



# THE CUTTER

## United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



Flotilla 11-2, Twin Cities Metro South, Minnesota  
Division 11, 8th Coast Guard District Western Rivers

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Jan | 1         | Happy New Year   |
|     | 2         | Division Change of Watch<br>Jimmy's Conference and Catering<br>Vadnais Heights, MN |
|     | 5&7       | Boat Crew Academy-COMMS Class<br>Maplewood Fire #7                                 |
|     | 13        | Division Meeting 1900<br>Bishop Whipple Bldg.                                      |
|     | 13-17     | Sportsman's Show<br>River Center St. Paul, MN                                      |
|     | 20-24     | Minneapolis Boat Show<br>Minneapolis Convention Center                             |
|     | 21        | <b>Flotilla Meeting 1900</b><br><b>133rd Air Lift</b>                              |
|     | 22-24     | N-Train St Louis, MO   |
|     | 25        | ACN PE Class<br>Lehman's Garage Bloomington  |
|     | 26&28     | Boat Crew Academy-1st Aid Class  |
|     | 27        | AUXDATA Training 1830  |
| Feb | 1,8,15,22 | ACN PE Class   |
|     | 2&4       | Boat Crew Academy-NAV Class/Test   |
|     | 3         | AUXINFO Training 1830-2100   |
|     | 10        | Division Meeting 1900<br>Bishop Whipple Bldg.                                      |
|     | 18        | <b>Flotilla Meeting 1900</b><br><b>133rd Air Lift</b>                              |
|     | 23&25     | Boat Crew Academy-OPS Class/Test   |
|     | 27        | PE-ABS Class Lehman's  |

### PE Starts Again!

Happy New Year and as Jackie Gleason used to say...  
And Away We Go!

As most of you know, Bob Burck FSO-PE for the last several years will be spending time on the West Coast spoiling his new grandson to start off 2010. Bob has done an outstanding job and hopefully he'll be back next year. In the mean time, I'll need all the help you can give to the PE program. PE is our biggest source of revenue that drives all of our member training programs.

Our first great endeavor, Advanced Coastal Navigation (ACN), starts on January 25 at 1900 (7:00 pm) at Lehman's Garage, 171 American Boulevard in Bloomington. Wright Truesdell will be the Mission Manager on this voyage. Wright will be lining up instructors for the classes which will be held each Monday night 1900 to 2100 from the 25<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup> plus Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup>. I would like two (2) volunteers to assist in getting things off to a good start on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know by email to [dan4b@juno.com](mailto:dan4b@juno.com).

Six (6) About Boating Safely (ABS) classes are on our schedule for Saturdays February 27, 2010, March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, and May 8<sup>th</sup>. All are from 0800 to 1700. Staff should be on hand from 0730 to the conclusion. In addition to instructors we will need three (3) members at 0730 to greet, register, and equip the arriving students with needed materials. We will also need three (3) members from 1600 to conclusion for grading tests and passing out certificates. Adequate staffing will get us all started on time and allow us to finish on time. Hopefully, I'll hear from all of you at [dan4b@juno.com](mailto:dan4b@juno.com).

Instructors can get qualified for 2010 by instructing for two (2) hours, instructing one (1) hour and proctoring for two (2) hours or proctoring for four (4) hours. You can get it all done on one Saturday if you need to. Anyone wanting to become an instructor should contact Barry Berg FSO-MT so we can get you involved.

**Dan Forby FSO-PS**



## Upper Mississippi locks and dams were closed to navigation on Dec. 7

SAINT PAUL, MINN. - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, closed its locks and dams to navigation, regardless of weather, Dec. 7 for winter maintenance work.

The St. Paul District operates and maintains 13 locks and dams, beginning at Upper St. Anthony Falls in the Twin Cities and ending at Lock and Dam 10 in Guttenberg, Iowa. Each dam represents a critical step in the "stairway of water" that makes navigation possible between Minneapolis and St. Louis.

Lock and Dam 3, located north of Red Wing, Minn., will be closed until March 29, weather and river conditions permitting, to begin a \$70 million renovation project at this site. This project will include extending the lock's upper guidewall 800 feet and modifying the channel to reduce the river outdraft forces that tend to pull barge tows towards the gated dam portion of the facility, creating a safety problem. The upper and lower embankments that maintain the river pool elevation will also be rehabilitated.

Lock and Dam 5, located in Minnesota City, Minn., will be closed until March 15, weather and river conditions permitting, which will allow the Corps to dewater and perform major maintenance on this lock during the winter. This rehabilitative work is scheduled every 20 years on each St. Paul District lock and dam. Lock and Dam 5 was last dewatered in 1990.

Lock and Dam 6, located near Trempealeau, Wis., and Lock and Dam 7, located near La Crescent, Minn., will be closed until March 9, weather and river conditions permitting, to install bulkhead slots.

Local traffic wishing to lock through lock and dams not undergoing repair work may make advance arrangements with individual lockmasters.

The average end date of the navigation season in St. Paul is Nov. 30. Warm weather this past fall has allowed the Corps to keep its locks and dams open longer than usual.

A colorful, stylized logo for "Happy Birthday" where each letter is a different color and slightly overlapping.

John Smoot-Jan 20  
Bob Renz-Feb 6  
Chad Nordling-Feb 7  
Darrell Gagnon-Feb 13  
Gerry Canfield-Feb 19

## Information Services

Please submit your 2009 Activity Reports by **Monday, 04 January 2010.**

Shirley Nelson FSO-IS

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## NATIONAL IT SCHOOL, FORT KNOX KENTUCKY

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### HOW I BECAME AN INSTRUCTOR

by: Lloyd Fanum

Part 11

You will recall in last month's article, I picked my 3 best topics to teach. However, on Tuesday morning the class instructor informed us, too many students have picked the same topics, so the following students will report on a topic chosen by the instructors. I was selected to report on "Introduction to Navigation". I was told, to give me more time, that I will give my report on Friday.

I thought to myself, how can I give a report for 10 minutes on Introduction to Navigation. The only thing for me to do is to "Tell the Truth." The instructor then put 3 letters on the blackboard - -D S D - - -. This stood for "Do Something Different". The class was told to keep this in mind to do something different when giving their report.

I picked up two transparencies to aid me in my presentation and I stayed home to work on my presentation instead of going to the O Club. I thought, if they want me to "Do Something Different", I will do something different, never before done by any student in this class.

—-to be continued next month—-

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## INPUT

Suggestions, comments and articles you may have to this publication should be directed to the FSO-PB email to [condogulf@aol.com](mailto:condogulf@aol.com)  
Please submit articles for the next CUTTER no later than **0900—Wednesday, January 27, 2010.**

## Arlington National Cemetery



These wreaths -- some 5,000 -- are donated by the Worcester Wreath Co. of Harrington, Maine. The owner, Merrill Worcester, not only provides the wreaths, but covers the trucking expense as well. He's done this since 1992. Also, most years, groups of Maine school kids combine an educational trip to DC with this event to help out. Making this even more remarkable is the fact that Harrington is in one of the poorest parts of the state.

**Rest easy, sleep well my brothers.**

(Photographer unknown)

**Know the line has held, your job is done.**

**Rest easy, sleep well.**

**Others have taken up where you fell, the line has held.**

**Peace, peace, and farewell...**

(Author unknown)