



# D-7 Connection

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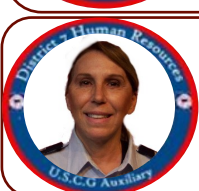
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**Jim Nelson, SO-HR**  
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Division 14— (Amelia Island, Arlington, Jacksonville Beach, St. Augustine, Jacksonville)



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Division 15,  
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**Gil Thomas, ADSO--HR**  
Division 7— (St. Petersburg, Brandon, Apollo Beach, Polk County, St. Pete Beach, Tampa, Gulfport)



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Division 8— (Manatee, Longboat Key, Sarasota, Venice, Englewood)



**Sharon Breece, SO-HR**  
Division 17— (South Brevard, Central Brevard, North Brevard, Osceola, Winter Park)



**Robert Curto—SO-HR**  
Division 9—(Fort Myers Beach, North Port, Naples, Franklin Lock, Marco Island, Wiggins Pass, Charlotte Harbor, Cape Haze, Ft. Myers & Cape Coral)



# Welcome

## Division 1

Sala, Jose

## Division 2

Bispham, Malkik  
Kyle, Anthony  
Miller, Michael

## Division 3

Acosta, Anthony  
Blancett, George  
Chirov, Alex  
Collazo, Jose  
Dutra, Maria  
Fischer, Michael  
Grillini, Pamela  
Kahan, Farren  
Kahan, Jason  
Marchany, Penny  
Maurer, Amanda  
Sielfaff, David

## Division 4

Hernandez, James  
Wehrman, Chad  
Zoldos, Ava

## Division 5

Tatusko, Christopher

## Division 6

Alvarez, Michelle  
Arteaga, Lucas  
Casmiri, Giuseppe  
Grau, Henry  
Sakellis, Nicholas  
Santana, Rene  
Villaverde, Sofia

## Division 7

Barclay, Sally  
Boggs, Emmett  
Cameron, Debra  
Cupps Eric  
Hernandez, John  
Jackson, Milton  
Maldonado, Julian

October 1 to December 31 2024



# WELCOME



## Division 8

McDonald, Linda  
McDonald, Thomas  
Henry, Jay

## Division 9

Haslach, John  
Matos, Jeremia  
Schenkel, David  
Thayer, Craig  
Tucket, Jack  
Turner, James

## Division 11

Hayes, Anne  
Hayes, Nicholas  
Hollis, Stephen  
Thongsavanh, Somsai  
Vanderplas, Steven

## Division 12

Becker, Gary  
Comey, Joseph  
Edwards, Tradd  
Finney, Tamesha  
Hamilton, Nathan  
Northrup, Michael  
Osborn, Elizabeth  
Scott, Eric  
Uckert, Kevin

## Division 13

Allard, Joseph  
Corey, Dean  
Foster, Freddie

## Division 14

Cegielski, Jon  
Leavitt, Joel  
Littrell, Dawn  
Sandler, Jeffrey

## Division 17

Atkinson, Scott  
Cintron, Richard  
Duff, Jadon  
Robb, Jeffrey  
Spencer, Jeremy  
Wesp, Brenda



# 2024 Retirees

October 1 to December 31, 2024



## Department of Homeland Security

*Takes pleasure in conferring to:*

*Thank you for your Service*



<u>Members</u>	<u>Flotillas</u>	<u>Service Years</u>
Strong, Robert	14-8	60
Lusterman, Charles	54	51
Schwartz, Gale	96	36
Arthurton, Curtis	29	35
Hamil, Jane	10-2	32
Meyer, Edward	48	31
Pstrak, Stephen	12-3	30
Forte, Richard	93	26
Grooms, Brett	12-6	25
Sleichert, James	86	24
Van, Ronald	14-4	24
Berger, George	13-8	23
Briden, Catherine	78	23
Furey, Jeffrey	13-8	23
Wondolkowski, Georgieann	98	23
Fasano, Carolyn	13-3	23
Hooley, Carolyn	56	23
Taylor, Katherine	23	23
Gerber, Robert	12-6	22
Truglio, Angelo	96	22
Bonaccorse, Joseph	17-11	21
Ellis, Baynard	29	21
Herbert, Frank	6-10	21
Johnson, Douglas	95	21
Meyers, Robert	65	21
Smith, Robert	29	21
Blomghen, Jeffery	14-8	20
Duford, Camilla	10-11	20
Lefevre, Maxim	96	20

