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**Message from
the Bridge**

DCDR Cris Gleason



**Message from
the Bridge**

VDCR Jim Hans



Shipmates:

Fall is upon us, and that means elections within the Auxiliary. The process begins in August with the election of our National leaders at NACO. It follows with our District elections, which took place at our Fall D-Train in September.

Division 8 held its elections at our October meeting. Current Vice Division Commander Jim Hans was elected to the position of Division Commander for 2019. Bob Babezki, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander of FL-81 was elected to the position of Vice Division Commander of Division 8. Both of these officers will be sworn into their new positions at our Division 8 Change of Watch, which takes place on Saturday, December 1st at the Tuckahoe Inn.

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Shipmates of Division 8:

And just like that, another season of recreational boating along the South Jersey Shore comes to a close. After what seemed like an endless winter, our Auxiliarists throughout the Division could finally jump back into their O.D.U.'s and do what they do best: From Brigantine to Cape May, serve our boating public community.

All seven of our Flotillas reported exceptionally strong numbers in boating safety classes, vessel exams and program visits to the marine community. Northern and Southern Flotilla's combined to offer several Auxiliarists the opportunity to take crew class. As a result, in 2019 we will welcome several new crew and coxswain qualified members, eager to get out on the water and begin their first patrols.

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DCDR Gleason (continued from page 1)



DCDR Elect Jim Hans receives his new DCDR shoulder boards.



VDCR Elect Bob Babezki receives his new VDCR shoulder boards.

(Photos by Auxiliarist Lou Hahn)

It is now the turn for the Flotillas to elect their leaders for next year. Each flotilla must make sure that they have a quorum at the meeting when they hold their elections.

Good luck to all the candidates running for Flotilla Elected Officer.

Very Respectfully

Cris Gleason DCDR

VDCR Hans (continued from page 1)

Again the Auxiliary had a significant presence during the Atlantic City Air Show, while at the Southern end, several members participated in the annual Labor Day Air Show at NAS Wildwood. An energized new push to increase Flotilla membership numbers proved quite lucrative for several units.

As a Division, we are truly blessed geographically to be in an area offering so much diverse opportunity. From Station Atlantic City, to TRACEN and Station Cape May, Auxiliarist's continue to step up and take advantage of Watch Standing opportunities, tour guides and participate in the Aux Chef program.

On a personal note, I'm now winding down my final couple of months of serving as the Division 8 Vice Commander. Throughout these two years, it has truly been an honor to work with all Flotilla Commanders and Staff Officers. Having had the opportunity to travel throughout the Division and meeting countless members, it has reinforced to me why 8 remains one of strongest and most productive divisions in the nation.

With continued hard work, and devotion to duty, the future of Division 8 remains strong. As we wind down this boating season, and the water begins to cool and the leafs begin to turn, take time to give yourself and a fellow shipmate a pat on the back. Job well done.

Sempar Paratus,

James E. Hans

VCDR. D58NR

Division 8 Staff Officers- 2018

SO-CM - Stanley Friedman (8-5)
SO-CS - William Fithian (8-1)
SO-FN - Greg Lavin (8-4)
SO-HR - Tony Kupstas (8-2)
SO-IS - Bernadette Hofer (8-2)
SO-MA - Joe Lee (8-6)
SO-MS - Lorraine Bianco (8-2)
SO-MT - Cris Gleason (8-5)
SO-NS - John Gallagher (8-2)
SO-OP - South) - Scott Supplee (8-3)
SO-OP - North) – Frank Bigley (8-1)
SO-PA - Bob Babezki (Acting) (8-1)
SO-PB - Bob Babezki (8-1)
SO-PE – Marilyn Hughes (8-1)
SO-PV – John Percy (8-4)
SO-SR – Fran Krajewski (8-3)
SO-VE – Bill Hartley (8-3)

Division 8 Leadership

DCDR - (Division Commander)
Cristen Gleason (8-5)
VCDR (Chief of Staff) -
James Hans (8-6)
IPDCDR (Immediate Past Division Commander)
Richard Weiss (8-2)

Division 8 Flotilla Leadership

William Fithian, FC Flotilla 8-1
Frank Bigley, VFC 8-1
Lorraine Bianco, FC Flotilla 8-2
Tony Kupstas, VFC 8-2
William Holmes, FC Flotilla 8-3
Scott Supplee, VFC 8-3
John Percy, FC Flotilla 8-4
Richard Dale, VFC 8-4
Calvin Bartechko, FC Flotilla 8-5
Ken Novakoff, VFC 8-5
Brenda Hollway, FC Flotilla 8-6
Nick Holland, VFC 8-6
John Mastrobuono, FC Flotilla 8-7
Rich Sampson, VFC 8-7

From The Fo'c's'l (*folk-sel*): **Moving Forward**

By Bob Babezki, Editor

Throughout the summer boating season, Division 8 continued to provide outstanding service to our local communities in Cumberland, Atlantic and Cape May Counties. Our dedicated members donate their time and effort to keep our boating waters safe, teach our children about our responsibility to maintain our aquatic environment and to represent the Coast Guard at all times. The question arises, "What else should we be doing?"

