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## **Division 14 Memorial Wall Ceremony**

**Saturday, May 2, 2015 10:00 AM**

**Aids to Navigation Station, 1320 4th Ave, North  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



17 new names will be added to the Division Memorial Wall this year. The Division Honor Guard will conduct a ceremony honoring our Division's departed members. Please make every effort to attend. Included in the new additions to the wall are 14-8 members:

**Russell Alderman, Jacqueline O'Brien, Josephine Rainer, and Ray Rainer.**

After hearing about the Memorial Wall this year, the family of Pete Field has announced that they will be in attendance. Please make every effort to attend in uniform and honor our departed members.

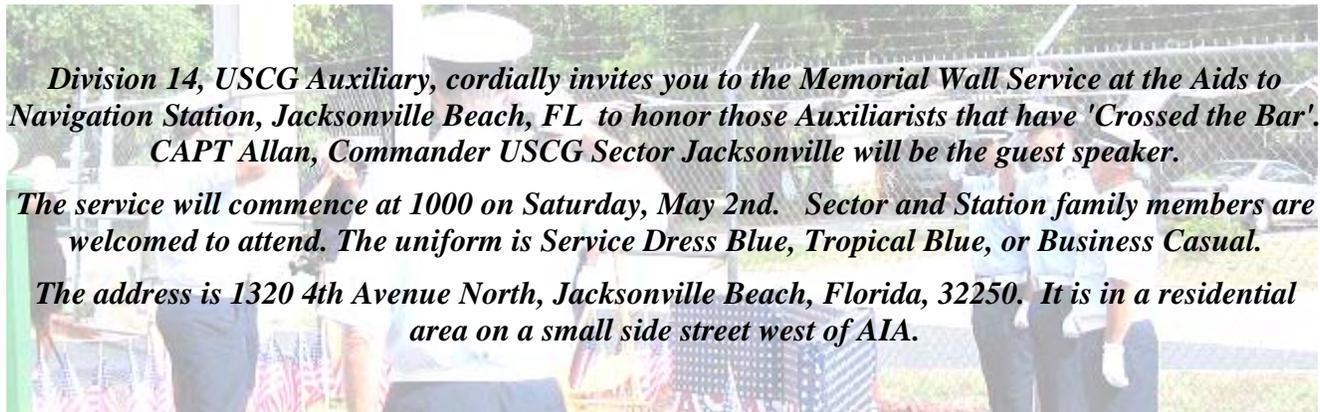
## FROM YOUR FLOTILLA COMMANDER



Shipmates, another month has gone by and we are closer to boating season and National Safe Boating Week beginning May 16th. Please make every effort to interact with the public with regard to boating safety this month. We should be visiting marinas and boat supply stores and passing out safe boating materials.

We recently completed a vessel examination blitz at Epping Forest Yacht Club headed up by Paul Thomas, Charlie Trippe and Chris McLaughlin. We are planning to visit with the Florida Yacht club to do the same.

I am on the planning committee for the USCG Auxiliary Memorial Wall ceremony this year and encourage any of you who wish to attend the ceremony to please do so. Details from DCDR below.



***Division 14, USCG Auxiliary, cordially invites you to the Memorial Wall Service at the Aids to Navigation Station, Jacksonville Beach, FL to honor those Auxiliarists that have 'Crossed the Bar'. CAPT Allan, Commander USCG Sector Jacksonville will be the guest speaker.***

***The service will commence at 1000 on Saturday, May 2nd. Sector and Station family members are welcomed to attend. The uniform is Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue, or Business Casual.***

***The address is 1320 4th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, Florida, 32250. It is in a residential area on a small side street west of AIA.***



**Memorial Ceremony  
USCG Auxiliary  
Division 14**

**May 02, 2015  
1000 hours**

**Aids to Navigation Station  
1320 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, North  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**

**Uniform:  
Service Dress Blues  
Tropical Blues  
Appropriate Civilian Attire**



**Welcome  
Victor Aquino, DCDR**

**Presentation of Colors**

**National Anthem**

**Invocation  
LT Len Driskell, Chaplain, USCG**

**Key Note Speaker  
Thomas G. Allen, Captain, USCG**

**Coast Guard Hymn  
Gary Gray, USCG Auxiliary**

**Calling the Departed**

**Amazing Grace  
U. S. Coast Guard Pipe and Drum Band**

**Turn Again To Life  
Poem by Mary Lee Hall**

**Rifle Salute  
Beaches Honor Guard**

**Taps  
United States Marine Band**

**Benediction  
LT Len Driskell, Chaplain, USCG**

Whatley Law, FC 14-8 2015

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## FLOTILLA VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



**14-8 Will Be Hosting The Division Quarterly Meeting Saturday, April 11th.** We should have as many members as possible attend. I hope that you will make an effort to attend in proper uniform. Your attendance lends support to our flotilla and demonstrates our flotilla's activity to division leadership, District VIPs and visitors from the Coast Guard who will be attending.

