



LAKE MURRAY MARINER

Flotilla 12-3 Lake Murray at Flotilla Island, Chapin, SC

FLOTILLA MEETING:
Monday-March 31, 2014
Time: 7:00p.m.
Place: Flotilla Island

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Flotilla 12-3, the oldest U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla in South Carolina, celebrated its 67th Anniversary on February 1, 2014 with a dinner and program filled with its history. Article and photos start on page 20.



**FLOTILLA COMMANDER -
Don Carty**

Congratulations to Flotilla 12-3 Lake Murray on our 67 years of service and dedication to boating safety and assistance to the US Coast Guard. Barbara and Festus Burchfield organized and hosted a celebration dinner and ceremony on 1 February 2014, with many flotilla members contributing food and help. We were honored to share this event with past, retired, Division and Coast Guard personnel and their families.

Our Flotilla Staff is in the process of planning Flotilla Training for the various missions that we are responsible for, so this would be a good time to contact the FSO-MT to become active or recertify. Your support and commitment will be necessary for our next 67 years.



Captured: America in Color from 1939-1943

Images, by photographers of the Farm Security Administration/Office of War Information, are some of the only color photographs taken of the effects of the Depression on America's rural and small town populations. The photographs are the property of the Library of Congress and were included in a 2006 exhibit Bound for Glory: America in Color.

A couple of photos from this collection are on pages 4 and 14, one military.

Staff Officer Directory: Flotilla 12-3

Don Carty, Flotilla Commander (FC)
Festus Burchfield, Flotilla Vice Commander (VFC)
Jerry Ruschkofski, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander (IPFC)

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| Communications (FSO-CM) Ken Plesser | Operations (FSO-OP) Festus Burchfield |
| Communications Services (FSO-CS) Barbara Burchfield | |
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| Finance (FSO-FN) Peg Peterson | Publications (FSO-PB) Sue Carty |
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| Materials (FSO-MA) Mike Mikutaitis | Vessel Examinations (FSO-VE) |
| Member Training (FSO-MT) Barbara Burchfield | Festus Burchfield |
| Navigation Systems (FSO-NS) Festus Burchfield | |

The Lake Murray Mariner is always looking for articles about Auxiliarists, stories of interest, and photographs. Your articles don't have to be long; just make sure you include all of the basics: *Who* are you writing about? *What* is the topic or event? *Where* does the story take place (location)? *When* did, or *when will* this event take place, and finally, *Why* is this of interest, or *How* was this accomplished? Provide as much information as possible.

Photographs should always be high resolution images. Please do not compress the image or crop the photo unless you are an experienced user of one of the high-end photo-editing programs. If you have any doubt, just send the image straight from your camera and add a description that includes who and what is depicted in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Take a camera with you everywhere. Vessel Examinations, Member Training, patrols, Public Education programs and fellowship events are all great photo opportunities. Be proud of everything that you do for the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary and demonstrate that with pictures and articles.

Any questions, please contact Sue Carty FSO-PB

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Children stage a patriotic demonstration. Southington, Connecticut, May 1942.
Reproduction from color slide.
Photo by Fenno Jacobs. Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY-

February 24, 2014 - Flotilla meeting 7:00 PM at Flotilla Island

Our monthly meeting will include:

- Swearing in of our new member, Scott Iverson
A swearing-in ceremony is always a special event. Come and welcome Scott as an official member of our flotilla.
- TCT annual refresher course. Division 12 Commander, Al Crothers, will be the instructor.

MARCH-

March 28 - 30, 2014 - Palmetto Sportsman's Classic Expo

- The Palmetto Sportsman's Classic Expo will be held at the State Fairgrounds.
- Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to sign up for time to help man the booth.
- To sign up or have any questions, please contact Sue Carty at suesatwood@ftc-i.net
- **THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HELPED MAN THE BOOTH AT THE COLUMBIA BOAT SHOW!**

APRIL-

April 5, 2014 - About Boating Safely (ABS) Class

The boating course, ABS, will be given on April 5 at Flotilla Island from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. [The flyer for this class is on page 6.](#)

If you know of anyone who can benefit from the class or would like a copy of the flyer to display at a store, business, etc, please call or email one of the contacts on the flyer.

April 22, 2014 - Fort Jackson Safety Stand-down (Tuesday)

FL 12-3 will be helping out at Fort Jackson's Safety Stand-down and asking for members to volunteer. More information to follow.





About Boating Safely

A recreational boating class.

Conducted by the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

This boating course is certified by the S. C. Department of Natural Resources.

Students who complete this course will be awarded the SC DNR Boaters Education Card.

**Apr 5, 2014 Saturday,
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

Flotilla Island

USCG Auxiliary Building

2390 Johnson Marina Rd.

Chapin, South Carolina 29036

Pre-registration is required. Class size is limited.

Cost: \$30.00 per person.

