

“THE MISSOURI RIVER SKIPPER”

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SCHEDULE OF FLOTILLA MEETINGS

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| 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 |

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

Staff Roster

Division Commander Brandon Butters
 Vice Division Commander Barbara Westcott
 Immediate Past Commander George McNary
 Flotilla Commander 01 James Westcott
 Flotilla Commander 02 Constance Walters
 Flotilla Commander 03 Douglas Eubanks
 Flotilla Commander 04 Roland Newton
 Finance (SO-FN) Randal Evans
 Secretary of Records (SO-SR) Barclay Stebbins

Chief of Logistics Douglas Eubanks
 Communication Services (SO-CS) Douglas Eubanks
 Human Resources (SO-HR) Constance Walters
 Information Services (SO-IS)..... Doug Eubanks
 Materials (SO-MA) George McNary
 Public Affairs (SO-PA) Randal Evans
 Publications (SO-PB) Barbara Westcott
 Diversity (SO-DV) James Westcott
 Auxiliary Scout (SO-AX)..... James Wolfe

Chief of Prevention OPEN
 Member Services (SO-MS) Roland Newton
 Member Training (SO-MT) Daniel Smith
 Navigation Systems (SO-NS) Daniel Smith
 Public Education (SO-PE) OPEN
 Public Visitation (SO-PV) OPEN
 Vessel Examination (SO-VE) OPEN

Chief of Response George McNary
 Communications (SO-CM) Roland Newton
 Operations (SO-OP) Norma Newton

Other Appointments

Liaison to Iowa OPEN
 Liaison to Nebraska Constance Walters
 Liaison to Gasconade Barclay Stebbins
 Liaison to Bass Pro Council Bluff..... Jim Westcott
 Liaison to Bass Pro Des Moines OPEN
 Liaison to Cabela's James Wolfe

DIVISION COMMANDER'S MESSAGE SUMMER 2020



Shipmates.

As I write this, we just celebrated 2020's Summer Solstice, or the day of year with the most sunlight (21 hours 43 minutes to be exact), Father's Day, and we are getting ready to celebrate America's birthday.

Our flotillas continue to meet virtually during this pandemic even with members from other divisions. One of the victims of COVID was our awards program. We are publishing the list of award recipients in this edition of the newsletter. Bravo Zulu to all those receiving awards for their hard work!

Our DIRAUX is working to get us back to a more normal state of existence. When I say normal state, I do not mean back to the exact way it used to be. I think that both in the Auxiliary and in our personal life there will be things that will not be the same. We live in a world surrounded by hand sanitizer and Plexiglas dividers (and not being able to unlock our phones with our faces when we are wearing masks!).

For the Auxiliary, when we get orders for patrol, we will have the addition of a blue or black face mask. The order of the day for in person activities will be social distancing (no that does not mean the end of the social hour!). There will be extra attention paid towards health of our members—both physical and mental. These are all things that I can get behind if they help us bring an end to the virus and allow us to resume Auxiliary activities.

This virus has thrown us a curve ball every time the experts thought they had it figured out. So far Mother Nature has taken pity on us and remanded the Missouri River to remain within her banks. Let's hope that we have an excellent summer season.

We recently received word that operations at the Gasconade have resumed and that Operation Brownie Drop has resumed! Ahhh...nothing like home-made-brownies! Thanks Barb and Jim.

Be SAFE. Be HEALTHY. Have FUN!

Until we can celebrate in person,

Brandon Butters, DCDR
Great Plains Division



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

By Jim Westcott, SO-DV
and
Barb Westcott, VCDR

This issue has no other Diversity message than the message on the next page, that everyone should have received, by Admiral Karl L. Schultz, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, who requested that it be forwarded to each member of the Auxiliary.

This is a powerful message that the world, not just the Auxiliary or the men and women of the Coast Guard or the Reserves, needs to hear and strive to live by.

A saying comes to mind “Be the Change.” Everyone is a potential friend, future Auxiliarist, co-worker, etc. Let’s all live by the “do unto others as you would have done to you” and BE THE CHANGE!



From: Schultz, Karl ADM
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 7:15 PM
Subject: Stronger Together

To the Women and Men of the United States Coast Guard,

In my Commander's Intent of May 18th, I articulated that our nation expected the Coast Guard to remain "Always Ready" as we approach hurricane season and a historically busy time of year for our Service. In the two weeks leading up to that letter, four active duty shipmates tragically took their own lives. Shaped by these losses, I stated that the strength of our workforce and successful mission performance are grounded in working and training as a team. The attributes of esprit de corps and camaraderie define us, noting that "we are physically and mentally stronger together."

Today, still amidst the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, our workforce, and our society writ large are confronted by societal unrest, and the associated realities and emotions tied to the unresolved and underlying issues fueling that unrest. Recent events resulting in the tragic deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd have fueled frustration, anger, and protest. In the knowledge that the ongoing national social unrest affects our valued shipmates from the African American community in very personal ways, it affects us all as a service.

To be "stronger together," we must recognize that we have shipmates that are angry, scared, and weary; shipmates who may feel as a nation we haven't fully availed the American Dream of equal opportunity and the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all amongst us. We must be vigilant to these shortcomings within our own Coast Guard. Inclusive leadership and being a good shipmate begins with mutual respect. It can start with the simple question of "how are you doing," and be complemented by the artful act of respectful and empathetic listening.

