

USCGAUX 09-06 NEWSLETTER

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AGENDA USCGAUX 96 July 25, 2018 Meeting

18:00-18:30 Training- "Public Affairs is Everyones Responsibility" by FSO-PA Doug Bradford

18:30 Meeting called by: Flotilla Commander:

Dr. Michelle Binkowski-Keller, Vice Commander: Dixon Keller

Call to order:

Pledge, Invocation, moment of silence for those who have crossed the bar, Attendance- verify quorum, Welcome, Introduction of guests

Swear in New Members

Awards

Flotilla Commander Report on the Division Meeting:

Flotilla Commander Announcements:

Secretary of Records Report:

Adoption of meeting notes from June 2018

Finance Office Report-

Adoption of report from June 2018

VFC –Staff Officers report:

What have you completed? What are you working on ?

FSO FN,	Keith Lee	FSO OP	Ken Bandy
FSO HR	Keith Lee	FSO IS	Lonnie Singer
FSO CM	Keith Lee	FSO NS	Ken Bandy
FSO SR	Dixon Keller	FSO MT	Ken Bandy
FSO DV	Dr. Michelle Keller	FSO MA	Mark Himes
FSO PV, PE	Dr. Michelle Keller	FSO VE	Dixon Keller
FSO PB	Ray Sarbacker	FSO CS	Dixon Keller
FSO PA	Doug Bradford	FSO MS	David Huang

Old Business:

- Phone Tree • Storage Unit • TCO
- Elections-District, Division, Flotilla • BQII Challenge

New Business:

From the floor

20:00 Adjourn Meeting - Fellowship to follow meeting at Sundance Grill



Hello members of 9-6,

We are excited to be approaching the half year mark. To date we have been focusing on the following;

1. Increasing our membership
2. Becoming operational- boat crew training and soon to have Tele-communications training
3. Vessel Examinations
4. Public education
5. News media and coverage
6. Marketing and Publications materials
7. Membership and leadership succession

The month of July is really about planning ahead. As we look to the upcoming 6 months of the year, our focus will be on continuing to grow our flotilla and get everyone involved. Also, it is time for us to start thinking about leadership succession and members that would like to take on leadership roles. If you think you may be interested in any position, please contact Dixon, -Vice Commander or myself and we will guide you in the right direction.

With the approaching elections, we have some deadlines to be aware of.

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INLAND RENDEZVOUS

SAVE THE DATE!

Sept. 21-22



Mark your calendars for Sept. 21-22 for the annual "Inland Rendezvous", hosted by USCGA Divisions 9 and 10. As members of Flotilla 9-6, you're encouraged to join in on the fun and festivities to learn more about why hundreds of volunteers throughout the region are committed to the USCGA mission.

The first weekend of fall will be an opportunity for your brothers and sisters in the Auxiliary, from District 11, Southwest Region flotillas, to come together for a little fun in the sun, networking, and a chance to get away from it all and relax in an incredible desert oasis... sort of. By that I mean, while there may be plans to relax, there are a lot of things to do in Vegas.

The weekend starts with a number of activities one can partake in, designed to showcase the Entertainment Capital of the World.

Friday night starts off with a get-together reception at the LINQ High Roller Observation Wheel where shipmates will get a bird's eye view of the Las Vegas Strip at night. The next morning, it's on your own except for a tour of Hoover Dam. Enjoy the Zipline in Boulder City or visit the incredible Mob Museum downtown while you enjoy the distinctly different Fremont Street Experience (which also has a full or half Zip-line). There's also the Shark Tank at Mandalay Bay or perhaps one of Vegas' premier golf courses is up your alley. The day's activities will be capped off by a dinner at the Tournament of Kings at the Excalibur.

On Sunday... after a wonderful weekend enjoying all that LV has to offer, breakfast will be at the Park MGM, on your own.

We know for sure the host hotel will be the Park MGM (formerly the Monte Carlo). The room rate special is \$110/night, plus resort fee and applicable taxes.

District 9 and 10 are integral parts of 11 SR, comprised of Arizona, California, Nevada and Arizona. Expect a number of high ranking Auxiliary leadership to attend.

We hope you'll join us in September for a weekend you'll remember.

From the Helm...

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There are two types of positions that you can join in. One is elected leadership and the other is appointed leadership. The elected leadership is voted by the members. The positions for elected leadership are commander and vice commander. If you are interested in running for these positions you must submit a letter in writing of your interest by the end of this month. The other possibility is that you can be nominated from the floor at the time of the election – but you must be present and it will be at the time of the vote. You can accept or decline the nomination.

