

# D-7 Connection



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# Welcome

April 1-June 30 2024

#### Division 2

Conti, Caroline McLendon, Larry Schwock, Spencer Whiddon, Virginia

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Barrett, William Sr Braganza, Gary Rodriguez, Katherine

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#### **Division 11**

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#### Division 12

Ben Easley Drackwicz, Bernard Elmore, William Fascenda, Girard Kushdilian, Dikran Lee, Chapman Meserve, Ronald Oryell, Haley Parker, Ellen Scola, Thomas Torres, Lindsey

#### **Division 13**

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#### **Division 14**

Adak Demir, Alexander Dobbs, Scott Kasun, David Sheinberg, Rubin Sheinberg, Teresa Vorpe, Ronald

#### **Division 15**

Austin, Kristi Dowdy, Cassandra Mandra, John

#### **Division 17**

Maggio, Patrick



# 2024 Retirees

April 1 to June 30

### **Department of Homeland Security**

Takes pleasure in conferring to:

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Members	<u>Flotillas</u>	Service Years
Ross Krist	22	42
Julius Nagy	17-2	35
Olga Pagan	12	26
Donald Lloyd	<b>72</b>	23
<b>Edward Skelly</b>	25	23
Antonio Quesada	25	21
Welch, Marshall	65	21
<b>Kevin Cady</b>	<b>72</b>	20
<b>Robert Schneider</b>	86	20
Joshua Morowitz	25	18
John Gaston	15-3	17
Frederick Gless	36	17
Diane Adam	13-3	16
James Adam	13-3	16
Lynn Gardner	<b>59</b>	16
Richard Podell	51	16
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in the

United States Coast Guard Huxiliary

In recognition of significant contributions and devoted service to the organization and

its boating safety programs.



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Name Name	<u>Flotilla</u>	Enrollment Date
<b>☆</b> Barry Porter	<b>72</b>	13 November 1959 🌣
<b>☆</b> Robert Strong	14-8	23 June 1964
<b>☆ William Benson</b>	44	26 June 1964
Commodore Henry Pratt	10-11	9 September 1964 🌼
🟠 Philip Tallon	14-2	30 January 1968 🌟
<b>☆ Thomas McColough</b>	9-10	3 June 1968 🌣
<b>☆</b> Judith Davis	14-4	23 April 1968
A Roger Kish	<b>58</b>	10 September 1970 **
* Karen Pitts	84	30 October 1972 🌣
<b>☆</b> Herbert Hauser	<b>36</b>	11 January 1973
<b>☆</b> Susan Cummings	22	19 April 1973 **
<b>☆</b> Lusterman, Charles	<b>54</b>	20 June 1973 🌼
☆ William Sorrentino	44	1 August 1973 ☆
<b>☆ Koenecke, Ronald</b>	<b>56</b>	3 October 1973 🙀
Richard Stephenson	43	6 November 1973
🛣 Calvin Gordon	44	1 March 1974
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Your long-standing service is acknowledged and appreciated.

Thank you

# April 1, to June 30, 2024

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.



Lazaro Diaz Flotilla 1-12



James Farley Jr Flotilla 22

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.



Alden Curcio Flotilla 29



James Pinkston Flotilla 38



Melvyn Borofsky Flotilla 43



Roy Hillman Flotilla 65



George Kartsimas Flotilla 93



Muhlis Kaya Flotilla 95



John Riley Flotilla 11-1



Randol Brunson Flotilla 14-7



Harold Westover Flotilla 14-7



Thomas Franz Flotilla 15-1



Ira Reese Flotilla 17-10



James Thompson Flotilla 17-11

# Change of Membership Status - ANSC 7035/7056 Effective 6/1/2024

Shortly, it will be that time of the year when the dues notices go out and we begin disenrolling members.

In order to assist with this, I will be conducting three ANSC 7035/7056 webinars on July 16, 17 and 18. Please put aside these dates. I will be sending out notices for you to reply when you plan to attend.

As it would be for your benefit, I would make every effort to attend one of these meetings.





Change of Membership Status ANSC 7035/7056

June 1, 2024

Form 7035 is to be used when a member wishes to retire (after 15 years of service), inform the Auxiliary of a deceased member, disenrollment by a member's request or disenrollment for nonpayment of dues.

Form ANSC 7056 is to be used for all transfers

#### SAMPLE FORMS—please print all information except signatures

#### IF Possible, Submit with ID Card Scanned Here

#### RETIREMENT REQUEST

U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

#### **CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

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$\Box$	Flotilla Comn	nander (Required)	Date	Division Comm	nander (Optional )	Date

If ID Cards are not obtainable should be indicated by the FC on the Member ID Card Form

