov. 78
02-09	Valley Forge, Pa.	15 Nov. 78
12-09	Dagsboro, Del.	12 Dec. 78
	101 Flotillas 3 (SR)	

New Requirements for Ventilation Systems

1. The Coast Guard has promulgated new regulations affecting Manufacturers and Operators of boats built after 31 July 1979. This notice provides interim enforcement policy on ventilation to accommodate those manufacturers who wish to comply early with the rule.

2. Any boat (as defined in the FBSA of 1971) built after 31 July 1978 and prior to 1 August 1979 which meets the following conditions need not have a ventilation system serving fuel tank compartments:

- Each fuel tank in the compartment must have its vent piped directly to the outside of the boat.
- All electrical components in the fuel tank compartment must be ignition protected. Items such as a fuel gage sending unit, a submersible bilge pump and submersible fuel pump switch, are normally ignition protected. All connections to these units must withstand a six pound pull test.
- If the boat is a gasoline powered inboard boat, an operable exhaust blower for the engine room must be installed.

3. This enforcement policy is to cover boats built between 31 July 1978 and 31 July 1979.

4. Please insure that you are aware of these new requirements.

Ed Frank DSO-VE

The Care and Feeding of AUGIE AUXMIS

Have you ever wondered why the latest Flotilla Activity Summary does not show your CE qualifications even though you completed it six (6) week ago? Were you busy as the devil doing patrol work last month, but the print-out shows that you did nothing? We in my office, not only think of, but try to deal with these matters all the time. But we can't do it alone. AUXMIS is the tool we use to keep track of the volumes of information and data which have been submitted on the various AUXMIS forms reflecting what is going on in your flotillas. But there is nothing automatic about AUXMIS. It (he, she) depends on you, and me, and us to make it tick. So what am I leading up to? Just this! The data on quite a number of these AUXMIS forms are rejected because there is an error someplace on the form. Each week a listing of all rejected data is furnished to this office. YN1 WASON, my yeoman, gets this "error-listing" and must attempt to correct the errors. The number of listings varies, but averages something approximating 125 per week out of 2000 total cards. Each error identified on the listing results from some "incongruity" between what is submitted to "Augie" on the DIRAUX copy of all AUXMIS forms, and what his "diet" will accept. This, in turn, causes a delay in including the data from those line-items affected by the errors in the weekly, monthly, quarterly, or more importantly, end-of-year reports. (For as you all know, the end-of-year reports are used as basic data for the awards program.) The error may be as simple as an incomplete form or it may be as serious as showing an incorrect or incomplete number for an individual, but in each case, the result is the same — delay in printing current info and DISTRESS when you read last month's or last quarter's data knowing full well that you submitted the proper form to update it.

OK, let's talk about the DIRAUX copy of AUXMIS forms. This is our source information. If that is accurate, there is an A-1 chance for an accurate print-out (assuming the key-punch operator does his/her job). But 125 times a week "someone" falls down on the job. If each person makes sure that he or she is not that "someone", the 125 errors would be cut way down.

The "Fourth Cornerstone"

For this particular period, I would like to deviate from the subject of Safe Boating and talk about the "fourth cornerstone". You all know that this is the time of the year for holiday celebrations and change of watch affairs, as well as many other types of social gatherings. "Fraternity" and "Sorority" are at an all-time high for the year. Many Auxiliarists travel a number of miles to get to the affairs. (And by now you've guessed the subject of this article). My exhortation to all of you is to be sure that you get home safely! The time for planning how to do that is BEFORE the affair, not after. Libations of all sorts do flow freely, and many of these are alcoholic in nature. It is of no value to you, safe boating experts, to be less than safe driving experts and to be injured or killed as a result of taking in too much liquor and then trying to drive home. DRIVE YOUR CAR AS SAFELY AS YOU DRIVE YOUR BOAT!

Hear are a few statistics which I think are impressive:

@ With respect to speed and seat belts, in a study a few years ago of 28,000 accidents, there were no deaths where the speed was less than 60 MPH AND seat belts were worn.

To help monitor ourselves, our flotillas, and our divisions, I've tried to categorize the five most common errors to bring them to your attention. Here they are:

- Member number incorrect. This is the most common error.
- Numbers and letters illegible. Many forms arrive with the numbers and letters:
 - Too light, (almost unreadable).
 - Badly formed, (not enough care taken to ensure that other people can read the printing on the cards).
- Many names mis-spelled (for example, ie in lieu of ei). Probably because the person filling out the form "GUESSES" at the spelling of another's name.
- Forms not always completely filled out. (All forms must be at least contain—full member number, first four letters of the members last name and full data on activity being reported.)
- Many zeros not slashed, or slashed haphazardly. Examples: 0, 0, 0, so they may be read as another number, e.g. 1, 6, 9.

