

11th WATCH

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Dare to Be Great!

Ahoy There!

The phrase "I Love You" contains three words. The Lord's Prayer has 65 words. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address contained 266 words. The Ten Commandments contain 297 words. The Declaration of Independence has 300 words. A 1977 government order setting the price of cabbage contained 26,911 words.

Communication is a wonderful thing.

Information for this section comes from a Coast Guard Auxiliary Book from 1988 dealing with clipart for Auxiliary newsletters and was donated by Larry Bitonti, FSO-OP.

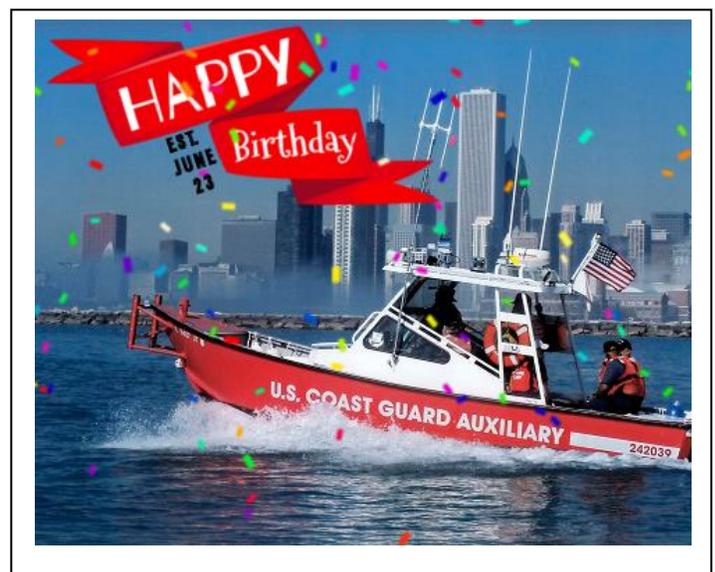


Larry Bitonti (FSO-OP)

Monthly Meeting Flotilla 11-11

All Flotilla Meetings will be held at Denny's Restaurant, 1180 Alabama Street, Redlands, CA, (North of I-10 freeway in Redlands, CA). Fellowship Hour begins at 1830, (6:30 p.m.) meeting starts at 1930, (7:30 p.m.). Below are the dates for upcoming meetings:

May 28, 2019
June 25, 2019
July 23, 2019
August 27, 2019



Paratus Prep

For a chance at recognition by the Flotilla, please send your responses to Kerry Morgan, SO-PB. Members who get all five questions correct will have their names read aloud during the monthly Flotilla meeting. The SO-PB can be reached at:

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1. On U.S. flag vessels, which certificate is always issued by the Coast Guard?
 - a. Load Line Certificate
 - b. Safety Equipment Certificate
 - c. Safety Construction Certificate
 - d. Register of cargo gear
2. Once a towline is connected between the towing vessel and the disabled vessel, the towing vessel should?
 - a. Not exceed bare steerageway during the transit
 - b. Take a strain as soon as you can to control the tow
 - c. Come up to speed very slowly and maintain a "safe speed"
 - d. Come up to speed quickly, then cut back power considerably to ease the strain
3. One of your crew members falls overboard from the starboard side. You should IMMEDIATELY?
 - a. Apply left rudder
 - b. Throw the crew member a life preserver
 - c. Begin backing your engines
 - d. Position your vessel to windward and begin recovery
4. The "lay" of a line refers to?
 - a. Its normal location of stowage
 - b. The manner in which it is coiled
 - c. The manner in which it is rigged
 - d. The direction of twist in the strands
5. The "square knot" is used for?
 - a. Forming temporary eyes in lines
 - b. Joining two lines of equal size
 - c. Keeping line from unlaying or fraying
 - d. Joining two lines of different size

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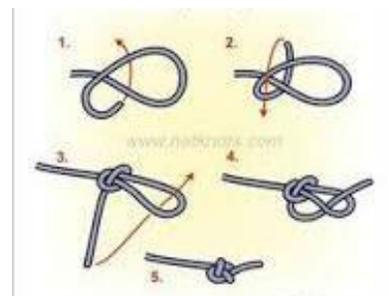
Below are the answers from the previous newsletter.

1. To "ease the rudder" means to?
 - a. Decrease the rudder angle.
2. A "figure eight" knot is used to?
 - a. Keep a line from passing through a sheave
3. A "loose" tow may cause all of the following EXCEPT?
 - a. A saving in the transit time.
4. A "Mediterranean moor" should be used when?
 - a. Docking stern to a berth.
5. A "skiff hook" is a device used to?
 - a. Attach a towline to the eye bolt to the bow of a trailer-able boat.

