

# 11<sup>th</sup> WATCH

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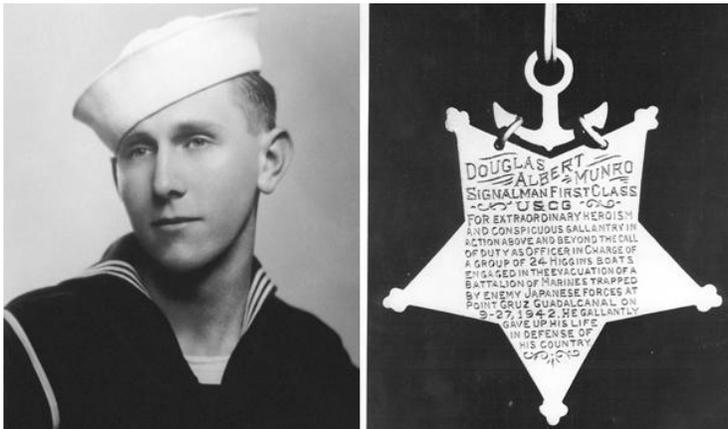
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## Dare to Be Great!

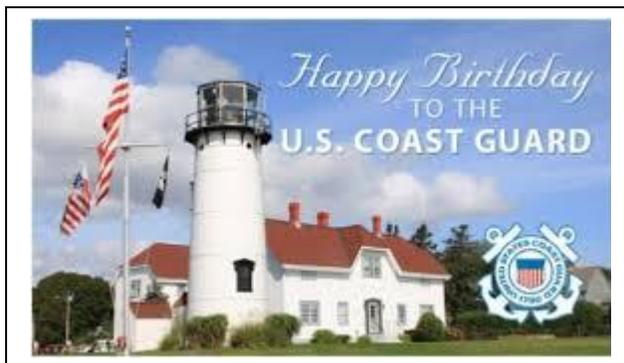
### Signalman 1st Class Douglas Albert Munro



Medal of Honor. September 27, 1942

Information obtained from:

<http://www.dodlive.mil/2017/08/06/only-coast-guard-medal-of-honor-recipient-saved-500-marines/>



### 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:

August 27, 2019

September 24, 2019

October 22, 2019

### 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](mailto:Cynthia.mcclain13.cm@gmail.com)

# YOUR VOTE COUNTS

## **New Flotilla Commander and Flotilla Vice Commander Needed**

Once again it is time to vote for the new Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander.

These two positions are the only two in the flotilla that require a vote to take office. The flotilla will be voting in the new officers during the September meeting and they will take office on the first day of the New Year. Our current Flotilla Commander will be stepping down at the end of this year as he has completed his maximum allotted time of two years.

Currently there are four officers vying for the two positions:

The present Flotilla Vice Commander, Christopher Rosario, is hoping to become the next Flotilla Commander.

A former Flotilla Commander, Carl Dougherty, The Flotilla Staff Officer for Human Resources, Cynthia McClain and the Division Staff Officer for Diversity, Robert Gutman, are all hoping you will vote for them to become the next Flotilla Vice Commander.

If you would like to vote for one of these excellent choices, you have to be at the flotilla meeting in September. You cannot mail in your vote or vote online, only those present at the meeting are eligible to vote.



Christopher Rosario



Cynthia McClain



Robert Gutman

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## Auxiliary History August, September and October

Coast Guard Day is held every **August 4** to commemorate the founding of the United States Coast Guard as the Revenue Marine on **August 4, 1790**, by then-Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton.

On **August 23, 1934**, a yachtsman named Malcolm Stuart Boylan sent LT F.C. Pollard a letter outlining a basic concept for a Coast Guard reserve: "A Coast Guard Reserve would be an excellent thing to perpetuate its traditions, preserve its entity and, more particularly, to place at the disposal of CG officers, auxiliary flotillas of small craft for the frequent emergencies incident to your duties." A copy of Boylan's letter made its way to Washington, and to the desk of CDR Russell Waesche, an aide to the Commandant of the Coast Guard. Waesche saw merit in the idea, but it languished for some five years.

Public Law 451 passed by the Congress in **September, 1945**, added owners of aircraft and radio stations to the list of those eligible for membership in the Auxiliary.

Signalman 1st Class Douglas Albert Munro, is the only Coast Guardsman awarded the Medal of Honor. On **September 27, 1942**, Signalman Douglas Munro died at Guadalcanal. Signalman Munro was killed while rescuing 500 Marines from a beach while under heavy fire. When asked previously why he wanted to join the Coast Guard, Munro said "Because the Coast Guard is focused on saving lives, not taking them" and at Guadalcanal that is exactly what he did.

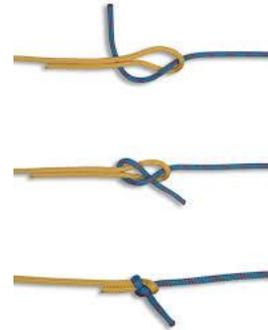
**October 5, 1938**-The newly established "Coast Guard Reserve" (what would become the Coast Guard Auxiliary) enrolled its first members.

