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Sandy Goldberg SO-HR -
Division 3—(Ft. Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, Boca Raton, Lighthouse Point, Plantation, Dania Beach)



Jim Nelson, SO-HR
Division 12— (Inland Sea Lake Marion, Lake Murray, Central Grand Strand, East Cooper, Charleston, Georgetown)



Patricia Femia, SO-HR
Division 4— (Lake County, Daytona Beach, Sanford, New Smyrna)



Dorothy Cain, SO-HR Division
13— (Key West, Marathon, Big Pine Key, Ocean Reef, Upper Keys)



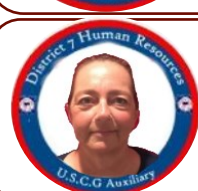
Robert Hess, SO-HR—
Division 5— (The Palm Beaches, Jupiter, Delray-Boynton Beach, Vero Beach/Sebastian, Ft. Pierce)



John Herald— SO-HR
Division 14— (Amelia Island, Arlington, Jacksonville Beach, St. Augustine, Jacksonville)



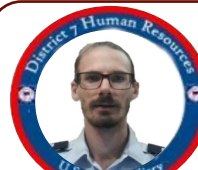
Fred Ross, SO-HR Division 6—
(Homestead, Coconut Grove, Miami South, Coral Gables, Opalocka, North Bay, Miami)



Melissa Frank, SO-HR
Division 15— (Crystal River, Ocala, Homosassa, Hernando Beach)



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



Karl Peterson, SO-HR
Division 16— (St. John, US Virgin Islands)



Ron Mills, SO-HR
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)



Thank you



For Your Service

A special thanks is extended to the following Officers for their dedication and service to the District 7 Human Resources Department. It has been a pleasure working with all of you.

