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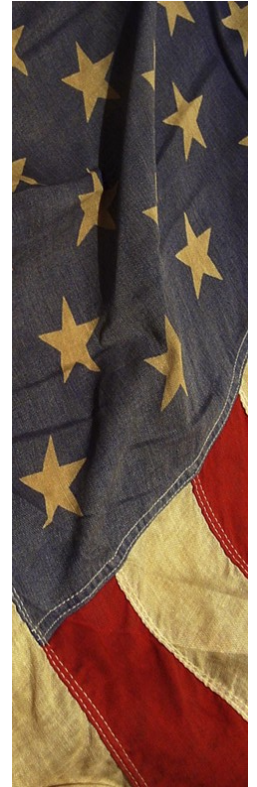
Upcoming

Events in Flotilla 24-12

- December 13th Change of Watch/ Christmas Party—6pm at 121 Restaurant at Oxford Airport
- January 10th Business Meeting/ Member Training— 7pm at the Flotilla Base



DCDR Kim Filion swearing in Karl Sieling and Bob Bowlick



VFC Elect Robert Bowlick

FC Elect Karl Sieling



For Information about the COW/
Christmas Party— See page 3



Well I think it is obvious why they are happy

Jaci O'Neill and Lori Monttoni

Sound Off— Veterans' Day

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The Great War & Armistice Day

Though the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, November 11 remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the Great War. In November 1918, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The day's observation included parades and public gatherings, as well as a brief pause in business activities at 11 a.m. On November 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.; the U.S. Congress had declared the day a legal federal holiday in honor of all those who participated in the war. On the same day, unidentified soldiers were laid to rest at Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.



On June 4, 1926, Congress passed a resolution that the "recurring anniversary of [November 11, 1918] should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations" and that the president should issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of Armistice Day. By that time, 27 state legislatures had made November 11 a legal holiday. An act approved May 13, 1938 made November 11 a legal Federal holiday, "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" In actuality, there are no U.S. national holidays because the states retain the right to designate their own, and the government can only designate holidays for federal employees and for the District of Columbia. In practice, however, states almost always follow the federal lead.

From Armistice Day to Veterans Day

American effort during World War II (1941-1945) saw the greatest mobilization of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force in the nation's history (more than 16 million people); some 5.7 million more served in the Korean War (1950 to 1953). In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans' service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word "Armistice" in favor of "Veterans." President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

The next development in the story of Veterans Day unfolded in 1968, when Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, which sought to ensure three-day weekends for federal employees--and encourage tourism and travel--by celebrating four national holidays (Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day) on Mondays.

The observation of Veterans Day was set as the fourth Monday in October. The first Veterans Day under the new law was Monday, October 25, 1971; confusion ensued, as many states disapproved of this change, and continued to observe the holiday on its original date. In 1975, after it became evident that the actual date of Veterans Day carried historical and patriotic significance to many Americans, President Gerald R. Ford signed a new law returning the observation of Veterans Day to November 11th beginning in 1978. If November 11 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the federal government observes the holiday on the previous Friday or following Monday, respectively.

Celebrating Veterans Day Around the World

Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World Wars I and II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day--a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans--living or dead--but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime



-Courtesy of Robert Bowlick <http://www.history.com/topics/history-of-veterans-day> Images—http://images.nationalgeographic.com/wpf/media-live/photos/000/610/cache/veterans-day-facts-2012-parade_61061_600x450.jpg and http://trailblazersblog.dallasnews.com/files/2012/06/BUSH_CENTER-WARRIOR_OPEN-PRACTICE_ROUND-5_215792571.jpg

Change of Watch/ Christmas Party

\$19.99 Dinner Menu

First Course

(soups are cup portions, salads are starter portions)

Soup of the Day

French Onion soup

121 House Salad

Tomatoes, cucumbers, Carrots, Balsamic

Vinaigrette

Caesar Salad

Second Course

Penne Pomodoro

Fresh Mozzarella, Baby Arugula

Grilled Chicken Breast

Mashed Potatoes, Lemon Caper Sauce, Spinach

Grilled Scottish Salmon

Green Beans, Roasted Potatoes, Lemon Sauce

Steak Au Jus

Mashed Potatoes, Sauteed Spinach

Grilled Pork Chop

Green Beans, Fingerling Potatoes

Desserts

Chocolate Cake

Crème Brulee

Sundays, Tuesdays-
Thursdays

4:30-9:00

Not Valid on Holidays

For Dine in only

No Substitutions

By popular vote, our Christmas event this year will be at 121 Restaurant at Oxford Airport on December 13th, 2012, beginning at 6pm.



Located at:

121 Restaurant & Bar

7 Juliano Drive

Oxford, CT 06478

(203) 262-0121

121oxford.com

For anyone wishing to mail in your payments, please send to:

Jacqueline O'Neill 570 Congress Ave, Wtby, CT. 06708

As with each and every previous year, it is our hope to share this evening of fellowship with each of you as we close out 2012. Hope to see you all then!