As with all volunteer organizations, recruiting and retaining members is always a difficult task, requiring creative thinking and good planning, along with proper follow-up. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is no different. Even though we are the best volunteer organization in the Country, we are also the least known. In Division 8, many of our Flotillas can trace their roots back to the dark days of World War II. We have been active members of our communities for decades, yet we are virtually unknown to the residents of those communities.

It is incumbent upon our organization's success moving forward to begin selling the Auxiliary to our host communities. Rather than being footprints on the beach that are washed away with the next tide, we should be making a permanent and year round commitment to our communities. By raising the awareness of the Auxiliary within our communities, we will be better positioned to sign-up students for our Boating Safety classes and recruit for people for membership in the Auxiliary.

To this end, it is suggested that each flotilla and each member consider how they can raise their community's awareness of the Auxiliary. Look at ways the Auxiliary can bring value to your respective communities. Reach out to your community leadership and establish communication links with them. Make your community proud to be hosting a Flotilla from the Coast Guard Auxiliary. I will begin this process by publishing an essay that was written a few years ago by a former member, Richard Sorokin.

Why The Auxiliary?

The United States Coast Guard and its Auxiliary's prime function is safety on the water. The Auxiliary, made up of citizen volunteers, augment the Coast Guard's effort to accomplish this goal. How is this accomplished?

The Auxiliary uses many methods to promote water safety. They go out and patrol our waters. They promote safety by correcting negative behavior on the water and by being there when a boater needs assistance, and correcting poor safety practices. The public knows we're there and often give us a friendly wave.

The Auxiliary is there for the public's safety. We aim to make your experience on the water as safe as possible. Especially now when government funding is in trouble this volunteer organization is making our waters safer.



United States Coast Guard
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National Auxiliarist of the Year .

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SUBJ: AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR

1. I am pleased to announce the selection of Auxiliarist Joseph J. Giannattasio of Fifth District Northern Region Flotilla 053-08-02 in Cape May, New Jersey as the 2017 Auxiliarist of the Year.
2. An Auxiliarist since October 2003, Auxiliarist Giannattasio has consistently exercised extraordinary support of Coast Guard missions and concern for the welfare of Coast Guard and Auxiliary shipmates. As a qualified cutter watch-stander aboard Cape May's 87ft patrol boats, his watch-standing presence significantly enhanced quality of life and improved morale for the cutters' crew members. Displaying exceptional expertise and perseverance, he spearheaded an innovative morale program that provided over \$4,000 in donated iTunes gift cards to the Coast Guard personnel of Patrol Forces Southwest Asia (PATFORSWA). His superb foresight and planning were instrumental to their smooth delivery in time for the holidays, and provided an uplifting message to PATFORSWA personnel that their forward-deployed service was always in the hearts and minds of those back home.
3. Auxiliarist Giannattasio extensively engaged in a remarkably diverse array of local and national Auxiliary programs. This included direct support as a Coast Guard Team Coordination Training Facilitator providing essential and insightful training to Coast Guard and Auxiliary operational crews. He sustained certifications as a boat coxswain, instructor, program visitor, and vessel examiner, and served as the regional aviation program manager. As an Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist and Branch Chief on the Auxiliary's national Public Affairs staff, he advanced Auxiliary photo-journalism by supervising expansion of Auxiliary Photography Branch activities. As official photographer for the Auxiliary's annual National Convention and National Training Conference, he provided invaluable support by meticulously documenting and promoting the Auxiliary story. His deep commitment to Coast Guard service, no matter the mission or activity, was clearly reflected in each of the more than 2,700 hours that he logged throughout the year.
4. I applaud Auxiliarist Giannattasio's service to nation, duty to people, and commitment to excellence. He will be formally recognized as the 2017 Auxiliarist of the Year at the Auxiliary National Convention in Orlando, FL on August 25, 2018.
5. RADM John P. Nadeau, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, sends.



