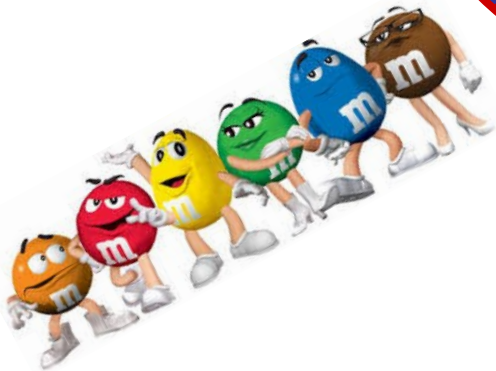


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**On Facebook we are found at:  
 USCGAUX Flotilla 85-33-01**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>21 Nov.</b>	<b>Flotilla Meeting</b>
<b>24 Nov.</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>03 Dec.</b>	<b>Division Holiday Party</b>
<b>17 Dec.</b>	<b>Flotilla Holiday Party</b>

**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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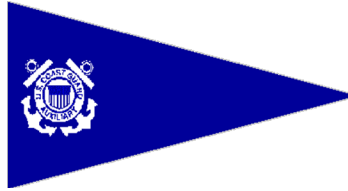
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**Please remember to check out the  
 website at:  
<http://a0853301.wow.uscgaux.info>**



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## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



**NOVEMBER 2022**

All members have paid their dues. That is great news and with no losses and new members, we are on the plus side. BZ to all.

Congratulation to our newly elected flotilla officers:

BARCLAY A STEBBINS FC

BARBARA LYNN WESTCOTT VFC

Our annual thank your letter to the Tangier Potentate for 2022 has been written and will be delivered this month.

Otto Frank, Anne Frank's father, after many years working on her writings said **"On the outset, I know I seem okay, but ... without children, there is no point in life."**

Frederick Douglass once noted, **"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."**

This year our three PE classes showed us one way:

Class 1 had 3 youth out of 9 under 17,

Class 2 had 4 youth out of 4 under 17

Class 3 had 4 youth out of 6 under 17.

Thank you, Cannon for all you are doing with the Navy Sea Cadets and your work with the U.S. Coast Guard recruiting in the schools.

Thank you, Doug for all your work getting the Auxiliary into schools for recruiting

Thank you, Barclay for your work with the new AUP program at the University.

Thank you, Pat for your work with the Sea Scouts.

As this next year begins in two months our flotilla will have an opportunity to work with building strong children.

James Wolfe FC



**Busy October for Members of Flotilla 085-33-01**  
**By Cannon Kinchelow, FSO-SR/PV/VE**

Thanks to the outreaching efforts of Doug Ives, FSO-MS, the Career Fair Counselor / Coordinator for two different High Schools in Council Bluffs, Iowa, invited members of Flotilla 85-33-1 to participate in career fairs being held on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Jim Wolfe, FC, represented the USCG Academy; Doug Ives, FSO-MS, represented the USCG Auxiliary and Cannon Kinchelow, FSO-PV/VE/SR, represented the USCG Recruiting Station from Kansas City, Missouri.

The Auxiliarists had one table each to lay out brochures, lanyards, wrist bands, pens, and squeegee key chains. Doug Ives, FSO-MS, created a special power-point presentation which highlighted Coast Guard planes, ships, helicopters along with Coast Guard personnel in action and career enlistment fields. Over the two-day period, the display tables attracted more than 100 interested students ranging from freshman to seniors, who were interested in finding out more information about the Coast Guard. It is hoped that several seeds were planted to generate more interest in all the activities of the Coast Guard.

On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, several members of the Flotilla, Jim Wolfe, FC, Barclay Stebbins, VFC, George McNary, FSO-FN/NS, and Jim Wescott, DSO-CM/FSO-CM, taught a boat safety class to six students at the DC West High School located in Valley, Nebraska. Every student who took the boat safety class gained valuable information to be safe on the water.

On Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, Jim Wolfe, FC, and Cannon Kinchelow, FSO-SR/VE/PV, were invited to set up a display table at Ralston High School College and Career Fair in Ralston, Nebraska. An array of students stopped at the tables within a 90-minute time frame to learn as much as they could. After the career fair was over, the Auxiliary Officers met privately with interested students who wanted more information about the different armed forces and government benefits.





