



THE CUTTER

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



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

June 2010

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Jun | 4 | BCA on Water |
| | 5 | OPS, IT, VE, PV & 1 hr. TCT
0800—1630 Maplewood Fire #7 |
| | 6 | VSCs St. Paul Yacht Club
1130—1700 Division Sponsor |
| | 9 | Division Meeting 1900
Bishop Whipple Bldg. |
| | 12 | BCA QE Check Ride |
| | 17 | Flotilla Meeting 1900
133rd Air Lift |
| | 19 | VSCs Miss Croix Yacht Harbor

BCA QE Check Ride |
| | 26 | OPTEX |
| Jul | 10 | VSCs Castaways, River Heights
and Twin City |
| | 14 | Division Meeting 1900
Bishop Whipple Bldg. |
| | 15 | Flotilla Meeting Steak Fry 1800
Place to be determined |

FC UPDATE

Summer is here!! Temps at 98 degrees Fahrenheit and humidity of 46%. For all the crew and coxswains, how would you rate these conditions on the GAR model? It's time to refresh our skills by reviewing what we learned in our crew and coxswain training to prepare for our 2010 patrol season.

Vessel safety checks started in earnest Memorial weekend. Our FSO-VE has sent out the 2010 schedule, and the dates will appear in the Cutter calendar. If you are interested in the VE program, please contact our FSO-VE Trent Jensen.

How many of you have accessed the Directory – Officer & Member located on the left bar of the District 8WR home page, member section? Please take the time to log on and check your personal information. If incorrect you can initiate the 7028 change form from that page. In order to protect Personal Identifiable Information, The Flotilla will no longer email rosters to members. Email lists will be generated from this site. All members have access via the Directory-Officer & Member to the same information that was in our former roster.

Use the same login information used to access e-directory. You can add, change, or reactivate you password from the login page.

Have a safe boating season as an Auxiliarist and recreational boater.

Craig Campbell, Flotilla Commander

PUBLIC EDUCATION

2010 Public Education Program

We have held six About Boating Safely classes this year. Attendance was not spectacular. Students numbered only 4, 6, 4, 8, and 13 for a total of 35. We had more instructors than students in three of the classes.

Advanced Coastal Navigation/Weekend Navigator (ACN) classes were even less well attended. We had more instructors than students each of the 13 nights. There was one civilian and two Auxiliarists who completed the class.

We have four texts for the ACN class which will most likely be obsolete by next year.

Also in stock are eight ABS books we can use next year. We owe a box of 10 ABS books to 11-8 which will be given to them when our order for two boxes are received.

I believe we should evaluate our PE program in light of the 2010 results.

Questions to be answered are:

1. How many ABS classes should we sponsor and on what dates?
2. Should we offer a Weekend Navigator program?
3. There will be a new ACN class. Should we offer?
4. Should we offer only the ACN class and require membership to enroll?
5. Should we offer BS&S and/or S&S classes?
6. Should we offer a GPS course?
7. There is a new course for canoeists and kayakers. Should we offer it?
8. Should we offer a Communications course to the public?

I have asked the bridge for time at our June meeting to discuss and hopefully resolve these questions. Please email your comments and thought to me at dan4b@juno.com.

Dan Forby FSO-PE

AWARDS



Craig Campbell accepts Citation & Award for Division 11 PA Flotilla of The Year
All photos courtesy of Neil McMillin



Bob Burck receives Flotilla 11-2 Instructor of the Year



Barry Berg receives a pile of District 8WR wallpaper presented at Spring Symposium



Chuck Woodward receives Meritorious Team Commendation for Amateur Radio Class

**NATIONAL IT SCHOOL,
FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY**

OR

HOW I BECAME AN INSTRUCTOR

by: Lloyd Fanum

Part 16

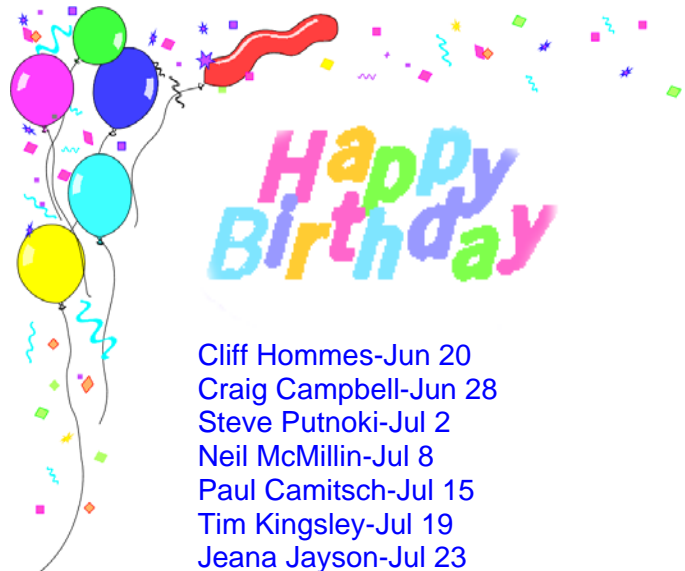
After pictures were taken of the graduating class, we filed back into the Officer's Club for dinner. Tables for eight were set up plus a head table. And yes, I was directed to the head table next to the podium. Trust me; I know nothing about being the Master of Ceremonies and even less about being an instructor in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

After dinner, I approached the podium and called for attention. We began with introductions of the head table and a speech by the base commander. I next announced, before we have tonight's entertainment, I wish to say a few words about Army Life. -----Since I am a veteran of the U.S. Army, I served in Korea during the Korean War with the 45th Infantry Division.

This isn't my first visit to Fort Knox. My first 12 days in the Army were spent right here at Fort Knox as a recruit. My accommodations then were shared with 50 to 60 other recruits in what they called barracks. Each barrack had two floors with a latrine with about eight wash basins, toilet and showers, quite a change from my present quarters in the Bachelor Officer's Quarters (BOQ) of today.

If I have to go back into the active service again, please may I go as an officer! So, I say to the graduating class of the Coast Guard Auxiliary ----- sleep easy tonight --- -- the U.S. Army is guarding the gold. Now it's time for tonight's entertainment.

-----to be continued next month-----



Cliff Hommes-Jun 20
Craig Campbell-Jun 28
Steve Putnoki-Jul 2
Neil McMillin-Jul 8
Paul Camitsch-Jul 15
Tim Kingsley-Jul 19
Jeana Jayson-Jul 23



Steve Jones receives Division 11 PWO of the Year



Trent Jensen receives MSTR ribbon

INFORMATION SERVICES

I'm still looking for all of your 7029s. You can print them out and send them to me via snail mail if that works best for you. COMO Bruce Mill, ANACO-CIO, has announced that there is an impending beta test of new Web-7029H form. The test is still in its infancy but I will keep you informed of it's progresses.

Shirley Nelson FSO-IS

INPUT

Suggestions, comments and articles you may have to this publication should be directed to FSO-PB - email to condogulf@aol.com

Please submit articles for the next Cutter on or before **0900—Monday 28 June 2010.**

Flotilla 2 members learning CPR & First Aid



Molly Passed