

# “The Fun One”

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Treasurer (FSO-FN) - George McNary  
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**On Facebook we are found at:  
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2-5 April	<b>CANCELED</b> -Spring District Training in North Kansas City
20 April	Flotilla Meeting - via ZOOM
02 May	Division Meeting will be online more information to follow
18 May	Flotilla Meeting

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

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## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



### Commander's Note April 2020

Welcome one and all to a new world. I hope that everyone and their loved ones are well. It seems that the watch word for the immediate future will be "Stay , Stay Healthy and Stay Home!"

Now is a good time to take those ICS, FEMA, and Auxiliary classes that can be completed online. Being the pessimist that I am, I believe that there may very well be requests for Auxiliarists that have the 100, 300, 400, 700 & 800 courses in their jackets.

If you are Crew/Coxswain qualified, NOW is the time to look over your PPE and inspect, test, clean and prepare for the inspection that was originally scheduled for last months meeting.

As for the meetings, I am exploring the ZOOM app for our next meeting. It seems that our Division Commander has access to the application that will allow electronic meetings up to 100 (I believe) participants. Let us give this method a try until this crisis is nothing more than a painful, unpleasant memory.

Until then, Stay safe, Stay healthy and stay home (if you can)!

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&category=mission-diversity>

## Mission Diversity

*The US Coast Guard and its Auxiliary is considered the "Swiss Army Knife" of our nation in that we all prosecute a myriad of missions. That said, have you ever wondered what it takes for you the Auxiliarist to get involved and... did you even know these programs existed? Please take the time to review the source material on this site and see what interests you!*

The list below is provided to give you several websites to check each of the missions. Please look at each one and study what interests you. This can be done now while we are not having PA events or able to be out on the river.

1. Diversity of Missions Job Qualification Guide

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BQndnUbydn\\_Oja9sXX6CBfnUTLeMk32H/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BQndnUbydn_Oja9sXX6CBfnUTLeMk32H/view)

2. C-School / Training

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=aux00>

3. National Member Training Compendium

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bgiiqa2T4zX42HwSjUR1gFauK2WvrAxp/view>

4. Auxiliary Clergy Support

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R61hvFLnlRGZObrAbonUmgHxYKIT5Hd7/view>

5. Auxiliary Support to Health Care Facilities

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iGW-IYSmLcs\\_l309yOK06khQmhVzxaN2/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iGW-IYSmLcs_l309yOK06khQmhVzxaN2/view)

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**6. Aux Build SOP**

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**7. Ombudsman SOP**

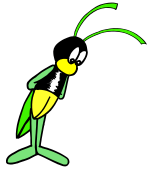
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**8. Ombudsman Student Guide**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jQMSZCFvK3Y4NI-4SPoULfnFxc7gKOif/view>

As members of the Auxiliary, we have the unique opportunity and/or responsibility to ensure that we practice diversity in all of our missions. We must all work together for what is best for the Auxiliary, the Gold Side, and our families. Let's continue to be the BEST!





# ***BY THE INFORMATION BUG***

*By Barb Westcott, VCDR*

## ***APRIL NOTES***

Information for this article may be found at:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=R-DEPT&category=from-the-bridge>

### **Response Mission Statement & Org Chart**

The Response Directorate serves the US Coast Guard by ensuring that volunteer members are well-trained, qualified and equipped to support appropriate programs and are prepared to contribute to all authorized US Coast Guard activities present and future.

#### **Our Bywords – ‘Safe, Effective, Adaptable, Fun’**

##### **Safe -**

- Appropriate Regulations and Policy Guidance
- Trained – Initial and Recurrent training to provide safe, capable crews
- To achieve our goal: Everyone comes back every time, without a scratch, without a doubt
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##### **Effective -**

- Missions accomplished professionally, competently>
- Low cost and High Value to CG

##### **Adaptable -**

- Willing to change as necessary to meet our goals
- Not bound by past practices or “the way it’s always been done”

##### **Fun -**

- Members have “feeling of accomplishment”
- Patriotic pride
- Using skills for public good

These precepts form the foundation of the Response Directorate and every strategy and decision we implement.

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### **The Response Directorate will:**

- Recognize that the member is the most valuable asset of the organization; train them well, encourage participation, personal achievement and satisfaction in all activities.
- Continually strive to improve the quality and safety of the operations program.
- Realize the true multi-mission nature in Auxiliary surface and air patrols by integrating elements of Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) and Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) in all missions while underway or airborne.
- Encourage cross training among all CG Auxiliary operational elements (aviation, surface, TeleCom, MSEP), CG active duty/reserve forces and local emergency response/law enforcement units.
- Maintain strong communication and collaboration with CG Headquarters units, other Auxiliary Departments and external agencies or organizations.
- Embrace new program opportunities that are consistent with the overall organizational strategies.
- Encourage ongoing training for specific knowledge and skill sets to match evolving operational demands; promote member attendance in "C" school and other training opportunities.
- Advocate good stewardship of limited resources.
- Empower members at all levels to identify opportunities to advance the goals of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- Reinforce the responsibility of each volunteer member to honor their commitment to Coast Guard Auxiliary activities.
- Recognize that our members are volunteers and they must find personal reward or satisfaction in their volunteer activity, and that, if they do not enjoy their participation in the programs, they are unlikely to continue to volunteer.

The bywords for the Response Directorate are **“safe, effective, adaptable, fun”**. These bywords, and our core values, guide the management of all Response programs. Our members must be safe, our work must be effective and our members must enjoy what they are doing. We must balance the safety of our members and the boating public with the challenges of accomplishing our missions in support of the Coast Guard. We must be ready and willing to adapt to changing conditions when necessary. And we must be mindful that our members are volunteers, respect their contributions and work to make our programs rewarding, interesting and satisfying. (In a word, fun.)



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### **Strategic Goals**

- Determine the Coast Guard's need for surface, air and communication assets and activities in normal and surge conditions.
- Provide strategies for the training and qualification of members.
- Research and evaluate technology advances and determine how technologies should be integrated into Auxiliary operations.
- Ensure that the supporting organizational infrastructure is in place to accommodate change.
- Provide all tools necessary for success in Auxiliary operations, including but not limited to, policy guidance, funding, reward systems and safety equipment.
- Leverage information system technology to improve processes and enhance communication
- Value the contribution and be responsive to the needs and concerns of the member, including recruiting, retention and personal satisfaction.
- Continually evaluate our programs to improve safety and effectiveness

The National Response Center home page may be found at the following link:

<http://nrc.uscg.mil/Default.aspx>

### **Division Staff Officer Job Descriptions**

These are the job descriptions for Division level staff officer positions that support the National Directorate of Response activities.

#### **DSO-AV (Aviation)**

#### **DSO-CM (TeleCommunications)**

#### **DSO-OP (Surface Operations)**

#### **DFSO (Flight Safety - Aviation)**

If you want more information , please check out the website at: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=R-DEPT&category=from-the-bridge>



# April 2020



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19	20 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

# May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Division Meeting on line
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	19	20	21	22	23
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