Career Fair  
Display Table  
Picture by  
Cannon Kinchelow



Jim Wolfe and  
Cannon Kinchelow  
at Ralston High School  
Picture taken by  
Academy Partner  
Bob White

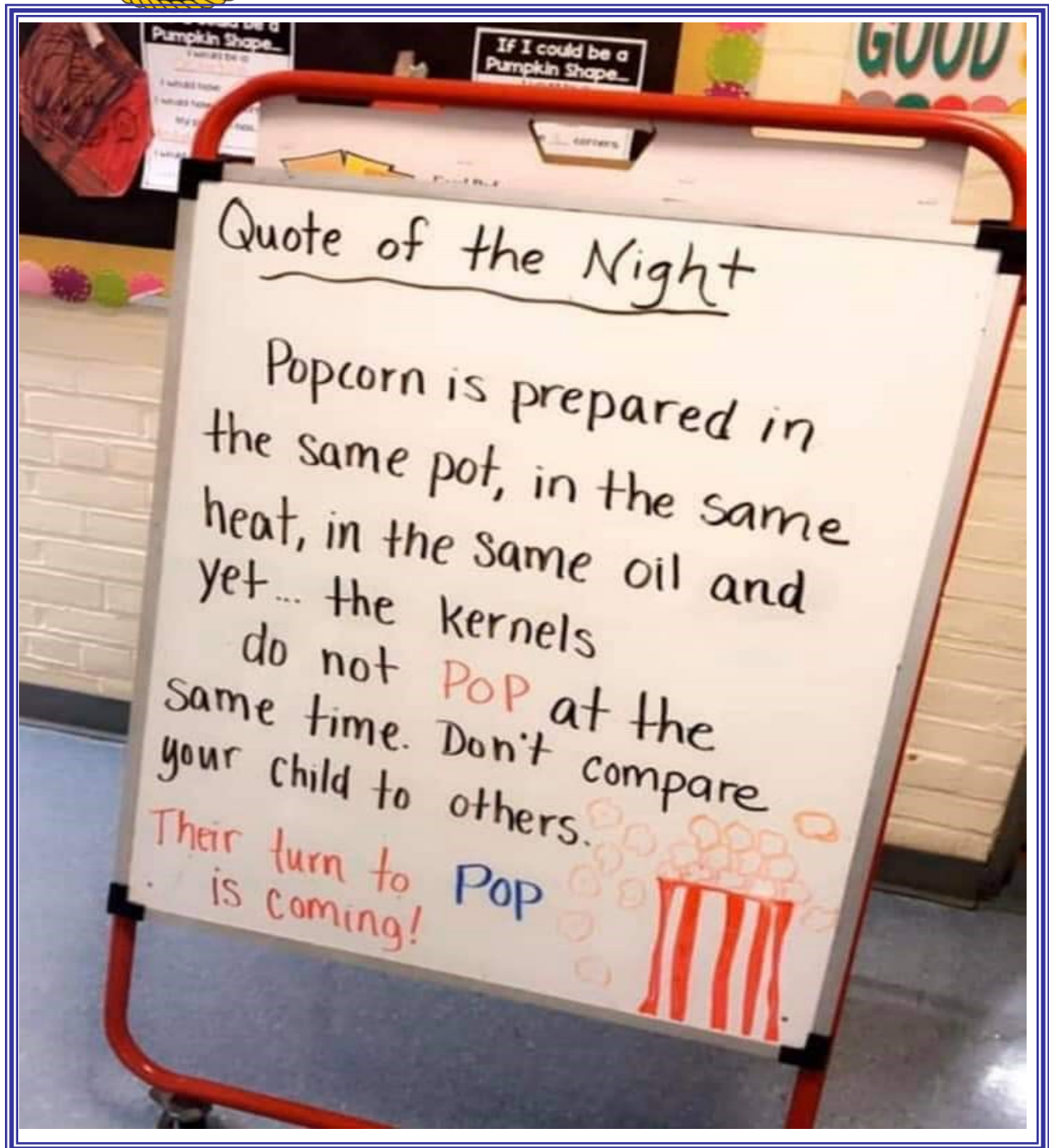


Cannon Kinchelow  
And  
Doug Ives at  
T. J. High School  
Council Bluffs, IA  
Picture by Jim Wolfe, FC



Jim Wolfe and Cannon Kinchelow setting up the display table at  
A. L. High School in Council Bluffs, IA  
Picture by Doug Ives, FSO-MS

## Wise words to live by!





## INFORMATION BUG OCTOBER, 2022

The information for this article was found at  
[Winter Storm Preparedness & Blizzard Safety | Red Cross](#)

### WINTER STORM SAFETY

#### Learn how to stay safe in a blizzard and how to prevent or thaw frozen pipes

Each year, hundreds of Americans are injured or killed by exposure to cold, vehicle accidents on wintry roads, and fires caused by the improper use of heaters. Prepare now so you can stay safe during blizzards and other winter storms!

Take immediate precautions if you hear these words on the news:



**Winter Storm WARNING:** Life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours.



**Blizzard WARNING:** Sustained winds or frequent gusts of 35 miles per hour or greater, plus considerable falling or blowing snow reducing visibility to less than a quarter mile, expected to prevail for three hours or longer.

