



### 2018 Officers Elected for Flotilla 65



Andrew Butler, left, was elected flotilla commander at the October meeting. Andrew has served as flotilla vice commander in 2017. He is qualified as a vessel examiner, food service person and instructor.



Aaron Leger, right, was elected flotilla vice commander. Aaron is AUXOP, coxswain, vessel examiner, instructor and fingerprint tech. He is also qualified in CPR and first aid. Both members have held flotilla, division and district offices. The flotilla is fortunate to have experienced, dedicated and energetic leadership for 2018. (photos D.M.)

### Change of Watch Ceremony Scheduled

The COW ceremony has been set for February 11 at 1:00 PM at the Seaport Inn in Fairhaven MA.

The Change of Watch will be taking place for our newly elected leadership: Commander-elect Andrew Butler and Flotilla Vice Commander-elect Aaron Leger.

We hope that you will be able to join us. Tickets and more information will be available later this month. Please mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you there!

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## Commander's Message: Marjorie Green Joseph

It's hard to believe the year is coming to an end and I am writing my last Commander's Message.

I want to take this opportunity thank the Staff Officers and everyone who has worked in their programs. A flotilla and a flotilla commander are only as good as the staff officers and members who offer their time, knowledge and skills to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. People volunteer countless hours to run programs that benefit both members and the community, as well as to manage the logistics of the flotilla which is no small matter for the largest flotilla in the country!

Thank you for all you have done.

At the end of the year I'll be handing the leadership of the flotilla over to the 2018 flotilla commander and vice flotilla commander, Andy Butler and Aaron Leger. I ask that you give them the same support that you've given me.

Margie



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## Team Coast Guard in 2017 Fairhaven Veteran's Day Parade

*Text and Photo By Rona Trachtenberg*

On Saturday, November 11, I decided, once again, to don my Color Guard Uniform and Dress Blues to march in Fairhaven's Veteran's Day Parade. The 1.3 mile route, down Main Street to Fairhaven High School, isn't terribly challenging but it can be made more interesting depending on the weather. Last year, my Auxiliary flag and I battled 21 knot winds. This year, the 7 knots were more agreeable, but the 22 degree temperatures almost froze my white leather gloves to my flag pole. Other valuable parts of my body were also aware of the cold despite wearing two layers of highly-rated thermal gear.

Our "team" consisted of Fairhaven resident Ed Dennehy, CAPT USCG (ret) currently working as Director of Safety Training for Fishing Partnership and his two grandchildren, Flynn (age 16) and Emerson (age 14) Bourgault, who were carrying the Coast Guard banner. Ed spent 25 years on active duty primarily as a surface operations specialist, where he commanded two major cutters. He was the plankowner CO of the USCGC *Campbell* (909), which was originally home-ported in New Bedford, and the CO of the USCGC *Sherman* (WHEC 720), which was home-ported in Alameda, Calif. He retired as Captain in 1995. Team photo is at right.

This year, we were joined by former Coast Guard Quartermaster Third Class Chris Keene, who served aboard cutters *Bibb* and *Alert* from 1980 to 1984. Chris is the owner of F.J. Moriarty Liquors, a bit north



of our Flotilla on Middle Street. He said, “The parade was beautiful. I liked the positive response from the community and seeing all the patriotic people lining the streets to cheer us on.”

I positioned myself and our Auxiliary flag between the two men. The three of us marched behind the banner and off we went at precisely 0900 thanks to a very organized George Brownell, POC for the entire Parade, who unbelievably was wearing a short-sleeve t-shirt under his Vietnam Veteran camouflage fatigues that are his trademark uniform of the day.

Many hearty spectators braved the cold to position themselves on Main Street and offer their “thanks for your service” cheers. Hearing those words always gives me goose bumps, a smile, and a warm, satisfying feeling in my heart. As we approached FHS, we saw FL-65 members Terry and Linda Meredith, at their usual spot in front of the small apartment building near Huttleston Avenue, standing by their hospitality table and serving hot chocolate.

