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**On Facebook we are found at:  
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**World O Water has been CANCELLED**  
10-13 September **D-Train Virtual Meeting**  
21 September Flotilla Zoom Meeting  
03 October Division Meeting  
19 October Flotilla Meeting

**See the calendars and check our website**

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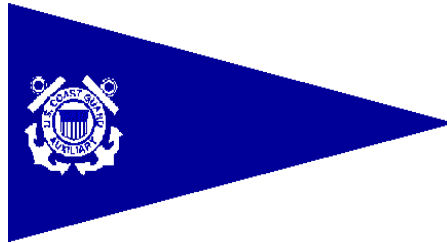
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# FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



## *Commander's Notes* *September 2020*

Is there a light at the end of the tunnel? I surely hope so, however; as Auxiliarists, we must be both prepared as well as flexible. One never knows what the future may have in store for us so now is the time to get your ducks in a row. Get the education you need (most of which is available online) to make yourself more "saleable" to the "Gold Side." Like how one may ask! The answer is actually quite easy; attend the online District meeting and training being offered. There are several instructional seminars that will go toward your PQS, in several fields. However the deadline to attend the on-line classes is rapidly approaching (01 September) and one has to get one's rear-in-gear and sign up.

Other options you ask. Yep they are out there. FEMA has several on-line classes from Biological Awareness to, Disaster Related Exposure Assessment and Monitoring to, Incident Command System to, Instructor Training to, emergency communications, to, well you get the idea. **BUT YOU** have to put forth the effort to get this free education.

Now, back to the tunnel with the light. As you should be aware the Gulf Coast is, at the time of this writing, being hit by the 'double whammy' of a tropical storm followed closely by Hurricane Laura, a Category 4 storm. If you have the skill set needed AND are able to respond (remembering family and the job come first) give serious consideration to answering the 'call.'

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy!

Semper Paratus  
Jim Westcott



# THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

Barb Westcott, VCDR FSO-CS/PB

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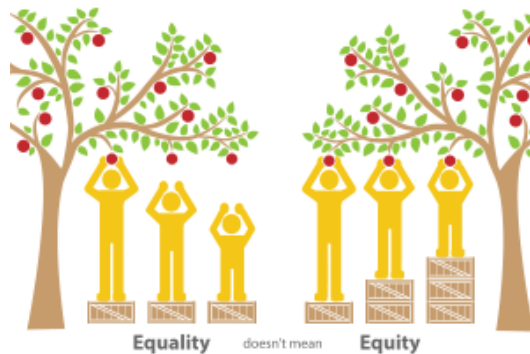
<https://dei.extension.org/>

## What is Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)?

**Diversity** is the presence of differences that may include race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, nationality, socioeconomic status, language, (dis)ability, age, religious commitment, or political perspective. Populations that have been, and remain, underrepresented among practitioners in the field and marginalized in the broader society.

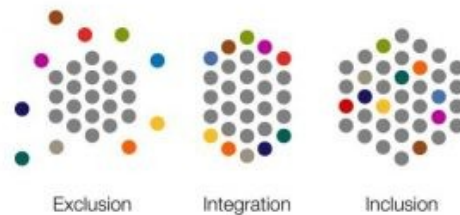


**Equity** is promoting justice, impartiality and fairness within the procedures, processes, and distribution of resources by institutions or systems. Tackling equity issues requires an understanding of the root causes of outcome disparities within our society.



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**Inclusion** is an outcome to ensure those that are diverse actually feel and/or are welcomed. Inclusion outcomes are met when you, your institution, and your program are truly inviting to all. To the degree to which diverse individuals are able to participate fully in the decision-making processes and development opportunities within an organization or group.



Like a string of beads, it is our unique differences and intricacies that make us so appealing and attractive. We would not be as beautiful if we were all the same. It's the contrast and asymmetry that makes us worth while.

*Lindsey Lunsford, M.E.M., Second Edition DEI Fellow*

It is here where we encourage innovative change. While change might seem hard, especially related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, it is not impossible; it requires strong change agents (a village) and YOU! We encourage you and your village to be the change you want to see. This tool has: resources, discussion, and expert interactions that will aide you in your change management journey. Go ahead, explore, innovate, and continue to build the change you want to see.

*Shatomi Luster-Edward, Ed.D., First Edition DEI Fellow*





## THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott, VCDR, FSO-CS/PB

### SEPTEMBER NOTES

The information following can be found at the following:

<https://aaaliving.acg.aaa.com/auto/avoid-deer-collisions/>

## Why You Shouldn't 'Veer for Deer'

It can often cause a more serious crash.



*Pamela Au/Alamy*

Swerving to miss wildlife wandering in the road is often a natural reaction. But it can also be dangerous and put you at risk for a serious crash. More than 1.5 million deer-vehicle collisions occur each year in the United States, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety estimates. Those collisions result in about \$1 billion in vehicle damage and cause 150 deaths each year.

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## **Explore Coverage**

You're more likely to cross paths with deer during the fall, which is their mating season. Insurance claims for collisions with animals rise dramatically in the last three months of the year. Combine deer mating season with fewer hours of daylight, and it's a recipe for disaster if you're not paying attention to your surroundings.

Reduce your chances of colliding with deer by following these tips—and learn what to do if a crash is unavoidable.

### **Avoiding car-deer collisions**

Heed speed-limit and deer-crossing signs, and stay especially alert for deer at dawn and dusk, when they're most active. If you do see one crossing or standing beside the road, slow down—deer can be highly unpredictable, and because they often travel in herds, there are likely others nearby. Don't bother with gimmicks: Flashing high-beam headlights or honking your horn won't keep deer off the road.

### **Minimize the impact by braking firmly**

If you can't avoid hitting a deer, don't swerve but do brake firmly. Hold on to the steering wheel and stay in your lane. Then bring your vehicle to a controlled stop.

### **Handling the aftermath of a collision**

Pull off the road and turn on your emergency flashers. Don't try to remove the deer from the roadway—it may be alive, and its hooves or antlers could injure you. Report the crash to the police and your insurance company.

# September 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY	8	9	10 VIRTURAL DISTRICT MEETING & D-TRAIN	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



# October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Great Plains Division Meeting
4	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 