Good luck in your future endeavors



Earl Burns,
SO-HR Division 2



Harry Silverman,
SO-HR Division 3



Joseph Berrios
SO-HR Division 4



Doug Donovan
SO-HR Division 9



Kristi Mackey
SO-HR Division 11



Patricia Zuluaga
DCDR Division 13



Welcome to HR



Robert DeLeon
SO-HR - Division 2



Sandy Goldberg
SO-HR - Division 3



Patricia Femia
SO-HR - Division 4



Robert Curto
SO-HR - Division 9



Stephan Bielawski
SO-HR - Division 11



Dorothy Cain
SO-HR - Division 13



Congratulations 2024 Elected Officers

Unit Number	Unit Name	Unit Commander-Elect (2024) DCDR / FC	Unit Vice CommanderElect (2024VCDR / VFC
070-01-00	Division 1	Kenneth Vargas	Aracelis Mass
070-01-01	Fajardo	Jose Raomon Roldan-Montanez	Adrian Rodriguez-Vazquez
070-01-02	Cangrejos	Ramses M. Rodriguez	Alberto Luis Feliciano-Core
070-01-03	Ponce	Rafael Perez-Garcia	Efrain Ortiz-Guzman
070-01-06	Mayaguez	Eddie Antonio Feliciano-Torres	Jaime Beauchamp-Roche
070-01-07	Aguadilla	Joel Chevere	Hector M. Vega
070-01-08	Cabo Rojo	Jose Francisco Toro-Segarra	Emma Yicelis Del Toro-Rorres
070-01-10	San Juan	Jose Cecilio Garcia-Hernandez	Paul Roger Canting-Rodriguez
070-01-12	Santurce	Dwight Simpson Rodriguez-Acedo	Angel Rafael Betancourt-Garcia
070-02-00	Division 2	Chuck Kelemen	Charles Alan Jeffrey
070-02-01	Augusta	Patricia Ann McMnamin	Jonathan Louis Pike
070-02-02	Lake Allatoona	Earl A Burns	Bryan LaBrecque
070-02-03	Northeast Georgia	Robert Harris Pope III	No VFC candidate.
070-02-05	Hartwell Lake	T. Jay Harlos	Lea Elizabeth Hall
070-02-07	Central Georgia Lakes	David Clifford Hogan	Norman Dale Mitchell
070-02-09	Lake Lanier	Bruce A. Lindsey	Martin Michael Goetschl JR
070-03-00	Division 3	Harry Jay Silverman	Natalie Marie Bunting
070-03-04	Pompano Beach	Robert Charles Uleski	Robert Joseph Kantor
070-03-06	Boca Raton	Philip John Petito	Kirsten B. Stanley
070-03-07	Lighthouse Point	No FC candidate.	No VFC candidate.
070-03-08	Plantation	Jeffrey William Barnes	Carla Marie Richardson
070-03-09	Dania Beach	Charlene Marie Dykman*	Peter Julius Paige JR
070-04-00	Division 4	Jack Clifford Neve III	Joseph Stephen Berrios
070-04-03	Lake County	Michael NMN Distefano	Adam E Pinkerton
070-04-04	Daytona Beach	Gary Craig Kessler, Ph.D	Judith Marie Gettmann
070-04-05	Sanford	Kaivan NMN Rahbari	Carlos Alberto Jiminez
070-04-08	New Smyrna	George Ronald Wood	Frances T. French
070-05-00	Division 5	Marcus Kristos Kiriakow	Shari Gail Forman
070-05-01	The Palm Beaches	Michael P. McCarthy	Paul Douglas Lordi
070-05-02	Jupiter	Irina Lavryonova	No VFC candidate.
070-05-04	Delray-Boynton Beach	Christopher Richard Fernandez	Daniel Kalina
070-05-06	Vero Beach/Sebastian	Gary P. Barth	Francisco Javier Picornell
070-05-08	Ft Pierce	Sean Patrick Hart	Karl George Hontz
070-05-09	Stuart	Sheryl L. O'Neil	Christopher R. Ciccotelli
070-06-00	Division 6	Ronald J. Kaplan	David Yale Patlak
070-06-01	Homestead	Luis Armando Perez-Codina	Ingrid Rosalie Onate
070-06-03	Coconut Grove	Henry NMN Kaufman	Michael T. Greif
070-06-05	Miami South	Leopoldo NMN Fierro	Carol Lee Moppert
070-06-07	Coral Gables	No FC candidates	No VFC candidates.
070-06-09	Opalocka	Jorge Andres Ramirez	Sadri Manrique Medina-Laitano
070-06-10	North Bay	Patrick Oliver Danciu	David J. Adams
070-06-11	Miami	Thierry Albert Pauquet de Villejust	Yvette Marie Mantelle-Perez
070-06-14	ACS National	Abel Silos Lara	Stephen Carter Alexander
070-07-00	Division 7	Dean William Hoskin	Anthony William Hooper
070-07-02	St Petersburg	George Gordon Hornby III	Catherine Jeanne Campbell -Heroux
070-07-04	Brandon	Dorothy J. Riley	Election for VFC in JAN 2024.
070-07-05	Apollo Beach	Eliezer Elliott Seda	Don Lawrence Binder
070-07-07	Polk County	Gilbert FrancisThomas	Roland Ramos
070-07-08	Pass A Grille	Walter Ralph Behrendt	Joe Rice Johnson III
070-07-09	Tampa	Angel Salvadore Urbina	Braulio Rafael Urbina-Murga
070-07-16	Gulfport	Howard Charles Bush	Martin Eugene Richardson JR