Route -- Flotilla Commander - DSO-HR via D7 Help Desk



#### **DECEASED MEMBER NOTIFICATION**

## DECEASED MEMBERS WILL NOT BE HONORED UNLESS AN ANSC 7035 IS SUBMITTED WITH THE PERTINENT INFORMATION

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<b>Card Scanned Here</b>					
To:	This Section Must be Filled Out				
for disenrollment from the Auxiliary amounting to \$ Commander within thirty (30) days	al, COMDTINST M16790.1 (Series), you will be recommended y for non-payment of Financial Obligations for or since the year, unless the full amount is received by your Flotilla s from the date of this notice. You will not be eligible to remain a another flotilla or seek Retired Member status, until your financial SECTION I – To be completed by Flotilla Commander Signature				
Flotilla Commander	Date of Notice				
SECTION II - To be completed by					
To: FLOTILLA Flotilla # Must be Entered Date An amount to pay my Financial Obligation is enclosed. I want to remain in Flotilla I desire Retired Member status. My date of enrollment is I desire to transfer to Flotilla in this district. (Complete MEMBER TRANSFER REQUEST, ANSC 7056, and attach to this form.) I desire to disenroll. My Reason(s) is/are (Prioritize up to 3 reasons- high to low- use codes from Page 2 in boxes below. Explain "Other" on line above)  My membership card is enclosed. Member signature					
SECTION III - To be completed by	v Flotilla Commander				
To: DSO-HR Recommend disenrollment effective pro Non-payment of Financial Obligations. at Member's Request. Member desires and is eligible for Retired Member status: Yes No Name of Deceased Name of Deceased Name and address of next of kin: Date of Death, Name, Address and Relationship of Next of Kin					
Flotilla Commander (Required)	Date Division Commander (Optional) Date				

If ID Cards are not obtainable FC should indicate on the Member ID Card Form

This information is forwarded to the District Commodore and DIRAUX for a letter of condolence which is sent to the family by their office.

<u>Route -- Flotilla Commander - DSO-HR via D7 Help Desk</u>

# SAMPLE LETTER TO DECEASED MEMBER FAMILY REQUESTING RETURN OF ID MEMBER CARD

## EMAIL TO DECEASED NEXT OF KIN TO RETRIEVE AUXILIARY ID CARD Created by Robert DiPaolo, FSO-FN Flotilla 52

#### Dear (Name of Next of Kin)

We apologize for this request during your difficult time but the Flotilla Commander of (Flotilla #) has assigned me the uncomfortable task of contacting the family of (first name of deceased) for the purpose of retrieving (first name of deceased) USCG Auxiliary ID card. If you are in possession of the card, despite its condition, we are requesting the card be returned to:

#### (Name and address of FC)

If the card is not available, please email reply to (email address of FC) and indicate "LOST". We will record that as being the case for nonreturn.

Under the USCG US Code, we are required to request return of USCG Auxiliary ID cards, which remain property of the USCG, after expiration of membership for whatever reason.

Again, we apologize for this inconvenience to you and family. With deepest respect,

## MEMBER TRANSFERS – OUTSIDE DISTRICT 7

All transfers are to be submitted with the ANSC 7056 only

DEPARTMENT OF	U. \$.	COAST GUAR	D AUXILIAR	Y	Within District
HOMELAND SECURITY U. S. COAST GUARD ANSC-7056 (03-23)	MEMBER	TRANSF	ER RE	QUEST	Outside District
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V I can be contacted	or	email		during th	ie transfer process.
b. Current Flotilla	00001000010000100			MUST BE WRITTEN	
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d. Current Director	of Auxiliary	Approved (Reason for Dis	Disappr sapproval)	oved	
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e. Receiving Directo	or of Auxiliary	Approved (Reason for Dis	Disappro sapproval)	ved	

#### **MEMBER TRANSFERS – WITHIN DISTRICT 7**

All transfers are submitted with the ANSC 7056 only DEPARTMENT OF U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY Within District HOMELAND SECURITY MEMBER TRANSFER REQUEST Outside District U. S. COAST GUARD ANSC-7056 (03-23) ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES ARE NOT FONT SIGNATU SECTION 1 - Transfer Within District (electronic signatures and email transmission authorized) SIGNATURE MUST BE WRITTEN - NO ł, a. PRINT LAST, FIRST NAME LAST, FIRST, M. NO FUTURE DATE 7 DIGIT # request transfer. II Effective Date ACCEPTED MEET NUMBER STRAIN OF DAIL From Floting 4 DIGIT # To Flotilla 4 DIGIT # Current Flotilla Commander SIGNATURE MUST BE WRITTEN - NO FONT PRINT LAST, FIRST NAME SIGNATURES ACCEPTED LAST DAS . W. BOYATLEF TATE Recommend Approval Negaproval. (Reason for Disapproval) Auxiliarist fills out Section 1a and sends the form to their current FC. The current FC fills out this section and send the form the receiving FC. Receiving Flotilla Commander SIGNATURE MUST BE WRITTEN - NO FONT PRINT LAST, FIRST NAME II SIGNATURES ACCEPTED LAZI, FROT. W. S GREENING Recommend Approval Disapproval (Reason for Disapproval) The receiving FC fills out this section and sends the form to DIRAUX via D7 Help Desk for processing. d. Current Director of Auxiliary Approved Disapproved (Reason for Disapproval) Once processed, DIRAUX notifies the DSO-HR who then notifies the recipient of the ticket.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SEQURITY U. S. COAST GUARD ANSC-7056 (03-23)

#### U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

#### MEMBER TRANSFER REQUEST

INSTRUCTIONS

Page 2 of 2

 This form shall be used to process an Auxiliarist's request to transfer from one flotilla to another. Before you can fill out this form, either electronically or manually, you must check "Wilkin District" - or - "Outside District" to bring up the proper format for the actions required."

2. Elling in blanks.

- a. Name, signature, and date: Print last name, first name and middle initial as they appear on the Auxiliary ID card. Sign (manual or electronic certificate signature acceptable) and date.
- b. Member ID number: Enter the 7-digit Auxiliary member rumber as it appears on the Auxiliary ID eard.
- c. Flofilla number: Enter the flotilla's 4-cigit number (e.g., 08-04, 10-65).

