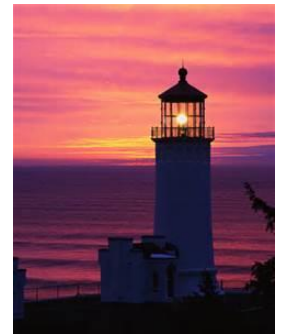




# Missouri River Skipper



## Staff Roll Call

Division Commander ..... Barclay Stebbins  
Division Commander ..... George McNary  
Immediate Past Commander ..... N Jean Goble  
Commander Flotilla 01 ..... Barbara Westcott  
Commander Flotilla 02 ..... Keith Deiml  
Commander Flotilla 03 ..... Pauline Longnecker  
Commander Flotilla 04 ..... Brandon Butters  
Commander Flotilla 06 ..... James Anderson  
Finance (SO-FN) ..... Randal Evans  
Secretary of Records (SO-SR) ..... James Miller  
Color Guard Commander ..... James Miller  
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Communications Services (SO-CS) Douglas Eubanks  
Human Resources (SO-HR) ..... Constance Walters  
Materials (SO-MA) ..... N Jean Goble  
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Publications (SO-PB) ..... James Miller  
Diversity (SO-DV) ..... Shane Wilson  
**Chief of Prevention** ..... N Jean Goble  
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Member Training (SO-MT) ..... N Jean Goble  
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Public Education (SO-PE) ..... Richard Goble  
Public Visitation (SO-PV) ..... Richard Goble  
Vessel Examination (SO-VE) ..... Richard Goble  
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Communications (SO-CM) ..... Roland Newton  
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Liaison to Iowa ..... Pauline Longnecker  
Liaison to Nebraska ..... Constance Walters  
Liaison to Gasconade ..... Barclay Stebbins  
Liaison to Bass Pro CB ..... N Jean Goble  
Liaison to Bass Pro DM ..... Bill Eggers  
Liaison to Cabela's ..... Barbara/James Westcott

## Calendar of Events

August 09 ..... Flotilla 02 Meeting  
August 13 ..... Flotilla 04 Meeting  
August 15 ..... Flotilla 01 Meeting  
August 16 ..... Flotilla 03 Meeting  
August 21 ..... Flotilla 06 Meeting  
September 10 ..... Flotilla 04 Meeting  
September 10 ..... World 'O Water  
September 13 ..... Flotilla 02 Meeting  
September 18 ..... Flotilla 06 Meeting  
September 19 ..... Flotilla 01 Meeting  
September 20 ..... Flotilla 03 Meeting  
September 23-24 ..... D-Train  
October 08 ..... Flotilla 04 Meeting  
October 11 ..... Flotilla 02 Meeting  
October 16 ..... Flotilla 06 Meeting  
October 17 ..... Flotilla 01 Meeting  
October 18 ..... Flotilla 03 Meeting  
October 22 ..... Division Election/Business Meeting

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## Commander's Comments



Here we are up and running with the summer activities. We started the year with our PA events that went well, starting with the Mid America Boat Sports and Travel Show, to the Twin Creek Theatre for the showing of the *Finest Hour*. We will continue this summer with the Air Show at Offutt, and other scheduled events.

Last year and continuing into this year we have had the opportunity to work with the Boy Scouts of America in providing a paddle craft safety presentation and Life Jacket instruction for their Tri-State High Adventure Base. The trek is a 164.6-mile journey down the Missouri River, from the Clay County Boat Ramp, Vermillion, South Dakota to the Omaha Riverfront Marina, Lewis & Clark Landing, Omaha, Nebraska. This year they had 10 crews over the course of 5 weekends.

Our PE classes have continued to be successful and well attended. We are running into a problem finding adequate climate controlled environments to hold classes any larger than 10-15 without having to pay a fee. We are continuing to explore alternative contacts for spaces.

We are now into our patrol season with a few shake down runs completed, and some training yet to do. A couple of things to remember, ALL patrol orders **must** be submitted at least two weeks in advance, anything short of that there is a good chance that they won't be approved. Another change for this season, as recently published by the OTO, is "happen upon". We must request permission from Sector prior to putting any line onto a disabled vessel. As you know most small craft boaters do not have a marine radio to broadcast for assistance, so again, request permission.

**Mandatory Training:** We have made some really good progress and I commend those FCs and MTs for that effort, however, I also know we still have some work that needs to be done. This is not an "option". Going forward, these will need to be completed for appointment, election and certifications. Highly encourage your members to get them completed.