So what's the bottom line? AUXMIS only gives back what we put into it — i.e., garbage in, garbage out. Put in the positive sense, accurate data in, timely credit for accomplishments out! So please, pay attention to what you enter on the AUXMIS forms and double check your work.

Give Augie AUXMIS the TLC (he, she, it) needs and (he, she, it) will perform like the Jolly Green Giant rather than the 98 pound weakling.

R.A. DeCORPS, Jr.
Chief, Auxiliary Branch

P.S. Kudos to those careful individuals who prepared the other 1875 accurate forms.

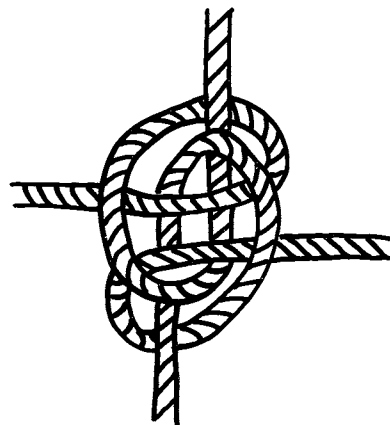
R.A. DECORPS, JR.

DOCTOR DISCOVERS NEW KNOT

There are only a limited number of ways to tie a knot and it is rare indeed for a new knot to be invented. Dr. Edward Hunter, a retired consultant physician, has just done it. His knot, Hunters Bend, is about to be published in the specialist journals both in Britain and the United States.

Inventing a useful knot these days is about equivalent to discovering a new Comet up there among the stars. Doc. Hunter is about to join that select company stretching from Gordius to Matthew Walker who have achieved immortality by lending their names to the knots they invented. Gordius was the Phygian King who tied the very difficult Gordian Knot on the yoke of his Chariot. An Oracle then proclaimed that anyone who could untie the knot would become ruler of all Asia. Alexander the Great came by and solved the knotty problem with several strokes of his sword and went on to become ruler of a good part of Asia. As for Matthew Walker, he became famous for inventing the Single and Double Matthew Walker which is basically a knot which has become the starting point of a whole family of knots such as the Double Walker, Crown Knot, Manrope Knot, Star Knot, Monkey's Fist and many, many more. Walker invented the opening tucks that led to a bewildering variety of knots.

And now we have Hunters Bend. It has the following characteristics. It is stronger than the sheet bend or fishermans bend. It is easy to tie and untie. It is suitable for tow ropes, thin nylon and for ropes of different diameters. It does not appear to reduce the breaking strength of the line.



To tie the knot (in the words of the inventor): Lay the two lines parallel with the ends opposite; throw a bight (loop) on the double (overlapping) part; tuck the ends through the bight in opposite direction; a pull on the standing parts will draw it snug. See diagram.

The London Times was so impressed with this achievement that a photo of the knot appeared on the front page of the October 6, 1978 issue. I have copied this photo to make the line drawing in this article. In addition, I have become proficient in tying it, and believe me, it is some knot!

As for Dr. Hunter, he was a Missionary in Nigeria where he got caught up in the Biafran war, a ships surgeon and a consulting physician.

He has been busily tying things up both on and off the job these past forty years! I believe this diagram and description to be the first here in the States. When next you see this knot in the lexicon you can say "I saw it first in the TOPSIDE!"

Submitted by CAPT DeCorps from "THE PILOT"
South Shore Power Squadron, Inc. Nov 78

REMINDER



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 11-20 January 1979 New York Boat Show
- 1-4 February 1979 Atlantic City Boat Show
- 10-18 February 1979 Philadelphia Boat Show
- 23-24 February 1979 Winter Conference
(King of Prussia, Pa.)
- 21-25 March (3rd Eastern Area Conference)
Williamsburg, Virginia
- 1 & 2nd June 1979 North East Rendezvous, Maryland
- 7, 8, 9, Sept 79 Cape May Rendezvous, Cape May NJ
- 13-15 Sept 79 National Conference, Ft Lauderdale, Florida

• The Coast Guard Auxiliary's 2978 Academy Mission (AIM) Program was attended by 173 young men and women from all over the nation. The intensive five day program included lectures, tours, drills, athletics, and extensive Coast Guard and Academy indoctrination, presented under simulated "Swab Summer" routines. Candidates were on the move constantly from 0550 reveille to 2200 taps. At the end of the week they were given the same Indoctrination Quiz as is given to fourth class cadets during Swab Summer, and they scored an overall average of 82%. Better than 80% indicated intention to apply for appointment as cadets.