ORLANDO, FL - Joseph Giannattasio has been selected as the 2017 Coast Guard Auxiliarist of the Year. Auxiliarist Giannattasio was presented this award by National Commodore Rick Washburn and Admiral Charles W. Ray, Vice Commandant of the United States Coast Guard at the National Commodore's



Atlantic City Air Show

Robert Babezki, AUXPA-3

Each year, the City of Atlantic City holds a large Air Show, “Thunder over the Boardwalk”. This all day event bring in large crowds into Atlantic City to watch the air show. Estimates ranging from 500,00 to 750,000 spectators come into Atlantic City to experience this event. To support the show, the Cast Guard/ Coast Guard Auxiliary provide numerous resources to the event. This comes in two forms, on the water and on the land.

The Auxiliary on water support consists of several Auxiliary Facilities that work for two days out on the ocean in front of the beach where most of the aerial activities will take place, Working in conjunction with the Coast Guard and New Jersey Marine Police, the Auxiliary facilities patrol a security zone in from of the beach approximately 2 miles long and out for one mile from the beach. The purpose of this security zone is to provide a clear space for the pilots to land their aircraft in the event of a mechanical difficulty. The Security Zone is patrolled by the surface elements of the three agencies in order to keep spectator boats out of the security zone. The surface elements of the security zone are in place for two days, the practice day before the show and the day of the show.

Typically, the Auxiliary is the first line of interface between the boaters and the security resources. If a spectator boat encroaches onto the security zone, the closest Auxiliary facility will respond to intercept the spectator boat and advise them to leave the designated security zone. If a spectator boat continues to ignore the warnings of the Auxiliary, the Patrol Commander (PATCOM) dispatched a NJ Marine Police resource. This resource has Law Enforcement capability, which the Auxiliary does not. If the operator of the spectator boat refuses to comply with orders from the NJ Marine Police, they are subject to arrest. Fortunately, this situation rarely arises as the spectator boats are mostly well behaved and obey the direction of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

This year, the Auxiliary contributed multiple facilities to this event.

Practice Day, Tuesday August 21st

AUX-1	Facility Owner:	Don Spataccino (FL 04-09)
	Coxswain:	William Hartley (FL 08-03)
	Crew:	Charles Devlin (FL 08-03)
		Kathryn Spataccino (FL 04-09)
AUX-2	Facility Owner:	Calvin Barteckko (FL 08-05)
	Coxswain:	Glenn Westervelt (FL 08-05)

Atlantic City Air Show (Continued)

AUX-3	Facility Owner::	Warren Iredell (FL 08-01)
	Coxswain:	Frank Bigley (FL 08-01)
	Crew:	Jim Ryon (FL 08-01)
		Bob Frtiz (FL 04-09)

Air Show Wednesday, August 22nd

AUX-1	Facility Owner:	Don Spataccino (FL 04-09)
	Coxswain:	William Hartley (FL 08-03)
	Crew:	Alan Nordt (FL 08-03)

AUX-2	Facility Owner:	Mark Rubino (FL18-08)
	Coxswain:	Mark Rubino (FL18-08)
	Crew:	Kathy Kunyczka (FL 18-05)
		Lawrence Galiano (FL 18-05)

AUX-3	Facility Owner::	Warren Iredell (FL 08-01)
	Coxswain:	Bruce Goldberg (FL 08-01)
	Crew:	Bill Fithian (FL 08-01)

AUX-4	Facility Owner:	Stan Friedman (FL 08-05)
	Coxswain:	Stan Friedman (FL 08-05)
	Crew:	Allen Moose (FL 08-05)
		Bill Hannan (FL 08-05)

AUX-5	Facility Owner:	Frank Bigley (FL 08-01)
	Coxswain:	Frank Bigley (FL 08-01)
	Crew:	Jim Ryon (FL 08-01)
		Calvin Bartechko (FL 08-05)

Of particular note are the Auxiliarists who participated on both days. Very importantly, the crew on AUX-2 delivered lunch to each of the facilities involved in the day of the Air Show and then took a watch position until the end of the show.

Congratulations and thanks to each of the members who participated

2018 Atlantic City Air Show Public Affairs Booth

In addition to the Auxiliary facilities on the water assisting the Coast Guard afloat, there was also Auxiliary support to the Coast Guard on land. The Coast Guard Recruiting Station in Northfield reserved space on the Atlantic City Boardwalk for a joint Coast Guard / Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs and Recruiting booth. (Photos by Auxiliarist Bob Babezki)



Auxiliarists manning the Atlantic City Boardwalk PA Booth. (From left) Mike Fitzpatrick, FL-85, Gloria Grumbein (FL-81) Terri Pierce (FL-81) and Paul Casalese (FL 16-08).