### **Return Of Our Monthly Dinner Social**

Everyone now that we have settled back into our monthly flotilla routine with the new meeting night, we will be beginning our monthly flotilla social dinner. To avoid scheduling two events in the same week, we will be scheduling the dinner on Thursday night of the week that follows our meeting. This month that night is Thursday April 23rd, 0630 at the Mediterrania restaurant on Baymeadows Rd where it intersects with San Jose Blvd.

Whatley will be making the reservation for us, please contact him if you can come.

*Charles Trippe, VFC 14-8 2015*

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## IMMEDIATE PAST FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT



### **A Memorial Wall Story**

I met a sailor last year who introduced himself as "Pete Field". In our conversation, I told him I was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and our flotilla had a past member who had played an very valuable part in the development of our flotilla and our Operations Program, and his name was Pete Field. We honor Pete's memory every year with the presentation of an award to the member who contributes the most to our Surface Operations Program. The sailor confirmed that indeed, Our Pete Field was his father.

Pete Jr. and I have spoken several times since then, and recently I told him about the Auxiliary's Memorial Wall which includes his father's name etched into the stone. Pete Jr. has expressed a desire to see the Memorial Wall and he tells me that he will be attending the May 2nd ceremony with his Mother.

I hope that you will make an extra effort to come out to the Memorial Wall Ceremony, as it has special meaning to the families of our departed members. The location of the Memorial Wall and the ceremony is at the Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Station off of Penmen Rd., just a few blocks from Beach Blvd. (Turn Left after the Cemetery onto Penmen Rd, and it will be easy to find.)

### **Auxiliary Mandated Training - Saturday Session**

We had a few members take me up on the Civil Rights training at our Monthly Public Boating Class. We had enough time to knock out the Influenza Training as well.

National Commodore, Mark Simoni, has announced that April is "Sexual Assault Awareness Month", and he would like all Auxiliarists to complete the "Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training" session this month. Therefore, this will be the presentation that I will offer on Saturday, April 18th, at 8:30am, at the Florida Tackle and Gun Club. Anybody attending this workshop will not have to complete the online version of the course. If you are unable to attend, please show your support and take the online course. Let Whatley know that you have completed the training.

*Paul Burns, IPFC 14-8 2015*

## **FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER'S REPORTS**

### **COMMUNICATION SERVICES – PAUL BURNS**



AuxInfo is back online after spending a few days out of commission while undergoing an upgrade and the addition of some new categories.

Auxinfo is where you can:

- See the results of your time reporting, and how the flotilla is doing.
- See what Awards and Certifications you hold
- See if you are in REYR, or REWK status
- And Now Track your (and your shipmates) Mandatory Training results

I've noticed more names added to the list of those members who have completed many if not all of the modules. Thanks to those of you who are making the efforts to complete the training.

So, how do you get to AuxInfo so you can explore all the statistics and information it holds? From our flotilla website, if you go to the Member Information page, look about half way down. There will be a link under "Time Reporting Links". There is also a link from the Division 14 website's left column menu.

Member Activity	<a href="#">Time Reporting Links</a>
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	7030 Member Activity Report Online Form
	AuxInfo Member Activity Tracking
Newsletter	Member Training
Weather	

*Paul Burns, FSO-CS 2015*

### **MEMBER TRAINING – Cris Vonderheide**



Boat Crew Training continues .

Please support the Mandated Auxiliary Training which is easily accessed from our flotilla website.

*Cris Vonderheide FSO-MT 2015  
cris.von@att.net*

### **MATERIALS - Paul Thomas**



Not much happening in MA this month, we had one PFD returned by one of our members that transferred to St. Augustine. If anyone has excess equipment and wishes to return it please get in contact with me.

*Paul Thomas FSO-MA 2015  
ptcaux1@att.net*

## INFORMATION SYSTEMS – MARION LINDA



Don't forget to submit your 7029 forms online at the end of each month. It only takes a few minutes, and the time is so important to the flotilla.

