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Conference Room D**



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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

15 February Division Change of Watch,
 Meeting, Training and Dinner
 17 February Flotilla Meeting
 16 March Flotilla Meeting
 17 March St. Patrick's Day
 26 March Storm Spotter Training at the
 Bellevue Fire training Center
 2-5 April Spring District Training in
 North Kansas City, MO.

**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
 website at:**

**[http://wow.uscgaux.info/
 WOW_signin.php?unit=](http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=)**

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Commander's Note February 2020

I would like to give a special thanks to those members of Flotilla 33-03 as well as our Flotilla, the "Fun One" for stepping up to the plate and delivering food and goodies to the crew of the Gasconade that were manning the "watch" during the "12 Days of Christmas" event. When Barb and I delivered our meal on Christmas day, the looks on the faces of the young sailors was well worth the meager expense and time involved. Actually you would have thought that we were the "long lost relatives" dropping by.

D-Train is coming and will be held at the Harrah's Convention Center and Hotel in North Kansas City MO. Seminars being offered are AUXLAMs, PA, Aviation, AUXPAD, AUX12, TCO, VE, PV, ICS, Food Service etc. In addition to the schools offered the interaction with other Auxiliarists would be well worth the time. See you there!

Semper Paratus
Jim Westcott, FC



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

Barb Westcott, VCDR FSO-CS/PB

The following information can be found at :
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=d-dept>

"Moving Beyond Simple Tolerance"

Promoting an inclusive atmosphere of acceptance and respect and creating an environment, which fosters an appreciation of the values, skills, and abilities of each individual member.

Diversity is about acknowledging differences and adapting practices to create an inclusive environment in which diverse skills, perspectives and backgrounds are valued. It is about understanding the individual differences among our members that arise from a broad range of backgrounds and lifestyles and recognizing the value of using those different perspectives and ideas to enhance the quality and outcomes of our mission.

Our diversity is shaped by a variety of characteristics including age, ethnicity, gender, disability, language, religious beliefs, life stages, education, career, sexual orientation, personality and marital status. Additionally, diversity means accepting, welcoming and valuing the differences inherent in every individual and recognizing the contribution that a diverse membership can make to our organizational effectiveness and operational performance.

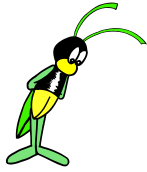
For your consideration, on behalf of the National Commodore, the Diversity Staff and our members, we strongly encourage not only a diverse membership but that you engage in a *Diversity of Mission*. We challenge you to recruit new members and retain current members by informing them of the many mission sets available beyond those of Air and Surface Operations, Recreational Boating Safety activities and Public Education. Although these missions are at our core existence, there is so much more... Let's do more!

Elected leaders and staff officers must implement strategies specific to the needs of their local units. Plans must be consistent with the requirements set forth in the NACO's Strategic Plan and Diversity Statement. Our team stands ready to provide any assistance requested in support of your local program.

Ask of yourselves and your shipmates, *"Are you mission capable and mission ready" When the call comes, what do you, our diverse team, have to offer? Be as diverse in your ability to offer your services to your community and the United States Coast Guard as you are in your acceptance of the wide array of diverse cultures that make up our Auxiliary!*

Be Ready, Relevant and Prepared!





BY THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott, VCDR

FEBRUARY NOTES

Information for this article may be found at:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/warning/novel-coronavirus-wuhan-china>.

Novel Coronavirus in Hubei Province, China

Key Points

- **CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to Hubei Province, China, including Wuhan.**
- There is an ongoing [outbreak of respiratory illness](#) caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that can be spread from person to person.
- Chinese officials have closed transport within and out of Wuhan and other areas in Hubei Province, including buses, subways, trains, and the international airport.
- Preliminary information suggests that older adults and people with underlying health conditions may be at increased risk for severe disease from this virus.
- The situation is evolving. This notice will be updated as more information becomes available.

What is the current situation?

- **CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to Hubei Province, China, including Wuhan.** In response to an outbreak of respiratory illness, Chinese officials have closed transport within and out of Wuhan and other areas in Hubei Province, including buses, subways, trains, and the international airport.
- There may be limited access to adequate medical care in affected areas.
- Information for travelers to other parts of China is available at wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/watch/novel-coronavirus-china.

A novel (new) coronavirus is causing an outbreak of respiratory illness that began in the city of Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. This outbreak began in early December 2019 and continues to grow. Initially some patients were linked to the Wuhan South China Seafood City (also called the South China Seafood Wholesale Market and the Hua Nan Seafood Market). Chinese health officials have reported hundreds of cases in the city of Wuhan and severe illness has been reported, including deaths. Cases have also been identified in travelers from Wuhan to other parts of China and the world, including the United States. We expect more cases to be confirmed. Person-to-person spread is occurring though it's unclear how easily this virus is spreading between people at this time.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. There are several known [coronaviruses that infect people](#) and usually only cause mild respiratory disease, such as the common cold. However, at least two previously identified coronaviruses have caused severe disease — severe acute respiratory syndrome ([SARS](#)) coronavirus and Middle East respiratory syndrome ([MERS](#)) coronavirus.



