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**On Facebook we are found at:
USCGAUX Flotilla 85-33-01**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

04 July	Independence Day
15 July	Flotilla Meeting
03 August	Picnic at the Gasconade ?
04 August	USCG Birthday
07 September	World O' Water

**See the calendars and check our website
for possible date changes, RBS dates and
other operations**

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Please remember to check out the web-
site at:
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/>**



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Commander's Note July 2019

Well here we are again. As it is the 29th of June I suppose that I could drone on about our founding fathers and the birth of our country But I am sure, if you paid attention in high school, you should be somewhat familiar with the story, so . . .

Lets talk safe boating. The Missouri River, our primary area of operation here, has been in flood since the middle of March. "So?" you might ask what does that mean? Well as we are considering the topic of safe boating, perhaps folks might want to reconsider getting their boats out and attempting to enter the river. So in this instance, the safe thing may be to not get the boat wet, stay home and live to see another day. I understand that not many people would be able launch their boat as all the marinas in Eastern Nebraska are underwater thus there are NO serviceable ramps to launch from. Hummmm. It appears that getting patrol hours will be in the scuppers again. Unfortunately the vessels we use in our AOR are not as easily trailered as we would like, further adding to the miserly situation.

Can we get our people the hours needed to maintain proficiency. Well I hope so but with many of the rivers and lakes in flood, or experiencing high water and no wake restrictions, well only time will tell.

Stay safe out there, and remember in periods of high water the best boating trip will be experienced from the comfort of their living room.

Semper Paratus
Jim Westcott, FC



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

Barb Westcott, VCDR
FSO-CS/PB

This information may be found at:
[Facebook](#)

"Special" Needs Poem

They say that I have "special" needs,
and while that's partly true,
the needs that matter most to me
are the same ones you have too.

I NEED TO BE ACCEPTED.

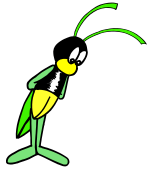
I need friends that make me smile.

I need a chance to learn and grow,
feeling valued all the while.

Sure, I need some extra help
and some things I can't do,

but I hope you'll see beyond all that...

INSIDE I AM JUST LIKE YOU.



BY THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott, VCDR

JULY NOTES

Information for this article may be found at:

https://blog.acton.org/archives/102391-5-facts-about-independence-day-2.html?gclid=CjwKCAjwr8zoBRA0EiwANmvpYGO574blCQ9z8yFHHmrww9aNxjg_Mslk5Z_Tl22-3o1cEr7XjQA1MxoCkrsQAvD_BwE

Here are five facts you should know about America's founding document and the day set aside for its commemoration.

1. **July 4, 1776 is the day that we celebrate Independence Day** even though it wasn't the day the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776), the day we started the American Revolution (that had happened back in April 1775), the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776), or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).
2. After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and the new parties of the 1820s and 1830s all considered themselves inheritors of Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans. Printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1938 and 1941.
3. The signed copy of the Declaration is the official, **but not the original**, document. The approved Declaration was printed on July 5th and a copy was attached to the "rough journal of the Continental Congress for July 4th." These printed copies, bearing only the names of John Hancock, President, and Charles Thomson, secretary, were distributed to state assemblies, conventions, committees of safety, and commanding officers of the Continental troops. On July 19th, Congress ordered that the Declaration be engrossed on parchment with a new title, "the unanimous declaration of the thirteen united states of America," and "that the same, when engrossed, be signed by every member of Congress." Engrossing is the process of copying an official document in a large hand.



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4. John Hancock, the President of the Continental Congress at the time, was the first and only person to sign the Declaration on July 4, 1776 (he signed it in the presence of just one man, Charles Thomson, the secretary of Congress). According to legend, the founding father signed his name bigger than everyone else's because he wanted to make sure "fat old King George" could read it without his spectacles. But the truth is that Hancock had a large blank space and didn't realize the other men would write their names smaller. Today, the term "John Hancock" has become synonymous with a person's signature.

5. The 56 signers of the Declaration did not sign on July 4, 1776, nor were they in the same room at the same time on the original Independence Day. The official signing event took place on August 2, 1776 when 50 men signed the document. Several months passed before all 56 signatures were in place. The last man to sign, Thomas McKean, did so in January of 1777, seven months after the document was approved by Congress. Robert R. Livingston, one of the five original drafters, never signed it at all since he believed it was too soon to declare independence.