District # 013=D1 North/ 014=D1 South/053=D5 North/ 054=D5 South/070-D7/081-D8 Coastal/082-D8 Eastern/085-D8 Western Rivers/ 091=D9 Central/ 092=D9 East/ 095=D9 West/113-D11 North/ 114-D11 South/130=D14/ 170=D17 Current Flotilla Commander recommends approval and verified that the member is in good standing with all dues paid and any flotilla and CG property returned. If not approved, reason must be given.

- f. Reason for Disapprovat: Briefly explain reason for recommenced/final disapproval. Attach separate sheet it rarrative is extensive. Reasons for disapproval include delinquency in financial obligations (e.g., dues), incomplete accounting or transfer of assigned property, is subject of administrative investigatory or disciplinary actions, or has a documented history of being a disruptive influence to Auxiliary personnel and/or programs.
- Routing the Form. (via mail or email as a PDF attachment acceptable).
  - a. Section 1 Request to Transfer Within District.
    - La. Auxiliarist fills out this section and sends the form to their current FC.
    - 1.b. The current FC fills out this section, sends the form to the receiving FC, and also sends a copy to the current DCDR.
    - i.e. The receiving FC fills out this section, sends the form to the receiving DIRAUX, and also sends a copy to the receiving DCDR.
    - 1.d. The current DIRAUX fills out this section, makes their decision on approval, and notifies the Auxiliarist and both ECs. Both ECs should then notify their respective DCDRs.
  - b. Section 2 Request to Transfer Outside of District.
    - 2.a. Auxiliarist fills out this section and sends the form to their current EC.
    - 2.b. The current FC fills out this section and sends the form to the receiving FC and also sends a copy to the current DCDR.
    - 2.c. The receiving FC fills out this section, sends the form back to the current DIRAUX, and also sends a copy to the receiving DCDR and receiving DIRAUX. Note the receiving FC must attest to having been in contact with the Auxiliarist requesting the transfer.
    - 2.d. The current DIRAUX fills out this section, makes their decision on approval, sends the form to the receiving DIRAUX, and notifies the Auxiliarist and both FCs (email notification and/or email transmission of the form is acceptable).
    - 2.e. The receiving DIRAUX fills out this section, makes their decision on approval, and notifies the Auxiliarist, both FCs, and the current DIRAUX. If approved, the current DIRAUX shall then make the transfer in AUXDATA II and send the Auxiliarist's records to the receiving DIRAUX. Both FCs should then notify their respective DCDRs."

#### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

In accombance with 5 USC 552s(e)(3), the following information is provided to you when supplying personal information to the United States Const Guard:

- 1. AUTHORITY which authorized the solicitation of the information: 14 USC Sec 3901.
- PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(8) for which information is intended to be used: To administer Auxiliary personnel transfers
  among Auxiliary units and record them in the Auxiliary information system of record, the Auxiliary Database II.
- ROUTINE USES which may be made of this information: To facilitate and effect Auxiliary personnel transfers
  among Auxiliary units through appropriate notifications of Auxiliary unit leaders and the District Director of Auxiliary.
- 4. WHETHER OR NOT DISCLOSURE of such information is mandatory or voluntary (required by law or optional) and the effects on the individual, if any, of not providing all or any part of the requested information. Disclosure of this information is voluntary, but failure to provide the information will prevent the transfer of Auxiliary personnel among Auxiliary units.

#### MEMBER DISENROLLMENT REQUEST

SAMPLE FORM —please print all information except signatures

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD ANSC7035 (09-18)

U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

#### **CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

ANSC7035 (09-18) CHANGE OF WEIWIBERSHIP STATUS					
SECTION I - To be completed by Flotilla Commander					
To:	This Section		illed Out	MEMBER D	
As provided in the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (Series), you will be recommended for disenrollment from the Auxiliary for non-payment of Financial Obligations for or since the year amounting to \$, unless the full amount is received by your Flotilla Commander within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. You will not be eligible to remain a member of this flotilla, transfer to another flotilla or seek Retired Member status, until your financial obligations are met.  SECTION I – To be completed by Flotilla Commander  No Initials or Font Signature  Flotilla Commander  Date of Notice					
SECTION II - To	be completed by Me	mber			
To: FLOTILLA Flotilla # Must be Entered Date An amount to pay my Financial Obligation is enclosed. I want to remain in Flotilla I desire Retired Member status. My date of enrollment is I desire to transfer to Flotilla in this district. (Complete MEMBER TRANSFER REQUEST, ANSC 7056, and attach to this form.) I desire to disenroll. My Reason(s) is/are See Page 6  (Prioritize up to 3 reasons- high to low - use codes from Page 2 in boxes below. Explain "Other" on line above)  My membership card is enclosed. Member signature of Initials or Font Signature					
SECTION III - To be completed by Flotilla Commander					
To: DSO-HR					
No Initials Flotilla Com	nander (Required)	ature	Signature Require Division Comm	ed in District 7 nander (Optional) Date	

The signature of the FC verifies that all the information is correct -- if eligible for retirement, that option is presented to the member. If no ID Card is returned, the FC signs both the ANSC 7035 and the "Return of US Coast Guard Auxiliary ID Card." For all disenrollments, the form is then dated, scanned and sent to the DCDR for their signature. The DCDR submits it to the DSO-HR via the D7 Help Desk. If the ID Card is returned, the FC should scan the ANSC 7035 along with the Member ID Card only for either Retirement or Member Deaths.