Our contingent somehow always gets positioned in front of the FHS flagpole, which affords us a front row view of the large flag raising, the speeches, and the bagpipe player.

The solemn experience ended at 1100. The five of us thanked one another, expressed our hope to repeat the event next year and then we all headed for warmer indoors locations.

This parade has special meaning for me because my father was a WWII veteran. For 13 years, I took care of my father, who had Alzheimer’s Disease. Whenever we drove in my car, my father would sit in the back seat and salute every American flag that came into his view. He was that patriotic. My father passed away in August 2013 and I march in this parade, every year, in his memory and with loving thoughts of him on my mind.

## 2017 Vessel Examinations: Results and Thanks

*by Marsby E. Warters FSO-VE 0130605*

As 2017 wraps up, it is with great pride that I thank all the Flotilla 65 Vessel Examiners for their terrific performance. The goal of 336 facility, vessel or paddle craft inspections in 2017, was exceeded by six percent. Through your efforts, a total of 355 vessel examinations were completed, six percent over the 2017 goal and 16 percent above 2016.

The greatest single increase in vessel safety checks (VSC) came in paddle craft where the numbers more than doubled; 74 in 2017 versus 30 in 2016. Paddle craft are the vessels with the highest rate of fatalities. Doubling the number of kayaks and canoes inspected and increasing the operator’s safety awareness both supports the Coast Guard’s and the Auxiliary’s desire to increase safety in this particular category.

Two hundred sixty four vessel safety checks were done and eleven operational facilities (OPFAC). Approximately 38 percent of the total were first time inspections. Seven percent of the inspections resulted in a failed vessel for one reason or another. Failures are teachable moments in the recreational boating safety world. They provide the vessel examiner an opportunity to review requirements and recommendations with boat owners and ultimately make the vessel safer.

In order to keep this level of excellence in 2018 everyone will need to put in as much effort as 2017. The FSO-VE will be establishing a new goal for the year and encouraging all vessel examiners to meet or exceed it. There are a number of ways this can be accomplished.

Continue to increase the number of vessel examiners. We lost one very productive member from the ranks of the flotilla vessel examiners. He accounted for nearly ten percent of all the inspections in 2016. But we added three new vessel examiners for a net gain of two. Adding one or two examiners

each year keeps the program strong out in time. It may also increase the geographical reach of the flotilla and lead to new vessel examinations.

Work with the FSO-PA (Public Affairs) to determine opportunities for vessel examinations. The Safe Boating Week event at Pease Park in Fairhaven led to six or eight vessels being inspected by people doing double duty as ambassadors for the Coast Guard/Coast Guard Auxiliary and Boating Safety. A few more vessel examiners on site may have led to more VSC completions.

Working with the marinas in the area, teams of examiners can perform a number of inspections in a single day as evidenced by support Penny Raimondo provided at Popes Island Marina. She contacted slip holders at the marina in an effort to set a day for inspections and identify those who might want a vessel safety check and provided the list to the flotilla. A group of vessel examiners went to the marina and performed the inspections. While some of the listed vessels were out, other boat owners, observing what was going on, filled in those gaps. This was another teachable moment. Boat owners who thought vessel safety checks could be punitive found, through interaction with the VE, that it was beneficial to have the inspection done. Setting up specific days and times at marinas helps both boat owners and vessel examiners and gets safety information out to the public.

I encourage each examiner to work closely with the 2018 Vessel Examiner staff officer (FSO-VE), the main contact for decals, forms, and information. The FSO-VE tracks flotilla program performance in concert with the FSO-IS (Information Systems). Completed inspections need to be turned in to the FSO-VE and an ANSC 7038 Vessel Examination mission report needs to be filed with the FSO-IS so that creditable hours are posted for the individual and the flotilla.

Thank you again for all your work in 2017 and keep up the level of professionalism and performance into 2018 and beyond. My tenure as the FSO-VE in 2017 would not have been successful without your help.