*Marion Linda, FSO-IS 2015*

## VESSEL EXAMINATION – WHATLEY LAW



In March our focus was on Epping Forest Yacht Club. Paul Thomas headed up our efforts in coordinating with the Harbor Master and boat owners.

On 22 March 2015, vessel examiners Paul Thomas, Charlie Trippe and Chris McLaughlin arrived on scene around 1000 and met the Harbor Master to begin examinations. 13 total examinations were given with 3 failing and 10 passing. The failing boat owners will contact the respective Vessel Examiner to reschedule an exam.

We are gearing up for NSBW at the John T. Lowe boat ramp with as many

VEs as we can muster.

### A Letter From Epping Forest

*Good Morning Gentlemen,*

*On behalf of Epping Forest Members, The Fleet, and the Marina Staff, I wanted to express how grateful we are to have had such excellent service from all of you within the Coast Guard Aux.*

*We really had a great turnout of almost 14 vessels overall for an annual inspection. I wanted to also give a big thanks to Paul Thomas for giving a wonderful presentation and leading the charge for everyone this past Saturday. I also wanted to thank Whatley Law for helping to orchestrate and put us in connection with all of the right persons to make this happen! The level of professionalism and knowledge was very apparent and I think all of the members who attended received valuable information, expanded knowledge, a courteous inspectors. I need to express great thanks and continued efforts of our Fleet Captain Victor Barbe, for also taking quite a bit of his personal time to see that EFYCC members were aware and had the opportunity to participate, so that we have a safe and knowledgeable membership when it comes to Safe On Water Boating practices! With such an improved attendance from 2 vessels from March 2014 to thirteen vessels for March 2015, I feel strongly that our Membership and their Marina are going to continue to grow and be a safe and important aspect to their boating lifestyle, and continued growth of our Marina and the amenities that we have to offer!*

*Excellent work everyone and a job well done! We look forward to our continued support and thank you for your service! Keep it safe out there!*

*Aloha and Mahalo!*

*Keith Keller and Staff*



**EPPING-FOREST**  
YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB

*Whatley Law, FSO-VE 2015*

## HUMAN RESOURCES – BECKY HABERMAS



Human Resources has hit a few snags getting started this calendar year but with the holiday season behind us and the warmer weather approaching, I hope to be able to add many new faces to our ranks. We have 3 new people to introduce this month, Jolene Richardson, Andrew Shlosser and Kevin Kalil. All 3 attended our March meeting and I'm happy to say, they have all started the application process.

**Jolene Richardson** is not new to the Auxiliary, she is a returning member re-enrolling from 054-20-01, Fifth District, Southern Region, Coastal Carolina Division, the New River flotilla. Jolene is a Clinical Military Social Worker, her work in the Mental Health field includes working with Sailors and Coast Guardsmen dealing with various mental health issues and also working with the Navy Wounded Warrior Safe Harbor Project at Camp Le Jeune, NC. It's a Department of Defense (DOD) program for wounded, ill, & injured sailors or military personnel dealing with grief & loss. Jolene has extensive previous volunteer experience not just within the military community but has also worked with the North American Association of Christians in Social Work. Her other skills include being a Life Guard and a Certified Water Safety Instructor. Her hobbies include: dancing, swimming, gym, & theatre. Jolene's main interest in the Auxiliary includes working on the Coast Guard Sexual Assault Task Force, as well as becoming involved with the Auxiliary Public Affairs program, Program Visitor, Boat Crew, and in getting certified to work as a Radio Watch Stander.



Jolene Richardson

**Andrew Shlosser** is new to the Auxiliary. His work experience includes working at the Traffic Management Center for the Florida Department of Transportation. Andrew also has 12 years experience working in Law Enforcement, and 10 years experience as an EMT. He also has a background in media editing and photography. Andrew's past volunteer experience includes working with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department as a Director and Associate Director of Special Games dealing with the Incident Command System for Law Enforcement and as a volunteer for the Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California. His hobbies include fishing, golf, and motorcycle riding. Andrew would like to lend his on the water experience participating in the Auxiliary Boat Crew Program and also learning more about what the Auxiliary has to offer in Public Affairs, help with recruiting, and promoting the Auxiliary to the boating public.