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**Flotillas**

**Service Years**

Steele, Paul	69	20
Wallace, Stuart	84	20
Walker, Samuel	11-10	19
Brown, Steven	17-9	18
Bisbee, Timothy	51	18
French, Donald	48	18
French, Frances	48	18
Iglesias, Jorge	65	18
Porter Bisbee, Susan	51	18
Tassinaro, John	11-10	18
Wright, Stacey	43	18
Bencze, Roger	93	17
Fullana, Miguel	65	17
Smith, Stanley	6-10	17
Arruda, Dolores	12-4	16
Hodurski, Erich	77	16
Mara, Martin	13-3	16
Smith, Lynn	22	16
Corey, Richard	22	15
Domenech, Jaime	17	15
Eron, Dorothy	72	15
Faulkner, Richard	14-4	15
Jennings, Joan	11-9	15
Luaces, Victor	11-1	15
Mister, Lonnie	59	15
Papabeis, George	74	15
Plessner, Kenneth	12-3	15
Rattrie, Maxine	14-7	15

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Flotilla</u>	<u>Enrollment Date</u>
Barry Porter	72	13 November 1959
William Benson	44	26 June 1964
Commodore Henry Pratt	10-11	9 September 1964
Philip Tallon	14-2	30 January 1968
Thomas McColough	9-10	3 June 1968
Judith Davis	14-4	23 April 1968
Roger Kish	58	10 September 1970
Karen Pitts	84	30 October 1972
Herbert Hauser	36	11 January 1973
Susan Cummings	22	19 April 1973
William Sorrentino	44	1 August 1973
Richard Stephenson	43	6 November 1973
Calvin Gordon	44	1 March 1974
Miguel Demarcos	51	7 August 1974

*Your long-standing service is acknowledged and appreciated.*

*Thank you*





# Crossed the Bar

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### PLEASE NOTE

A DECEASED MEMBER CAN ONLY BE HONORED IF AN ANSC 7035 FORM IS SUBMITTED TO THE D7 HELP DESK INDICATING HIS/HER PASSING.



Lillian Encarnacion  
Flotilla 1-12



Christopher Alexander  
Flotilla 74

*Sunset and evening star  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;  
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.*

*By Alfred Lord Tennyson*



Randall Migdalski  
(Retired)  
Flotilla 69



Gavin Litwiller  
(Retired)  
Flotilla 82



Michael Rosenberg  
Flotilla 82



Cecil Macrae  
Flotilla 84



Gerald Mackenberg  
Flotilla 87



Michael Campbell  
Flotilla 10-2



Lawrence Hooks  
Flotilla 10-10



JoAnn Giffor  
Flotilla 13-2



Rene DeMiranda  
Flotilla 11-1

# ***Uniform Inspection Requirements***

Members who have not yet completed their annual uniform inspection must do so by December 31, 2024. Failure to meet this requirement will result in being placed in REYR status, as outlined in AUX\_UA\_POLICY\_LETTER\_024A\_final\_28\_SEP23\_FOR\_POSTING, Section 10.C.1.