Recruiting still continues to be a challenge. We must continue to promote the Auxiliary and its activities at every opportunity PA, PE, VE etc. It still amazes me for the last three years, just in the classes I teach, that out of a PE class of 20-30 students, both adults and teens, so few have heard of us until they signed up for the class. We must try to collectively get the message out.

Several members attended the Change of Command ceremony at the Coast Guard Station Omaha, for Master Chief Jason Willey. What a great time and sad time. Master Chief Willey has really stepped up as far as making the Auxiliary feel welcome within his organization. We have an office space, desk, and a communication jack adjacent to the desk. So, we have a great start to continuing that relationship with Senior Chief Wunch.

In closing, I cannot say enough to those members wearing multiple hats, from FCs, down to each flotilla member. It seems that every year each of us gets a little more added to our already overflowing plate. I truly appreciate those dedicated members that have as much as they can. However, we must remember also that each of us is wearing multiple

hats. So, be patient, kind, courteous and understanding in how you communicate with your fellow Auxiliarists. We all have a lot going on in our own individual world.

Again, I want to thank each of you for your hard work and dedication to the Auxiliary missions.

BARCLAY STEBBINS, DDR

### **Vice Commander's Remarks**

The major part of our year has slipped past with many of you busy in Operations, Public Education, Boat Safety Checks and the like. Thank-you for your efforts to date but there is still time to finish strong. There are patrols in September and October, our Public Education effort still can use one last push and there are boaters who need VSC's. If you have a chance to pitch in, or if you think about it, ask a non-active member to join you on that last effort. Everyone will benefit from those actions.

I have had a chance to look over the AUXMIS reports, and I believe some of you haven't received credit for all that you have done. Please contact your IS Officer or FC to review the report and get all of your mission hour and Form 99's in. You deserve credit for the work you have done. If you need to get your reports corrected, ask your IS Officer or FC to help and you might check to see if anyone else could benefit from the same assistance. Remember, it only takes a phone call to inquire if someone in your flotilla needs help with IS. None of us are experts. We all could use a helping hand now and then.

If you have the time, now is election season and your flotilla could use a member like yourself to step up and run for FC or VFC.

On a lighter note, the division election meeting will have a dinner afterwards, and it would be a great time to enjoy some fellowship with the new Bridge, and with other Auxiliarists. I would like the members of the division to know that I have announced my intent to run for Division Commander and I would be honored if the Division Board had confidence in me as DCDR Stebbins successor.

Thank you again for everything you do for Auxiliary.

George McNary, VDCDR

## **News from the Flotillas**

### **Flotilla 33-01**

Half of the year has passed and I am not sure where the time has gone. The members of our flotilla have been active in patrols, public affairs events and fellowship with members of our flotilla, division and also the crew of the USCGC Gasconade.

We are trying to continue different training after each of our meetings and the boat crew members have had some really great refreshers working on knots.

Our boating safety classes have been a little slower than in past years but our instructors have done a wonderful job in preparing the boating public. We have had members help the Boy Scouts with paddle craft regulations and safety.

I wish to thank the members of the flotilla for a job well done.

Barb Westcott, FC  
FSO-CS/PB

### **Flotilla 33-02**

Keith Deiml, FC and Connie Walters, VFC have been busy at the helm coordinating all Flotilla 33-02 events. Our Bridge's goals for 2016 have been actively trying to recruit new members, practice good communication skills, organize and train for upcoming events and build teamwork within Flotilla 33-02.

To meet those goals, FC Deiml and VFC Walters have created a calendar for the year 2016. All Public Education classes, workshops, Public Affairs events, and Marine Domain Awareness Days are scheduled. Each month the current calendar is reviewed and updated. The information is also placed on the flotilla's website.

All flotilla staff officers submit their reports monthly to the FC, VFC, SR and appropriate division staff officer. These staff officer reports are also found in the flotilla minutes for general distribution and on the flotilla's website. Special activities require an After Action Report (AAR) to be completed. These are filed as a reference for future events (Lessons Learned).

Vern Jansky and Jeanie Deiml received their 25-Year Membership Service Certificate. District and division awards were presented to flotilla members at the June meeting.

