

# “The Fun One”

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Diversity (FSO-DV) - Jim Westcott  
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

09 October	Division Meeting, Election and Lunch
18 October	Flotilla Meeting
31 October	Halloween
15 November	Flotilla Meeting
25 November	Thanksgiving

**8WR DISTRICT MONTHLY TRAINING  
LOOK AT THE  
DISTRICT CALENDAR ON THE  
WOW WEBSITE TO FIND THE DATES  
See the calendars and check our website  
for possible date changes, RBS dates and  
other operations.**

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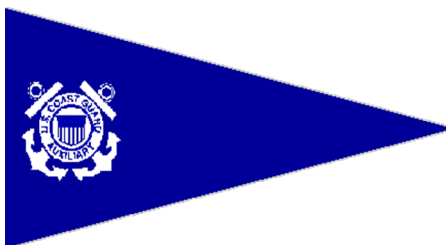
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# FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



## *Commander's Notes* *October 2021*

### **Why Members Leave**

When asked why they were disenrolling, members give a variety of reasons. Some of them can't be helped, but those cases are a minority. More common reasons include boring meetings, bad relationships, dirty politics, lack of training, cliquishness, arrogant officers, and a general lack of fun. If any of this sound familiar, the flotilla leadership needs to take prompt action to assess their leadership and program, consider the flotilla's culture, and make appropriate changes.

This month we are in the process of working with two of our members that have decided to ask for retirement membership status. Paperwork has started and by the end of December this should be complete. Please reach out to these two and offer congratulations for the many years of service plus many goals achieved over their 20 years of service.

BZ to both of these members for a very nice job they gave in service to all of our members and the public for a safer boating community.

Thank you: Jean Goble and Greg Tunink

Jim Wolfe FC 085-33-01





# Naval Sea Cadets

Information and pictures provided  
by Cannon Kinchelow, Jr., FSO-PV/VE

On Saturday September 11, 2021, at the invitation of LTJG Susan Davidson, the Supply & Operations Officer for the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Cornhusker Division, Jim Wolfe, FC 085-33-01 and Cannon Kinchelow, FSO-PV/VE, provided Coast Guard Auxiliary Training to eight Naval Sea Cadets, a Naval Master Chief and several parents of the cadets who were in attendance. Location of the training took place at Freedom Park. The following topics were addressed; how to throw a heaving line, knot tying, fire extinguishers and life vests.

FC Wolfe explained the necessity of using a heaving line and gave a step-by-step illustration of how to properly place the rope using your left hand and then throwing the weighted end of the rope into the water when on a boat or on shore.

After the presentation, the cadets went with FSO-PV/VE Kinchelow to practice what they had learned by trying to toss the weight into an open framed square structure with four separate areas. There were two lady sea cadets who were able to toss the weight into the structure on their second throw, while the boys took a little longer to gain successful throws. Eventually all the cadets got the hang of it.

FC Wolfe explained and illustrated how to tie various knots. Those knots were: Bowline, Clove Hitch, Square Knot, Sheet Bend, Two Hitches, and the Cleat Hitch. Afterwards the cadets were given ample time to practice tying the different knots.

FC Wolfe and FSO-PV/VE Kinchelow both gave presentations on different types of life vests and the circumstances of when to use each type of vest.

FC Wolfe gave a brief presentation on the different types of fire extinguishers and their proper use.

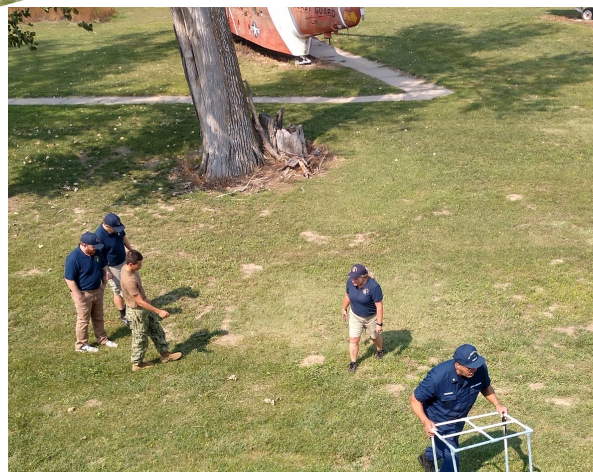
After the training was over, it was learned that LTJG Davidson had a son who was in the Coast Guard and one of the young men in attendance had just returned to Omaha from Denver Colorado after enlisting in the Coast Guard and another young man was considering either going to the Coast Guard Academy or enlisting in the Coast Guard.

A good time was had by all in attendance.

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Demonstration by Jim Wolfe,  
FC 085-33-01





## **INFORMATION BUG OCTOBER 2021**

The information for this article was provided by  
Barclay Stebbins, VFC, SO-SR, FSO-IS/OP/SR

### **Response to Hurricane IDA Incident Management Response**

In the aftermath of Hurricane IDA, D8 requested tasking support from the Auxiliary members who were asked to deploy to assist with the various Incident Management Teams (IMT) that were supporting all of the response efforts on the ground and air. These included but not limited to, ground and water search and rescue, facilities assessments, and identifying sources of hazardous materials being discharged into the various waterways.

This was further complicated by the number of active duty/reserve personnel and their families that had to relocate due to the situation on the ground in New Orleans and surrounding areas.

Barclay Stebbins from 085-33-01 was tasked to go to Houston on 3 Sep. He was paired with Larry Carter, 082-11-04. Barclay has been working with the D8WR Incident Management Team (IMT) through many on-line training events over the last several months which enabled him to be prepared for incidents such as this. Larry has been working on various ICS courses as well, and working with the local MSD (Nashville, TN) on table top as well as functional exercises.

Upon arrival, they were tasked to manage the Check In/Check out of over 150 personnel. Their knowledge of the Incident Management System Software (IMSS) made this transition very quick and served multiple purposes. The work they performed in accurately obtaining information on the proper forms and entering the same into the database assisted greatly in expediting the new arrival process. They also directed new personnel where to go to continue their processing ensuring the smooth transition to their work assignments. This ensured that at any time, the staff knew who was on duty and which position they were assigned, which allowed active duty/reserve personnel do their primary work.

Their work during the first week assignment was highly regarded and very much appreciated. This led to them being asked to serve that role in a MER (Marine Emergency Response) IMT for a second week. This again assisted in the accurate recording of personnel status. During this period, they were also taking the opportunity with other personnel in understanding their role in supporting the recovery efforts.

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The following pictures were taken by Barclay Stebbins, Larry Carter and William Quimby, all responders to the Communications Center in Huston in response to Hurricane Ida.



# October 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Division Meeting And Training
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Omaha Flotilla Meeting @ Tangier Shrine	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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# November 2021



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