#### MEMBER DISENROLLMENT REQUEST

#### SAMPLE FORM —please print all information except signatures

Instructions for ANSC 7035 (09-18)

#### CHANGE OF MEMBER STATUS

- A. GENERAL This form is used to remove a member from the flotilla rolls by disenrollment, transfer or retirement.
- B. SECTION L-To be completed by the Flotilla Commander.
  - Enter member's last name.
  - 2. Enter member's first name and middle initial.
  - 3. Enter member's ID number
  - 4. Enter year and amount of any outstanding debts, if applicable.
  - Flotilla Commander sign and date.
- C. SECTION II To be completed by member.
  - 1. Enter the flotilla number and the date of response.
  - 2. The member must check the box opposite the desired response and complete any other information required.\*
  - Member signature required.
  - \* If the member desires to disenroll, provide one of more reasons from the list below in Section II on page 1.
    - Job Related
    - 2 Health Issues
    - Time Conflicts
    - 4 Moved
    - Non-Payment of Dues 5
    - Lost Interest
    - Member Request No Reason
    - Going back to School 8

    - 10 Active Duty Select a reason for disenrollment to be
    - entered in Section II 12 Flotilla Disbanded
    - 13 Too Expensive
    - 14 Auxiliary Issues nons pecific 15 Poor Leaders hip

    - 16 Unfriendly Members
    - 17 Lack of Mentorship
    - 18 Lack of Need By Active Duty
    - 19 Lack of Recognition
    - 20 Too Military
    - 21 Not Military Enough
    - 22 Too Many Meetings
    - 23 Other (Provide a reas on on page 1)
- D. SECTION III To be completed by Flotilla Commander.
  - Enter DSO-HR's district number.
  - 2. The flotilla commander must check the box opposite the desired response and complete any additional information required.
  - 3. Flotilla Commander must sign and date this response.
  - The Division Commander's signature is optional per district policy.
- E. <u>SECTION IV-</u> To be completed by DSO-HR.
  - 1. The DSO-HR must check the box opposite the response desired and complete any other information required.
  - The DSO-HR must sign and date the response.
- F. SECTION V To be completed by the Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX)
  - 1. Enter the Division and Flotilla numbers on the appropriate line.
  - 2. The DIRAUX must check the box opposite the response desired and complete any additional information
  - The DIR AUX must sign and date the response.





#### **ISSUANCE OF USCG AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP ID CARD**

I have read the Notice included below and understand the USCG Auxiliary Membership Card issued to me is the property of the United States Coast Guard and upon my disenrollment, retirement or death; it will be my duty, or that of my next of kin, to return this card to my flotilla commander. Continued possession of an ID card after your membership in the Auxiliary terminates is against the law and could result in criminal penalties. You may wish to review Section 701 of Title 18 of the US Code for additional information. Your card remains the property of the United States Coast Guard even if it has expired or been defaced and must still be returned.

Member Signature	Signature of Interviewer
Date	Date

#### Notice on Back of Member ID Card

States Coast Guard, and is issued for official purposes and for identification only. Improper use, possession, or alteration is subject to the penalities under Title 18, USC499, 506, and 701. If found, return to:  the Federal Government in support roles to the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD in non-law enforcement and non-combat roles such as search and rescue missions, boating education, vessel safety checks, environmental protection missions and aids to navigation. Please provide any assistance necessary to the bearer of this card in	DATE OF BIRTH	WEIGHT		HEIGHT	HAIR COLOR	EYE COLOR
This card is the property of the United States Coast Guard, and is issued for official purposes and for identification only. Improper use, possession, or alteration is subject to the penalities under Title 18, USC499, 506, and 701. If found, return to:  Commandant U.S. Coast Guard (CG-BSX-1) 2100 2nd Street SW, STOP 7581 Washington, DC 20593-7581  COAST GUARD AUXILIARY performs essential duties for the Federal Government in support roles to the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD in non-law enforcement and non-combat roles such as search and rescue missions, boating education, vessel safety checks, environmental protection missions and aids to navigation. Please provide any assistance necessary to the bearer of this card in reaching his/her duty assignment. Authorized medical care while under competent orders.	S. W. Carlos and C. Carlos					(0) KENERA (3)
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TO BE PRESENTED TO THE APPLICANT AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW - SUBMITTED WITH THE ANSC 7001 AND KEPT IN MEMBER JACKET

#### Photo of the back of a Member ID Card

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#### **TO BE SUBMITTED WITH ALL ANSC 7035 REQUESTS**



America's Volunteer Guardians

DATE:					
TO: Auxiliary Member	Name				
	ID Number				
SUBJECT: Return	of US Coast Guard Auxiliary ID Card				
it is mandatory that yo your membership in th	or USCG Auxiliary Membership Card is the property of the United States Coast Guard and ou return this card to your Flotilla Commander. Continued possession of an ID card after the Auxiliary terminates is against the law and could result in criminal penalties. You may a 701 of Title 18 of the US Code for additional information.				
Your card remains the must still be returned.	e property of the United States Coast Guard even if it has expired or been defaced and				
If you are unable to lo	cate or have lost this card you will be responsible should this card be used.				
I affirm that I ha	ave made a search but am unable to locate my ID Card.				
I never receive	d an ID Card.				
My card is encl	osed.				
Member signature	Date				
A stamped self-address	ssed envelope is enclosed for the return your card and this letter. If you need further intact me. Thank you				
Respectfully,					
Flotilla Commander Signature					
Flotilla Commander Verification					
I verify the following: ID Card Never Received - FC should initial					
I have destroyed this member's ID Card					
I have have made a number of attempts to retrieve this member's ID Card with no response					
Flotilla Commander Signature					

This form is to be sent with the dues notice.