Unit #	Unit Name	Unit Commander-DCDR / FC	Unit Vice Commander-VCDR / VF
070-08-00	Division 8	Ronald David Mills	Trevor James Evans
070-08-01	Manatee	Peter Edward Russell	Jose Luis Dominguez
070-08-02	Longboat Key	Zachary Thomas Tapp	Jan H Voigts
070-08-04	Sarasota	Christopher J. Juall	Murray D. Price
070-08-06	Venice	Michael B. Alexander	Thomas J Lynch
070-08-07	Englewood	Charles Edward Mills	William Ernest Krulac
070-09-00	Division 9	Ronald William Jelliff	John H Montville
070-09-01	Fort Myers Beach	Robert Joseph Guenthner	Rodney John Feucht
070-09-02	North Port	Donnie Gene Corbin	Paul B Allison
070-09-03	Naples	Richard James Hartig	Surinda Gayantee Patel
070-09-04	Franklin Lock	Michael John Miller	Donna L. Hornsby
070-09-05	Marco Island	Sarah Elizabeth Gabua	Michael Kevin Massey
070-09-06	Wiggins Pass	Michael Anthony Dipierro	Charles Edward Moore
070-09-08	Charlotte Harbor	Virginia Sue Bryant	Ralph Edward Butts
070-09-09	Cape Haze	Wendy Jean Breidel	Anne Blum Brengle
070-09-10	Cape Coral & Fort Myers	John Joseph West	Keith Louis Vanderbosch
070-10-00	Division 10	Charles Morrison Leroux III	Carissa Anne Garnes
070-10-01	Port Royal Sound	Matthew Eugene Garnes	Patricia Dorothy McGowan
070-10-02	Savannah	David W Bird	Philip Ashley Deloach
070-10-10	St Simons Island	Phillip E Hilliard	Joshua Allen Pesicka
070-10-11	Hilton Head Island /Bluffton	Barry Alan Woods	Brian Gerard Hand
070-11-00	Division 11	Stephan Louis Bielawski	Matthew Noyes Copeland
070-11-01	Clearwater	Karen Lynne Miller	Michael Alan Kadis
070-11-06	New Port Richey	Felix (NMN) Montanez III	Thomas B Mann
070-11-07	Hudson	Steven Scott Sumner	Robert James White *
070-11-09	Tarpon Springs	Ernest Julius Cannon II	Joseph Michael Visovsky
070-11-10	Dunedin	Gordon Robert Thomas	David Patrick McGee
070-12-00	Division 12	Walter Albert Runck	Arnie Jerome Cribb Jr.
070-12-01	Lake Marion	Joe Len Livingston SR	Christopher John Welch
070-12-03	Lake Murray	Michael J Mukutaitis	Swinton Whaley Hudson III
070-12-04	Central Grand Strand	James Hucorn Offutt III	Gary Damien Lum Cheong
070-12-06	East Cooper	Joseph Paul Ego	Susan R White
070-12-08	Charleston	Christian Anders Lie	Kenneth Lyle Chichester
070-12-10	Georgetown	Susan Z Hastings	Jack H Margolis
070-13-00	Division 13	Claude M Bullock	Patricia Lynn Zuluaga
070-13-01	Key West	David Jerel Green	Daniel J Willis
070-13-02	Marathon	Robert William Carew	Lisa Linsley Gordon
070-13-03	Big Pine Key	Dale Chalmer Gittings	John Robert Rhode
070-13-04	Ocean Reef	Matthew Gerard Pilon	Linda Susan Benn
070-13-08	Upper Keys	Dorothy Ann Cain	John Edward Gilberty
070-14-00	Division 14	Sean Patrick Flynn	Andrew William Koenig
070-14-01	Amelia Island	Peter Thomas Pelar	Diane Melinda Pollock
070-14-02	Arlington	William R. Sekeres	Christopher Charles Machenberg *
070-14-04	Jacksonville Beach	Paul Heath Brockwell	William Scott Hurlburt
070-14-07	St Augustine	Joseph H. McCoy	Henry M. Seiden
070-14-08	Jacksonville	David Robert Howells	Richard Guy Stephens
070-15-00	Division 15	Melissa Ann Frank	William P. Cummings
070-15-01	Crystal River	Allan William Frank	Lawrence William Taylor
070-15-03	Ocala	Maia Ife Jefferson	Helen M. Hall
070-15-04	Homosassa	George M. Dooris	Joel Nathan Abramovitz
070-15-08	Hernando Beach	Susan Elizabeth Watkins	Linda I. Shaffer
070-16-00	Division 16	Adam Marc Shapiro	Karl Harold Peterson
070-16-03	U.S. Virgin Islands	Benjamin Eric Torkelson *	Lawrence David Katz *
070-17-00	Division 17	James Lee Nickles, Jr.	Faron Petteys
070-17-02	South Brevard	William E. Giers	Alan J. Goodman
070-17-06	Central Brevard	David Earl Gaylord	Anda Andrews Ray
070-17-09	North Brevard	Ramiro Jose Antorcha JR	Nicholas Richard Faraco JR
070-17-10	Osceola	Paul Thompson	Geoffrey Ross
070-17-11	Orlando Winter Park	Ronnie J. Olgin	Mark H. Crary



THE HR CORNER

Submitted by Gil Thomas,
ADSO-HR - District 7

I would like to welcome back the returning Human Resources Officers (HR), newly appointed staff officers, and Flotilla Commanders. Maybe some of you are wondering what I have got myself into and the amount of information I have to learn is overwhelming.

I would like to tell you about the Coast Guard Auxiliary HR Corner. The HR Corner website is located in the U.S. Coast Guard 7th District Auxiliary Website. The address is http://uscga-district-7.org/hr_corner.php.

The HR Corner was assembled to help new and current HR officers with their daily job assignments. I would like to tell you about the HR Corner. The HR Corner is composed of forms, directives, and helpful information such as Auxiliary manuals. The HR Corner has ten sections. I am going to highlight what I feel might be important to you in each section.