When the elected commander takes office, he or she will appoint the FSO (flotilla staff officer) positions. If you are interested in performing in one or more of the FSO positions, please let me know right away to prepare you for any training that may be a prerequisite.

EVERYONE MUST BE PRESENT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26th MEETING. Your vote counts!! It will help decide and direct the leadership and forward momentum of our Flotilla for 2019.

If you meet the qualifications you may also apply for Division leadership and/or District leadership as well.

Thank you for being a part of our team and helping us to achieve great momentum in the coming months.

Semper Paratus
Dr. Michelle Keller
Flotilla Commander 9-6



Flotilla Members Teach Boat Safety To Summer Recreationists

You might say several members of Flotillas 9-6 and 9-5 had a bunch of kids hook, line, and sinker on July 11th.

By FSO PA Doug Bradford

That's the day more than 90 youngsters from the City of Las Vegas Parks and Recreation Department made the trek to Bass Pro Shops on Dean Martin Drive as part of their annual "Summer Camp". The kids, ages 12 – 16, ventured to the indoor "outdoors" store to learn a wide variety of things – from camping to safe shooting with BB guns, to fishing and, of course, safe boating practices.

Flotilla 9-6 members Doug Bradford, Joe Annesse, and Jon Griffin were on hand to teach the importance of wearing Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's) while near, and on, the water. Using real life examples of drownings and near drownings that have occurred on Lake Mead over the years by people who either didn't wear a PFD or they didn't fit right, the trio seemed to make an impression on most of the campers. The team also walked the kids on a step-by-step vessel examination while the students sat aboard one of three boats Bass Pro Shops had on display. Some of the kids were inquisitive, others not so much.



Meanwhile, over near the fishing "pond" that was stocked with fresh water trout, Flotilla 9-6-member Bob Cromley and the "Coastie" team entertained young children who ventured into Bass Pro with their parents. At first, when Coastie floated across the floor to them, offering quips and quotes, the little ones were not

really certain what was going on. But within seconds, the giggles of delight and laughter could be heard, loud and clear, when the young-uns realized a tugboat was talking to them. The older kids were curious, but being teenagers, they were more interested in their smart phones than playing with Coastie.

The City of Las Vegas Parks and Recreation holds these kinds of camps every summer; the participants come from recreation centers throughout the city. As a matter of fact, the kids in the program take three field trips each week to different locations throughout the valley. Most of them rarely leave the neighborhoods they live in because they don't have the means to travel. Excursions to Red Rock Canyon, Tule Springs, and Lake Mead are some of the places the group has visited this summer as they explore the world around them and discover the fun of being outdoors.

This is the first public affairs event both flotillas have participated in at Bass Pro Shops...judging from the team's experiences interacting with the kids, it won't be the last.



***Our very own
FSO PA
Doug Bradford
makes a
big splash
where the
“Eagle”
landed***



Check out the USCG Barque EAGLE being re-floated in dry-dock. “Barque EAGLE returned to the Yard on August 18, 2017 to begin the fourth and final phase of a four-year Service Life Extension Project under the Coast Guard’s In-Service Vessel Sustainment Program. The project provided an additional decade of service life for the 81-year-old historic training vessel, allowing EAGLE to train the future Officers of the Coast Guard for years to come. EAGLE’s fourth phase involved mechanical, electrical and structural repairs and inspections while dry-docked in the OAKRIDGE, an ex-Navy floating dry dock that was previously used to maintain nuclear submarines. EAGLE departed the OAKRIDGE on February 27, 2018 and America’s Tall Ship began preparations to return to the Coast Guard Academy for its summer ports of call.” U.S.Coast Guard time-lapse video by Telfair Brown

“It was my first time on board the USCG Yard Baltimore in Curtis Bay, Maryland, and I can say I was very impressed.”

Since 1899, the United States Coast Guard Yard has built, repaired and renovated ships for the U. S. Coast Guard. It is the Service’s sole shipbuilding and major repair facility, and an essential part of the Coast Guard’s core industrial base and fleet support operations. The Yard operates as a revolving fund activity with annual revenue of approximately \$100 million. The Yard is also the home of the Coast



Guard “Barque EAGLE”, the 81-year-old historic training vessel used to train the future Officers of the Coast Guard.