In the truly simple yet keenly insightful words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "the time is always right to do what is right." Looking within our lifelines at this critical inflection point, we have an opportunity and an obligation to do what is right and pull together; rally around our most deeply impacted shipmates and our Core Values of Honor – Respect – Devotion to Duty; and forge a deeper understanding and appreciation for others' viewpoints and life experiences. Such actions can foster a deeper sense of belonging for all members of our team and strengthen inclusiveness across our Service. I challenge all of us to be "stronger together" as a Coast Guard and as a nation!

Admiral Karl L. Schultz
Commandant
U.S. Coast Guard

Facebook/Instagram: @CommandantUSCG

I wish to congratulate each and every person that is mentioned on the Great Plains Division Awards List for 2019. You all devoted a large amount of time and energy to the Auxiliary in order to achieve these honors.

Please remember that every person in this Division is an important spoke in the wheel of our success. Sometimes work, family or life in general stops us from doing all that we wish we could. Sooner or later everyone's time will come to shine, and until then, I for one applaud you for all the effort and support that you have given to your friends, your flotilla and especially to this Division.

Please help me congratulate these recipients at your next encounter,
Barb Westcott, VCDR

2019 Awards List

INDIVIDUAL TROPHYS/AWARDS

MERLE and EDITH ANN JOHNSTON VSC TROPHY

Large Traveling Trophy

Flotilla 33-3 Douglas W. Eubanks, FC

MCVEA AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR (Nomination required)

Large community plaque with individual plaque for award winner

NONE

GLEN FLETCHER MEMORIAL OPERATIONS AWARD

Large Traveling Trophy

Roland C Newton 33-4

DIVISION 33 RECRUITING AWARD

Traveling plaque

Flotilla 33-3 Douglas W. Eubanks, FC

SMOKY MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD (Nomination required) (Public Education)

Large community plaque with individual plaque for award winner

NONE

DIVISION 33 APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION

(Nomination required)

Large community plaque with individual plaque for award winner

NONE

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DIVISION 33 COMMANDER LETTER OF COMMENDATION (Nomination required)

Certificate(s) for award winner(s)

NONE

LUCILLE MCNARY AWARD (Nomination required) (Admin Support)

Individual plaque for award winner

NONE

DIVISION 33 PROGRAM AWARDS

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK/RBSPV PROGRAM AWARDS

Awarded to Members

Conducting 25-49 VSC/Facility Inspections

NONE

Top Performer VSC/Facility Inspections

Ronald J. Drawl 33-3

Top Performer RBSPV

Randal L. Evans 33-3

Awarded to Flotillas

Best Flotilla VSC/Facility Inspections

Johnston VSC Award

Flotilla 33-3 Douglas W. Eubanks, FC

Best Flotilla RBSPV

Flotilla 33-2 Constance J. Walters, FC

OPERATIONS PROGRAM AWARDS

Awarded to Members

SKIPPER AWARD – 50-99 hours as Crew/Coxswain/PWC

NONE

15-25 hours as Watchstander

Douglas W. Eubanks 33-3

Norma J. Newton 33-4

15 or more hours as ATON Verifier

NONE

Top Performer Most operations hours by a member –

Glen Fletcher Award

Roland C. Newton 33-4

For executing 5 but less than 10 SAR cases as Crew, Coxswain, or PWO

NONE

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Awarded to Flotillas

Traveling Plaque

Best Flotilla (most operations hours)

Flotilla 33-4

Renee M. Thomas, FC

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND MEMBER TRAINING PROGRAM AWARDS

Awarded to Members

For achieving 50 or more hours of Member Training

NONE

Top Performer-most hours of member training and public education time

Randal L. Evans 33-3

Awarded to Flotillas

Traveling Plaque

Best Flotilla-most hours of member training and public education time

Flotilla 33-1

James E. Westcott, FC

PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM AWARDS

Awarded to Members

Top Performer – for most PA hours

Barbara L. Westcott 33-1

MARINE SAFETY/MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AWARDS

Awarded to Members

Top Performer for most hours of Marine Safety

Daniel L. Smith 33-3

Top Performer for most hours of Marine Environmental Protection

NONE

HEALTH SERVICES AWARD

Awarded to Members

Top Performer for most hours of Health Services

NONE

RECRUITING AWARDS

Awarded to Members for recruiting the most new members

NONE

Awarded to Flotillas

Traveling Plaque

Division 33 Recruiting Award (Hartley Award)

Flotilla 33-3 Douglas W. Eubanks, FC

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BEST FLOTILLA OF THE YEAR AWARD

Traveling Plaque

Flotilla 33-3

Douglas W. Eubanks, FC

AUXILIARY PROGRAMS AWARD

Awarded to Members

125-249 weighted points

Barclay A. Stebbins 33-1

Barbara L. Westcott 33-1

James E. Westcott 33-1

Mary J. Poe 33-2

Randal L. Evans 33-3

Roland E. Newton 33-4

Top Performer Most Weighted Points

Douglas W. Eubanks 33-3

FLOTILLA ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PERFORMANCE AWARD

Awarded to Members not holding an elected office during the award year

Top Performer Most 7029 hours

Daniel L. Smith 33-3

