

Fifth Southern District, Annapolis FL 16 Newsletter
HELLO ALL STATIONS
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Additional Support Needed for Hurricane Victims

Financial support is needed for our fellow Coast Guard and Auxiliary members who were stricken by the hurricanes last fall in the gulf region. Contributions made to the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Fund are being used as loans to the many members who lost so much. Those loans are being repaid through Operation Life Ring, a website set up specifically to help our fellow Team Coast Guard members in the gulf region.

Unfortunately, the funds in Operation Life Ring are dwindling fast. If you have not already done so, please consider making a donation to either the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Fund (<http://www.cgmahq.org>) or Operation Life Ring. (<http://www.operationlifering.org>). Even the smallest amount will help make a difference in someone else's life.

Speakers Bureau

The National Public Affairs Department is looking for energetic Auxiliarists who are interested in becoming a member of the Speakers Bureau. There are five categories of the Bureau:

1. Contact Person (person of contact for the media)
2. Interviewer (person to interview the media)
3. Radio Speaker (person to speak on radio)
4. Speaker (person to speak on TV, at local community functions, or be interviewed by newspapers)

5. Speaker Trainer (PA officers who will train the speakers)

Prerequisites are:

1. Must be in the Auxiliary for at least 3 years
2. Actively participate in at least one mission area
3. Have proper uniform for speaking assignment(s)
4. Must be available during business hours
5. Must be enthusiastic and dependable
6. Must have taken the Public Affairs On-Line courses Chapter 3 "Community Relations" and Chapter 4 "Public Appearances"

If you are interested, you can contact Betty Zoellner, PA-ASC at bcz@charter.net for more information.

Member News

The last information we received on Ed Martin is that he is home from the hospital and recovering nicely. Please continue to keep Ed and his wife, Kathy, in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to recover.

Member Training Opportunity

Flotilla 12 (Rock Creek) is offering the Communications Specialty Course at Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay, Barry Hall, beginning Saturday, 18 February, 0900 to 1200. The course will be held on four Saturdays (18 February, 4 March, 11 March, 18 March). If you are interested, contact Ron Richardson at fso-cm@flotilla12.org to pre-register.

The annual Northern Area Workshop will be held on 25 February at South River High School in Edgewater. The general session will commence at 0830 and will be followed by several workshops and training sessions. The detailed schedule is attached.

New Award Program – Auxiliariest of the Year

The new Auxiliariest of the Year Award Program was unveiled at the recent Auxiliary National Training Conference in St. Louis. This award will be given to the member who has demonstrated exemplary performance during the previous calendar year. Nomination packages are due to the District Commodore (through the normal chain of command) by 3 April 2006. The finalist will be recognized in May (date unknown) in Washington, DC.

I'm sure all of you will agree that Flotilla 16 has several members who qualify for this award, and it would be very nice if one of them was chosen as the Auxiliariest of the Year!

Upcoming Events

16 February – Flotilla 16 Meeting
25 February – Northern Area Workshop

Help Wanted

Interested in getting more involved in the Flotilla? We have openings for assistants to each of the FSO positions. If you are interested in pursuing this challenge, please notify the FC.

Uniform Items

We have gently used uniform shirts, trousers, and accessories that are available to any one in our flotilla at NO CHARGE. These items are stored in the locker at

Station Annapolis. Please see Al Sushko, FSO-MA, before or after each meeting.

2006 Officers/Staff

Walt Discenza, Flotilla Commander
Keegan Mills, Flotilla Vice Commander
Don Llewellyn, Immediate Past FC
Jeff Conopask, Aids to Navigation
Len Klaver, Communications
Walt Discenza, Web Communications
Lewis Hipp, Finance
Ned Schreier, Information Services
Al Sushko, Materials
Larry Mawn, Marine Safety
Art Murray, Member Training
Jane Shey/Rod Hargraves, Program Visitor
Jim Welday, Operations
Judy Haugh, Public Affairs
Judy Haugh, Publications
Carl Smith, Public Education
Anita Murray, Personnel Services
Peggy Ford, Secretary/Records
Ed Martin/Howard Brooks, Vessel Exams

Special Appointments

BCQ Mentors-Art Murray, Ed Martin, Jim Welday, Walt Discenza, Anita Murray
Member Training Proctor-Howard Brooks
Fingerprint/Security Specialist-Len Klaver

Flotilla Meetings

Third Thursday of each month, commencing at 1930, at Station Annapolis (Uniform is tropical blue long)

Contributions to the Newsletter

Articles, news clips, and photos are welcome for incorporation into the monthly newsletter. Please send to judy.haugh@comcast.net by the last day of each month.