Touring the Yard was not the reason why I was there. I was in balmy Baltimore for three days attending the

Coast Guard’s Public Affairs (PA) “C” School on behalf of Flotilla 9-6, and to increase my knowledge, skill level, and understanding of the service’s communication requirements.

My classmates mostly hailed from the east coast, I was the only one from the west. But that didn’t matter as we quickly jelled and shared experiences working in the USCG world of Public Affairs. We learned about using print media, broadcast media, community relations, Coast Guard ethical standards, and so much more.

Appropriate and effective training of Auxiliary members is key to a highly evolved, dynamic, effective, and efficient organization. Training enables us to become valuable partners with the Coast Guard, helping them meet mission objectives. Also, we meet our commitment to be of service not only to the maritime community, but the Las Vegas community as well.



For some reason they thought it appropriate to put all the west coast guys in the back row, upper right...

Member Training includes all training provided in and by the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary for Auxiliary members. If you are interested in becoming a staff officer for Flotilla 9-6, or you just want to take training courses to enhance your expertise in certain fields, contact Flotilla Commander Michele Binkowski-Keller and Ken Bandy, Member Training FSO.

Suddenly in **COMMAND!**

A new boating safety class has been developed by Flotilla Commander, Dr. Michelle Keller. This will help guide spouses, children and other dependents on what actions to take and how to take them if the skipper is suddenly disabled and they find themselves suddenly in command.



CG celebrates **4th of July** with parade and festival in Alameda



(USCG photo by Chief Petty Officer Sherri Eng)

ALAMEDA, Calif. — In celebration of Independence Day, local Coast Guard units participated in Alameda's annual Fourth of July parade and Coast Guard Festival, showcasing the service's heritage and role in the community.

Local Coast Guard units traveled the three-mile parade route – one of the longest in the nation - from downtown Alameda to West Alameda and continued to Alameda Point for the festival. The second annual Coast Guard Festival celebrated Alameda as a Coast Guard City, one of 12 in the nation since 2006, and highlighted the long-standing partnership between the service and the city.

The festival featured tours of the buoy tender, Coast Guard Cutter George Cobb, helicopter and boat displays, musical performances, parade awards and a demonstration by the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard Silent Drill Team.

NEXT MEETING:

July 25th at Bass Pro Shops,
8200 Dean Martin Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89139

Flotilla meetings are held on the last Wed. of each month.

Training at 6:00 pm
followed by the monthly meeting at 6:30.
Fellowship following



Coast Guard Academy to offer new major in cyber systems



From the
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The Department of Homeland Security Under Secretary for Science and Technology William Bryan and the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard Adm. Charles Michel visit the Coast Guard Academy to tour the Academy Cyber Lab and meet with the current members of the Cyber Team, Feb. 15, 2018. (Petty Officer 3rd Class Nicole Foguth/Coast Guard Academy) The Department of Homeland Security Under Secretary for Science and Technology William Bryan and the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard Adm. Charles Michel visit the Coast Guard Academy to tour the Academy Cyber Lab and meet with the current members of the Cyber Team, Feb. 15, 2018. (Petty Officer 3rd Class Nicole Foguth/Coast Guard Academy)

NEW LONDON, Conn. — The U.S. Coast Guard Academy is now offering an academic program in cyber systems, its first new major in a quarter century.

The program beginning this fall reflects the maritime service's evolution toward conducting operations in cyberspace as it does at sea and by air, said Capt. Lee Petty, chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Cyberspace Forces in Washington.

"This is a new domain and we're approaching it in a similar vein as we do in these physical domains," Petty said.

The academy in New London is opening a cyber lab with dedicated servers, a new laboratory and a specially designed classroom to support the program. Kurt Colella, the academy's dean of academics, said the program will incorporate elements of fields including policy, law, ethics, operating systems, software design and intelligence.

The Cadets attend the academy tuition-free and graduate as Coast Guard officers with a bachelor of science degree

and a requirement to spend five years in the service. Nearly 300 students enroll annually.

The new academic program is the first since the addition of mechanical engineering as a major in 1993.

Last year was the first time that new graduates from the academy were assigned to the Coast Guard's cyber command. Some graduates who major in cyber systems will report to the same command, while others will report to the fleet, Petty said.

The academy also has a cyber team that participates in competitions among service academies organized by the National Security Agency. It operates as a club sports team.

A Coast Guard cyber strategy issued in 2015 identified strategic priorities of defending cyberspace by protecting the service's information technology networks, enabling operations by applying cyber knowledge to its traditional missions and protecting infrastructure that's critical to maritime transportation systems.