USAF Thunderbirds over the Boardwalk.

AirFest 2018





Flotilla 81 Receives Three-Star NACON Diversity Award

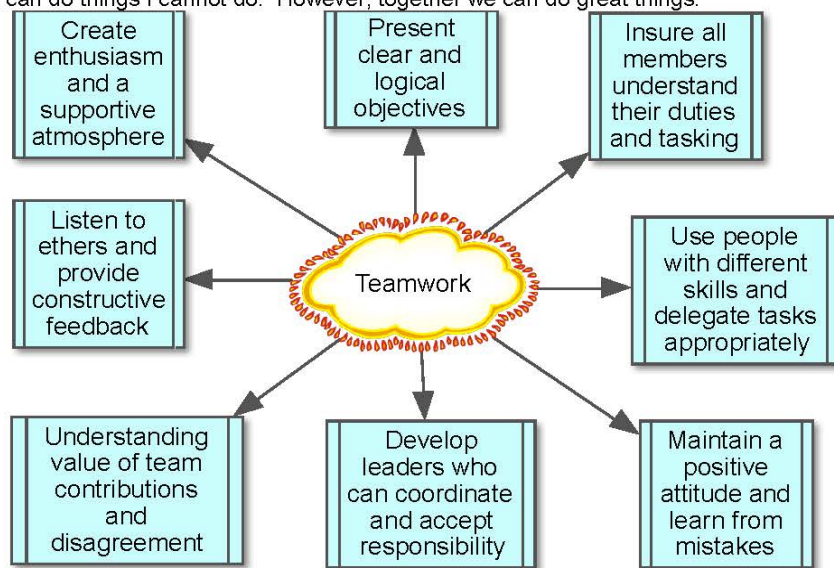
Marilyn F. Hughes, DSO-DV/CR

The first in Division 8, Flotilla 81 worked as a team to gather the required information. The Coast Guard and the Auxiliary take diversity seriously and understanding what diversity is and is not is paramount to running our flotillas.

First of all, diversity is NOT quotas, sensitivity training, Affirmative Action or total assimilation. Diversity is about the people and their unique talents of our members and the members of our teams. It is how we value one another and think which translates into how we act.

Diversity is a matter of readiness when we train for mission excellence. It is about how our leaders understand the value of building these diverse and inclusive teams. It is also about developing the individual differences to help all members achieve their individual goals while supporting our missions.

If you look at the seven principles of TCT (Mission Analysis, Leadership, Adaptability/Flexibility, Communication, Assertiveness, Situational Awareness, and Decision Making) you will see that the underlying idea is diversity. Working together, a team accomplishes more. Mother Theresa once said, "I can do things you cannot do, and you can do things I cannot do. However, together we can do great things."



Recruiting and retention are priorities for the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary as well as diversity. If we recruit a diverse membership we support our future growth. Promoting inclusion supports member retention and leadership development which in turn, helps to build effective teams.

When we appreciate diversity, we enrich our organization and the world.

Operation: HikeAIR

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Deployed distress signal with marker tape. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Joseph Lee.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Air Group recently participated in a drill designed to see how difficult it would be to find a lost hiker in New Jersey if that hiker deployed an orange emergency flag.

by Linda Skvarla ADSO-PB – District Fifth Northern

He was scared, but the young hiker still knew what to do when he got lost during a wilderness outing in the New Jersey Pine Barrens: He remembered the three priorities: shelter, fire, and ... signal. The hiker was prepared and had packed an orange distress flag and a roll of orange surveyor's ribbon before venturing out.

In a clearing he constructed a visual distress signal to attract help. Later in the day he heard the sound of an airplane in the sky. He craned his neck up toward the direction of the sound and sighted a Coast Guard Auxiliary aircraft circling overhead, dipping its wings right & left several times to let the hiker know "Gotcha, don't worry, I see where you are located."

That was the scenario members of Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 08 (5NR) and the district's Air Program (AUXAIR) participated in training exercises in July that

enthusiasts, and develop practical wilderness SAR exercises for Auxiliary Air Program personnel.

View of distress signal from above. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Joseph Giannattasio.



"We strive to incorporate realistic challenges and scenarios in our search and rescue exercises," said Giannattasio. "Plus offer practical experiences for air crews to learn, broaden their skillsets, and share their knowledge with others."

Operation HikeAir creates a realistic training scenario for District 5NR's air program which demonstrates their operational abilities and also highlights how to expand proficiency for actual wilderness search and rescue missions.

Distress signal viewed off tip of wing. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Joseph Giannattasio.