[https://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads\\_wowII/BX-GROUP/AUX\\_UA\\_POLICY\\_LETTER\\_024A\\_final\\_28\\_SEP23\\_FOR\\_POSTING.pdf](https://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/BX-GROUP/AUX_UA_POLICY_LETTER_024A_final_28_SEP23_FOR_POSTING.pdf)

Key highlights of Section 10.C.1:

- Uniform inspections must be conducted annually by the Flotilla Commander (FC), Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC), Immediate Past Flotilla Commander (IPFC), or other elected officers in the member's COLM.
- Inspections may also be completed virtually or via submitted photographs, provided they meet the outlined criteria.
- Members who fail to complete their inspections will lose eligibility to be assigned to duty and hold elected office, as detailed in the attached document.
- The full consequences of non-compliance, including the issuance of Letters of Caution and Reprimand, are described in the attached section of the policy.

Next Steps:

- Schedule and complete your uniform inspection at the earliest opportunity.
- If unable to attend an in-person inspection, coordinate with your FC, VFC, or IPFC for a virtual or photo-based inspection.
- Review the attached document for detailed guidelines and consequences.

Your adherence to these policies ensures the professionalism and integrity of our organization. If you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Chain of Leadership or the District Staff.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. Let's work together to maintain the standards of excellence that define District 7.



# DID YOU KNOW?

## Judy The English Pointer



Photo—National Geographic

Judy was a purebred English pointer aboard a British naval ship. When it was bombed by the Japanese in 1942, Judy helped soldiers who could not swim by carrying their bodies one by one to the shore of a deserted island in the South China Sea.

For days, the surviving soldiers searched for food and water. Then Judy sniffed out a freshwater spring. The group began to hike, looking for any signs of human life. Unfortunately, the island was the home of a Japanese village and the men were taken prisoner.

Unwilling to leave Judy behind, the soldiers hid her as they were taken to a prisoner-of-war camp in Indonesia. Prisoner Frank Williams, a pilot in the Royal Navy, noticed that Judy did not have a proper owner. She was scavenging for food, so Frank decided to adopt her by giving her his food.

Whenever a British prisoner was beaten by a Japanese guard, Judy would jump in to protect the prisoner, even if it meant that she would get hurt instead. Frank was terrified that the guards would eventually kill her, so he bargained to get her sanctioned as an official prisoner of war, which would guarantee that her life was spared.

In 1945, after surviving three years in the prison camp and many more life-threatening adventures, Judy and Frank returned home to England, where she was awarded the Dickin Medal. Just five years later in 1950, Judy passed away from cancer. Frank wrapped her body in a Royal Air Force jacket and gave her a proper burial.







# Fun Facts



1. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer got his start as an advertising gimmick for Montgomery Ward in 1939.
2. Christmas trees usually grow for nearly 15 years before they can be sold
3. When the candy cane was invented in Germany, it was shaped into a "J" for Jesus Christ. The red stripes symbolize His blood.
4. The largest menorah in the world was designed by Yaacov Agam and is 32 feet tall, 28 feet wide, and weighs 4,000 pounds, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.
5. Playing with the dreidel is a traditional Hanukkah game played in Jewish homes all over the world, and rules may vary. This Eastern European game known as Dreidel is directly based on the German equivalent of the British totum game.
6. Hanukkah is on the same day every year on the Jewish calendar — the 25th day of the month of Kislev.
7. Hanukkah celebrates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem during the second century B.C., according to History.com. Legend says that when a leader outlawed Judaism back then, a group of followers revolted. It became known as the Maccabean Revolt.
8. Blue and white are the colors traditionally associated with Hanukkah decor and celebrations. That's because these are the colors found in the Israeli flag and are generally associated with Jewish identity and pride.
9. The name Kwanzaa comes from the Swahili phrase matunda ya kwanza, which means "first fruits" or "harvest".
10. Dr. Maulana Karenga created Kwanzaa in 1966.
11. The kinara is a seven-branched candleholder used in Kwanzaa celebrations in the United States.
12. Tinsel was invented in Germany in 1610 and was originally made from real silver.
13. The first Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center was erected in 1931, during the Depression-era construction of Rockefeller Center, when Italian-American workers decorated a smaller 20 foot (6.1 m) balsam fir with "strings of cranberries, garlands of paper, and even a few tin cans" on Christmas Eve.

