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The newsletter of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 23, Kodiak, Alaska



Flotilla commander's message

This year has gone by quickly and once again we are in the middle of winter and the holidays that come with it. Thank you for a great year! We enjoyed new members; a newly established focus and I am looking forward to a new year of challenges that will push us to be a blessing to the Coast Guard and Kodiak. I want to thank my staff officers who carried the organizational ball; to our instructors who taught the importance of water and boating safety and every volunteer auxiliaryist who gave hours of service for a safer community.

This coming year we have mandatory training that we have begun but will have to be vigilant to pursue. We have an increased need for vessel examiners to deal with the Coast Guard challenges in the harbor. We need more instructor involvement in public education and with the plans we have for Coastie and Kids Don't Float we will be busy in 2012. Join us in a challenge that will save lives and make Kodiak the best place in District 17 to be an auxiliaryist.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mark Nymeyer,
Flotilla Commander

FC Mark Nymeyer presents a second sustained service award to flotilla member Susan Nymeyer Dec. 10.

Auxiliary uniforms items

The uniform store on the second floor of the exchange on base recently ordered all the special items you need to complete a proper tropical blue long uniform (the one you need for flotilla meetings, teaching boating safety classes, vessel exams, etc.). That means they will have the silver belt buckles, member shoulder boards and insignia specifically for Auxiliary members. The other items you need — pants, shirt, garri-



son cap, shoes — are exactly the same as for active duty Coast Guardsmen.

The only items you won't be able to get there are auxiliary officer items and personal name tags. We can all save some money for shipping if you combine orders for the name tags. If you want to get a name tag, contact Drew Herman, foobidy@hotmail.com, as soon as possible, so we can put in an order before Christmas.

Do you know our units?

Even after the Kodiak loran station at Narrow Cape shut down in 2010, Kodiak remains home to more Coast Guard units than any other location. Everybody probably knows four of them: Air Station Kodiak and the cutters Munro, SPAR and Alex Haley. How many of the other six Kodiak-based units can you name without peeking? The complete list is on page 2.



Appreciation

The Kodiak community honored the Coast Guard during the annual appreciation event, Oct. 22 at the Kodiak Harbor Convention Center. Kodiak flotilla members Jane Ure, Joyce Blair, Yvonne, Arndt, Peggy Morris and Tad Morris volunteered to help set up and clean up for the celebration. (Photo courtesy of the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce)



Flotilla training



Far left: Petty Officer 1st Class Sara Francis, supervisor of the D17 public affairs detachment in Kodiak, briefs Kodiak Auxiliary members on Coast Guard public affairs basics, Nov. 12. Contact Drew Herman about Auxiliary public affairs training. Left: Duane Dvorak of the Kodiak Island Borough planning department introduces flotilla members to the what and why of the Incident Command System, Dec. 10. The required ICS 100 class is available online through FEMA. If you have ideas or questions about Auxiliary training opportunities, contact Wes Hanna, our new member training officer, at wes.hanna@gmail.com. (Drew Herman photos)

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Kodiak Coast Guard units:

Electronic System Support Unit Detachment; Marine Safety Detachment; Communication Station Kodiak; USCGC Alex Haley; North Pacific Regional Fisheries Training Center; Aids to Navigation (ANT) Kodiak; USCGC Munro; Base Support Unit Kodiak; USCGC SPAR; Air Station Kodiak.

Change of watch Jan. 14

The Kodiak flotilla will hold a change of watch ceremony Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Buskin River Beach House. The official proceedings begin promptly at 2 p.m. (that's four bells in the afternoon watch for you old-time sailors).

In addition to administering the oath of office to 2012 flotilla officers, we will enjoy a potluck fellowship with family and guests.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Jeremiah Myers, a former international di-

rector of Lions Clubs, who will give some entertaining insights about having a successful volunteer organization.

Other guests will include District 17 Commodore Roy Stoddard, and leaders from both the gold and silver sides. This is a great chance to get to know them and strengthen ties in the Coast Guard family.

Flotilla fellowship director Rich Walker is in charge of organizing the event. Be on the lookout for messages about dishes to bring, setting up the room, etc. New flotilla member Alan Kinman will serve as master of ceremonies, and Bronwyn Lyman will greet guests and manage things as chief cat herder.

Uniform of the day for flotilla members and active duty personnel is tropical blue long or service dress blue. Civilian casual is OK for family, guests, and members who do not yet have trop.

Kodiak flotilla staff officers take the oath at the 2011 change of watch ceremony, from left, Bob Amberg, Bob Hough George Kontra, Alan Morris Susan Nymeyer and Sheri Greene.



Next on your list:

- Decide what you want to do in the Auxiliary: Kids Don't Float, Coastie, boating safety classes, or vessel exams.
- Take ICS level 100. The Integrated Command System is now the standard structure all police, firefighters and other potential emergency responders use so different organizations can work together smoothly. Online instruction and test available from FEMA: <http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.asp> or <http://www.cgaux.org/training/TETTraining.html>.
- Get to know the Auxiliary better by exploring the national website.
- Take the online Administrative Procedures Course to qualify to run for flotilla commander or vice commander: <http://www.cgaux.org/training/APC.html>.
- Listen to "Deck Watch," Fridays at 9 a.m. on KMXT 100.1 FM. Consider contributing to this weekly Coast Guard radio segment, heard on stations across Alaska. It's a fun way to learn about radio production and help our public affairs.
- Become a Facebook friend of the Auxiliary in Alaska and Kodiak: "USCG Auxiliary D17 Alaska" and "USCG Auxiliary, Kodiak Flotilla."
- The District 17 blog also has great Alaska Coast Guard news: <http://alaska.coastguard.dodlive.mil/>.
- Consider attending the 2012 district conference in Anchorage March 16-18 for a weekend of training and fellowship with auxiliarists from all over Alaska.
- REPORT YOUR HOURS TO SUSAN NYMEYER. Remember, doing any of the things on this list counts, and so does reading this newsletter.

