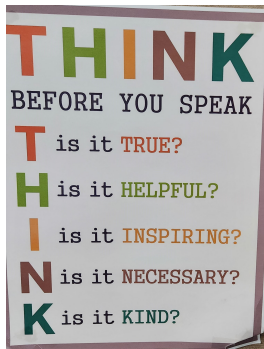


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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3 JULY **COAST GUARD BAND IN LINCOLN**
4 JULY **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
15 JULY **ZOOM Flotilla Meeting**
20 JULY **Flotilla Social**
4 AUGUST **USCG 234th Birthday**
19 AUGUST **Flotilla Meeting**
24-25 AUGUST **OFFUTT AIR SHOW**

8WR DISTRICT MONTHLY TRAINING LOOK AT THE DISTRICT CALENDAR ON THE WOW WEBSITE TO FIND THE DATES
 See the calendars and check our website

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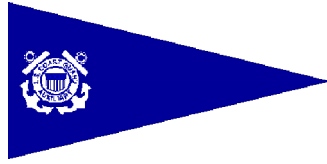
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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MONTHLY LETTER



JULY 2024

Happy July! Somehow I managed to forget that June 23 was the 85th Anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please take a moment to review this article. [“Coast Guard Auxiliary Celebrates 85th Anniversary.”](#) on the MY CG website. In addition to celebrating this Anniversary, the Auxiliary received The Coast Guard Unit Commendation signed by the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Linda Fagan. Auxiliarists who served in an enrolled status at least one day during the award period of 24 June 2019 to 23 June 2024 are eligible for this award. We have a lot to be proud of as we continue to expand our support to the Coast Guard! Thank you all for everything you do!

As we start out July, once again mother nature has thrown us a huge challenge flooding! Many of us spent several hours moving out what we could and putting everything else on tables, everything on low shelves up to higher shelves, at least 2 feet off the floor. The Corps of Engineers has been providing us a daily update as to the water level in relationship to the building. As of this writing we have no idea what the condition of the AuxStation will be until the water goes down. We also had to evacuate the OPFACs from the Dodge Park Marina and bring them to our homes. We won't know when they can be returned or when the marina will be ready for operation until the water recedes and they can evaluate the condition of the docks. This will severely impact any planned patrols for the near future.

Along with the flooding, we continue to get some pretty severe storms, including some very nasty hail storms leaving behind damaged vehicles and homes, I was not an exception to this damage.

Moving forward we will continue to work our PA/VE opportunities. We are currently working on the details for the Offutt Air Show scheduled for Aug 24-25. Please plan to support this event.

Our next meeting will be a brief Zoom meeting on the 15th. We will be having our Flotilla Social on 20 Jul at my house. This also maybe contingent on when the contractor starts the repair of my house.

As always, I truly appreciate your efforts in all you do and your continued support!

Barclay Stebbins, FC



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

This information can be found at:
[Diversity Moments \(uscgaux.info\)](https://www.uscgaux.info)

USCG Auxiliary Diversity Moment July 2023 Diversity of Freedom

Our country's official motto, as quoted above, means "Out of Many, One." That very precept references the continuous 247 years of a shared national value of diversity. Regarding this motto, Brennan Cegelka wrote that, "It reveals that inherent in America's very foundation is the ideal that diversity – of opinion and of people – is our greatest strength. It is our most unifying characteristic. ...That rich diversity leads to a deeper, more profound appreciation for the very principles upon which this country was founded..."

In our Auxiliary, diversity represents the presence of various social and cultural groups, with the many differences all wrapped in our common organization. The freedom of diversity implies that our shipmates have the right to express their unique identities and characteristics without fear of discrimination or persecution.

By recognizing and respecting diversity, the Auxiliary benefits from a wide-range of perspectives, experiences, and talents. Because of this value, it fosters innovation, creativity, and maritime progress across the mission spectrum. Diversity fosters a range of viewpoints and ideas, leading to more comprehensive and innovative solutions to our professional challenges. Freedom allows these diverse perspectives to be shared and discussed openly, facilitating growth and progress in our missions.

Moreover, the freedom of diversity promotes a strong sense of "team," meaning belonging, dignity, and empowerment for all Auxiliarists, regardless of their backgrounds. When diverse individuals or groups freely come together with a shared sense of purpose, while respecting and appreciating each other's differences, they can leverage their collective strengths and talents to address challenges and foster innovation.