Information for these questions were obtained from multiple locations

Know your Knot

Running Bowline



The **running bowline** is a type of noose, a knot related in structure to the bowline. The running bowline is strong and secure. It slides easily and can be undone just as simply. The advantage of using a knot like a bowline is that it will not close up and bind on the standing end. So long as the rope is under tension, the running bowline will grip its load. When not loaded with weight the knot can be easily undone.

Auxiliary History

May, June, July

Shortly after midnight on **May 23, 1960** a seismic wave hit southern California. The resulting current surges tore piers loose on the Los Angeles waterfront and damaged boats in the harbor of San Diego. Coast Guard Auxiliarists provided assistance to over a hundred boaters that day.

June 23, 1939 Congressional legislation establishes the Coast Guard Reserve as a volunteer civilian organization, its mission is to promote recreational boating safety and to facilitate the operations of the Coast Guard.

June 1942 Congressional legislation allows Auxiliarists to enroll as part-time or intermittent members of the Coast Guard Reserve. Thousands of Auxiliarists enroll themselves and their vessels in the Reserve. Over 50,000 temporary Reservists served during the war patrolling harbors, factories, bridges, and docks; fighting fires; providing emergency and disaster assistance; conducting search and rescue and anti-submarine warfare; training; giving blood; selling war bonds; recruiting SPARs (CG women reservists). (An equal number of Auxiliarists served, but many held both titles simultaneously, so the 50,000 figure is used for both the number of Auxiliarists and temporary Reservists.)

July 1942 Coastal Picket Force is formed; Auxiliary enrolls large sailboats and motor cruisers and mans a number along with newly recruited yachtsmen for anti-submarine work along 50-fathom curve of Atlantic Coast. Integrated Army-Navy-Coast Guard coastal and beach patrol system established consisting of mounted, foot, canine, and afloat units. Temporary reservists serve in all branches.

July 1946, CG-170 "Instruction to Coast Guard Auxiliary," first Auxiliary manual issued.

June 4, 1952 President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed the first National Safe Boating Week.

June 5, 1976 The Teton Dam in Idaho bursts, flooding a considerable area and washing toxic chemicals out of a warehouse into the reservoir below the dam. Coast Guard Auxiliarists warned boaters to evacuate and helped build a levee that saved the city of Idaho Falls.

For the centennial of the Statue of Liberty on **July 4, 1986**, more than thirty thousand watercrafts descended on New York Harbor. Some 100 Coast Guard vessels and 380 Auxiliary boats provided safety patrols in the largest peacetime operation in US Coast Guard history.

Information obtained from USCG historical website (<https://www.history.uscg.mil/research/chronology/>)



Uniform of the Day

Hair today, Gone tomorrow

As Auxiliarists, we represent the US Coast Guard and we should look sharp in our uniforms. That includes proper grooming. The goal is for men's hair to be neat and clean, not touch the collar, and be away from the ears. Beards, sideburns, or mustaches, if worn, shall be well groomed and neatly trimmed at all times in order to avoid a ragged appearance. No portion of a moustache will extend below the lip line of the upper lip. Handlebar moustaches or other eccentric styles are not appropriate while in uniform. Full and partial beards, van dykes, and goatees are authorized. In uniform, patches and spotty clumps of facial hair are not considered beards and are not authorized.

The bulk of the beard (distance that the mass of facial hair protrudes from the skin of the face) shall not exceed one inch. The length of individual hair shall be limited to 1 ½ inches. The wearing of beards and moustaches shall not interfere with the operation of oxygen masks, gas masks or other safety/survival gear. As such, the wearing of beards and moustaches may be prohibited for those participating in certain operational missions as deemed necessary by the director or a Coast Guard Commanding Officer supervising that mission. For uniformity during public appearances as a distinctive element of the Auxiliary, personnel assigned to a Ceremonial Honor Guard shall be clean-shaven.

Women's hair should not be below the collar or extend below the eyebrows when the hat is removed.



More information about Auxiliary uniforms will be published monthly. If you have any questions about uniforms, please feel free to contact your Flotilla Command or log onto cgaux.com and read the chapter which discusses proper uniform wear, AUXMAN Chapter 10.

Article by SOPB Kerry Morgan

Information obtained from AUXMAN Chapter 10

ID Cards

Please check your I.D. Cards to ensure they are current. Any member of Flotilla 11-11 who does not have a valid ID card or whose ID card will expire within the next 60 days should contact **Cynthia McClain**, FSO-HR.

The FSO - HR can be reached by using the following email address: Cynthia.mcclain13.cm@gmail.com

Munro (s)

US Coast Guard Signalmen First Class Douglas A. Munro is a man whose name is synonymous with the prestigious award, the Medal of Honor. Munro was awarded the Medal of Honor for saving the lives of hundreds of U.S. Marines during the battle of Guadalcanal. In doing so, he gave his life and was posthumously awarded the nation's highest award.