Flotilla Commander should note if "attempts made to retrieve ID Card – N/R" is indicated on the ANSC 7035, either a letter (from the DIRAUX) or telephone call to the member insuring that the card is no longer in their possession. If the member was never notified to submit the ID Card, the FC will be held responsible.



#### DISENROLLMENT NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

#### SAMPLE FORM —please print all information except signatures

Each Flotilla sends out dues notice with a due date for payment. Dues notification must be sent individually to husband-and-wife members.

If the member has not responded with payment, the ANSC 7035 along with a second notice <u>is mailed</u> to the member with the "Return of US Coast Guard Auxiliary ID Card" Form via CERTIFIED MAIL with RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.

<u>SECTION</u> II —if a member wishes to remain in the Auxiliary, it should be indicated by their signature and payment of dues. <u>PER THE FLOTILLA PROCEDURES MANUAL, THE FC SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONTACT AND RETAIN THE MEMBER. IF MEMBER IS ELIGIBLE FOR RETIREMENT, A RETIREMENT REQUEST SHOULD BE SUBMITTED.</u>

SECTION I - FC fills in the necessary information, signs and dates form.

SECTION III - If no response is received after 30 days, the FC indicates disenrollment, signs, dates and submits, ANSC 7035, the Member ID Card Form, with the completed CERTIFIED MAILING RECEIPT along with either a returned signed green card, returned envelope or USPS Tracking Sheet indicating DELIVERED and member's ID Card if available, to the Division Commander who signs, dates and submits to the DSO-HR via the D7 Help Desk . If the envelope is returned marked "undeliverable," that should be submitted with the request. If there is no response, the USPS Tracking Sheet indicating DELIVERED should be submitted. The completed Certified Receipt Stub must be submitted with all disenrollment for non-payment of dues requests

	DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD ANSC7035 (09-18)	U. S. COAS CHANGE OF I	ST GUARD AUXILIA <b>MEMBERSH</b>			
	SECTION I - To be o	ompleted by Flotilla Command	ler			
	To: This	Section Must be Fi	lled Out	MEMBER D		
	As provided in the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (Series), you will be recomn for disenrollment from the Auxiliary for non-payment of Financial Obligations for or since t amounting to \$, unless the full amount is received by your Floti Commander within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. You will not be eligible to member of this flotilla, transfer to another flotilla or seek Retired Member status, until your obligations are met.  SECTION I – To be completed by Flotilla Commander  No Initials or Font Signature  Date of Notice					
	SECTION II - To be c	ompleted by Member				
The FC verifies that all the information is correct by entering their	An amount to pay m I desire Retired Men I desire to transfer to ANSC 7056, and attac I desire to disenroll.	My Reason(s) is/are_ sons- high to low - use codes from h	d. I want to remain in nt is	R TRANSFER REQUEST,		
signature.	SECTION III - To be	completed by Flotilla Commar	der			
	Me mber desires ar Death of member. Name and address o	ent of Financial Obligations. nd is eligible for Retired Memb f next of kin:  r Font Signature.	at Member's Ferstatus: Yes  Signature District 7-	te can be Processed Request. No  is Required in Commander (Optional)  Date		

#### DISENROLLMENT NON-PAYMENT OF DUES



#### **SUBMISSION OPTIONS**

Certified Mail Receipt obtained at the local US Post Office must be completed with full address—NO P.O. Box address will be processed except for Virgin Islands.

Stub must be submitted with all disenrollment for non-payment of dues requests

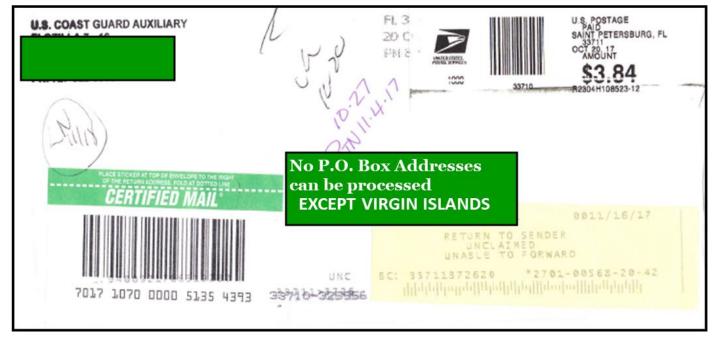


Option 1-Signed Green Card



\*The Member ID Card Form Must be submitted with all options.

Option 2 —Returned Enveloped Marked "Undeliverable" or "Return to Sender"



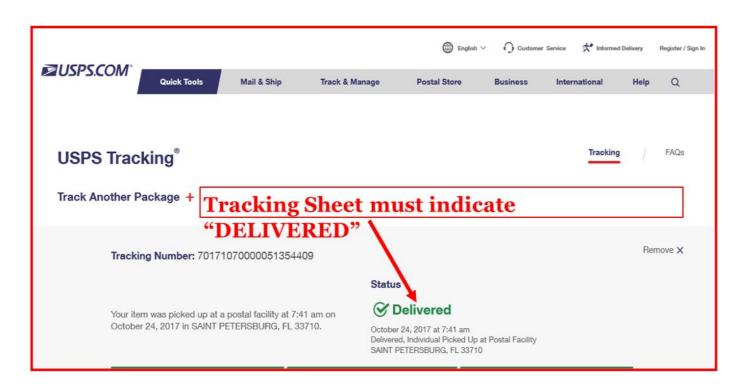
#### DISENROLLMENT NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

#### Option 3-Track & Confirm Sheet

If the green card or a non-deliverable envelope is not returned, a Track & Confirm Sheet can be obtained from the USPS Website.