At the July flotilla meeting, DCDR Barclay Stebbins presented the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation to Connie Walters. While at D-Train a fellow Auxiliarist suffered a heart attack. Connie and another individual provided lifesaving services to the Auxiliarist until the Medical Assistance Team arrived to provide medical care to the patient. A job well done to Connie.

Member Training is offered at every flotilla meeting as required:

January - Practicing Marlinspike

February -Written and Verbalization Steps in Taking a Boat in Tow to the Dock

March - The Phonetic Alphabet

April – Review of Requesting Orders using the Auxiliary Order Management system (AOM) and the USCG's policy on Salvage Operations

June – Jeopardy (Categories: Forms, Water Rules, Acronyms, USCG and USCGAUX History, and What Every Crew Should Know)

July – Standardized Auxiliary Boat Operations Training (SABOT) - Towing

The Mandated Training mark of 100% completion has been reached. We are the only flotilla in Division 33 to have reached this goal. Go Team Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 085-33-02!

Our first public affairs event was the Nebraska International Boat, Sports, and Travel Show. Time slots were 100% staffed! In preparation for the boat show, a "Flotilla Sticker and Stuffing Bag Party" was held to sort, affix labels and inventory all pamphlets. Items will be distributed at the boat show, public

education, MDA Days, and VE Days. Claire Coleman and Gary Jensen participated in the Safe Kid's Blast at Pentzer Park and distributed handouts to the children. Other events planned have had to be cancelled because of extreme weather conditions.

Team Building, which is a major component of Flotilla 33-02, are scheduled every month to enhance the fellowship cornerstone. Usually it is a meal shared, but has included miniature golf, picnicking and relaxing at a campsite, and other fun activities.

Flotilla 085-33-02 is "Semper Paratus."  
Jeanie Deiml, FSO-PB

### **Flotilla 33-03**

As we approach Labor Day of 2016, Flotilla 33-03 continues to be in full throttle for 2016. Our members have participated in several public affairs booths with other flotillas which is always a great experience. Our flotilla is always looking at where we are with our goals as we progress through the year. It helps coordinate activities and fellowship. Flotilla 33-03 has been extremely busy teaching classes at various locations including Cottonwood Marina. To date, our flotilla has had 233 graduates. Our flotilla instructors are very dedicated and have given many Saturdays to teaching the boating public. Kudos to those instructors.

Doug Eubanks has taken on the responsibility of the Flotilla Porthole and has done an outstanding job! The Porthole is designed to educate and keep the members informed of what is happening in the division and flotilla.

Flotilla 33-03 has been working on Vessel Safety Checks. There have been several opportunities for our examiners to meet and conduct Vessel Safety Checks at NP Dodge Park and Sioux City along with other locations. One member has passed the Vessel Examiner test and completed the five mentored check-offs and once the mandated courses are complete, this member will be qualified. CPR was delayed from this spring due to the number of public education classes being held. CPR will be scheduled this fall with Eppler Fire Department as the instructors. Member training is always held at our

meetings which may include AUXDATA, uniforms, diversity or other topics our members want to have completed.

Members are patrolling on a regular basis and have been getting a number of hours logged. Even due to the heat operations continue to be very important to our members. Flotilla 33-03 has some outstanding fellowship! Every three months, the flotilla goes out for dinner as a unit. It really allows us to visit about what activities we are doing and planning and update each other what is happening at our homes and families.

It is with great sorrow that we lost a member of our flotilla. Michael Hall was originally a member of Flotilla 33-08 and then transferred to our flotilla a few years ago. His warm smile and sense of humor will be missed.

As in most flotillas, we have a small working unit with a larger number of members. This small working groups is also the members that are teaching classes, do Program Visitor visits, Vessel Safety Checks, public affairs and operations.

It is with great pride that I am able to work with this group of hard and dedicated members. Kudos to each of them for making our flotilla successful! We look for a great year with using each of our cornerstones.

Pauline Longnecker  
Flotilla Commander 33-03

### **Flotilla 33-06**

Flotilla 6 for the seventh year had a Boating Safety Booth at the Pleasant Hill fishing derby. The event is held annually at the Copper Creek Lake Park and sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Parks and Recreation Department and Lions Club. Susan Stocker, IDNR once again joined us with her T-shirts, stencils and hot press. This is a fun project with about 250 kids plus parents and in some cases grandparents. We look forward to going back next year.

