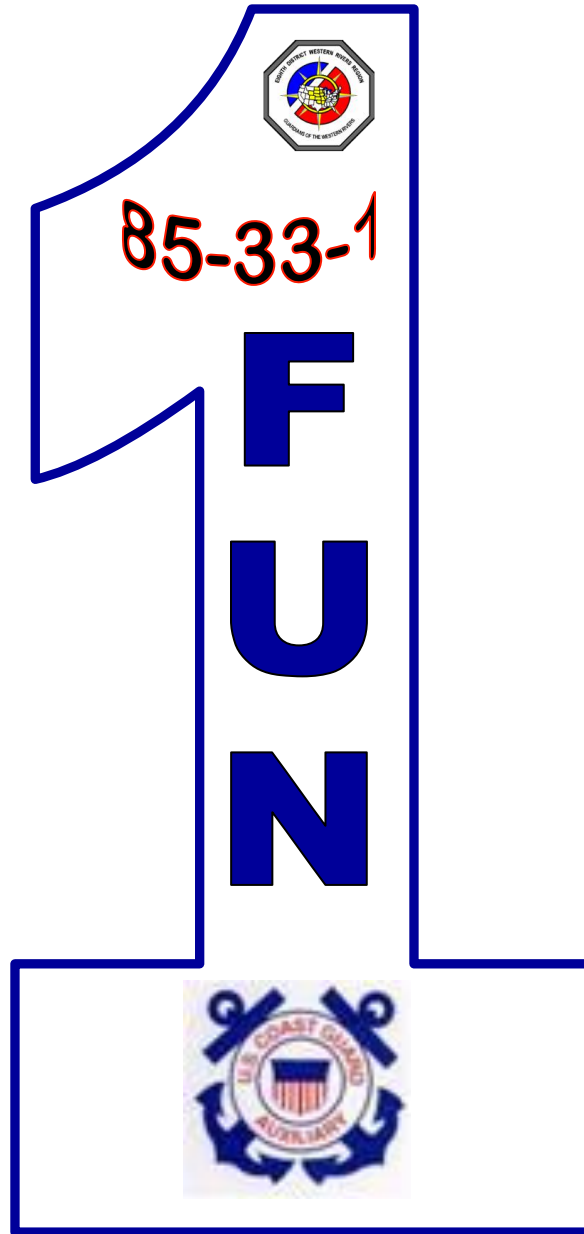


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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11 Nov	Veterans Day
17 Nov	Flotilla 33-1 Meeting
27 Nov	Thanksgiving
06 Dec	Division 33 Holiday Party
20 Dec	Flotilla 33-1 Holiday Party
25 Dec	Christmas Day

**See the calendars and check our website  
for possible patrol dates and other changes**

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## **FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**



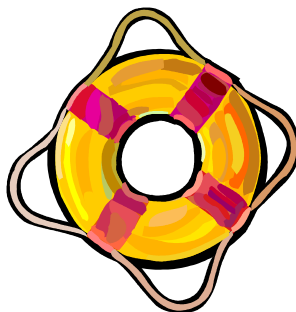
### **NOVEMBER 2014**

**As 2014 slowly winds down and the holidays creep upon us, let us all take time to reflect upon the past year's events. While Mother Nature was not as kind to us as we would have liked, all of our people have been able to get the number of hours required to maintain their qualification status. A very special thank you to the facility owners who arranged and rearranged their schedules to make it happen.**

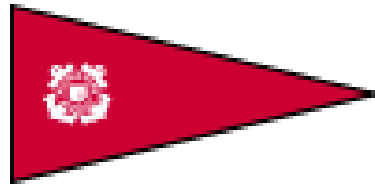
**Let us, each and every one of us, take time to remember our brother and sister counterparts in the "gold side" of the Coast Guard. For many of them they are away from family and friends, some for the first time. When you meet them don't forget to thank them for their service. See if there is anything that you as a person, or we as a flotilla can do to make their stay in the Omaha area a little easier. I would also like to ask that you say a prayer for all of our military members, no matter where assigned, for their jobs can be hazardous even in the time of peace.**

**Stay safe!**

**Jim Westcott FC  
8WR 33-1**



## **VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**



Thank you for the confidence you all placed in me, by electing me as your 2015 flotilla commander.

Most of you have only come to know me in my short time as a member of this wonderful flotilla. My experience as a member in the Auxiliary is limited as I am not a boater, and really have no interest in boating other than to insure that the boating public remains safe. I also know that this is not the only reason for our existence, and that we need to assist all of the members of the U.S. Coast Guard, especially the crew of the USCGC Gasconade.

