

“THE MISSOURI RIVER SKIPPER”

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SCHEDULE OF FLOTILLA MEETINGS

085-33-01	Omaha	3rd Monday
085-33-02	Lincoln	2nd Tuesday
085-33-03	NP Dodge Park	3rd Tuesday
085-33-04	Des Monies	2nd Saturday
085-33-06	Johnston IA	3rd Sunday

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Want to see more pictures?

Please remember to check out the website at:

http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=

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DIVISION COMMANDER'S MESSAGE SPRING 2017



DCDR's Message

The planning for the OPTEX is in full steam, Division 33 will be well represented, Camp Dodge in July will be exciting – and hot! The patrol season is moving along, not many of you have completed your hours underway. Plan on getting those patrols in so you don't lose your Qualification. On behalf of the Boating Public, Thank-You for your service. Planning for AUXSTATION Omaha is well underway and a PQS should be out this summer.

There are lots of opportunities to meet the public coming up. Your FC should by now have laid out the PA/VSC/MDV activities for your flotilla, give the FC a call and see if you can pitch in where help is needed. Why not call an Auxiliarist you would like to get to know better in your flotilla, and spend some time together doing these interesting activities?

Speaking of a worthy activity, the division picnic with the Gasconade in honor of Coast Guard day is Saturday August 5th, starting at 11:30. Please come and enjoy the fellowship with the crew of the Gasconade and other Auxiliarists as we enjoy the end of summer and celebrate the United States Coast Guard.

Some flotillas added Public Education classes at the request of Herb Angel of the Nebraska Games and Parks – Thank-You! Boating Safely classes are one of the best ways a flotilla can attract new members and the service to the boating public isn't to be underestimated as well. Each year, we add to the number of safe boaters out there thanks to your efforts!

On a final note, NACON is August 25-26, although your specialty area may be meeting earlier in the week. Registration information can be found at this link:

<https://www.cgauxa.org/auxa/nacon-2017/>

I encourage all Division 33 Auxiliarists to consider a trip to Orlando to the Rosen Centre Hotel to attend this event. Attending a National Convention is a highlight in your Auxiliary career. Orlando is one of the most popular tourist locations, and flights are among the most affordable for air travel.

George W. McNary, DCDR
Division 33





THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

By Jim Westcott, SO-DV/PA

Diversity: a little word with a huge impact

The Coast Guard is a diverse organization, consisting of men (and women) and material needed to do its important job. The equipment consists of boats, ships, vehicles and aircraft (fixed wing and rotary winged). So I ask you, should not the human portion of the above equation be as diverse as its material?

As a race of humanity, we were not all formed the same. Some are tall, short, skinny, not as thin, blond haired, black hair, brown hair, grey hair, etc., yet those all are obviously physically observed differences. However we need to be aware of the other differences that make us, us. When we see another member of the human race, our minds automatically form an opinion of our fellow bi-ped. Are they different from our perceived idea of normal, what ever that may be? Do you like him/her? If not - - - why?

Give your fellow human a chance, work with them and not against their perceived weaknesses. We all can't do everything perfectly the first time. Remember the first time you tried to tie your shoes, climb a rope, run the mile etc.. Find out what your new friend can do best and help him/her perfect what they need to do better. As an organization we can only get better and better.





BSA National Jamboree CG Task Force
2017 July 19-28
Article by Jim Wolfe,
FSO-CM/PV, Flotilla 085-33-01



The task force started forming in Feb. 2017 and completed July 16 with 68 members made up of enlisted, civilians, retired military, reservists and AUX.



This is an Aerial photo of the USCG exhibit area with five boats and several tent with demo pop-ups.

A second site was the communication truck , pictured here.



One of the most popular demos was the simulation of a disabled boat taking on water with the scouts trying to fix the holes spraying them with water "DON'T LET MY BOAT SINK" yelled the BM.



With five boats with scouts coming on board they got a feel for adventure on the water.

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With Rear Admiral ABEL on board the scouts got a real taste of directions from the top.

All had fun as you can see



One afternoon the CG gave a demo of a live water rescue, with a rescue swimmer jumping from a helicopter and hoisting up a survivor.



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We had onboard a chief diver, well as Rear Admiral Bell, who would let scouts try on the dive helmets.



I was able to show Rear Admiral Bell and the Commander the new CG app called Coast Guard Uniform which scouts and enlisted personal as well as AUX all of the uniforms and placement of name tags and devices etc.

Also I was able to show them an example of a 3D printer to print parts for motors onboard. Note the drone hanging from the top of the tent. The Coast is using three sizes of drones. One of the pilots was onboard who had flown drones the size of the predator.



At the evening meeting Rear Admiral Able was presented the a gift from all of us with the CG patch.



Both Rear Admiral Able and Rear Admiral Bell were Eagle Scouts. There were posters with many of the enlisted CG personnel were on display along the trail through the exhibit.



I was able to have a photo taken with Rear Admiral Able in front of our camp. Note the flags, US, CG, Admiral's flag and the USCG AUX.



At the end of the Jamboree the Scouts presented us with the plaque shown below.



Permission was granted by the Boy Scouts of America, to use the photos shown along with the USCG photo by Benjamin Strong

The 1/2 Boat a work in progress !



Photos by Jim Westcott, VFC, FSO-PA/DV
Flotilla 085-33-01, Keith Deiml, VFC Flotilla
085-33-02, is shown in the pictures.