A total of 61 former AIM candidates are currently cadets. They are distributed by class as follows: '79-13; '80-11; '81-18; '82-19.

(Bulletin - USCG Alumni Association)



Members of Division I participating in the Gov. duPont's proclamation of safe boating week in Delaware. Members left to right: Burt Hodgden, IPCD I, Lee Crossman, Diraux, John Markowski, FC 18, Ralph Gilgenast, DCP I, David Lauth, Rear Admiral, Dick Hudson, PDGP I, Bob Carson, VCO 3 (SR) and Norm Jedlicka, PFC 14.



LCDR. L. Crossman presenting an award to Richard L. Dalton for demonstrating proficiency and successfully completing the Operations Sepciality Course Program - Richard L. Dalton is hereby designated an Operational member of U.S.C.G. Auxiliary - September 6, 1978.

AUXOP Certificate signed by Merrill K. Wood, USCG, Chief Director, Auxiliary, presented to Richard L. Dalton (Flotilla 7-12). Photo submitted by M. Steets-SO-PR VII.



Left to right: Frederick Freeman, FC No. 81 with NSBE Poster Winners. Kelly Petnick, Kathy Thompson, Diane Hathaway and Nancy Hathaway. All winners received a \$25.00 War Bond from Flotilla No. 81. Diane Hathaway won 2nd. prize in District Poster Contest, age category 4-6 yrs. Submitted by Warren Fox FSO-PR 81.

**For a little bit extra
YOU CAN go first class!**



Join The Pros . . .

Go AUXOP in '79



YE EDITOR

Here is a picture of me trying to make the deadlines, couldn't find our desktop for weeks.

As always, we are looking for photos and articles, Division and Flotilla news, District Staff Officer's thoughts, etc. Photographs should be black and white. Please do not write on them. Tape a piece of paper (to the back of the photo and to the bottom, write on that.) Under the photo write on that.

Remember when you write an article it's time element, current news, eye appeal, and photos that attract attention!

Do you like the new look? Do you like the District Press section? How about the extra color inside? Write me, and express what you want included in Topside. We'll do our best with each and every issue to make TOPSIDE a publication you will be proud of! We'll also print some of your letters.

Regarding the Winter Conference, we also are including the program reservation forms for both the Hilton and Dinner arrangements in this issue. By saving a little more on an extra "flyer" we might be able to do something "special" for our 40th Anniversary of the CG Auxiliary!

We need your help!!! Send your articles and photos now! Send them to our address printed on the inside cover. TOPSIDE IS COMING YOUR WAY....WILL YOU BE THERE?

Richard and Sharon M. Garmize, DSO-PB 3 SR

An Equal Rights Note: Wherever, in this publication "man," "men" or their related pronouns may appear, either as words or as parts of words (and other than with obvious reference to named male individuals), they have been used for literary purposes and are meant in their generic sense (i.e., to include all humankind - both female and male sexes).

DEADLINES - TOPSIDE

5 March 79	Spring 79 Issue
15 June 79	Summer 79 Issue
15 October 79	Fall 79 Issue
15 Dec 79	Winter 80 Issue

1979 ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

23 & 24 February, 1979

Registrations:

1. Rooms = People Staying Two Nights \$31.80 Single or Double including Tax. \$5.00 Extra Person.
People Staying One Night \$36.04 Single or Double Including Tax. \$5.00 Extra Person.
2. Costs:
Dinner & Seminars = \$15.00 per person
Seminars & Workshops = \$1.00 per person
3. Advanced Registrations
VCO LEE B. WEAVER
R.D. No. 2
BARTO, PA. 19405
4. Desk:
Friday Evening 23 Feb. 1400 hrs. thru 1800 hrs.
Saturday Morning 24 Feb. 0800 hrs thru 1000 hrs.
1400 hrs thru 1800 hrs.
Registration Desk in Lobby at the Valley Forge Hilton
Division Host: Division XIV

Commodores Welcome Aboard Party

Friday Night 23 February 1979, 2000 hrs.
Dress: Optional
Place: The Jefferson Room

Seminars and Workshops (24 February 1979)