- Jaci



Burger & Shake Menu

Mile High Club (Our Signature Burger)

20 oz. Natural Beef, Lettuce, Tomato, Red Onion, American Cheese, Bacon, Russian Dressing, Pickle, Steak Fries

23

Arizona Sun Rise

BBQ Sauce, Bacon, Pepper Jack Cheese, Frazzled Onions, Steak Fries

15

Bison Burger

10 oz Bison Burger, Blue Cheese, Franks Red Hot, Celery Salt Seasoned Fries

15

Bean Town

Maple glaze, Cheddar, Bacon, Topped w/ Baked Beans, Sweet Potato Fries

15

California Dreamin

Avocado, Swiss, Mushrooms, Bacon, Shoe String Fries

15

Slider Plate

Three Wagyu Beef sliders served with a Jalapeno and Red Onion Relish, Mustard, Steak Fries

14

The Frog

Caramelized Onions, Gruyere Cheese, Garlic Aioli, Truffle Fries

15

Shakes

Chocolate Malt Peanut Butter Cup Strawberry Oreo Vanilla Coffee

6 Each

(Add Your Favorite Liqueur for an Extra \$2.50)

November Flotilla Meeting Notes

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Be sure to keep track of and submit your hours involved in Auxiliary related 'stuff'

Reading this newsletter counts!

Here is the link to the 7029 Web form- <http://webforms.cgaux.org/>

Use your ID to log in or create a new account to generate a report, submit it at the end of every month

Flotilla election

With a quorum of members present, the flotilla election was conducted by Kim Fillion, DCDR. The elected officers for 2013 are Karl Sieling, flotilla commander and Robert Bowolick, vice-flotilla commander.

Commanders Comments & Announcements

- Due to the Nor'easter on Wednesday, the division meeting was postponed to Friday the 9th.
- All flotilla members were accounted for after hurricane Sandy.

October minutes were approved

Staff Reports

FSO - CM No report

FSO - CS Due to technical problems the flotilla website will be switched over to the new generic form that will provide for the flexibility the flotilla needs.

FSO - FN No report

- The annual financial audit will be performed by Peter Aiksnoras at the earliest possible time but no later than the date the financial report is due to District.

- 2013 dues letters will be sent to the members and reflect the increase to \$30.

FSO - HR No report

- New member inquiry; Wilfredo Erba and Richard Gonzalez have been invited to the flotilla meeting. Joe Skibek had requested to be dis-enrolled and was dis-enrolled from the Auxiliary.

FSO - IS Data received has been entered into AUXDATA.

FSO - MA No report

FSO - MS No report.

- Bob Camara will contact the FSO-MS to ascertain his intentions with the Auxiliary.

FSO - MT Nothing to report. The November member training time will be used to prepare the 2013 flotilla calendar.

FSO - OP No report

FSO - PA Nothing to report

FSO - PB Looking forward to publishing another edition of The Helm after the November flotilla meeting. As always, encouraging other members to submit articles and pictures of interest.

FSO - PE Our October ABS class was cancelled due to enrollment. No additional classes planned for the remainder of the year.

FSO - PV Vacant.....Is there a member interested in taking on the task?

FSO - SR No report

FSO - VE No report

Committee Reports None

Old Business

- Flotilla Change of Watch and flotilla Christmas party December 13, 2012 was approved to be held at the Airport Restaurant. Members interested in participating are urged to contact Jaci O'Neill. The cost is \$25 per person.

New Business None

Awards & Presentations

Peter Aiksnoras, First Sustained Service Award.

Good and Welfare

Helen Hatfield has some medical issues, please keep Helen in your prayers.



NEW YORK - A boat crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Ridley, a patrol boat home ported in Montauk, N.Y., performs a law enforcement patrol in Sandy Hook, N.J., Bay, Nov. 3, 2012. Since Hurricane Sandy, Coast Guard crews have increased law enforcement presence in affected waterways and coasts to deter looting and other illegal activity. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Erik Swanson

- Official USCG Facebook Page

Off Course

Last month I had a piece about uniforms and specifically the ODU. I made two pretty notable errors.

1. The garrison cap cannot be worn with the ODU. For further clarification please see the AUXMAN Ch 10 and H.4.h. Hat
2. The pants on the ODU can be either bloused, or tucked. I had stated bloused only. For further clarification please see AUXMAN Ch 10 and .4.a.Trousers



Yep I'd say this guy was off course too

<http://www.mandelkerlaw.com/boating-accidents/>

Any time I make a mistake, please do not be afraid to point it out! We can only learn from our mistakes.

Dates to Remember and Things to Enjoy

- Friday, 30 November to Sunday 2 December — District Leadership Conference
- Thursday, 13 December– Flotilla 24-12 Change of Watch and Christmas Party

Just because the storm has passed doesn't mean you should let your guard down. Flooding & storm surges are life threatening. Pictured is flooding at the Coast Guard station in Atlantic City, N.J. Do your part by learning what to do during & after a hurricane & share these important safety tips: <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

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Editor's Note: As someone returning to grad school I just might have to check this out...

AUP Education offers a 2-4 year education, training, and leadership development experience to college students at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Students complete a program of study incorporating basic Coast Guard and maritime education, operational training, leadership development, and more advanced maritime safety and homeland security topics. Students acquire operational and leadership experience through their real-world duties on the water and at the waterfront, as interns in professional settings, and as emergency responders to incidents in their local area. Graduates go on to serve part-time in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, apply to the Coast Guard Reserve or to active duty Coast Guard's Officer Candidate School, pursue careers in the maritime or homeland security community, attend graduate school, or enter the private sector. With no post-graduate military obligation, all have the opportunity to apply their Coast Guard Auxiliary training and their college education as successful leaders in whichever career they choose.