

# **“The Fun One”**

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## **Flotilla 33-1**

**40 & 8 Club  
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Omaha, Nebraska**

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

21 Feb	Flotilla 1 Meeting
4-6 Mar	Spring Symposium Tulsa, Oklahoma
19 Mar	Awards Weekend Mahoney State Park
21 Mar	Flotilla 1 Meeting

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## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



First, thank you to all whom attended the Change of Watch, 22 Jan 11. If this was your first I hope you enjoyed the traditions and fellowship of Division 33.

As I take the helm of this flotilla, I am greatly encouraged by the crew that has been bestowed upon me. The recent participation of the new members into the boat crew program, completing their ICS courses, and actively participating in the fellowship activities has a calm settling that this ship is headed on the right course. I am further comforted by the solid leadership in my VFC (Jean Goble) and the other senior members who will continue to help and guide our new members on the right path.

We have a lot to accomplish this year and I think we have a good start. Many of you that attended the Change of Watch heard, Division Commander Frank Reiss spell out our watch words and mission statement for the upcoming year. They are:

Educate – Educate the membership whether formal or informal  
Evolve – Evolve processes or develop new ones  
Excel – Let's excel in all of our missions.

When we look at these watch words, start within your program area, whether its marine safety, public affairs etc.. Start a small binder, make some notes of anything that comes to mind and references that you have found. Then jot them down and see where it goes. Enlist other members for some guidance, as we have some good resources that have a lot of experience, so don't hesitate to ask.

Again, thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the missions that have been asked of you. This will be a very exciting year!

Barclay Stebbins, FC

## VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



I want to thank all our members who braved the weather and attended the Change of Watch for Division 33 on January 22, 2011. It was really great to see Flotilla 1 represented by so many of our members and their spouses. The food was delicious and the fellowship enjoyable as well as having a great view of the Omaha skyline through the heavy snow!

I am looking forward to working with all our members as we work to complete our missions and recruit new members into the Flotilla during 2011.

Jean Goble, VFC

### **2011 Watch Words/Mission Statement/Goals:**

Educate – Educate our members

Evolve – Evolve processes

Excel – Excel in our missions

Through member education and process evolution, we will excel in the missions outlined by the four cornerstones of the Auxiliary; VSCs, Public Education, USCG Operations, and fellowship.

Goals – Need to be 1) achievable, 2) measurable and 3) further our missions.

Frank Reiss



## **DO THE RIGHT THINGS RIGHT**

Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> Western Rivers Information for Members website. <http://users.mo-net.com/district8wr/members/index.htm>

Within this site you will find information about District leadership, values, structure, policies, guides, training, forms, data and uniform sources, events and much more. The Information for Members site is only one of three sub sites provided by District 8WR's website.. The other two are Information for Public and DirAux sites. They may be reached by selecting the respective link in the header of this page. You are encouraged to browse all segments of this website. Bookmark (designate as Favorites) pages that you want to view frequently. Return to the site regularly to learn of new updates.

The Flotilla unit is the foundation of the Auxiliary. New members will find the [Flotilla Organization](#) webpage especially informative as it gives an overview of the Flotilla unit, defines leadership positions and gives resources for "getting started" in the Auxiliary.

Commodore Bob Smekta  
District Eight Western Rivers

- **Coast Guard Authorization act of 2010 -**

I have great news to pass - the President just signed into law the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010. This bill contains significant new authorities, including, new Marine Safety, Port Security and Oil Pollution Prevention Authorities that enhance the safety of our ports and waterways. In addition, the Act provides acquisition assistance to advance our fleet recapitalization efforts and important individual readiness tools, including the ability to improve our family housing and child development centers. I am particularly pleased with the modernization authority because it significantly advances one of my key guiding principles - Steady the Service. We now have the ability to finish our organizational realignment. And that's just what I plan to do. Going forward, we will maintain two Area Commanders, Atlantic and Pacific, (instead of a single operational commander), the Chief of Staff will become the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support (DCMS), overseeing logistics support for all Coast Guard assets, and the Force Readiness Command-our center of excellence for training and doctrine-will come under DCMS. The Deputy Commandant for Operations (DCO) will also become a Vice Admiral. Solidifying the post-modernization chain of command will enhance your ability to get your job done and keep your focus on safely and effectively executing Coast Guard missions. I could not be more pleased with this development. This bill is the product of years of close coordination and hard work with our Congress. So Bravo Zulu to the Shipmates who had their hand on the helm, steering it from development to completion. Most importantly, I want to thank those of you serving in the field who remain Always Ready while we work to retool our organization's logistics, support and command and control structures. We still have work to do, but we are moving forward. You can learn more about the important new authorities contained in the Coast Guard 2010 Authorization Act, as well as Modernization efforts, by visiting the CG Modernization link at:

**[HTTPS://CGPORTAL.USCG.MIL/](https://cgportal.uscg.mil/)**

ADM Robert Papp 15oct 10



## Updates



<http://users.mo-net.com/district8wr/members/index.htm>

Training Classes at Spring Business Symposium - [Training classes](#) available at the Spring District Business Symposium have been [posted](#). The actual schedule will be published later.