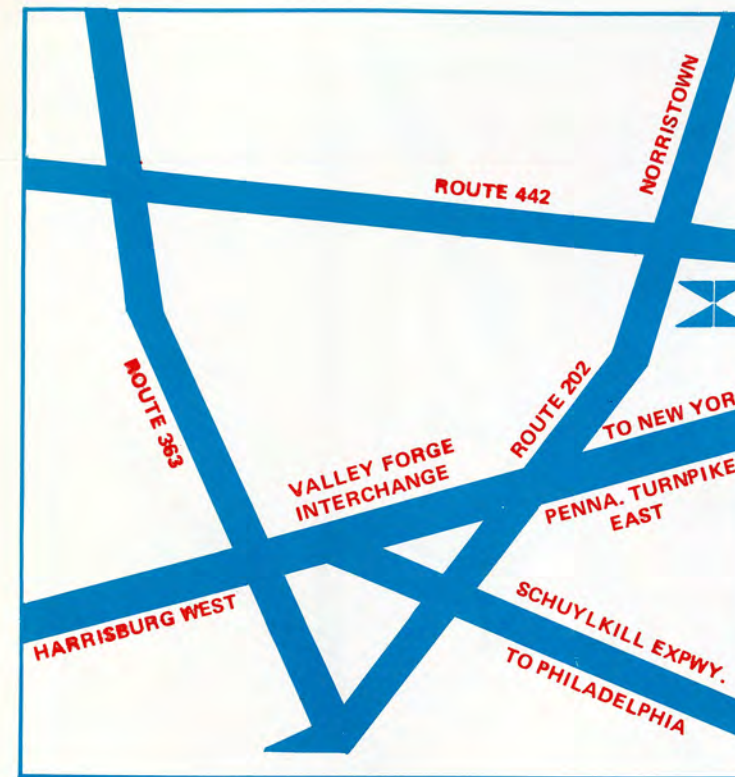
0800 - 0945 hrs = Operations (MTX-OPU-OPA-OPS-CM)
1000 - 1045 hrs = Administrative
1100 - 1200 hrs = State Presentations (PA. DL. N.J.)
1200 - 1300 hrs = Lunch
1315 - 1445 hrs = Public Education (MTI-PEA-PEY-PES)
1500 - 1630 hrs = Vessel Examination (VEC-VEF-MTV)
1645 - 1715 hrs = Mini Workshops - GR-PR-CC
1730 - 1800 hrs = Curbstone Conference
1800 - 1900 hrs = Free Time
1900 - 2000 hrs = Cocktail Hour - Dutch Treat
2000 - 2200 hrs = Dinner and Awards

District Meeting 24 February 1979, 1000 hrs. Room 212
Past Captains Association Meeting, 1645 hrs. Room 212
Public Relations Women, 1100 hrs. Room 209

Dinner Menu: (SAT)

Appetizer: Cup of Vegetable Soup
Entrees: Top Sirloin of Beef, Au Jus
Vegetables: Baked Idaho Potato, Baked Tomato Provencale
Salad: Fresh Tossed Green
Dessert: Flaming Cherries Jubilee
Beverage: Coffee - Tea - Sanka

All tickets will be held for pick-up at Reservation Desk.
Table numbers and table assignments will be indicated on ticket.
Dinner ticket limited to 500 - Make reservation early.
Commodores Welcome Aboard Party Friday Night.
Registration For Workshop Only Will Be At a Cost of \$1.00.
Deadline for reservations is 16 February 1979.
Use reservation form that is in Topside.



Valley Forge Hilton from Pa. Turnpike: Take Valley Forge Exit 24, follow signs for King of Prussia and Route 202 N for 1½ miles. From Schuylkill Expressway: Exit at 35N, follow signs for King of Prussia and Route 202 N for 1½ miles.

A Plaque will be presented to the Division having the largest registered attendance. Division XIV will host and will be awarded a special plaque.

Uniform of the Day

- A. Evening Dress CG Blue
(White Shirt, Bow Tie, Miniature Medals
NO name tags)
- B. Dinner Dress
- C. Service Dress Blue
- D. Business Suit

Lee B. Weaver, Vice Commodore

USE RESERVATION FORM FOR SPECIAL RATES AT VALLEY FORGE HILTON

NAME _____

I desire reservations for Single _____ Double (Two Beds) _____

Two Persons _____ Four Persons _____

Enclosed is a Check for \$ _____

Make Checks payable to Valley Forge Hilton
251 W. DeKalb Pike
King of Prussia, Pa. 19406
215-337-1200

Persons Staying Two Nights \$31.80 Single or Double Including Tax.
People Staying One Night \$36.04 Single or Double Including Tax.



RESERVATION FORM

MAIL TO VCO LEE B. WEAVER
R.D. NO. 2
BARTO, PA. 19504

NAME _____ Flotilla No. _____

I desire _____ Reservation for TOP SIRLOIN OF BEEF, with complete banquet trimmings, at a cost of \$15.00 per ticket. This ticket entitles you to attend all workshops.

I desire _____ Reservation for the Workshop only, at a cost of \$1.00 per ticket. This ticket entitles you to attend all workshops.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ covering the cost of reservations indicated above.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: USCG AUXILIARY-3 CG DISTRICT (SR)
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