

# “The Fun One”

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**Flotilla 33-1  
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**On Facebook we are found at:  
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

09 December	Division Holiday Party
16 December	Flotilla Christmas Party and Meeting
18 December	NO FLOTILLA MEETING
25 December	Christmas Day
31 December	New Year's Eve
01 January	Happy New Year
15 January	Flotilla Meeting
18 January	Set Up For River City Expo
19 - 21 January	River City Expo

**See the calendars and check our website  
for possible date changes**

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## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



### Commander's Note December 2017

#### Commander's Remarks

The flotilla election is behind us and now planning for 2018 will begin. I want to thank Shane for agreeing to accept the nomination and ultimately the position of Vice Flotilla Commander. I want to also thank those staff officers that have agreed to continue in their current positions. I do have positions to fill for 2018. Those open positions include Marine Safety, Navigation Systems and Operations. If you have interest in filling one of those positions, please let me know.

I'm writing this article on Black Friday, trying to recover from over-indulging yesterday. The time with family was precious. This next month is also a time to spend with family and friends. We will enjoy time together as a flotilla on December 16. Everyone will receive an invitation from George as time gets closer. There is no plan to have a business meeting during that celebration. As for the division gathering, that will happen on December 9th at the Pizza Ranch on 84th Street. If you plan to attend and haven't already done so, please RSVP to me your intent to attend. Let me know how many guests you will have. I will gather the numbers and let the Division Secretary know.

2017 was a busy year for Flotilla One. Patrols, World O' Water, the OpEx, public affairs events, work parties for the half boat and PV/VE events kept us busy. Of course the hurricanes took members of the division outside our AOR. The Coast Guard continues to ask us to do more in support of the active component. At the same time they are asking us to be better prepared to provide that support. This is the time of the year that we can become better educated and prepared to provide the needed support.

I want to thank everyone, again, for all they have done in 2017 to make it a successful year supporting the US Coast Guard. And to say that I look forward to working with you all in 2018.

Until next month.  
James Miller, FC  
085-33-01



**Flotilla 085-33-01 Bridge for 2017**

**James Miller, FC and Shane Wilson, VFC**

Picture by Jim Westcott





# THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

By Jim Westcott, VFC, FSO-DV/PA

Strength, what is it? Last month's 'minute' said that only the strong embrace **diversity**, but what is strength? Is it the ability to bench press 300 lbs? Perhaps the ability to pull a stuck vehicle out of a snow drift (feel free to insert mud hole here if you prefer)? Yes you do have to be physically strong to complete the above mentioned tasks but is it the true strength that we as Auxiliarists need? I urge each and everyone of us to think otherwise.

Each of us is strong in different diverse ways. It is the strength that come from within. That strength to look, see, develop a plan and execute that plan. So, what does that have to do with diversity? Everything. Everyone looks, however, not everyone 'sees' when they look at an individual. Consider that new (or current) member, then see and evaluate what his (or her) strengths and weaknesses are. Then work as a team to develop those traits into our 'team auxiliary' making them a pillar in our team. Everyone that has the desire to volunteer has something to offer, we just have to 'see' past their individual weakness and develop their strengths within the needs of our auxiliary. If we would do this our Auxiliary would be better prepared for any mission that the fates (and/or DirAux) could throw our way.



**DIVISION 33 HOLIDAY PARTY**

December 9, 2017

1300 to 1600 hours

Pizza Ranch at 3010 South 84th St, Omaha

Members that wish to participate in a gift exchange should limit their spending to **no more than \$20.00**

Please let James Miller, FC, know if you plan to attend by December 6, 2017



**FLOTILLA 33-01 HOLIDAY PARTY**

December 16, 2017

1700 to ?

George and Kay McNary's home

George will send out a message to notify the members requesting the number of guests and requests for side dishes and/or deserts.





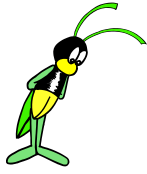
Since the wonderful Holiday Season has now begun, let us all be thankful for what we have. Since we are the Coast Guard Auxiliary and part of our purpose is to assist the Gold Side, let us share our blessings with the crew stationed at the Gasconade. One way to do this is to provide meals and /or snacks to the crew members that are stationed on the Gasconade for the Christmas Season.

The dates this year are from the 18th of December to and including the 1st of January. If you would like to assist in the 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS GIVING, please let me know. In the past, members of our division have brought the crew things such as Christmas cookies, brownies, pizza, and complete turkey dinners. If you wish to assist, whatever you wish to provide will definitely be welcomed and extremely appreciated by the crew.

Thank you for any assistance in this project.

Barb Westcott  
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# ***BY THE INFORMATION BUG***

*By Barb Westcott*

## ***NOVEMBER NOTES***

<https://www.ready.gov/home-fires>

### **Prevent Home Fires**

Home fires are preventable! The following are simple steps that each of us can take to prevent a tragedy.

#### **Cooking**

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of 3 feet around the stove.
- Position barbecue grills at least 10 feet away from siding and deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

#### **Smoking**

- Smoke outside and completely stub out butts in an ashtray or a can filled with sand.
- Soak cigarette butts and ashes in water before throwing them away. Never toss hot cigarette butts or ashes in the trash can.
- Never smoke in a home where oxygen is used, even if it is turned off. Oxygen can be explosive and makes fire burn hotter and faster.
- Be alert - don't smoke in bed! If you are sleepy, have been drinking, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy, put your cigarette out first.



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## **Electrical and Appliance Safety**

Frayed wires can cause fires. Replace all worn, old or damaged appliance cords immediately and do not run cords under rugs or furniture.

If an appliance has a three-prong plug, use it only in a three-slot outlet. Never force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.

Immediately shut off, then professionally replace, light switches that are hot to the touch and lights that flicker.

## **Portable Space Heaters**

- Keep combustible objects at least three feet away from portable heating devices.
- Buy only heaters evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Check to make the portable heater has a thermostat control mechanism, and will switch off automatically if the heater falls over.
- Only use crystal clear K-1 kerosene in kerosene heaters. Never overfill it. Use the heater in a well-ventilated room.

## **Fireplaces and Woodstoves**

- Inspect and clean woodstove pipes and chimneys annually and check monthly for damage or obstructions.
- Use a fireplace screen heavy enough to stop rolling logs and big enough to cover the entire opening of the fireplace to catch flying sparks.
- Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed.

## **Children**

- Take the mystery out of fire play by teaching children that fire is a tool, not a toy.
- Store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children unattended near operating stoves or burning candles, even for a short time.



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# December 2017



**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Flotilla 33-1 Christmas Party & Meeting
17	18 <del>Flotilla 33-1 Meeting Fort &amp; Night Cl</del>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31 						

# January 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Happy New Year!</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	<b>15</b> Flotilla 33-1 Meeting Forty & Eight Club	16	17	<b>18</b> Set up for the River City Expo	<b>19</b> River City Hunting, Fishing Camping & RV Expo	<b>20</b> River City Hunting, Fishing Camping & RV Expo
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