### **Memorial**

**Michael T. Hall**, 11 Jan 1967 – 25 Jul 2016, joined the Auxiliary on November 1, 2000. He joined Flotilla 33-08 and transferred to 33-03. He participated in several PA booths and attended many flotilla meetings and division dinners. Michael will be remembered for his kind heart, warm smile and his dedication to the Auxiliary.

**Vernon K Crow**, 23 Jun 1934 – 29 Jul 2016, joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary August 5, 2002. He served in several elected and appointed positions. He served as Vice Flotilla Commander in 2008, as Flotilla Commander 2009-2010, Division Vice Commander 2011-2012, Division Commander 2013-2014, and District Captain 2015-present. Staff positions include Flotilla Staff Officer for Vessel Examination, Flotilla Staff Officer for Member Training, Flotilla Staff Officer for Human Resources, Division Staff officer for Human Resources, and Assistant District Staff Officer for Human Resources.

Awards received include a Presidential Unit Citation, two Coast Guard Unit Commendations, a Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation and 10 Sustained Auxiliary Service Awards recognizing over 7,500 hours of service.

### **Off Duty Safety**

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A. American Cancer Society -

<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/skincancer>

B. Coast Guard Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures 4-11.9 -

[https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/communities/hp/HPCenter/Pubs/CGTTP\\_4-11\\_9](https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/communities/hp/HPCenter/Pubs/CGTTP_4-11_9)

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1. As summer kicks into high gear so does our exposure to risk. Since Memorial Day, the traditional

kickoff of the summer season, we have experienced 53 off-duty mishaps. These mishaps range from slips, trips, and falls from sports and water-related activities, burns to the face and hands from using gasoline to light grills, to traumatic brain injuries from not wearing proper protective equipment. Sadly, all of these mishaps were totally preventable.

2. Off-duty/recreational mishaps account for the vast majority of injuries, hospitalizations, and lost workdays. Summer presents unique opportunities to participate in recreational activities, and while these activities can be a great source of fun and joy, they can also present unique risks. I know most of us have read summer safety messages before, but I always seem to pick up a few new bits of information, or am often forced to acknowledge that I am overlooking important safety information. Let's take a minute to review some basic summer safety tips. This small investment will improve safety, and may save your life.

a. Ultraviolet (UV) Protection: Summer means more sun exposure and potential for sunburn; a leading cause of skin cancer. Protect your skin from harmful UV rays by covering exposed skin and applying sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. REF (A) provides tips on protecting the skin and preventing skin cancer.

b. Heat Stress: As temperatures rise, so does the risk of heat-related illness. When the body is unable to cool itself, heat stress and heat exhaustion occur. Severe heat stroke can result in death. REF (B) provides guidance on managing thermal stress during operations. Follow REF (B) guidance to reduce the risk of heat-related illness. Specifically,

1) Recognize and watch for symptoms of heat-stress (e.g., dizziness, light-headed, confusion, nausea, and muscle cramps);

2) Drink plenty of clear liquids, and avoid alcohol and caffeinated drinks;

3) Limit time in the sun and wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes; and

4) Pace yourself and build-up to more strenuous work, and take frequent rest breaks. For more information on dealing with heat-related risk, go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/extremeheat/index.html>.

c. Travel: For many, summer means hitting the road to vacation spots or visiting family and friends. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that approximately 38,000 lives will be lost on our nation's roads this year. What do we know?

1) Distracted Driving, Speed, and Alcohol are the three leading causes of traffic fatalities. Don't use a cell phone while driving, follow the speed limit and drive to the conditions, and PLEASE, PLEASE avoid alcohol if driving.

2) Fatigue is often overlooked or misunderstood, but may be responsible for up to 30% of all traffic deaths. Long periods behind the wheel or late night/early morning driving result in reduced alertness and reaction time. If you are planning a roadtrip, please use the Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS) to

identify fatigue risk factors as well as access tips to prepare and plan your trip. To access TRiPS, go to:

<https://trips.safety.army.mil/Default.aspx?alias=trips.safety.army.mil/coastguard&>.

d. Food Safety: When grilling, use a thermometer to ensure food is fully cooked. Cold foods should be maintained at less than 41 degrees Fahrenheit and hot foods greater than 140 degrees Fahrenheit. Don't reuse plates that held raw meats. Wash hands with soap and water before eating or preparing food.

e. Pest Management: Warmer temperatures also increase activity for mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas that can transmit disease and other infections. For guidance on

pest management, go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/>.

f. BOTTOM LINE: be mindful of your surroundings and activities. Operational Risk Management (ORM)

is used to manage risk of Coast Guard operations. The same principles should be used for off-duty activities. The off-duty ORM process has been described as 'common sense', and includes thinking ahead and planning for your activity. Think of the four "Ws":

"What" am I doing,  
"what" can go wrong,  
"why" can things go wrong, and  
"what" can I do to lower the risk?