Other winter storm words to listen for:

**WIND CHILL Temperature:** How cold people and animals feel when outside. As wind increases, heat is carried away from your body at a faster rate, driving down your body temperature and making you feel much colder. The wind chill temperature is not the actual temperature but rather how wind and cold feel on exposed skin.

**Winter Storm OUTLOOK:** Winter storm conditions possible in the next two to five days. Stay tuned to local media for updates.

**Winter Storm WATCH:** Winter storm conditions possible within the next 36 to 48 hours. Review your winter storm plans and stay informed about weather conditions.

**Winter Weather ADVISORY:** Winter weather conditions expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous but not life-threatening if you are cautious.

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## What Should You Do Before a Winter Storm?



### Protect Your Family

- Talk with your family about what to do if a winter storm watch or warning is issued.
- Have your vehicle winterized before the winter storm season to decrease your chance of being stranded.
- Have a mechanic check your battery, antifreeze, wipers and windshield washer fluid, ignition system, thermostat, lights, flashing hazard lights, exhaust system, heater, brakes, defroster, and oil.
- Install good winter tires with adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate, but some jurisdictions require vehicles to be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs.

### Keep in your vehicle:

- A windshield scraper and small broom
- A small sack of sand for generating traction under wheels and a set of tire chains or traction mats
- Matches in a waterproof container
- A brightly colored (preferably red) cloth to tie to the antenna
- An emergency supply kit, including warm clothing
- Keep your vehicle's gas tank full so you can leave right away in an emergency and to keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Keep a supply of non-clumping kitty litter to make walkways and steps less slippery.
- Service snow removal equipment before the winter storm season and maintain it in good working order.
- Keep handy a warm coat, gloves or mittens, hat, water-resistant boots, and extra blankets and warm clothing for everyone in your household.

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## Protect Your Home

- Learn how to protect [pipes from freezing](#).
- Make sure your home heating sources are installed according to local codes and permit requirements and are clean and in working order.
- Make sure your home is properly insulated. Caulk and weather-strip doors and windowsills to keep cold air out.
- Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside to provide an extra layer of insulation to keep cold air out.
- Consider buying emergency heating equipment, such as a wood- or coal-burning stove or an electric or kerosene heater (if permitted by law in your area). Follow all of the manufacturer's instructions for safe installation and use.
- Consider storing sufficient heating fuel. Regular fuel sources may be cut off. Be cautious of fire hazards when storing any type of fuel.
- If you have a fireplace, consider keeping a supply of firewood or coal. Be sure the fireplace is properly vented and in good working order and that you dispose of ashes safely.
- Consider installing a portable generator, following our [safety tips](#) to avoid home fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Consider purchasing flood insurance, if you live in a flood-prone area, to cover possible flood damage that may occur during the spring thaw. Homeowners' policies do not cover damage from floods. Ask your insurance agent about the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) if you are at risk. More information on NFIP is available at [www.fema.gov/nfip](http://www.fema.gov/nfip).

## Protect Your Pets and Animals

- Bring your companion animals indoors.
- Create a place where your other animals can be comfortable in severe winter weather. Horses and livestock should have a shelter where they can be protected from wind, snow, ice, and rain. Grazing animals should have access to a protected supply of food and non-frozen water.
- Be aware of the potential for flooding when snow and ice melt and be sure that your animals have access to high ground that is not impeded by fencing or other barriers. You may not be able to get to them in time to relocate them in the event of flooding.
- Install snow fences in rural areas to reduce drifting snow on roads and paths, which could block access to homes, barns, and animals' feed and water.

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### **If You Do Nothing Else, Do This**

- Listen to local area radio, [NOAA radio](#) or TV stations for the latest information and updates.
- [Be prepared to evacuate](#) if you lose power or heat and know your routes and destinations. Find a local [emergency shelter](#).
- Check [emergency kit](#) and replenish any items missing or in short supply, especially medications and medical supplies. Keep it nearby.
- If you have alternative heating sources, such as fireplaces, wood- or coal-burning stoves, or space heaters, be sure they are clean and in working order.
- Bring your companion animals inside and ensure that your horses and livestock have blankets if appropriate and unimpeded access to shelter, food, and non-frozen water.

### **Download Winter Storm Checklists and Fact Sheets**

[Power Outage Checklist](#)

[Frostbite and Hypothermia](#)

[Winter Storm Safety Checklist – English](#)






# November 2022



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

# December 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 DIVISION HOLIDAY PARTY @ Pizza Ranch Omaha
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Omaha Flotilla Holiday Party
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31