They are:

ANSC 7035/7056 Procedure

ANSC 7056 Transfer Within the District and Out of the District

Email to next of Kin (return of ID Card) - Example

Recruiting

Join the Coast Guard Auxiliary - 2018

Recruiting NACON Slides

E-responder Program

E responder program. 1-23-2023

Find a Flotilla

Sample inquiry Emails

Auxiliary Sea Scout Program

AUXSCOUT SOP. (YouTube).

Youth protection training

And how to take Youth Protection?

Photography. Video audio release consent

Member Information Program.

Auxiliary Manuals

Core Training List. 3-1-19

Auxiliary Specialty Courses

ANSC 7029

New Member Involvement Plan

Auxiliary Chaplain Support Program

Auxiliary Learning Management System. PowerPoint

How To Request an ID Card?

Who Wants to be a Mentor? (PowerPoint)



Uniform information.

District 7 Uniform Purchasing Guide 10-1-23

Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniforms. 10-20

Fingerprints.

How to Become a Citizen Verifier

Fingerprint techniques

New member processing.

ANSC 7001 Enrollment Application, Form 21, April 2021, and Procedures Guide

New Member ID card info form

New member. Application Submissions.

Who Wants to be a Mentor? (PowerPoint)

New Member Study Guide, New Member Examination, and New Member Exam Answer Sheet

HR What's it all about? - New Members. (job descriptions and requirements)

I hope you find this helpful. This is only a small amount of information that is on the HR Corner. District 7 Website. I hope you will take the time to look at the HR Corner and to see what is completely available to you at all times and to maybe answer some of the questions you might have.



Welcome

October 1—December 31 2023

Division 1

Echevarria, Adalberto
Cintrón-Ortiz, Viviana

Division 2

Caldwell, Valerie
Coppinger, Benjamin
Francois, Job
Jennings, Dalsen
Mathias, Linda
McBroom, Thomas
Snyder, Caleb
Treadaway, Patrick

Division 3

Bishop, Samantha
Csintalan, Mandouh
Lefkowitz, Leonard
McCarthy, Gina
Mena, Christine
Ousmanov, Maxsim

Division 4

Ford, Laurie
Kaminis, Sotiros
Martorell, Ramos
Otero, Manuel III
Pagan Velez, William
Pindell, Richard Jr

Division 5

Butler, William
Flynn, Kieran
Ginsburg, Fred
Holder, Bryan
Manzano, Juan
Minella, Brian
Peragine, Thomas
Peterson, Laura
Pressinger, Jacqueline

Division 6

Deza, Guillermo
Javitt, Jonathan
Kessler, Yitzchok
MacMoyle, John
Parker, Ivan
Solis, Albert

Division 7

Dawson, Cody
Greenwell, John
Hoover, Kenneth
Lopez, Raul
Parham, Scott

Division 8

Hoffman, Glenn
Kahl, Mitchel
Munoz, Hector
Pawlus, Peter
Seeger, Ruth
Winters, Floyd

Division 9

Abbatiello, Vincent Jr
Arciero, Philip
Bunner, Stanley
Dalbey, Michael
Dalbey, Karen
Neu, Edward
Goepert, Brian
Graszl, James
Irwin, John
Mateu, Joaquin
Moore, Joshua
Neu, Edward
Sipko, Robert
Stephans, Eric
Slobodow, Debra
Tess Trevor
Wofford, Clyde
Zuardi, Vincent

Division 10

Spetrino, William
Youmans, David

Division 11

Grimm, Nicholas
Montanari, Jeffrey

Division 12 Cont'd

Bird, James
Fletcher, Timothy
Green, Destin
Lawton, Jack
McGinnis, Cameron
Picard, Matthew
Piwowar, Timothy
Theiss, Derek
Van DeBrake, Lane
Voss, Erica

Division 13

Brown, Cheryl

Division 14

Janzow, Gregory
Lagurdia, Louia
Sawyer, Christopher
Seaman, Charles

Division 15

French, William

Division 16

Sutton, Shawn

Division 17

Certo, Michael
Giovannetti, Chase
Voronov, Vladimir





2023 Retirees

October 1— December 31, 2023

Department of Homeland Security

Takes pleasure in conferring to:

Thank you for your Service



<u>Members</u>	<u>Flotillas</u>	<u>Service Years</u>
Collado, Victor	13	38
Percoroni, Dorothy	54	31
Dixon, Alvin	10-10	29
McLeod, Donald	12	27
McCarty, Charles	12-6	26
McCarty, Margaret	12-6	26
Fordham, James	12-4	24
Walker, Leonard	15-3	23
Arguelles, Pablo	63	22
Bagge, Kendall	13-1	22
Patterson, Roger	17-9	22
Bertman, Lee	56	21
Casiano, Sergio	67	25
Kelly, William	14-1	20
Kelsey, Arnie	95	20
Santiago, Jose	13	20
Shepard, Sondras	14-1	20
Shofner, Sandra	63	20
Drombrowski, Barbara	38	21
Connor, Annmarie	72	19
Dugue, John	10-11	19
Hahn, Sandra	87	19
Kronzer, Joseph	15-3	19

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United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

*In recognition of significant contributions and devoted service to the organization and
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Thank you for your Service



<u>Members</u>	<u>Flotillas</u>	<u>Service Years Woods,</u>
Woods, Gayle	51	19
Bogdan, George	93	18
Schwabe, Edna	11-7	18
Schwabe, Ernest	11-7	18
Skaggs, Horace	96	18
Skaggs, Roberta	96	18
Wise, Judith	10-11	18
Gilboy, George Jr	11-7	17
Lazzaro, Alfred Jr	96	17
Tavares, Robson	65	17
Torres, Orlando	13	17
Watson, Wayne	13	17
Alameda, Robert	56	16
Armitage, James	15-4	16
Englemann, Eric	67	16
Merlino, Joanne	54	16
Miller, Dennis	48	16
Odom, Larry	12-1	16
Keller, Eugene	72	15
Edyvean, Frederick	12-8	15
Flores, William	16	15
Heim, Susan	13-8	15
Strock, Roger	48	15
Turner, Robert	10-10	15

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Flotilla</u>	<u>Enrollment Date</u>
Barry Porter	72	13 November 1959
Robert Strong	14-8	23 June 1964
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

Your long-standing service is acknowledged and appreciated.

Thank you

Crossed the Bar

October 1, to December 15, 2023

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.



Carlos Carlsson
Flotilla 17



David Taylor
Flotilla 23

*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



Jose Ramos Feliciano
Flotilla 17



Richard McCully
Flotilla 29



Ronald Hady
Flotilla 38



Ronald Lester
Flotilla 48



Robert Davis
(Retired)
Flotilla 59



Ethel Phillips
Flotilla 54



Joel Aberbach
Flotilla 67

Crossed the Bar

October 1, to December 15, 2023

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James Urbanawiz
Flotilla 77



Anthony Novellino
Flotilla 78

*Sunset and evening star
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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,
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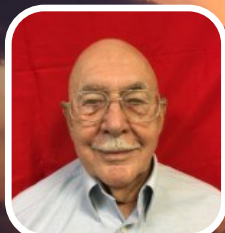
Cyril Brown
Flotilla 78



Roger Blau
Flotilla 95



Richard Luettich
Flotilla 10-11



Rosario Greco
Flotilla 11-1



Reginald Hollar
Flotilla 12-10



Kenneth Uschelbec
Flotilla 12-3



Victoria Katzenstein
Flotilla 13-4



Vernon Lewis
Flotilla 13-8



Derek DePietro
Flotilla 17-9



Mark Godwin
Flotilla 17-2

THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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United States Coast Guard (USCG), [military service](#) within the U.S. armed forces that is charged with the enforcement of [maritime](#) laws. It consists of approximately 35,000 officers and enlisted personnel, in addition to civilians. It is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security. In time of war, it functions as part of the [U.S. Navy](#) and is under the direction of the president.

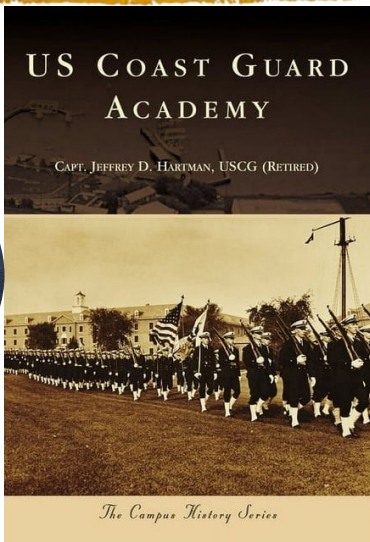
The USCG was established in 1790 by Secretary of the Treasury [Alexander Hamilton](#) as the Revenue Marine Service. It later became the Revenue Cutter Service and, in 1915, was combined with the U.S. Lifesaving Service (formed 1878) to become the Coast Guard. It was under the (peacetime) jurisdiction of the [Treasury Department](#) until 1967, when it was transferred to the Department of Transportation. In 2003 the Coast Guard was placed under the jurisdiction of the newly created [Department of Homeland Security](#).]