All too often, when a sentence begins with "let's do it this way, it's quicker" or "watch this" the activities end with painful consequences. Deviating from common practices may save you some time, elicit a rush, or thrill friends, but is it worth the potential pain and suffering to you and loved ones?

3. While safety is everyone's responsibility, it begins with a clear and uncompromising message from the command that taking unwarranted risk is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Engage your staff, be aware of the activities undertaken by our shipmates and intervene to ensure appropriate planning and preparation is conducted. There are vast amounts of safety related resources at your fingertips. Become familiar with the Coast Guard Health Safety and Work-life Service Center (HSWL SC) webpage:

<https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/units/hswlsc/SafeEvHealth/SitePages/Home.aspx>. Get acquainted with your HSWL SC Safety and Environmental Health Officer, they are there to assist. Be intrusive, the safety, health, and well-being of your members depend on it!

4. As outlined in the Human Capital Strategy, a safe and healthy workforce is required to maintain operational readiness. To meet the mission needs, service needs and our people needs, we must ensure that our workforce is healthy to report for duty. Off-duty and recreational mishaps negatively impact readiness. Often, members are not aware that they have placed themselves at risk. Take a moment, step back and assess off-duty activities, you may be in a precarious situation. The safety of

our members must never be comprised. It is the responsibility of commands and supervisors to discuss these risks with all Coast Guard members, and equally Coast Guard members have a personal responsibility for managing the risks associated with individual activities, both on and off-duty.

5. POC: HSWL SC (se), Mr. Ed Bock, at: (757)628-4412 or [Edward.L.Bock@uscg.mil](mailto:Edward.L.Bock@uscg.mil).

6. RADM Erica G. Schwartz, Director of Health, Safety, & Worklife, sends.

7. Internet release authorized.

## **The World's Best Coast Guard – 226 Years of Service -008/16**

TO: ALAUX  
From: CHDIRAUX  
SUBJ: THE WORLD'S BEST COAST GUARD - 226 YEARS OF SERVICE -008/16

From: Zukunft, Paul F ADM  
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2016 10:41 AM  
Subject: World's Best Coast Guard - 226 Years of Service

To the men and women of our Coast Guard, When he founded the Coast Guard 226 years ago, even a visionary like Alexander Hamilton could have hardly imagined the service we are today. Consistent with our maritime roots, yet evolved to address increasingly complex threats, today's Coast Guard is a strategically focused force that provides a unique and powerful value to our Nation. I'm proud to see you answer the call on a daily basis.

Hamilton might not recognize many aspects of today's Coast Guard, but there is one element he could not miss - you. Our dedicated force of active duty, reserves, civilians, auxiliary and retirees selflessly and professionally serve our Nation. Without you, there is no Coast Guard.

As we venture into our 226th year, we will remain Semper Paratus - Always Ready to guard the homeland, protect our environment, facilitate commerce, attack transnational criminal

organizations, and save those in peril. We are on every continent and have sailed on every ocean. I have witnessed your strength and resolve, and I can say with pride that we are the world's best Coast Guard!

Happy 226th birthday - it is my honor to serve alongside you.