Information obtained from:

<https://www.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Auxiliary/Administration/Auxiliary-History/>

## Know your Knot

### Running Bowline



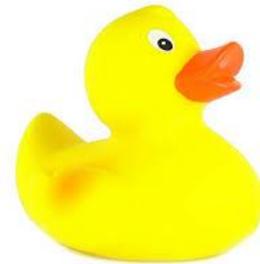
The **sheet bend** is a knot that joins two ropes together. The sheet bend is related in structure to the bowline.

Information on how to complete these knots and many more can be found on:

<https://www.animatedknots.com/complete-knot-list>

## Did You Know

29,000 rubber ducks were lost at sea in 1992, and are still being found



For more information on the world's oceans, please visit:

<http://ocean-expeditions.com/ocean-facts/>

## Uniform of the Day

### Religion in Uniform

Religious apparel is defined as articles of clothing worn as part of a doctrinal or traditional observance of the religious faith practiced by the member

Auxiliarists may wear religious apparel while in uniform, providing that the religious apparel, other than religious headgear, is not visible, that the wearing of the religious apparel does not interfere with their performance of duty, and does not interfere with the fit of any article of the uniform or the Auxiliarists appearance in uniform. For most of us this may not mean anything but for those who check their teammates uniforms when they are on duty or at meetings, remember the Auxiliarist may be allowed to wear that item under their shirt or cap so don't just insist they change into the correct uniform, they may already be in it.

An Auxiliarist may be asked by anyone in the chain of leadership to provide objective and verifiable information describing the relationship between the article of clothing and the doctrinal or traditional observance of the religious faith practiced by the Auxiliarist. The Auxiliarist needs to realize that the person asking may not know about their religion and only wants to ensure the unit looks professional. In most cases talking about the item and how it is a part of that religion may be enough.

Religious headgear is defined as personal head coverings worn as part of the doctrinal or traditional observance of the religious faith practiced by the Auxiliarist. Auxiliarists may wear religious headgear while in uniform provided that the headgear meets the following criteria:

1. Must be black or match the hair color of the wearer.
2. Must be of a style and size that it can be completely covered by, and not interfere with the wearing or appearance of any uniform headgear, whether or not the uniform headgear is being worn.
3. Cannot interfere with the proper wear or functioning of protective clothing or equipment.
4. Cannot bear any writing, symbols, or pictures, including writing of images woven into the fabric or the headgear.
5. Shall not be worn in place of uniform headgear when such uniform headgear is required in accordance with current Coast Guard uniform regulations.
6. Cannot cover any portion of the face or forehead.

The religious item seen by most is jewelry bearing religious inscriptions or images. These items are allowed to be worn, subject to the general applicable uniform regulations for jewelry that is not of a religious nature. Primarily this means you can wear a necklace with a religious image on it as long as it is inside the uniform and not visible.

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Information obtained from Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M16790.1G, Chapter 10

## 4<sup>th</sup> Cornerstone

Congratulations to all members of the flotilla who received awards over the last three months.

If you are unable to attend the flotilla monthly meeting in person, please consider attending remotely. Simply click on the link provided every month and keep abreast of all that is going on in your flotilla. The link is emailed to all members 15 minutes before each monthly meeting.



## COMMANDER'S CORNER

### Packing a “Go Bag” for Emergency Situations...

Every day the news is filled with stories of a quick moving fire, an earthquake close to us, and a bridge collapse that is going to make your commute to work a nightmare. What would we pack with us if we needed to leave our house quickly? Sentimental photos? Artwork? Look around your home and wonder...what can I afford to lose.

According to FEMA, evacuations are pretty common in the United States. Aside from natural disasters such as fires, earthquakes and hurricanes, people are often told to leave their homes due to transportation and industrial accidents. Here’s how to prepare an evacuation “go bag” that you can quickly grab in case you ever need to evacuate.

**Choose a bag.** Each member of the family should have his or her own. Start with a backpack or a nylon camper’s laundry bag with a drawstring.

**Take photos of all the rooms in your home, along with all your valuables.** Store these photos on a cloud server, and back them up on a flash drive.

**Scan all your important documents, and save them on a flash drive.** You could also save them onto a cloud server if you have an encryption service you trust.

#### **These documents include but are not limited to:**

- 1) Driver’s license
- 2) The deed to your house
- 3) Your will and/or trust
- 4) Proof of insurance
- 5) Medical records
- 6) Passports
- 7) Social security cards
- 8) Birth certificates
- 9) A list of personal contacts with their addresses and phone numbers
- 10) Your kids’ immunization records
- 11) Your pet’s paperwork for vaccinations and medical history
- 12) Include the flash drives of your photos and important documents in your bag.

**Keep essential supplies in your car to help you get by for a few days.** This includes water (one gallon per person per day), non-perishable food, a first-aid kit, a flashlight, batteries, clothes, diapers and pet supplies. Ready.gov has a full [emergency kit checklist](#) that you can download.

Be ready for emergencies, remember Semper Paratus

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# *Semper Paratus*



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