**Western Rivers Publication** - The January 2011 edition of the Western Rivers publication has been published to the District website. The hyperlink to the publication is located on the [Western Rivers](#) webpage.

**2011 Operations Workshop - 8WR Specific** - The 2011 Operations Workshop specific to 8WR has been published to District 8WR website. Additionally, an Operations Workshop Guidance document has been published which highlights the hot button topics for 8WR and gives a cross-reference of slide numbers that may be helpful in converting the slide numbers in the Facilitator Guide posted on the [National Response Department website](#). Access to both documents is available on the [Members E-Training webpage](#).

**Memorial Guide Book Updated** - The Memorial Guide Book has been updated effective January 1, 2011 by the Past Captains and Commanders Association and published to the District 8WR [Manuals-Guides](#) webpage.

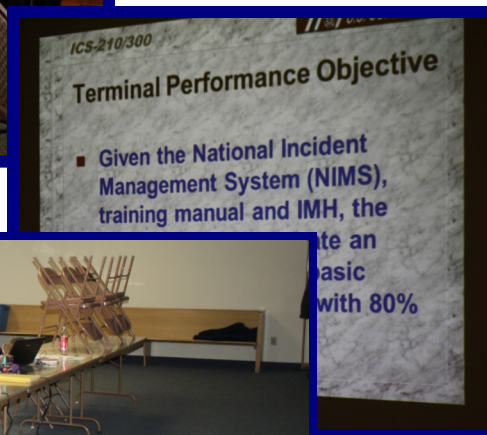
**District Search & Rescue (DSAR) 2011 in the Ozarks** - Coast Guard Auxiliary members representing the 26 state Eighth Coast Guard District region will converge on Kimberling City, MO June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to participate in operational exercises and search and rescue competition. Read ([MS Word](#) or [Adobe Acrobat](#) format) the full News Release. Form a team and participate in this exciting event. Browse the Team Formation document ([MS Word](#) or [Adobe Acrobat](#) format) for eligibility requirements, teams needed, competition details and deadline for selection of teams





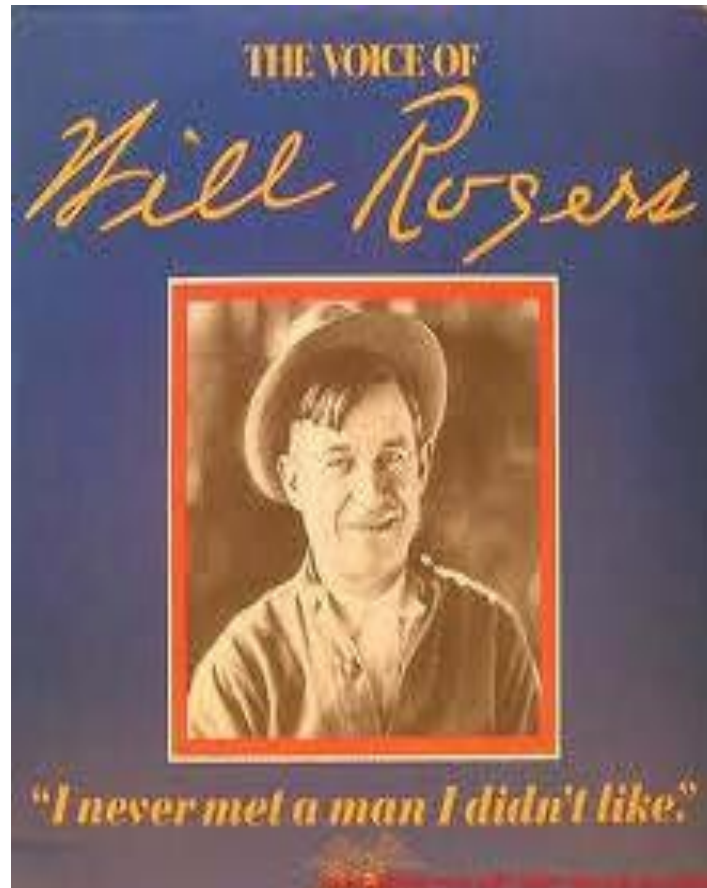
Barclay at CPR Training

Change of Watch Dinner



ICS-210 Training





SPRING BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM  
March 4 & 5, 2011 in Tulsa Oklahoma  
Tulsa Doubletree Warren Place  
6110 South Yale  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
FRIDAY FUN NIGHT  
Dinner & Entertainment at the  
Will Rogers Memorial Museum  
For reservations call:  
1-800-801-1317

