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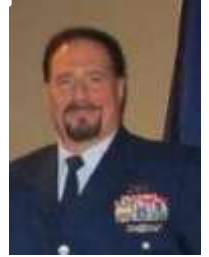
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Commander's Comments

I'm quite excited about the coming year. Fred and I are most fortunate to have a very talented staff, who are both dedicated and committed to propelling Division 10 "Forward".



The Coast Guard has presented us with the challenge of expanding our roles in the area of Recreational Boating Safety, and in true Division 10 fashion, we stepped up and answered the call.

We will be hosting training to certify additional Program Visitors, Vessel Examiners, Instructors and Operational personnel. In addition, the Division Staff Officers will have a direct hand in furthering these programs within the Flotillas and will be hosting Roundtable discussions at the 11 APR Division meeting.

We have also taken steps to reach out to the Public Safety Community, offering our services in the way of Public Education.

Looking ahead, we will be called upon to support the Coast Guard with Fleet Week, OpSail, the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the Star Spangled Banner, Macy's Fireworks, the U. N. General Assembly as well as the New York City Marathon.

By all accounts it should prove to be a very exciting year and Division 10 stands ready to meet the challenge.

Flotilla Commanders and Vice Commanders

Flotilla	Commander	Vice Commander
10-1	Michael Botwinick	Scott Bonarigo
10-2	Peter Byme	Patricia Espejo
10-4	Sal Arico	Barbie Mason
10-7	Lorraine Cannata	Richard Carlson
10-8	Jeff Wiles	Stan Laser
10-10	Chris Scarlata	Gwen Radloff
10-13	Michelle Rollino	Bruce Pugh
10-20	Bob Wolters	Crosby Kearsley

From the editor's desk.....

Welcome to the first installment of the new 1SR Division 10 newsletter. In each issue we will include articles of interest from various flotillas within division. So many auxiliarists' activities go unnoticed and unsung, and we would like to give recognition to the many people who work so hard for the organization.

As I sit at my desk watching the snow fall, the boating crews await spring to resume their patrols on the water; but don't think for one instant that they stand idly by all winter. Many members are involved in boating safety training, performing vessel checks (yes, even if the boats are in a driveway!), visiting marinas, police stations, fire stations, and local establishments to spread the word about the Auxiliary.

The aviation crews continue their patrols during the winter, weather permitting. Their ice patrols are vital for reporting ice along the Hudson and Connecticut Rivers as well as Lake Champlain. The Ice Breaker crews rely on these reports so necessary commerce can continue on these waterways. The Search and Rescue (SAR) missions have also been extremely important for the security and safety of our waterways.

AUXILIARIST'S DREAM COMES TRUE

The Road to the White House

By Vera Reed, SO-PA Division 10 1SR

Rio Clemente's journey to the White House began 10 years ago. A personal friend, New Jersey Congressman Rodney Frelinghisen, recognized Rio's talents and patriotism and forwarded his personal renditions of Patriotic Songs to then President George W. Bush. Rio thought "Playing at the White House is a personal dream for me". Both of Rio's parents were immigrants and he felt what an honor that the son of immigrant would be able to play at the White House. Shortly thereafter, 911 occurred and the dream seemed out of reach.

In November, Rio had the opportunity to represent the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 10-10 Hackensack, NJ and perform at a Veterans Day celebration at The Inn at Bowman's Hill in New Hope, PA. "Any opportunity I have to perform for the vets and I'm there" Rio said. This performance was recorded by his girlfriend, Ali Luthy, and it was posted on YouTube. A close friend and fellow musician, Amy Otey, saw the video and called her contact at the White House, Julie Raish. Amy then called Rio to tell him "if you call this number, there is a chance you can play at the White House." Clemente laughed "Even though we know each other for 20 years, she never new of my dream to play at the White house". Two days later, Rio was confirmed and making plans to fulfill his lifelong dream.

On Thursday, December 21, Rio and Ali Luthy set out for Washington D.C. It took them 5 hours in a rain storm but nothing would keep him from his patriotic dream. Rio recounted, "It was exciting from the moment we left". Rio, dressed in his Coast Guard Auxiliary uniform, played in the East Wing of the White House to visitors who had been waiting years to see it decorated during the Christmas season. It was an invitation only event. He played a selection of Christmas, as well as patriotic songs. Ms. Luthy passed out his "Patriotic Songs" CD to visitors. When military personnel walked into the room he would play their branch song. A Naval Officer saluted him as he played and Rio saluted back without skipping a note! He ended his performance with America the Beautiful and God Bless America. "It was such an honor to represent the Coast Guard Auxiliary, something I will never forget. My flotilla believed in me and never gave up and I never gave up. Dreams do come true". With a tear in his eye, Rio couldn't help thinking about his mom and dad, who have passed, and how proud they would have been.



Navigation Systems – Bridges

By: Al Olsen ADSO-NS & SO-NS Div10

Rivers were the first highways, both for personal travel and for cargo. Much later, canals were dug to extend the waterways. When roads were first developed, rivers became a hindrance so bridges were built to extend land travel. In many cases, bridges became a hindrance to waterway traffic. This is still the case today.

The CG is charged with issuing permits for bridges over navigable waterways and ensuring the bridges, when built, do not impede or hazard marine traffic.

So the CG checks bridges, both active and inactive, for their impact on waterway commerce. The 1st CG District, which extends from Canada to Long Branch NJ, has 478 bridges over navigable water which require annual checking. The D1 bridge office only has a few people devoted to bridges. This is where the Auxiliary comes into play.