The Coast Guard enforces all applicable federal laws on the high seas and waters within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States. It administers laws and promulgates and enforces regulations for the promotion of safety of life and property along the entire U.S. coast, including Alaska and Hawaii. It develops and operates aids to navigation in order to maintain the safety of ports and vessels in U.S. territorial waters.

The peacetime duties of the Coast Guard involve the inspection of vessels and their equipment and the direction and operation of lighthouses, lightships, buoys, and such electronic navigational aids as loran (long-range navigation) stations and radio beacons. The Coast Guard maintains an extensive network of lifeboat and search-and-rescue stations using surface vessels and aircraft. It also operates the International Ice Patrol, which maintains surveillance of icebergs in the North Atlantic shipping lanes. The USCG also gathers data for the National Weather Service and assists distressed ships and planes. Wartime duties include escorting ships, securing ports, and manning transports. The Coast Guard also assists in the interdiction of illegal narcotics that enter the United States on or over coastal waters.

The Coast Guard's organization parallels that of the U.S. Navy, and Coast Guard ranks and ratings are identical to those of the Navy. The two services' uniforms are also similar. The USCG is headed by a Coast Guard admiral who is appointed by the president. Coast Guard Reserve was established in 1939. Women have been permitted to serve in the regular Coast Guard since 1973. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy is located in New London, Connecticut.

This article was most recently revised and updated by Amy Tikkanen.



Semper Paratus

"Always Ready"

Established by Congress in 1939, the **21,000** members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary are Semper Paratus.

Vessel safety checks, harbor patrols, safe boating courses, search and rescue, marine environmental protection.

These are just a few of the services provided by the Auxiliary.

Each year, Auxiliarists volunteer more than two million hours benefitting boaters and their families.

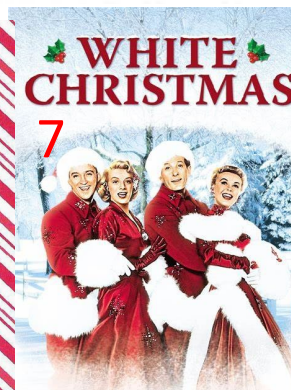
We invite you to explore our site and learn more about who we are and what we do to be 'Semper Paratus.'



DID YOU KNOW?

10 Fun Christmas Facts!

1. Robert L. May, a copywriter for Montgomery Ward, is credited with inventing Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer in 1939. Instead of Rudolph, he almost named him Reginald or Rollo.
2. Each year more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. alone.
3. Holiday spending in America will reach roughly 1 trillion dollars, including over 1 billion dollars spent on real Christmas trees, 2 billion spent on fake trees, and 6 billion in total on decorations!
4. Washington Irving, the famous writer and creator of the Headless Horseman, had a dream where St. Nicholas flew across the sky in a wagon. Santa's sleigh has been flying ever since.
5. Millions of children write letters to Santa Claus each year, with letters piling up in Post Offices everywhere with no real destination. In 1982, the Canadian Post Office created a solution by designating a special zip code specifically for Santa: HOH OHO. Approximately 1 million pieces of mail bearing that code are received by Canada Post each year, and all are answered, each in the language or form in which it was written.
6. Online shopping has propelled delivery numbers to unbelievable heights. USPS expects to deliver up to 28 million packages a day this holiday season.
7. Irving Berlin, the famous American composer wrote the song, "White Christmas". Bing Crosby's 1942 version of the song is the best-selling single of all time world-wide!
8. In 1980, the highest selling Christmas toy was the Rubik's Cube, priced at \$1.99.
9. The song Jingle Bells was written by James Lord Pierpont in 1857. It was originally intended for the Thanksgiving season. Astronauts Walter Schirra Jr. and Thomas Stafford played their own rendition of the song to mission control while aboard Gemini VI. Using a harmonica and sleigh bells, Jingle Bells became the first song to be broadcast from outer space.
10. NORAD's "Santa Tracker" was born from a misprint in a newspaper. In 1955, a Sears ad displayed a number that children could call to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas. In error, they printed the hotline to the Director of Operations for the U.S. Continental Air Defense. Remarkably, Colonel Harry Shoup ordered his staff to give the children updates on the flight coordinates of Santa.



**Hope you all had a
very Merry
Christmas**



Dashing through the snow
On a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way
Bells on bobtail ring,
making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

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