Andrew Shlosser

Our third new prospective member is **Kevin Kalil**. Kevin is self-employed and a small business owner. His business includes investigations and research for the private security industry mainly working with civil cases. His other skills include GPS monitoring, Cell Phone Monitoring, Computer Monitoring, and Auditing for various businesses in the area. Kevin's hobbies includes being a Radio Ham Operator and a rare coin collector. He also volunteers his Ham Radio experience & skills to the Emergency Communication Service in North Florida and Georgia working as a back-up relaying emergency messages and critical information during a disaster when regular



Kevin Kalil

communication channels are inoperable or not available. Kevin would like to explore becoming a Radio Watch Stander lending his computer and technology skills to the Auxiliary, also pursue getting certified as a Program Visitor and helping to promote safe boating to the public.

"Welcome" to our newest flotilla members and please keep those referrals and names coming.

*Becky Habermas, FSO-HR 2015*



New Member Orientation Class was held at USCG Station Mayport Galley on March 21, 2015. The class is held quarterly to introduce new members to Auxiliary procedures and uniform protocol.

### **PUBLICATIONS – PAUL BURNS**



My apologies for missing some photo credits in last month's Eight Bells. Photos were contributed by Marion Linda, David Howells, Whatley Law and Jeff Blomgren. Your photos are important to our newsletter. Thank you for your submissions.

In our meeting this month, we will be talking about the staff officer reporting schedule. If staff officers will send your reports to me, by the last weekend of the month, then I can get them into the Eight Bells before the next meeting date (Please, earlier is better). The goal is to spend less time on staff reports in the meeting. Your division leaders require the 15th of the month to turn in reports, so please copy me on those reports.

All staff officers receive information via email which should be shared with the membership. You can use our newsletter to pass this information on. Thanks for your cooperation.

*Paul Burns, FSO-PB 2015*

## **PUBLIC EDUCATION – BOB STRONG**



We had twelve students attend our About Boating Safely (ABS) course on March 21, 2015. This was the best attendance this year. However, at this time we have sixteen pre-registered for the ABS course scheduled for April 18. Let's hope we pick up 10 more before that date.

Last year, we had to give up our March course to handle the Division 14 meeting at the club. This year the Division 14 meeting at the club will be held April 11, 2015, the week before our course. I ask all our flotilla members to attend this meeting. In years past, hosting the Division 14 meeting once a year at the club was a matter of pride and we can renew that by having a good showing by our members. You the member get to meet the men and women who lead this Division 14 and usually a representative from the 7th District and from the Coast Guard.

Also, don't forget, you as a member may also attend our ABS course at no cost just to watch the show and reeducate yourself. You might like to help students learn to tie knots and/or help out where needed. You will be appreciated by me and the other instructors. Perhaps you might share an exciting experience you have had on the water with our students.

We also need help getting the word out to the public about this course. If anyone has any ties to advertising, publicity or public affairs, we sure could use your help.

*Bob Strong, FSO-PE 2015*

## **OPERATIONS – WHATLEY LAW**



We had no patrols and have not rescheduled new patrols as of this report. We are working on scheduling OTW training time for the boat crew class.

*Whatley Law, FSO-OP 2015*

# Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

Our Yearly division-wide baseball outing has proved to be a real fun event.

In addition to a night under the stars and stadium lights, you will be treated to a great picnic buffet dinner and opportunities for memorable fellowship with members of our flotilla, other area flotilla members, and United States Coast Guard colleagues and partners.

The Deadline for Buffet Tickets is April 20th. Whatley Law will be collecting money for tickets and reservations.

wlaw75@gmail.com

## Join your Coast Guard Family & Friends at the Jacksonville Suns v Pensacola Blue Wahoos



**Thursday, May 14 First Pitch 7:05 pm**  
**Party begins at 6:00 pm Details below**  
**Sign up with your Flotilla/Unit contact**

**Reservations, with check, to your Unit Contact**  
**no later than April 20th**

**Questions - David Patrick (904) 687-4197**

**D 14 Honor Guard will be presenting the Colors**



### SEA BEST PARTY PLAZA

The *Sea Best Party Plaza* is the perfect place to hold your next event among friends & co-workers! This covered plaza is nestled down the third base line with 360-degree views of the ballpark. Parties begin 1 hour before first pitch.



