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During the month of September the District 7 Conference will be held, practically in our own back yard. The event is to take place at the Hilton Bayfront Hotel in St. Petersburg, from September 10 through September 13.

There will be plenty of great training opportunities. Some of the classes that are being offered include ICS 210, CPR, Newsletter Writing, Photography, MS Publisher workshop, OPSEC Briefing, and much more.

On Thursday night there will be a Commodore's Open House held at the Windjammer's Club at Sector St. Pete. This will feature a cookout for us on the deck overlooking the water. Plus on Saturday night there will be a western themed Fun Night and optional banquet.

Because this event is being held so close, everyone should try to make it, at least for a day. The registration fee for the event is only \$10. Unless you stay at the hotel or buy a banquet meat, this could be a very affordable event. I would urge any member who has never been to an Auxiliary conference to make every effort to attend this one. I am sure you will get a lot out of it. To get more details on this, visit the District 7's webpage, <http://cgaux7.org>, and click on Conferences.

Screening Committee Report

Braxton Ezell, Chairman

In accordance to the Standing Rules of Flotilla 85, a Screening Committee has been appointed to identify and solicit qualified members to run for elected office. The members of the Screening Committee are: Braxton Ezell, Chair; Dee Kermode; and Tom Johnson. The Committee is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that all interested persons are qualified and willing to serve if elected.

The Annual Election of Officers will be held at our regular meeting on 20 Oct. The elected officers of the Flotilla are the Flotilla Commander (FC) and the Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC). The eligibility requirements to assume the office of FC and VFC are:

1. Must, by the date of nomination, have a Favorable OS PSI determination recorded in AUXDATA; **and,**
2. Must be a member of the Auxiliary for one year prior to date of election (the time that an individual is in AP status awaiting a PSI determination counts for this purpose); **and,**
3. Must, by the date of nomination, successfully complete the Administrative Procedures Course (APC) or the Flotilla Leadership Academy; **and,**
4. Must, by the date of nomination, successfully complete IS 100 and IS 700 courses; **and,**
5. Must, by the date of nomination, be a member of the Flotilla to which they seek elected office; **and,**

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6. Must, by the date of nomination, meet one of the following requirements:
- Have obtained an Auxiliary qualification (interim certification acceptable) and be current in one of the Auxiliary programs or mission areas as defined in Auxiliary Manual sections 8.B.2.-8.B.7.; **or**,
 - Have served as a staff officer or elected officer at any organizational level for two years; **or**,
 - Have twenty-five (25) hours of documented activity in Auxiliary programs or mission areas that are authorized in Auxiliary Manual section 2.B. and as reported on Activity Report forms, not including Member Activity forms (ANSC-7029), for the previous year.

The Committee has received letters of intent for the following offices:

Flotilla Commander (FC) - William T. Osolin, Jr.
Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC) – Donald F. Erhardt

Both of these candidates are fully qualified in accordance with the eligibility criteria set out above.

All persons interested in running for one of the elected offices are invited to submit a letter of intent to the Screening Committee. The Committee will report on the applicants at the regular Flotilla meeting in September. The Flotilla members may also make other nominations from the floor at the election meeting on 20 October. Members making nominations from the floor shall ensure that the proposed nominee is qualified and willing to serve if elected.

Semper Paratus,
Braxton Ezell
Election Screen Committee Chair

Personnel Services

Debbie Healey, FSO-PS

Please welcome our newest member Joseph Humphrey! Joe is currently a college student in Kansas and is interested in Political Science and Law. He became interested in the Auxiliary last year when he attended a meeting near his school. During the summer months he worked at the Bradenton Yacht Club and noticed the Patrol Flotilla passing by, found my name in the local paper and gave me a call.

Joe plans to attend some meetings and investigate training opportunities in Kansas this winter. Hopefully everyone will be able to meet Joe during the holidays while he is here visiting his parents and of course we look forward to seeing him again when he returns for summer break.

Joe's e-mail address is jch52690@msn.com.

Public Affairs

Dee Kermode, FSO-PA

September 19 is going to be a very busy day for Flotilla 85. Since I have been away for two months, I am not certain of everything that is happening that day, but I believe there is a QE mission and now a PA event for Ocean Conservancy.

Kristen Wilson is taking the lead on this so please assist her. We need volunteers to man the booth and also to help with the Coastal Clean-up. We have done this in the past and retrieved quite a bit of garbage from our riverfront.

Ocean Conservancy will supply all the bags, gloves, grabbers and drinks according to Kristen. Someone is also needed to be "Officer Snook" as Kristen has arranged for us to have the costume for this event.