My hope is that Mother Nature decides to smile upon us and allow us to have enough time on the water so that every member can get their required hours, and those that wish to become crew can get their QEs taken. Also, I hope that any member that wishes training or assistance with training will let our member training officer for next year know of the need.

Many of you have held the important office of FC and I am sure that I will be asking you for advice and assistance in the year to come. I wish to thank you and the other members of our flotilla for everything that you do.

We all have high hopes for our flotilla and with hard work, the next year will be productive. Vessel inspections/checks, program visits and boater safety instruction are all big parts of our mandate from the Coast Guard and will, no doubt, be handled in our usual efficient manner.

Again, thank you for your confidence in me and with your help, we will have a fun and productive year.

Barb Westcott, VFC

## Division 33 Election Dinner Pictures by Jim Westcott

Barclay Stebbins, VCDR  
DCDR - elect  
8th Western Rivers Region  
Division 33

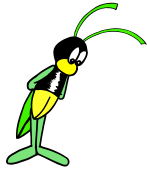


George McNary, VCDR - elect  
8th Western Rivers Region  
Division 33  
And his wife Kay

Barclay Stebbins, VCDR, Jean Goble, CDR  
Richard Goble.



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# ***BY THE INFORMATION BUG***

## **NOVEMBER Notes**

**From:** [www.BeReady.af.mil](http://www.BeReady.af.mil)



## **What is Terrorism?**

Terrorism is the use of force or violence against people or property in violation of the criminal laws of the U.S. for purposes of intimidation, coercion, or ransom.

### **Terrorism Facts**

- Terrorists often use threats to create fear among the public, to convince citizens that their government is unable to protect them, and to get immediate publicity for their causes.
- Acts of terrorism include: threats of terrorism; assassinations; kidnappings; hijackings; bomb scares and bombings; cyber attacks (computer-based); and the use of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons.
- High-risk targets for acts of terrorism include military and civilian government facilities, international airports, large cities, and high profile landmarks. Terrorists might also target large public gatherings, water and food supplies, utilities, and corporate centers.

### **Chemical Threats**

- Chemical agents are poisonous vapors, aerosols, liquids, and solids that have a toxic effect on people, animals, or plants.
- They can be released by bombs or sprayed from aircraft, boats, and vehicles. They can be used as a liquid to create a hazard to people and the environment.
- Some chemical agents may be odorless and tasteless.
- They can have an immediate effect (a few seconds to a few minutes) or a delayed effect (two to 48 hours).

### **Biological Threats**

- Biological agents are organisms or toxins that can kill or incapacitate people, livestock, and crops.
- The three basic groups of biological agents that would likely be used as weapons are bacteria, viruses, and toxins.
- Biological agents can be dispersed by spraying them into the air, by infecting animals that carry the disease to humans, and by contaminating food and water.

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### **Radiological Dispersion Device (RDD)**

- Terrorist use of an RDD (often called dirty nuke or dirty bomb) is considered far more likely than use of a nuclear explosive device. An RDD combines a conventional explosive device (such as a bomb) with radioactive material. It is designed to scatter dangerous and sub-lethal amounts of radioactive material over a general area.
- Depending on the speed at which the area of the RDD detonation was evacuated or how successful people were at safely sheltering-in-place, the number of deaths and injuries from an RDD might not be substantially greater than from a conventional bomb explosion.

### **Nuclear Blasts**

A nuclear blast is an explosion with intense light and heat, a damaging pressure wave, and widespread radioactive material that can contaminate the air, water, and ground surfaces for miles around. A nuclear device can range from a weapon carried by an intercontinental missile launched by a hostile nation or terrorist organization, to a small portable nuclear device transported by an individual.

### **Actions to Consider**

#### **BEFORE**

- Learn about the nature of terrorism.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Take precautions when traveling.
- Leave an area if you feel uncomfortable or if something does not seem right.
- Assemble an emergency supply kit.
- Create an evacuation plan for your family and have a backup route in mind.
- Determine an out-of-town relative that all family members can use as a contact if separated.

#### **DURING**

- Take cover immediately.
- Stay low to the floor or ground.
- Listen to local radio or television stations for updates.
- Evacuate immediately if directed to do so.