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## Webmaster Changes: Thanks to Mary and John

Mary Baumgartner has kept the flotilla's website running for many years - longer than the eight years this editor has been submitting items to post. (Perhaps since Al Gore invented the internet!) As is well know to most members, Mary has held numerous flotilla, division and district posts and has juggled the website job with all the other activities.

Late in 2017 Mary gave control of the website to John Costa.

So thanks to both members for web mastering service completed and commencing.

# How to find Your Mandated Training Renewal Needs

by Laurel Carlson FSO-IS

*NOTE: This works best with Internet explorer and Firefox (not Chrome)*

1. Start at the AUXINFO Home page at <https://www.auxinfo.uscg.gov/>
2. Click on AUXDATA Cubes
3. From the Cube list select "AUXDATA Tasks"
4. Using the Dimensional Viewer on the left (folders) or on top (drop down lists) go to the "All Units" folder and drill down to your name (click on the plus sign next to US CG, Lantarea east, District 1, 1 NR, Sector Southeast NE, Division 6, Flotilla 65, until you can see your name. Right click on your name and a box will pop up (sometimes you need to scroll up to see the box) Select Filter from the choices in the box. You now can see a course count for all training you have taken.
5. In the center of the page, you will see the list of course types. Click on "Workshops" this will change the display to list all workshops you have taken. This will include the mandated training workshops.
6. Click "Zero Suppress" (looks like a zero with a red circle around it and a red diagonal line through it) at the bottom of the screen to hide all workshops you have not taken. You may still be shown workshops that are NOT Mandated training but that is ok for now.
7. More advanced users may want to use the show/ hide function. Highlight the column with the workshop name and click on the button three to the left of the zero suppress button at the bottom of the screen. To show only mandated training, click the "select all" button and use the arrow to move all courses in the left hand box to the box on the right. Now individually click on the courses you want to see and use the arrows to move those courses back into the left box.

*Editor's Suggestion: Read item 10 first, then read steps for DIY instructions.*

8. **See sample report.** Mandated training workshops have a number after the name on the list. For example, Privacy Awareness is listed as "Privacy Awareness ( 810015)". If there is no number, it is not a mandated training workshop.

Tasks Completed as values	CARLSON, LAUREL J				
	CY 2017	CY 2015	CY 2014	CY 2013	CY 2012
<a href="#">CIVIL RIGHTS AWARENESS (502319)</a>	0	1	0	0	0
<a href="#">ETHICS TRAINING (502306)</a>	0	0	0	1	0
<a href="#">INFLUENZA TRAINING (502290)</a>	0	0	0	1	0
<a href="#">PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT COURSE (810000)</a>	1	0	0	0	1
<a href="#">PRIVACY AWARENESS (810015)</a>	0	0	0	1	1
<a href="#">SECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARENESS (810030)</a>	0	1	0	0	0
<a href="#">SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION (810045)</a>	0	1	0	0	0
<a href="#">SUICIDE PREVENTION (502379)</a>	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Workshops</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

Back to the Dimensional Viewer. Right click on the "All Years" folder and select "nest columns" from the pop up menu. You can now see the year you last took the workshop.

9. If you last took a workshop in 2013, you need to re-take the workshop in 2018. If you took it in 2014, it needs to be taken again in 2019. Also, you do NOT need to retake Ethics or Influenza or the ICS Courses - once is enough.
10. Early each year, I will email people who have mandated training due in the year as a reminder. Eventually, we hope that the system will automatically email reminders.

# Updating Your Contact Information

by Laurel Carlson FSO-IS

It is very important that you communicate with the Auxiliary when you change email addresses, phone number or home addresses. Also, updating your information here also updates your information for the ARSBC. There is a simple way to update your information online. The Change of Member Information was built for YOU!

To start, go to [https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff/Signin\\_7028.php](https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff/Signin_7028.php). This is the login site. If you don't already have a member zone password, you can sign up for one here. The member zone password is the same one you use to log into the ANSC7029 web form or the Auxiliary Training site where you find the Mandated Training courses.