We can only truly stand united when each of us feels seen and respected not only as a unique individual, but as a contributing Auxiliarist – united in being a valued part of something much grander than ourselves. Overall, while the term "diversity of freedom" may not be commonly used, the underlying concept aligns with our principles of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.

Michael Brown, BC-DUP Outreach (Diversity & Inclusion Directorate)



INFORMATION BUG

The information for this article was found at:
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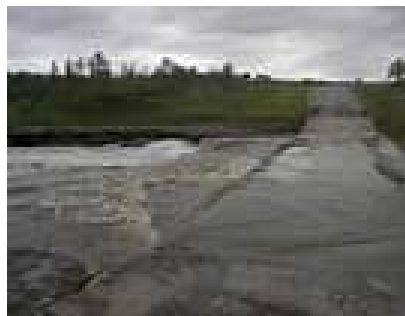
FLOOD SAFETY

March 29, 2022

Flooding occurs in areas all around the world and can have profoundly devastating effects. But what is a flood, exactly? A flood occurs when there is an overflow of water onto an area of land that is typically dry. While floods are temporary, they can often last days, weeks, or even longer depending on their severity.

Flooding is the [most common natural disaster in the United States](#) and can occur in several different ways. Floods can come on quickly within minutes, or also happen gradually over longer periods of time depending on the cause. Some of the causes of flooding include rain, snow, storm surges, overflowing of dams and reservoirs, coastal storms, melting ice, and more.

Flash floods are the most dangerous type of flooding. This is because they have the destructive power of a regular flood, but come on rapidly—often with little or no warning. This results in individuals not having enough time to get to safety and becoming stranded in the flood. Flash flooding occurs when heavy rainfall during slow-moving thunderstorms exceeds the amount that the ground can absorb or causes normally low bodies of water to swiftly rise and spill out over their banks.



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The Dangers of Floods

Floods are incredibly dangerous as they can occur quickly and the flowing water can be very powerful. This can lead to large-scale destruction of property, power outages, transportation problems, mudslides, injuries, and even death. In 2020, [floods caused over \\$1 billion in damage to property and crops across the United States](#), illustrating the destructive power that floods can have. These disasters can cause individuals and communities to lose everything and leave them in financial ruin.

While flooding can result in extensive damage to property, crops, and infrastructure, the most dangerous aspect of floods is the risks they present to human life. On average, 88 people die each year due to floods in the U.S. However, since 2015, [more than 100 people have died annually during floods](#). This trend is projected to increase due to climate change increasing amounts of rainfall, as well as [increasing the number of severe weather events](#) and natural disasters that occur in general.

In fact, floods kill more people in the U.S. each year than lightning, hurricanes, and tornadoes. Because of this, it's crucial for organizations to understand the hazards that floods can bring and be prepared to respond and help out team members should a flood occur.

Flood Safety Tips to Share With Team Members

Flood safety for your team members is the number one priority when a flood occurs in your area. That's why it's critical to understand flood safety measures and share what to do in case of an emergency. Here are some of the most important safety tips for floods to share with your team:

BEFORE A FLOOD

- Make a flood plan. This will ensure everyone in your household knows where to go, what to do, and what they'll need in the event of a flood. Depending on the flood, you may need to shelter in place or evacuate, so practice both strategies to prepare.

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Pay attention to flood warnings so you have as much time as possible to prepare for the flood, either by seeking shelter or evacuating. Local authorities and alert systems will let you know what your best course of action is.

DURING A FLOOD

- Don't travel through floodwaters. This means don't try to walk, swim, or drive through the moving water. 6 inches of moving water can knock a person off their feet, while 1 foot of moving water can carry your car away.
- Evacuate immediately if you are told to. As mentioned above, don't drive through water. Also, don't cross any bridges with rushing water beneath them as the bridges could get washed away in an instant.
- If you get stuck in your car, stay inside unless the water continues to rise. In that situation, climb out onto the roof of your car.
- If you're trapped in a building, get to the highest level, but avoid closets and other small areas where you could get stuck if the water continues to rise. Only go on the roof if absolutely necessary, and signal for help.



July 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 US Coast Guard Band in Lincoln	4 	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 FLOTILLA MEETING	16	17	18	19	20 FLOTILLA SOCIAL @ Barclay's
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 US COAST GUARD BIRTH- DAY	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 FLOTILLA MEETING	20	21	22	23	24 OFFUTT AIR SHOW
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