#### **AFTER**

- Stay away from the incident area; there may be danger of secondary devices.
- Check for injured and trapped people if already near the event area and provide first aid and CPR if trained to do so.
- Notify your friends and/or family of your condition.
- Use phone services sparingly.
- Listen to local radio or television stations for the latest information.
- Check the foundation, chimney, and land surrounding your home for damage. Be especially careful of downed power lines and ruptured gas lines.
- Report property damage to your insurance agent immediately.

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## **The National Terrorism Advisory System**

The National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) replaces the color-coded Homeland Security Advisory System. This new system will more effectively communicate information about terrorist threats by providing timely, detailed information to the public, government agencies, first responders, airports and other transportation hubs, and the private sector. It recognizes that Americans all share responsibility for the nation's security, and should always be aware of the heightened risk of terrorist attack in the U.S. and what they should do.

### **NTAS ALERTS**

After reviewing the available information, the Secretary of Homeland Security will decide, in coordination with other Federal entities, whether an NTAS Alert should be issued. NTAS Alerts will only be issued when credible information is available. These alerts will include a clear statement that there is an imminent threat or elevated threat. Using available information, the alerts will provide a concise summary of the potential threat, information about actions being taken to ensure public safety, and recommended steps that individuals, communities, businesses and governments can take to help prevent, mitigate or respond to the threat. The NTAS Alerts will be based on the nature of the threat: in some cases, alerts will be sent directly to law enforcement or affected areas of the private sector, while in others, alerts will be issued more broadly to the American people through both official and media channels.

NTAS Alerts contain a sunset provision indicating a specific date when the alert expires, there will not be a constant NTAS Alert or blanket warning that there is an overarching threat. If threat information changes for an alert, the Secretary of Homeland Security may announce an updated NTAS Alert. All changes, including the announcement that cancels an NTAS Alert, will be distributed the same way as the original alert.

#### **Imminent Threat Alert**

Warns of a credible, specific, and impending terrorist threat against the U.S.

#### **Elevated Threat Alert**

Warns of a credible terrorist threat against the U.S.

#### **Sunset Provision**

An individual threat alert is issued for a specific time period and then automatically expires. It may be extended if new information becomes available or the threat evolves.

#### **Terrorism Information**

Terrorism information and intelligence is based on the collection, analysis and reporting of a range of sources and methods. While intelligence may indicate that a threat is credible, specific details may still not be known. As such, Americans should continue to stay informed and vigilant throughout the duration of an NTAS Alert.

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### **How can you help?**

Each alert provides information to the public about the threat, including, if available, the geographic region, mode of transportation, or critical infrastructure potentially affected by the threat; protective actions being taken by authorities, and steps that individuals and communities can take to protect themselves and their families, and help prevent, mitigate or respond to the threat. During an alert, stay vigilant and if you see something suspicious report it to local law enforcement or call 911 (or equivalent).

### **Installation Notification and Warning Systems**

Installation Notification and Warning Systems (INWS) may be activated independently or in conjunction with the NTAS Alerts. INWS include: Giant Voice (outdoor speakers), indoor speaker systems, telephone alert systems, and desktop alerts to name a few. Check with your installation on the method(s) typically used to warn and notify people of potential events.

### **Force Protection Conditions**

Force Protection Conditions (FPCONs) initiate various tasks that increasingly restrict movement and require more stringent security and identification checks throughout the installation and of individuals. FPCON-"Normal" is the least stringent within the system and is used day-to-day when no threats exist and escalates through FPCON Levels; Alpha, Beta, Charlie and Delta, with Delta being the highest FPCON Level where the base is virtually locked down with no movement other than Security Forces and emergency responders allowed. FPCONs are normally broadcast through various mass notification systems and posted at entry control points.

### **Alert Announcements**

NTAS Alerts will be issued through state, local and tribal partners, the news media and directly to the public via the following channels:

#### **Web**

<http://www.dhs.gov/alerts>

#### **Email**

<http://www.dhs.gov/alerts>

#### **Social Media**

<http://facebook.com/NTASAlerts>

<http://www.twitter.com/NTASAlerts>

The public can also expect to see alerts in places, both public and private, such as transit hubs, airports and government buildings.

To find out more about the NTAS, visit the official [DHS NTAS](#) webpage.

# November 2014



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9	10	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13	14	15
16	17 Flotilla 33-1 Meeting Forty & Eight Club	18	19	20	21	22
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# December 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Division 33 Holiday Party Old Chicago 78th & Cass 1300 to 1500
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Flotilla 33-1 Holiday Party 1600 to ?
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