Semper Paratus  
Admiral Paul F. Zukunft

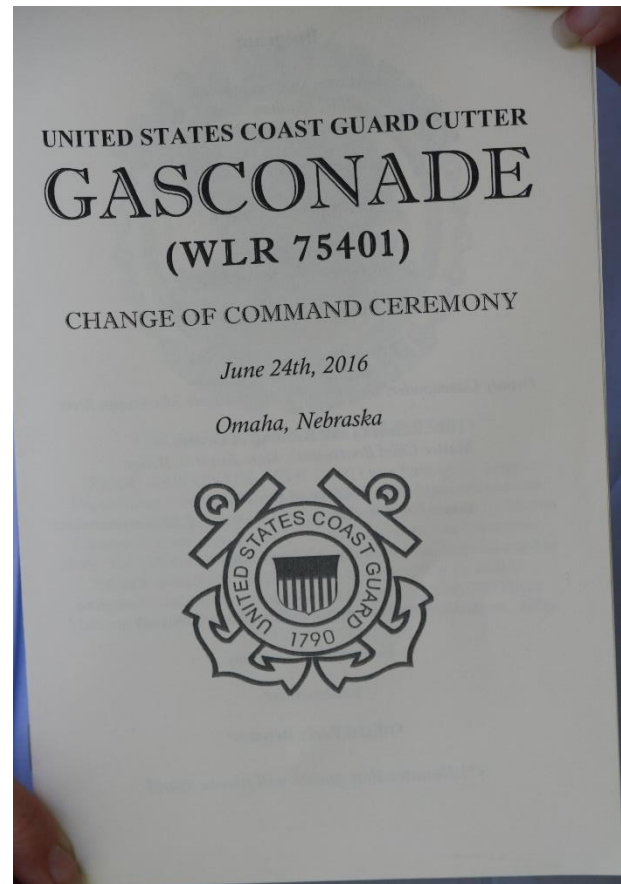
### Help Wanted

The division color guard is seeking interested individuals to help fill the team. There is limited time commitment and a bit of a financial commitment for the dress coat, long sleeve shirt and tie. The division has provided the uniform accompaniments. Interested individuals should contact James Miller at [kg0hq.im@gmail.com](mailto:kg0hq.im@gmail.com) or at cell phone 402-618-1293.

### Retirement/Change of Watch

June, while normally a busy month for any flotilla in the Great Plains area, was a bitter sweet month for Division 33. Members of Division 33 were invited to attend the Retirement Ceremony for Master Chief Willey. Additionally we were able to welcome the new commanding officer for the cutter Gasconade, Senior Chief Shaun Wunch to The Great Plains area and the Missouri River. The ceremony was blessed with a cloudless sky and mild temperatures for the 30+ friends and family in attendance.

Master Chief Willey was appreciative of the efforts of the Auxiliary and offered his expertise to several members in their duties, fostering an appreciation of all who came into contact with him. We wish Master Chief Willey (Retired) a long, happy and safe retirement. We would also like to offer a hearty welcome for Senior Chief Shaun Wunch and offer our full cooperation and assistance in whatever manner we in the auxiliary can provide.



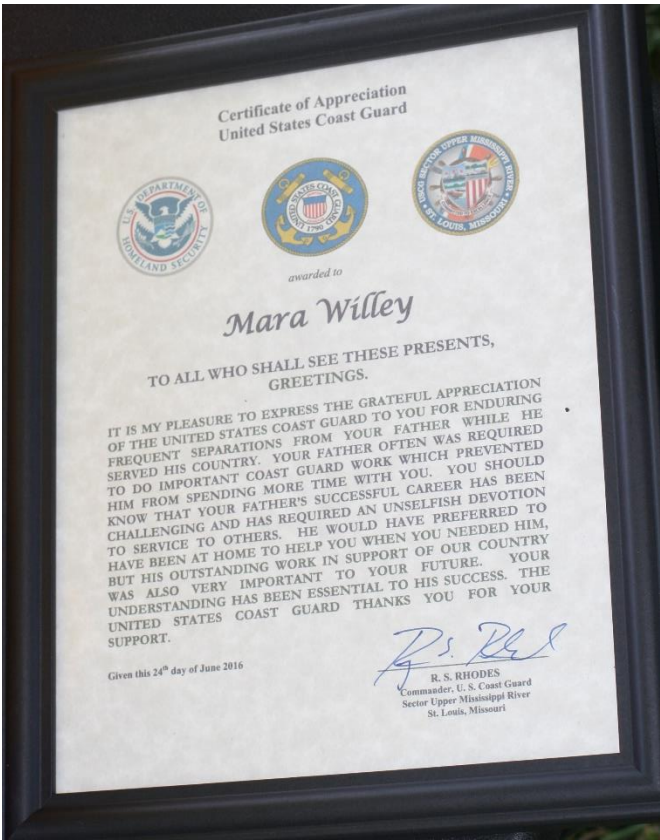
The Change of Command Ceremony Agenda



Master Chief Willey addresses the attendees, crew and dignitaries.



Passing the lantern to Senior Chief Wunch.



Certificate of Appreciation for Master Chief Willey’s life partner (Mara Willey).



Division 085-33 retirement gift to BMC Willey.



Retirement gift presented to BMC Willey from WO Bell.  
All photos are courtesy of Barbara Westcott, 33-01.