Munro's Commanding Officer, Lt. Commander D. H. Dexter, sent Munro's parents a heartfelt explaining what their son had achieved. See excerpt below;

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Munro:

Believe me when I say sincerely that this is a very sad letter for me to write advising you of the death of your son Douglas, but as Commanding Officer of the unit to which he was attached at the time of his death, I have pride in telling you that he covered himself with honor and I hope Glory, and fulfilled the mission so satisfactorily that almost all of the men he had under his charge returned to their unit and, without exception, all had praise for your son's execution of his duties."

Douglas was not the only Munro to serve in the Coast Guard. Another Munro joined the war effort after Douglas was killed. Edith Fairey Munro joined the U.S. Coast Guard and was commissioned a Lieutenant. Who was Edith Munro? She was Douglas Munro's mother.

Seven months to the day after her son was killed saving Marines, Edith joined the Coast Guard. She served more than two years as a United States Coast Guard Women's Reserve (SPAR) officer. Edith was stationed in various parts of the country: Long Beach CA, Houston TX, Philadelphia PA, and Washington DC. She was retired as a Lieutenant on November 11, 1945.

Edith Munro may not have driven her boat onto a beach on Guadalcanal, where 30 caliber machine guns were blazing and saving Marines, but she served proudly. She paved the way for future women to serve in the military. I can only imagine the pain she suffered from the loss of her son. Lt. Edith Munro, Gold Star Mother and fellow Coastie, had the strength to stand tall, she has our respect and appreciation for her service.



FSO-MT
Davidsol Cometa

Submitted by FSO-MT Davidsol Cometa



Lt. Edith Munro

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY-FLOTILLA 114-11-11 PARTICIPATES IN THE MAKER FAIRE (STEM) AT LOMA LINDA ACADEMY

Flotilla 11-11 participated in the Maker Faire (STEM) at Loma Linda Academy in Loma Linda, CA on Sun., 07 April, 2019. The event stressed STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) careers.

Shipmates at the event were: Darcy Clarke, Davidsol Cometa, Denver Drieberg; Cynthia McClain, Kimberly Morgan, Kerry Morgan, Lewis Plaut, Marcella Reinerthungerford, Chris Rosario, and Davidsol Cometa.

The main focus for the Faire was to have students participate in STEM events. Through the Public Affairs presence, the Flotilla was able to educate students, parents, friends, and family members who attended the event, about service opportunities available in the US Coast Guard and US Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The Flotilla had a colorful booth, with lots of material from the US Coast Guard Academy, a table runner from the Academy, children's story books about the Coast Guard, posters, and PFD (Personal Flotation Devices...both CG and Civilian ones). We also had two different activities/ challenges for students (K-12).

More than 50 students visited our booth's "activities/challenges" area and probably had over 100 students/visitors stop by to chat.

Public Affairs events help spread the mission of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary; expose people in our Area of Responsibility to the activities of the US Coast Guard and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary; and the displays are a great recruiting tool for possible new Auxiliary members.

Submitted by FC Denver Drieberg



FC Denver Drieberg showing all the flotilla and Coast Guard Academy has to offer



VFC Chris Rosario instructing a student on how to read a chart

Diversity

The following was taken from an article written by Carl Forsling titled: “Why The Military Needs Diversity”.

As with many hot-button issues, diversity has been twisted so that in the minds of many, it has developed into a caricature where there are only two possible positions. There is either absolutely no institutional acknowledgement of the existence of minorities at all, or there is some type of strict quota-based, “affirmative action” hand-out system totally independent of individual merit. As with most political and ideological issues, there is actually a practical and realistic center.

For whatever scoffing the overused term “diversity” engenders, it has significant payoffs. All else being equal, a team with more than one represented demographic will tend to perform better. Groups with members of varied backgrounds generate more ideas and encourage individuals to “up their game.” The corporate world already widely recognized diversity as a necessity for recruitment and retention. Having minorities and women in a workplace helps to recruit and retain them, seeing people like you makes a difference. It’s not a choice between diversity and high standards, they aren’t mutually exclusive. With the right approach diversity can actually increase standards.

The Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary have fully integrated diversity into daily operations. From the wheelchair bound Auxiliarist who operates the radio to the new member learning to become a crewman after only being in the country for a year, our members exemplify the Coast Guard and the spirit of diversity for all.

Submitted by: Felix Aisuan-Auigbe FSO DV

Did You Know

Humankind actually set foot on the moon before they’ve touched the bottom of the Mid-Oceanic Mountain Ridge. Divers first explored the Ridge in 1973, while Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins touched down on the moon four years earlier, in 1969.



4th Cornerstone

The flotilla would like to welcome its newest member, Hector Castaneda, who was officially sworn in to the auxiliary during the April Flotilla meeting



Semper Paratus



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