**EIGHTH WESTERN RIVERS REGION**  
**2011 SPRING SYMPOSIUM**  
 4-5 March 2011

Plan now to join fellow Coast Guard Auxiliary members from around the region at the Annual Spring Symposium, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Travel days are Thursday, 3 March and Sunday, 6 March 2011.

Uniform of the day: Daytime sessions: Tropical Blue Long  
 Friday night: Civilian casual  
 Saturday night: Dinner Dress White Jacket, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket, Dinner Dress Blue Uniform or appropriate civilian attire

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND, SEE YOU AT SPRING SYMPOSIUM

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

Spring Symposium will be held at the **Doubletree Warren Place**, 6110 South Yale, Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
 Make your reservation using Group Code **CGA** or say you are with Coast Guard Auxiliary for the correct room rate.

**Reservation can be made by phone: 1-800-801-1317**

**Room Rate: \$79.00 per night. Cutoff date for reservation: 9 February 2011.**

IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY TO GET THIS RATE

**SPRING SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Flotilla \_\_\_\_\_ Aux Office \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Flotilla \_\_\_\_\_ Aux Office \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address in case we have questions \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if: New Member \_\_\_\_\_ First Time Attendee \_\_\_\_\_

\*Members attending under Coast Guard orders must register for meals marked with an asterisk

<u>Item</u>	<u>Number of People</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
* Registration Fee	_____ @ \$16.00 =	_____
*Past Captains & Commanders Luncheon (Friday) <b>OPEN TO ALL</b>		
Vegetarian Enchiladas	_____ @ \$22.00 =	_____
Grilled Chicken Caprese	_____ @ \$20.00 =	_____
Oklahoma Smokehouse Club	_____ @ \$20.00 =	_____
*Chief of Staff's Luncheon (Saturday)		
Caribbean Mango Chicken Salad	_____ @ \$22.00 =	_____
Asian Roast Beef Wrap	_____ @ \$21.00 =	_____
Oklahoma Club Croissant	_____ @ \$20.00 =	_____
*Commodore's Banquet		
London Broil	_____ @ \$32.00 =	_____
Black Forest Chicken Chardonnay	_____ @ \$30.00 =	_____
Herb Crusted Pork Loin	_____ @ \$29.00 =	_____
Friday Fun Night		
Dinner & Entertainment at Will Rogers Memorial Museum	_____ @ \$32.00 =	_____
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

Submit special dietary needs no later than 23 February 2011. **Make checks payable to 8<sup>th</sup> Western Rivers Region.**



## ***BY THE HEALTH BUG***

### January Notes

As this section is not just for boating, here is some information from the National Fire Protection Association:

#### **Smoke Detectors**

Studies demonstrate that smoke alarms save more lives than any other fire prevention measure.

Smoke alarms provide the earliest warning of both fire and smoke.

Industry experts at the NFPA have determined that in a typical home fire, you only have three minutes to escape.

If your home has smoke alarms, check the date on the unit to determine how old it is. The NFPA recommends replacing your alarms every 10 years.

It is important to know that not all smoke alarms are created equal. Some are better at sensing slow-burning, smoldering fires, while others warn of fast, hot blazes.

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires, and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization) should be installed in homes.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Smoke rises; install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling. Save manufacturer's instructions for testing and maintenance.
- Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps", warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 year old or sooner if they do not respond properly.
- Be sure the smoke alarm has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Alarms that are hard-wired (and include battery backup) must be installed by a qualified electrician.
- If cooking fumes or steam sets off nuisance alarms, replace the alarm with an alarm that has a "hush" button. A "hush" button will reduce the alarm's sensitivity for a short period of time.
- An ionization alarm with a hush button or a photoelectric alarm should be used if the alarm is within 20 feet of a cooking appliance.
- Smoke alarms that include a recordable voice announcement in addition to the usual alarm sound, may be helpful in waking children through the use of a familiar voice.

Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing . These devices use strobe lights. Vibration devices can be added to these alarms.

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.



Thank you to Jim & Barb Westcott for helping Randy Evans at the River City Hunting & Fishing Expo at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs.

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