75 minutes of **All-You-Can-Eat** hamburgers, hotdogs, popcorn, soft drinks, a reserved seat and a **FREE SUNS CAP!**

**\$19.95 per person**

Flotilla or Unit Contact please make checks payable to USCG Auxiliary Div 14

Flotilla or Unit Contact please mail checks to David Patrick by April 29



**COLOR Guard**



**Photo by Paul Burns**

## Mandarin News United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Update



### Lookout

Watching the construction of a condominium's new marina in Goodby's Creek east of San Jose Boulevard and across from the boat ramp got me thinking about "what ifs." I assume the official who approves docks and marinas did due diligence, but these new docks protrude half way across the creek and increase the requirement for boat operators to pay attention.

Almost everyone in this already confined area will be at low speed, but on busy days at the ramp, traffic will be more constricted by the reduced maneuver space.

Operators always face a changing water space and especially at the beginning of their boating season when new obstructions have appeared in their usual operating areas. It becomes even more challenging when those changes happen along constricted waterways like creeks, canals and the Intracoastal. The Federal Boater's Guide directs Operators to maintain a proper lookout and scan back and forth while underway. That boater's don't heed that direction is proved by most boating accidents being traced to Operator inattention. Scan



and be on the lookout during National Safe Boating Week, May 16-22 and always.

You just can't afford to be distracted. If something needs fixing, stop safely and correct it. If your boat is big enough for a party and you are underway, you aren't in the party. The sprouting of new pilings, objects in the water and unpredictable boat traffic should be enough to convince any Operator. Indeed, extensive long docks along the St. Johns River are always being rebuilt or added and they all aren't lit up at night or during poor visibility.

Components of Operating with attention include asking a passenger to assist with watching for particular dangers, maintain a safe speed and use the Rules of the Road. There are penalties other than damage and injury. Florida regulations state that operation of a vessel with willful disregard for safety will be cited for reckless operation (a first-degree misdemeanor). Also, operators are responsible for operating their vessel in a reasonable and prudent manner with regard for other vessel traffic, posted restrictions, the presence of a divers-down flag and other circumstances so as not to endanger people or property. Failure to do so is considered careless operation (a non-criminal infraction).

Consider attending a Boating Safely Course held by the Jacksonville Flotilla on the third Saturday of each month through November 2015. Visit our web site <http://SafeBoatingJacksonville.com> for more information.



*Photo By Paul Burns*

Charter Member Buz Palmer and Bob Strong



*Photo By Paul Burns*

George Law and Roger Davis



*Photo By Paul Burns*

Whatley Law, Tom Edwards, BM1 Aaron Scragg USCG, Charles Trippe, JG Monreal-Berner USCG



JG Monreal-Berner leads Sector Jacksonville's Boarding Teams.

*"I make sure that the bad guys, and stowaways don't make it to shore"*

JG Monreal-Berner is also in charge of marine pollution response and is a security officer for Sector Jacksonville.



Nate Manella is sworn in as a new member



Nate Manella and AuxLo BMI Scragg USCG



David Howells

Kevin "Don't Call Me Koehl" Kalil

Andrew Shlosser



Jolene Richardson,

Bob Strong

Buz Palmer



Kevin Kalil is presented his ABS Certificate by Bob Strong

## Don't Forget our Meeting Tuesday, April 14th Fellowship - 7:00pm

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- APR 11 Division 14 Meeting - 0900 - Florida Tackle and Gun Club  
All Flotilla Staff Officers and Members Are Encouraged To Attend.
- APR 14 Regular Flotilla Meeting – 1900 – Florida Tackle and Gun Club
- APR 18 Boating Safety Class - 0730 - Florida Tackle and Gun Club
- APR 18 Sexual Assault Awareness Seminar 0830 FT&GC (Aux Mandatory Training)
- APR 18 4 Hour TCT - 0900 - St Augustine Airport Conference Center
- APR 23 Flotilla Dinner Social - 1830 - Mediterrania Restaurant on Baymeadows
- APR 25 ATON Verifier Course (AV) St Augustine Airport Conference Center  
[Click Here For More Information](#)
- MAY 2 Division Memorial Wall Ceremony - 1000 - Coast Guard ATON Station  
1320 4th Ave North, Jacksonville Beach
- MAY 12 Regular Flotilla Meeting – 1900 – Florida Tackle and Gun Club
- MAY 14 USCG & Aux Night at Jacksonville Suns- Baseball 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM  
Jacksonville Baseball Grounds, Downtown Jacksonville
- MAY 16 National Safe Boating Week Begins
- MAY 16 Boating Safety Class - 0730 - Florida Tackle and Gun Club
- MAY 21 Flotilla Dinner Social - St Mary's Seafood, on Old St Augustine Rd

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