Author inspecting Gregory Ave Bridge over the Passaic River Photo: Kevin Redden

We need a few people who are willing, and able, to do quality work in a timely manner. This means research, survey and reporting where the reports must stand up, if necessary, in court. A proper survey is conducted during the day, at low tide, and again during the night. Daytime surveys check the fenders, signage, and anything hanging into the channel. Photographs are taken as proof of any discrepancies. At night we check the lighting. The initial research is required so that you know what you are looking for.



Tappan Zee Bridge showing LNM specified, double-green, center-channel lights
Top: lights missing, Bottom: after correction

Photo: author

By now you know that we are looking for those who wish to become “Aids Verifiers”.

So, who should apply? If you want interesting work that makes a difference, this is for you. It involves pre-underway research followed by timely reporting. Remember, old news is no news and will not be accepted. So, procrastinators need not apply.

As an AV, you receive an operations ribbon or you can add a star to your current ribbon. You also have the opportunity for advanced AV training in Yorktown, VA. So far I have been able to send two people. I would like to send more

For you history buffs, you might want to consider the position of Assistant Lighthouse Keeper at Boston light in Boston Harbor. This Light was established in 1716 and is the only CG manned lighthouse.

Of course, Bridges aren't the only function of the AV. There is also PATONS and Chart Updating but that will be covered at another time.

To see what is involved to become an AV, you may check the Navigations Services Website and click on “AV Qualification”.

<http://www.uscgaux1sr-aton.org/>

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Members of Division 10 and 14 manned the Auxiliary booth at the New York Boat Show in January, in NYC.

Picture provided by Gus Formato.

Don't forget the Annual District Conference to be held at the Mystic Marriot March 23 - 25, 2012 in Mystic, CT. Details for registration should be available soon on the district website. Reserve your room now!!

From the Flotillas.....

Flotilla 10-13: (Wyckoff, NJ) MT: Flotilla 10-13 will be hosting a Workshop Day on Saturday, February 25, 2012 @ 0830. We will be conducting several training sessions including: 1 hour TCT, Sexual Harassment Awareness, VE, and the NJ Instructor update. Space is limited, so please contact Michele Rollino, FC or Ken Hall, FSO-MT for further information.

COW: The Change of Watch was held on Friday, January 27. Gus Formato, DCDR, and the staff were thanked for all their hard work, leadership and dedication, and the new officers were sworn in.



At left, Pat Ermilio, FSO-IS/OPS/PE accepts the Wendy Korteweg Memorial Award for the Spirit of 10-13. Pictured are Gus Formato, DCDR, Ken Hall, Marge Korteweg and Pat Ermilio and Bruce Pugh (left to right).

(Picture courtesy of Michele Rollino)

MS: If any flotilla is interested in a basic introduction to hazardous materials and hazardous materials safety, please contact Michele Rollino, SO-MS. Also, please let me know if you or your flotilla is interested in doing any type of MS training (for the MS Training Ribbon, Sea Partners, etc). Michele's email is michele_rollino@yahoo.com

Flotilla 10-7: (Lake Hopatcong, NJ) The Change of Watch was held at the Pavinci Italian Grill in Hopatcong on Saturday, Jan. 21. Awards were presented and the new bridge was sworn in.



Fred Simmons, VCDR, Richard Carlson, VFC, Lorraine Cannata, FC, and Gus Formato, DCDR, (left to right) pose at the Flotilla 10-7 Change of Watch.

Division Change of Watch

The change of watch ball for 1SR Division 10 was held at the beautiful Bethwood Inn on Saturday, February 4, 2012. Master of Ceremonies, Arlene Petronaci (Flotilla 10-10) opened the program with a call to order and a lovely singing rendition of America the Beautiful, accompanied by Rio Clementi (Flotilla 10-10) on the piano. The formal part of the evening included an introduction of guests, swearing in of the new bridge, flotilla commanders and vice commanders, division staff officers, and special recognition for Flotilla of the Year - Flotilla 10-2 - and Auxiliariest of the Year - Vera Reed. We were fortunate to have CDR Christopher Zorman, USCG, DIRAUX with us for the evening, as well as Captain Gregory Hitchen, Deputy Commander, Sector NY.

An excellent buffet dinner followed the ceremony, and the remainder of the evening was filled with dancing and socializing. The Electric Slide drew the most people onto the dance floor, but several couples displayed their "Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers" abilities with the Merengue! It was a wonderful event, and one to attend next year.



Gus Formato, DCDR, and Fred Simmons, VCDR, await being sworn in by CAPT Gregory Hitchen, USCG, Deputy Commander, Sector NY. Gus was honored to have his uncle, James "Jimmy" D-Amore, who fought in many foreign wars, hold the bible for him.

Claud Macciaraldo, IPCDCR, presents Gus Formato with a new Commander's Cap.





Flotilla Commanders being sworn in by Capt Gregory Hitchen, USCG, Deputy Commander, Sector NY.

Division Staff Officers, after swearing in, pictured with Gus Formato, DCDR, and Christopher Zorman, USCG, DERAIX, District 1SR



Vera Reed accepts her award as Auxiliarist of the Year from Jack O'Brien, IPDCP, DDC-P.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Flotilla 10-1: <http://a0141001.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-2: <http://secaucus102.homestead.com/uscg102.html>

Flotilla 10-4: <http://a0141004.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-7: <http://a0141007.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-8: <http://a0141008.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-10: <http://dev02.cgaux.org/generic/index.php?flo=014-10-10>

Flotilla 10-13: <http://a0141013.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-20: <http://www.airstationcaldwell.org>

Division10: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/?unit=014-10>

First District Southern Region: <http://www.d1south.org/>

There is a wealth of information available to all members at these websites! Be sure to check them often!

Division meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Hall, 33 W. Passaic St., Rochelle Park, at 2000. All members are welcome.

The next Division meeting will be held on Wed., Feb. 15, 2012.

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