## 7028 Webform - Change of Member Information

Includes Skills Bank Input Dashboard

### Obtain or Change Password

#### Please Log In

Auxiliary Member ID

Member Zone Password

IS Officer's Dashboard

Once you login, you will be shown a page with your current member information. This includes such things as your address, email and phone numbers, spouse name and information about your availability to help the Coast Guard should they need help, as well as "skills" you might have to offer either through your profession or hobbies.

At the top of the page there is a button you click to correct the information on the page. Click this button if you see something that should be changed. **NOTE: You cannot change your name. Name changes must be submitted to the Directors Office.**

### 7028 Webform - Change of Member Information

ACCESS THE ONLINE 7028 WEBFORM (CHANGE OF MEMBER INFORMATION) BY CLICKING ABOVE. CHANGES WILL BE REFLECTED IMMEDIATELY IN AUXOFFICER, AND A FORM 7028 WILL BE EMAILED TO IS OFFICER LAUREL J CARLSON (FSO-IS) TO HAVE THE CHANGES PERMANENTLY RECORDED IN AUXDATA.

Once you click the button, another screen opens showing you your current information. Please read the instructions before making any changes. Change only the things that need changing and click the "Submit Changes" button at the bottom of the page.

## AuxOfficer/AuxDirectory

### Webform 7028 - Change of Member Information

**Read carefully:**

- (1) **Names:** First, Middle, Last, and Suffix cannot be changed on this form. Please coordinate, via your Chain of Leadership, with your Director's office.;
- (2) **Spouse (or domestic partner):** "Jane", "Jane Doe", "John M Doe" (no explanations, no non-names); Leave blank if none;
- (3) **Addresses:** Do not make trivial format changes (N. to North, P.O.Box to PO Box, Street to St, etc.); No comments like "Temporary";
- (4) **eMail1** only will be used for all official Auxiliary purposes, including Webforms;
- (5) Make all your changes first and then hit SUBMIT only one time. Do not violate this rule!

Member #	1145552			
Unit	013-06-05			
First Name	LAUREL	Middle	J	
	Suffix		Last	CARLSON

Address1	52 CARLSON RD			Offices Held	FSO-IS, SO-IS, DSO-IS						
Address2				Qualifications	IT, MANTR						
City	N ATTLEBORO			Travel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Willing to travel outside your home area?						
State	MA	Zip Code	02760-4636	Fitness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can you physically perform the skills below?						
Spouse				Admin Missions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Willing to do Aux/CG admin support?						
eMail1	ljcarlson950@juno.com			Photo ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do you have a current laminated photo ID?						
eMail2	laurel.carlson@state.ma.us			Availability							
Home Phone	(508) 695-0526	10 digits only			SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Cell Phone	(508) 243-2602	10 digits only		Days	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Work Phone	(617) 348-4095	10 digits only		Evenings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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#### OCCUPATION

There are 885 occupations. Choose a category on the left to narrow your search, then pull down the right menu for specific occupations in that category.

Occupation

#### SKILLS (Up to 10)

There are 864 skills. Choose a category on the left to narrow your search, then pull down the right menu for specific skills in that category. Click ADD TO LIST.

Click SUBMIT CHANGES to finalize, after all other changes have been made on form.

Skills List  Computer and Information Systems Managers  
 Database Administrators  
 Environmental Engineers  
 Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health

Add a Skill→

7028 Form Help

National Help Desk

## INSTRUCTIONS

## SUBMIT

Once you submit a notice is sent to me and I make the changes that you have indicated in AUXDATA plus I notify the ARSBC of the change.

You can also access this form through the AUXDirectory page but it is the same form and function. AuxDirectory can be found at <https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff/>.

Please check your member information regularly and update it as needed. Thank you.

Laurel Carlson FSO-IS

# ARSBC Christmas Party

(photos from M. Joseph)

Kids, parents, grandparents, Santa and elves all enjoyed the 2017 Christmas party.

At right are Santa and Elf Maggie with some party-goers. Below is Executive Elf Alice Macedo.

Thanks to all for a very merry party. Ho, Ho, Ho !



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