Ocean Conservancy Cleanup

Kristen Wilson, Contact Person

The Ocean Conservancy's 24th annual International Coastal Cleanup will be at the Green Bridge on Saturday, September 19! It is 0900-1200 and coffee, water, trash bags, gloves and grabbers will be provided. The Auxiliary T-shirt and shorts are the approved uniform for this event. Please email me at <kristenlynnwilson@yahoo.com> if you can help with the Cleanup.

Let's all plan to do lunch afterwards!



Operations and Communications

Casey Jankowski, FSO-OP/CM

Things are looking much brighter in Operations with the addition of one Operational Facility, and two more in the works. On August 23 we had a very successful QE Mission resulting with three members being re-certified.

Another QE Mission is scheduled for September 19. September 26 we will have on-the-water training using two facilities: **Grandfather T.** and **Two Pair.** In case you don't know, the **Two Pair** belongs to Blair Keiderling. We have two members working on their Coxswain Certification, and one as Radio Watchstander.

September looks to be a very busy month, and we need your help. You have many opportunities to participate as Crew so please, let the respective Coxswain know you want to help.



Photos by Debbie Healey

Above left: Eron Stoykovich brings in **Irish Wake II** in preparation for the QE mission on August 23.

Above right: Don Erhardt, Eron Stoykovich, and Blair Keiderling look on as Casey Jankowski deals with some paperwork. Fred Kermode and Casey Jankowski were Coxswains and Eron Stoykovich, Don Erhardt and Debbie Healey were qualifying crew. Blair Keiderling was a trainee during the mission.

Information Systems

Arnie Nilsen, FSO-IS

A new tool is available: <http://auxofficer.cgaux.org>

This link requires sign-on the same as e-Directory and when signed on you can search by Last Name, Member ID, or E-Mail address. Search by Qualification (get a list of your Qualified members or those in REYR), or by Office. Just use your Auxiliary Member Number and your e-Directory password. Flotilla 85 is located by entering the following numbers 070-08-05 that identify the District, Division, and Flotilla. If you don't have an e-Directory account, I recommend that you get one.

One of the options that is available to members is the Auxiliary Electronic Directory which contains the following information about every Auxiliary member in the entire national organization.

- Current E-Mail address
- Offices held
- Competencies - Such as Boat Crew, Coxswain, VE, etc.
- Zip Code

A first time user of the e-Directory needs only an Auxiliary Member Number and a Password of choice. The following link will take you to the e-Directory. <http://www.auxedirectory.org/index.php>

Just follow the instructions for setting up your account. An account activation E-Mail message will be sent to your primary E-Mail address. After you reply to this message, a second E-Mail message should say that your account is active.

If you find that the information in your personal records is not correct, then contact me.



Materials

Fred Kermode, FSO-MA

I would like to thank Bob Harper for handling the MA duties for me while away this summer. He has graciously accepted the position of Assistant FSO-MA for the rest of the year as well. If anyone needs anything in the way of materials, please call Bob or me.

The Seventh District store in Clearwater is open to Auxiliaries Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 1000 till 1600. See the information below for details.

Phone: 727-535-2593

Manager's Cell: 727-492-3679 (Thomas Brickley)

"The store is located in the Naval Annex building at the Clearwater Airbase on the north end of the St. Petersburg Clearwater Airport (PIE). Follow the green highway signs to Fairchild Drive and the USCG CLW Airbase. Before you arrive at the Security Gate to the Airbase you will see the entrance to our parking lot area. The parking lot is within a security fence and the building requires a pass code for entrance.

Use the above telephone numbers and we will meet you for your entrance. Please have your Auxiliary Membership ID card to show for admission. New members may bring a written message from your Flotilla Commander (including your ID number) if you have not received your ID card.

The website (access CGAUX7.org) provides inventory control, credit processing, and membership information. All your purchases from the Center will be via the website. When at the Center we have provided several computer systems for your use.

We will try to have a cup-o-coffee or other beverages to welcome you to our Center.

The Staff of the D7 Material Center are all volunteer members of the Auxiliary. Their time and hard work is what the Center is all about. We are proud of the work that has been done and looking forward to serving the needs of all Auxiliaries."

Right top: The D7 Materials Center at 15300 Fairchild Drive; Clearwater, FL 33762

Right bottom: Map showing the location of the D7 Materials Center

Source: D7 website at <https://d7materials.org/index.php>



**D7 Material Center
15300 Fairchild Drive**



September 29 Fellowship

Debbie Healey and Kristen Wilson are co-hosting the September fellowship. It will be at the **Meadows Village Pub** on Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00 PM. RSVP to Debbie Healey at 941-729-8335.