25 JUN 2019
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TO: ALAUX
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SUBJ: 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

1. Congratulations, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary! June 23, 2019 marked your 80th anniversary! Since 1939 you have been ready, willing, and able to support Coast Guard missions while sharing your knowledge, experience, and resources with generations of Coast Guard shipmates. To mark this presitgious milestone and recognize the Auxiliary's ever-expanding legacy of devoted service, the following highlights have recently occurred:

a. Having rightfully earned the moniker of the world's premiere maritime volunteer service along with the highest respect and admiration of the international maritime public, all Coast Guard Auxiliarists who have served at least one day during the period June 24, 2014 to June 23, 2019 are awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation (CGUC, citation attached). This award has been signed by the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Karl Schultz. Appropriate AUXDATA entries will be made by the Chief Director of Auxiliary office to all active member records. Corresponding ribbon and star supplies will be shipped soon to District Director of Auxiliary offices for further distribution (there is no CGUC medal).

b. ALCOAST 214/19 addresses the 80th anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. It was released on June 24, 2019 by Admiral Karl Schultz, and can be found at: <https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/General-Messages/ALCOAST/>

c. The President of the United States, Donald Trump, signed a Presidential Proclamation on June 23, 2019 recognizing the outstanding service of the Coast Guard Auxiliary (letter attached).

d. On June 24, 2019, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY), Chairman of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, delivered a speech on the House floor honoring the Auxiliary's 80th anniversary (Congressional Record text attached).

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- e. A post recognizing the Auxiliary's 80th anniversary can also be found in the Compass Blog at: <https://compass.coastguard.blog/>
 2. These highlights will be accompanied by many others at the Auxiliary National Convention (NACON) in Orlando, Florida August 23-24, 2019.
 3. Congratulations again to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary!
 4. Captain Scott L. Johnson, Chief Director of Auxiliary sends.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
June 23, 2019

As Commander in Chief, I am pleased to join our grateful Nation in celebrating the 80th anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Since 1939, the dedicated men and women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary have served our Nation with courage, honor, and resolve, selflessly volunteering to help preserve the safety and security of our Nation's coasts and waterways. From keeping a vigilant watch over America's shorelines during World War II to helping achieve today's historic low rates in national boating accidents and fatalities, Coast Guard Auxiliarists have consistently set the standard for excellence.

For the past 80 years, Coast Guard Auxiliarists have exemplified the Coast Guard's motto of *Semper Paratus*, consistently providing rapid and vital support in the wake of major national response and recovery operations. During Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria in 2017, and Hurricanes Florence and Michael in 2018, the men and women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary were among the first to assist in civilian relief and cleanup efforts. Moreover, they have been at the vanguard of recreational boating safety, educating the public in classrooms, in marine equipment retail outlets, and at boat ramps and marinas across America. This unparalleled devotion demonstrated throughout their distinguished history embodies the highest levels of citizenship, patriotism, and community service.

Melania joins me in thanking the Coast Guard Auxiliarists and all of our Nation's service members for their service and sacrifice. We send our best wishes for a memorable and joyous celebration.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Donald Trump".



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

MAY 16 2019

The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting
the COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION to:

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:


"For exceptionally meritorious service from June 24, 2014 to June 23, 2019 while providing extraordinary levels of public service and support to the United States Coast Guard. Whether supporting response operations for national disasters or local mishaps, the Auxiliary always answered the call enhancing Coast Guard mission performance. In 2017, exceptional Auxiliary talents were brought to bear in response to Hurricanes HARVEY, IRMA, and MARIA. Auxiliarists filled essential incident command post watch positions, augmented active duty units, and provided over 19,000 hours of vital support to the Seventh and Eighth Coast Guard Districts. In 2018, the Auxiliary provided the initial on-scene response to the tragic "Duck Boat" sinking in Branson, Missouri. Auxiliary assets maintained safety zones for over 100 hours, and were instrumental to the preservation of the accident site security. The Auxiliary also forged new and innovative ways to support the Coast Guard, including establishment of programs that assisted Coast Guard chaplains and financial educators, and the creation of a revolutionary partnership with the "Sea Scouts," providing a new generation of America's youth with an attractive path to becoming part of the Coast Guard. The Auxiliary's unflagging compassion and generosity were invaluable to the sustainment of Coast Guard workforce readiness during the unprecedented 35 day partial federal government shutdown in January 2019. Demonstrating unheralded professionalism and extraordinary commitment, the Auxiliary conducted over 977,000 vessel safety checks and marine dealer visits, delivered over 133,000 hours of boating safety instruction, logged nearly 17 million hours of support, saved over 700 lives, assisted over 19,700 boaters in distress, prevented the loss of more than \$101 million in property, and cast an indelible image of superb service to our Nation's maritime public. As the Auxiliary marks its 80th anniversary, the professionalism, pride, and devotion to duty displayed by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

/S/

Karl L. Schultz
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Commandant

July 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4  Happy 4th of July!	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Division, Picnic and Meeting with the crew of the Gasconade
4 USCG BIRTH- DAY	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31