#### Tracking Sheets indicating "IN TRANSIT" will not be accepted



Print and Submit with Certified Receipt and ANSC 7035 Member ID Card Form



# MEMBER DISENROLLMENTS OR DISENROLLMENT NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

The following check list can be used when submitting either a Member Disenrollment or Disenrollment for Non-Payment of Dues. It can be found in the HR Corner.

#### **ANSC 7035 SUBMISSION CHECK LIST**

DISENROLLMENT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES	Member Disenrollment
Section I	Section I
Name	Name
Member #	Member #
Section II	Section II
Flotilla # Member Signature	Flotilla # Member Signature
Member ID Card Enclosed	Member ID Card Enclosed
Indicate reason for omission of ID Card	Indicate reason for omission of ID Card
Scanned on 7035	Scanned on 7035
Section III	Section III
FC Signature	FC Signature
*DCDR Signature	DCDR Signature
Certified Receipt – Signed Green Card	
Returned Envelope – Undeliverable	Member ID Card Form
Certified Receipt with USPS Tracking Sheet Member ID Card Form	



#### 7035/7056 Issues Resulting in Rejected Ticket

<u>Failure to submit the "Return of US Coast Guard Auxiliary ID Card</u> Form will result in the return of the documents.

<u>DCDR Signature is Required for all Disenrollments</u> – indicated optional on the form – <u>required in District 7</u>. The Signature of the DCDR indicates all has been checked and approved. If the DCDR chooses to use a digital signature, the following one is the only acceptable signature that can be used: <u>BE SURE SIGNATURE IS NOT LOCKED</u>

#### ONLY ACCEPTABLE DIGITAL SIGNATURE



Flotilla # - Flotilla # must be entered on all requests.

<u>Member's Signature on Member Request for Disenrollment</u> – required as proof of intent to disenroll – either on the form, a letter of intent or an email from member's computer. No initals or <u>font signature</u> will be accepted

#### TRANSFER INFORMATION

District 7 DIRAUX cannot process transfers into District 7. This is to be processed by the outgoing District DIRAUX

FC's Signature on ANSC 7056 Transfer Requests, OUTSIDE DISTRICT 7 Transfer requests are routed from the member to the member's FC for his/her signature indicating all dues are paid and flotilla equipment has been returned to the flotilla. The current FC fills out Section 1a and sends to the receiving FC. The receiving FC fills out Section 1b and sends it to the current DIRAUX. The current DIRAUX fills out this section, makes their decision on approval, sends the form to the receiving DIRAUX. If approved, the current DIRAUX processes the transfer and notifies the member. WITHIN DISTRICT 7 Auxiliarist fill out Section 1a, sends the form to the receiving FC. The receiving FC fills out Section 1b and submits to DIRAUX via D7 Help Desk for processing. Once processed, the member is notified through the DSO-HR.

<u>ID Card or Explanation for Omission</u> – If available, all member deaths and retirement requests should be scanned with a copy of the member ID card placed in the upper left corner of the 7035 or on the Member ID Card Form. The "Return of US Coast Guard Auxiliary ID Card" Form must be completed and submitted with all ANSC 7035 requests.

For security reasons, every effort should be made by the FC to retrieve the member's ID Card. This card is the property of the US Government not the member.

<u>D7 Help Desk Tickets must be submitted for each member.</u> <u>Multiple requests in a ticket will be returned.</u>

<u>All forms must be scanned in a PDF Format — no JPEG OR WORD scans will be accepted</u>

No ANSC 7028 should be submitted with any ANSC 7035/7056. These forms are processed by the FSO-IS Officer.

<u>Certified Receipt</u> — A completed Certified Receipt must accompany all disenrollments for non-payment of dues along with either the signed green card, returned envelope or tracking sheet indicating "DELIVERED."

All Change of Membership Status requests must be submitted to the DSO-HR via D7 Help Desk —All requests sent directly to DIRAUX or DSO-HR will be returned.

Member Name should be entered in Subject of D7Help Desk Ticket and submitted in the proper category.

Deceased member information should include DATE OF DEATH, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF THE NEXT OF KIN. If possible, a photo of the deceased member should be submitted with the ANSC 7035 for the "Crossing of the Bar" Presentation that is held at D-TRAIN

<u>Reinstatement Requests – if a member wishes to be reinstated</u> within 3 months of disenrollment, only Page 1 of the ANSC 7001 should be submitted.

#### 7035/7056 Issues



#### Member Name, Flotilla Number and Member ID must be filled in

<u>Disenrollment of Members Eligible for Retirement</u> – It is the responsibility of the FC to check that members being disenrolled are not eligible for retirement. If they are eligible, the option should be presented to the member.

Improperly submitted requests will be returned to the officer who submitted the request. A corrected copy should be resubmitted with a new ticket within a reasonable time with the necessary corrections to insure processing.

Help Desk Tickets returned for improper submission will be marked 'rejected' and removed from the D7 Help Desk, Open all tickets to check that processing has been done or address issues stated in the returned ticket. Resubmit with a new ticket

No requests should be submitted prior to the effective date or submitted with an effective date of 12-31.

THE LAST DAY FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ALL ANSC 7035/7056
REQUESTS IS DECEMBER 15. NO REQUESTS RECEIVED
AFTER THAT DATE WILL BE PROCEDSSED AS PER AD-11 —
10-15-09.