Tuesday nights are "jazz nights" at the Pub with the George Carroll Jazz Big Band 17 piece Orchestra. It is a \$20.00 dinner show with your choice of Chicken Marsala, Prime Rib or Grilled Shrimp -- each served with Red Potatoes and french-style Green Beans, small Caesar Salad and dessert. Dinner is at 6:00 PM and the show begins at 7:00!

Meadows Village Pub is a "dress casual" atmosphere and is only 15-20 minutes from 301 or 75. For those of us that live towards the Island, let's car pool! Here's the address:

Located within the Meadows at the Meadows Shopping Village

5013 Ringwood Meadow
Sarasota FL, 34235



Source: Googlemaps.com

Above: Map showing the location of **Meadows Village Pub** in Sarasota

August Fellowship

The August fellowship was sponsored by Pam and Don Erhardt and was held on Saturday August 22, 2009 at the **Café on the Beach** at Holmes Beach. About 17 members and guests enjoyed the food and fellowship.



Above and left photos: Flotilla 85 members and guests enjoy the food and view at **Café on the Beach**.

Photos by Don Erhardt



Minutes: Flotilla 85 Meeting, 18 August 2009

Submitted by Bill Osolin, FC in the absence of Sherri Ray, FSO-SR

Attendance: Members 16, Guests 0

Meeting called to order at 1900 by FC Bill Osolin

Invocation: Harry Eschedor, Lay Leader

Pledge of Allegiance: Tom Johnson, VFC

Introduction of Prospective Members/Guests: None

FC Announcements:

Informed membership that our annual dues need to be paid before September 1 to avoid delinquency.

Announced that Flotilla elections will be held in October. Elections screening committee will be Braxton Ezell (chair),

Dee Kermode, and Tom Johnson. Braxton read the qualifications for elected office to the membership present.

Please send your articles and pictures for Marker 85 newsletter to Nancy Howard.

Schedule of Events:

1. Aug 22nd Fellowship at the **Café on the Beach**. Time: 1300. Erhardts hosting.
2. Aug 23rd Crew re-qualifications will be held at Tropic Isles at 0900. Selected personnel.
3. Sep 10-13 District 7 Fall Conference, Hilton Bayfront Hotel, St. Pete. Details @ D7 website.
4. Sep 19th Coastal Clean-Up at Green Bridge 0900 – 1200. Kristen Wilson POC

Adoption of Prior Meeting Minutes: The minutes accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Harry Eschedor, FSO-FN reports current financial status. Report filed for audit.

VFC Report:

FSO-MS: Kristen Wilson informed the membership of another upcoming Coastal Clean-Up. This will be held on September 19th on the Palmetto side of the Green Bridge. Time will be from 0900 – 1200. Uniform: blue shorts and Auxiliary T-shirt. We hope to be able to man a PA table there in concert with the event. Volunteers needed.

FSO-OP/MT: Crew re-qualification at Tropic Isles Aug 23 at 0900.

FSO-PE: The ABS class that started on August 15 had only 3 students show up. Class will conclude on August 22.

FSO-PS: We had one new prospective member turn in his application to start the vetting process. Joseph Humphrey of Palmetto, FL.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Presentation of Awards & Certificates: None

Member Training: None

Comments:

Past Flotilla Commander – Dee Kermode: Not present

Past Division Captain – Harry Eschedor: Reminder of dues

Past Division Captain – Ron Touchton: Not present

Past RCO-West – Casey Jankowski: Urged members to attend the D7 Conference.

Division Vice Captain – Braxton Ezell: No comment

Division Captain – Fred Kermode: Glad to be back home.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion – Don Erhardt

Second – Layne Fuller

Next Staff Meeting: N/A

Next Flotilla Meeting: September 15th

Benediction: Harry Echedor: Lay Leader



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Coming Events

September

- 10-13 District 7 Conference, Hilton Bayfront Hotel, St. Pete. Details @ D7 website
- 15 1900 Flotilla 85 meeting at BYC
- 19 0900 Cleanup at the Green Bridge, Palmetto side; Kristen Wilson, Contact Person for Cleanup; Dee Kermode, Contact Person for PA
- 20 Marker 85 articles and pictures due to Nancy Howard, FSO-PB

October

- 10 0830 Division Meeting at Flotilla 84, Sarasota
- 20 1900 Flotilla 85 meeting at BYC
- 25 Marker 85 articles and pictures due to Nancy Howard, FSO-PB

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