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Signs and symptoms of this illness include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. This novel coronavirus has the potential to cause severe disease and death. Preliminary information suggests older adults and people with underlying health conditions or compromised immune systems may be at higher risk of severe illness from this virus. Many characteristics of this novel coronavirus and how it may affect people are still unclear.

In response to this outbreak, Chinese officials are screening travelers leaving the city of Wuhan. Several countries and territories throughout the world are reported to have implemented health screening of travelers arriving from Wuhan.

On arrival to the United States, travelers from Wuhan may undergo health screening, including having their temperature taken and being asked to fill out a symptom questionnaire. Travelers with signs and symptoms of illness (fever, cough, or difficulty breathing) will have an additional health assessment.

What can travelers do to protect themselves and others?

CDC recommends avoiding nonessential travel to Hubei Province, China, including Wuhan. If you must travel:

- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid animals (alive or dead), animal markets, and products that come from animals (such as uncooked meat).
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Older adults and travelers with underlying health issues may be at risk for more severe disease and should discuss travel to Wuhan with their healthcare provider.

If you traveled to Hubei Province, China, including Wuhan, in the last 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should:

- Seek medical care right away. Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.
- Avoid contact with others.
- Not travel while sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

Clinician Information

Healthcare providers should obtain a detailed travel history for patients with fever and respiratory symptoms. For patients with these symptoms who were in Wuhan on or after December 1, 2019 and had onset of illness within 2 weeks of leaving, consider the novel coronavirus outbreak in China and notify infection control personnel and your local health department immediately.

Although routes of transmission have yet to be definitively determined, CDC recommends a cautious approach to interacting with patients under investigation. Ask such patients to wear a surgical mask as soon as they are identified. Conduct their evaluation in a private room with the door closed, ideally an airborne infection isolation room, if available. Personnel entering the room should use standard precautions, contact precautions, and airborne precautions, and use eye protection (goggles or a face shield). For additional infection control guidance, visit [CDC's Infection Control](#) webpage.

**EIGHTH WESTERN RIVERS REGION
2020 SPRING DISTRICT TRAINING
2 April – 5 April 2020**

Plan to join Coast Guard Auxiliary members from around the region at the Spring District Training Meeting in North Kansas City, MO. Travel days are Thursday 2 April and Sunday, 5 April 2020.

Uniform of the day: Daytime sessions: Tropical Blue
Friday night: Civilian casual / Costume
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 THE SPRING 2020 BUSINESS MEETING AND TRAINING

HOTEL INFORMATION

Spring 2020 D-Train and Business Meeting will be held at Harrah's Hotel & Convention Center, North Kansas City, Missouri. One Riverboat Drive, North Kansas City, MO 64116 Room Rate: \$95 per. Group Name: Coast Guard Auxiliary 2020 D-Train. Reserve your room by phone: 800-427-7247 Or on line <https://www.caesars.com/reserve/?propCode=NKC&action=FindRooms&groupcode=S10CGA9>
Complimentary parking. Complimentary airport shuttle pick-up and drop-off arranged by hotel. Special room requirements should be made with the hotel.

Cutoff date for reservations Sunday 1 March 2020

SPRING DISTRICT TRAINING

Name _____ Flotilla _____ Aux Office _____
E-mail address _____
Nonmember () _____
Name _____ Flotilla _____ Aux Office _____
E-mail address _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Please indicate if: New Member _____ First Time Attendee _____

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


Item	Number of People		Total Cost
* Registration Fee for all attendees	_____	@ \$15.00 =	_____
*Past Division Commander Association Luncheon (Friday) OPEN TO ALL			
Buffet with Salad, Chicken Parmesan, Beef Bolognese	_____		
Mushroom Risotto, Vegetable Medley, Dessert, Beverage	_____	@ \$24.00 =	_____
Friday Fellowship & Entertainment	_____		
Buffet with Salads, Smoked Brisket, Chicken in Citrus Butter	_____	@ \$44.00 =	_____
Sauce, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert, Beverage	_____		
*Chief of Staff's Luncheon (Saturday)	_____		
Buffet with Salad, Chicken Piccata, Beef Bordelaise, Yukon Potatoes,	_____	@ \$24.00 =	_____
Vegetable Medley, Dessert, Beverage	_____		
*Commodore's Banquet (Saturday Evening)	_____		
KC Strip with Mushroom Demi Glaze	_____	@ \$44.00 =	_____
Salmon with Dill Cream Sauce	_____	@ \$44.00 =	_____
Combo with Chicken & Beef	_____	@ \$44.00 =	_____
With Cheese Potato, Asparagus/Carrots, Dessert & Beverage	_____		
Total		\$	_____

Submit special dietary needs with reservation. **Make checks payable to 8* Western Rivers Region**

Mail to Dorene Wendland, DSO-FN, 2032 Alpine Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-2120. No later than 24 March 2020. Email: DWendBCMAC@aol.com


February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 	15 Division C.O.W. Training and Dinner
16	17 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15	16 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	17 	18	19	20	21
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