In an attempt to create a more efficient procedure, any questions regarding the filling out, submission or processing of the ANSC 7035/7056 forms should be addressed to the DSO-HR prior to submission to the D7 Help Desk

## FSO-IS OFFICER SHOULD CHECK THAT ALL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND CLOSED BEFORE ANY SUBMISSION

"Return of US Coast Guard Auxiliary ID Card, ANSC 7035 and 7056 Forms can be found on the District 7 Website in the HR Corner.

#### "In a Nutshell" by Past Division 11 Commander—Jesse Scott

The processing of disenrollments can be daunting if you are unprepared, the answer can be found on the District 7Web site in the HR Corner. There you will find the Procedures for the ANSC7035&7056 dated Sept.2016..

#### Key dates to remember:

- **September 30** the last day of the fiscal year and the final date for the receipt of dues by the flotilla for coming year.
- October 1 the day you should be sending out certified letters to the members who have not paid their dues as of September 30, of the present
  year.
- November 1 the day that you should be processing the paperwork for the disenrollment of members who have not responded to the October
   1 certified mailing
- December 15 the last day for DCDR to send paperwork to DSO-HR. After that, the member will remain on the roster and the flotilla will be
  responsible for their dues for the coming year.

In District 7 all disenrollments must be signed by the Division Commander as well as the Flotilla Commander. So, make sure you send all disenrollments to your DCDR for his signature.

All disenrollments must be accompanied by the member's ID Card (if they have been issued one). If you cannot get the card, you must include an explanation on the ANSC7035 as per AD 11-1 dated 5/23/19. The DSO-HR and DIRAUX will not accept disenrollments without either the scanned ID card indicating it was destroyed and initialed or an explanation of the status of the card.

The October 1 reminder letters and forms must go out certified (see example of certified mail confirmation in the procedure). Remember to use Government stamps and check to confirm the address listed in the Aux Directory. Request stamps from your FSO-MA if you need them.

Each certified mailing needs to include the following:

- 1. A letter to the member reminding him/her about the dues and giving the option of paying their dues, disenrolling or retiring (if eligible).
- 2. The ANSC 7035 Form with Section 1 completed-see procedure for more detailed information (pages 6-10)
- 3. A self-addressed, stamped envelope to either the FC or FSO- FN. Again, use government stamps. Use the FC's or FSO-FN's address as both the return address as well as the addressee for this p re-addressed envelope.

Be sure to check the Aux Directory for their Base Enrollment Date (BED). If they meet or exceed 15 years, they should be processed as retirements.

Apply late fee penalty if appropriate in accordance with your standing rules or appendices.

A future effective date will not be processed. Do not submit an effective date of 12-31 for disenrollment; it cannot be processed on that date. The certified receipt should be saved and submitted with all Disenrollments for Non-payment of Dues

A D-7 Help Desk Ticket returned marked RESOLVED does not mean processed. All tickets should be opened and checked that the request has been processed.

Each request must be submitted with a separated-7Help Desk Ticket. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

# **DIVISION 11**

# Anatomyl of a Super Public Education Class Recruiting Through Recreational Boating Safety

Submitted by Karen Miller, FC, FSO Public Education

Flotilla 11-1 Clearwater conducted their June 2024 Boat America class via Zoom. The flotilla has decided to alternate classes between in-person and Zoom to accommodate a mix of students. The June class had 16 students—one was under the age of 17. Seven were born after January 1, 1988, but most were taking the course to learn or improve their boating skills, not because they were mandated to take it by Florida law.

You might wonder why we're discussing a Boat America class in a human resources publication. The reason is compelling: ten of these students are set to join the Coast Guard Auxiliary, representing over 60% of the class! How did this happen?

Interestingly enough, six of the registered students were the result of one of our published newspaper articles. Several others were there from word of mouth. Additionally, others Googled or otherwise looked up the class on the web.

Two new member prospects attended the class to start their application journey, scoring a perfect 100%. Speaking of scores, the class performed admirably, with eleven students achieving a perfect score, four scoring 98% and one scoring 85%. The class was very attentive and asked lots of questions.

Finally, four students from the Winter Springs area are interested in joining the CG Auxiliary, and we have put them in contact with the SO-HR for Division 17. Here's what one of our students wrote (and he isn't even in the count of 10 prospective members!):

June 30, 2024

Hi Karen -

I filled out the post-class evaluation survey but wanted to make sure you were aware of how impressed we were with you, Tim, Stephan, Rick, and Dick. You all did an excellent job presenting the material in a very understandable and relatable manner. And your leadership for the two days kept us on track and brought it all together. You also have the patience of a saint. Your course truly made us feel so much more comfortable (and aware) as we begin to increase our on-water experiences.

Please pass along our thanks to all the presenters - they did a great job. They all had their own styles, but they handled their sections so smoothly - so informative.

On a separate note, you all had so much enthusiasm about participating in USCG Auxiliary I will reach out to you as to what is involved to volunteer. I would love to learn more and also volunteer in some way - as a crew or helper due to my limited experience.

In any event, thanks so much for all that you and your team does - you all certainly have an impact.

Thanks, Mark







WASHINGTON, D.C. — War heroes come in all shapes and sizes — and species.

But when Clevelander Bill Wynne bought a Yorkshire Terrier -- that weighed 4 pounds and stood justseven inches high -- for \$6, he never expected his tiny pup would save lives during World War II.

Smoky became the first dog to be honored with the Animals in War & Peace Distinguished Service Medal in a ceremony Wednesday in Washington. She was recognized for her "exceptionally meritorious service to our nation in a duty of great responsibility." The award was accepted by Anna Wynne, Wynne's granddaughter, on her 14th birthday.

The medal is the highest award American animals can receive, thanks to **House** Resolution 935 - which was passed in February - to "recognize the roles and contributions of United States service animals and their valiant human handlers for bravery and acknowledging their valor and meritorious achievements. "This medal, presented to Smoky, is the first medal of its kind to be bestowed upon a dog thanks to House Resolution 935 (Photo courtesy Animals in War & Peace)



"Smoky was so special and so unique," said Robin Hutton, president of Angels Without Wings and Animals in War & Peace, and the creator of the medals. "It was out of character for such a little Yorkie to play such a big role under combat conditions. We just never know what an animal will do to perform an act of service.

"They have no choice — no voice — but serve just as valiantly as the men and women they served alongside. This little pup played a wonderfully large role for our men and women in the South Pacific theater."

Smoky served with Wynne's 5th Air Force, 26th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron. Found in an abandoned foxhole in New Guinea, Smoky spent two years backpacking through the jungle with Wynne. She slept in his tent and shared his rations. Smoky participated in twelve air-sea rescue and photo reconnaissance missions. She survived 150 air raids on New Guinea and made it through a typhoon on Okinawa. Wynne credited her with saving his life, and the lives of others by warning the soldiers of incoming fire.

But the little dog gained hero status when she helped engineers build an airbase at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, a crucial airfield for Allied war planes. Early in the campaign, Signal Corps engineers needed to run a communications wire through a 70-foot-long pipe that was only eight inches in diameter. The soil had sifted through the corrugated sections at the pipe joints, filling as much as half of the pipe, and giving Smoky only four inches of headway in some places.

Smoky's work saved approximately 250 ground crewmen from having to move around forty U.S. fighters and reconnaissance planes, while a construction detail dug up the taxiway. The work would have placed the men and the planes in danger from enemy bombings. What would have been a dangerous three-day digging task to place the wire was instead completed in minutes

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## **Smokey, The War Dog**

"We don't think of the 022 in war, but what they have done is truly stunning," she explained. "The soldiers they serve with become their 'pack,' so they do these fierce feats because they want to please and out of love and devotion they have for their handler. They prove themselves time and time again."

First therapy dog

In their downtime, Wynne taught Smoky several hundred tricks, which the pair used to entertain soldiers in their unit, and on visits to the wounded and sick soldiers in hospitals from Australia to Korea during the war. According to Animal Planet research, Smoky is the first therapy dog on record.

Smoky's ability to cheer patients in military

+ hospitals was discovered when Wynne came down with <u>Dengue Fever</u>. His tent-mate smuggled the dog into the field hospital in the hopes that seeing his beloved pet would give Wynne more determination to fight off the disease. The little dog's presence not only helped Wynne, but other soldiers on his ward, who began to show signs of improvement after she accompanied nurses on rounds.

Wynne, who died in April, 2021, often told the story of a soldier who was suffering so badly from PTSD (then known as shell shock) who had not spoken or even reacted to others, in months. When a nurse placed Smoky in his lap, the soldier immediately smiled and began communicating.

Her visits were soon approved by Dr. Charles Mayo, then the commanding officer of the hospital.

Wynne had to smuggle the dog aboard a ship to bring Smoky back to Cleveland, where he found work as a photojournalist for the Cleveland Plain Dealer and as a research photographer for NASA.

Hutton believes that is why Bill, and thousands of soldiers like him, fight to bring the animals they find during war home with them.

"They have been through so much together. They have been partners. They know what each other went through, and they are able to help heal one another," she said.

Here at home, the two became a staple on WKYC's Sunday morning children's show "Castles in the Sky" in the 1940s and '50s, and Smoky entertained at VA hospitals, nursing homes, schools and fairs across the nation until her sudden death in 1957.

Wynne buried his beloved pet in an WWII ammo box beneath a tree in the Rocky River Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks – the same tree he, and his wife, Margie, carved their initials and a heart into when they became engaged before the war.

Her remains were transferred to the base of a monument to the Yorkie, and "All Dogs of War," erected in 2005





- The first day of summer is the summer solstice which means "stilled" or "stopped" sun.
- 2. When it is summer in the northern hemisphere, it is winter in the southern hemisphere.
- 3. The Eiffel Tower grows by six inches in the summer due to thermal expansion.
- 4. The Hollywood sign in Los Angeles once said "Hollywoodland" but was changed in 1949 to reflect the name of the area instead of the Hollywoodland housing development.
- 5. Saint Lucia, located in the Caribbean, is the only country in the world that's named after a woman.
- 6. Gatorade was invented at the University of Florida and was named after the school's mascot, the Gators. The university receives an estimated 20 million from the company every year.
- 7. If you put a grape in the microwave, it will explode. If you put two grapes in the microwave, you'll create a fireball.

  Nails grow faster in the summer because of increased vitamin exposure.
- 8. Nails grow faster in the summer because of increased vitamin exposure.
- 9. Talk about quick thinking, information travels up to 350 miles per hour in the brain.
- 10. You're taller in the morning than at night. This is because our cartilage compresses and makes us a bit shorter over the course of the day.
- 11. Massachusetts became the first state to make the 4th of July an official state holiday in 1781.
- 12. The first July 4 celebration that took place at the White House was in 1801, hosted by Thomas Jefferson
- 13. Americans typically eat 150 million hot dogs on Independence Day.
- 14. Three U.S. presidents have died on July 4: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Monroe.
- 15. The Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped 13 times every July 4th in honor of the original 13 colonies.