For more information and reservations please contact:

***Kent McCoin - (803) 364-2911 – f1203boatclass-reservations@yahoo.com or
Don Carty-(803) 478-7022 – boat4bass@ftc-i.net***

Learn how to operate and trailer a boat - personal watercraft - SC legal requirements Water sport safety - weather - required safety equipment - boat terms and types Knots and lines - navigation aids - safe boating procedures - what to do in emergencies

JANUARY FLOTILLA MEETING - JANUARY 27, 2014

Photos by Sue Carty

Our January meeting was a busy one. The first item on the agenda was featured speaker [1st Sergeant Hunter Robinson](#), [South Carolina Department of Natural Resources](#) (SCDNR) who delivered a presentation about lake specific information in addition to DNR's responsibilities and resources at Lake Murray and throughout the state. He was accompanied by fellow officer [Judson Smith](#). [Barbara Burchfield](#) submitted a press release to local online and published media and radio stations. A copy of that [press release is on pages 10 and 11](#).

In addition to our guest speaker, [Raphael Fernandez](#) was sworn in as a new member to the Flotilla. **Congratulations, Raphael!** Awards were also presented to various members.

RAPHAEL FERNANDEZ BEING SWORN IN AS NEW FLOTILLA MEMBER

By Don Carty FC and Festus Burchfield VFC



Raphael holding his Certificate from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Verifying him as a Member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

JANUARY FLOTILLA MEETING - Cont'd

Since Raphael has started the enrollment process to become a flotilla member, he has attended the Vessel Examiner (VE) Workshop, passed the VE exam, passed APC (Auxiliary Administration Procedures Course) exam, and passed the Fingerprint exam. Raphael has also completed six Learning Management System (LMS) courses.

CONGRATULATIONS TO those who received awards:

DIVISION AWARDS:

Burnette Sheffield - Century Club Award

for completing over 100 Vessel Examinations/Marine Dealer Visits (VE/MDV)

Flotilla 12-3 - Public Affairs (PA) Excellence Ribbon

for the most PA hours in Division 12 for 2013

Total PA Missions - 64, PA Hours - 419

Flotilla 12-3 - Contribution to USCG AUX Growth in 2012

FLOTILLA AWARDS:

Barbara Burchfield - Certificate of Completion - Seamanship

Auxiliary Performance Award - Operations

Steve Pstrak - Auxiliary Membership Service Award - 20 years

Don Carty - Sustained Auxiliary Service Award - 7th Award

COMMUNITY AWARD:

Steve Pstrak - CERT / Community Emergency Response Team Certification

after attending the 21-hour course given at the Pine Ridge Armory, February 7-9



Don Carty FC being congratulated by Festus Burchfield VFC for Don's Sustained Auxiliary Service Award - 7th Award for 750 volunteer hours for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



Steve Pstrak receiving his Auxiliary Membership Service Award for 20 years of service with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

JANUARY FLOTILLA MEETING - Cont'd



Barbara Burchfield receiving one of her two awards



Don Carty FC and Festus Burchfield VFC



Don Carty FC displaying Flotilla 12-3's ribbon for the 2013 Division 12 Public Affairs Excellence Award. The ribbon was awarded at the Division 12 Change of Watch in January.



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February 11, 2014

Press Release

Coast Guard Auxiliary Features SCDNR Speaker

By Barbara Burchfield, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Lake Murray Flotilla featured 1st Sergeant Hunter Robinson, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) as speaker at its monthly meeting on January 27, 2014 at Flotilla Island. He was accompanied by fellow officer Judson Smith.

Robinson delivered a presentation to the Auxiliary membership about lake specific information in addition to DNR's responsibilities and resources at Lake Murray and throughout the state. DNR's scope of authority extends to the enforcement of all laws, including game, fish and boating violations for the department for inland waters and offshore up to three miles.

Robinson, who began his DNR career in fisheries 14 years ago, heads up Region 3A in the midlands, covering Lexington and Saluda counties. At present, there are 6 officers assigned to Lexington county with 699 square miles and 3 officers assigned to Saluda county with 452 square miles. Robinson explained that DNR officers are trained in all facets of law enforcement in order to provide adequate coverage throughout the state when needed. As an example, Robinson said that all available DNR law enforcement officers, including himself, were on "ice duty" for the next few days after the meeting while winter storms forecasted freezing rain and cold temperatures throughout South Carolina.

On Lake Murray, DNR marine patrol officers use a variety of equipment in their work, including Boston Whalers, boats by Pioneer and Scout, Jon boats and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV). Over 54,000, about 14 percent, of all registered vessels in South Carolina are from the four counties surrounding Lake Murray; Lexington, Saluda, Newberry and Richland. Robinson noted that DNR works closely with all four county Sheriff's departments.

Although the number of recreational boating accidents from 2012 and 2013 remained similar with 111 and 109 respectively, the 2013 recreational boating fatalities in the state has almost doubled at 27 as compared to 14 fatalities in 2012. Robinson said that 16 recreational boating incidents and two boating fatalities occurred on Lake Murray in 2013. Swimming fatalities are not included in those statistics.

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PRESS RELEASE, SCDNR Speaker - Cont'd

Other points of interest concerning Boating Under the Influence (BUI) and the process of field sobriety testing was brought to the attention of the Auxiliary membership. Reiterating the scope of knowledge, training and coverage required of DNR officers in recent years, Robinson cited examples of multi-tasking. For example, the Aids to Navigation program on Lake Murray is serviced by one DNR person who also is a diver required to respond statewide. He explained that nearly half of all hazard buoys in South Carolina are located on Lake Murray. Robinson wrapped up his presentation with a candid question and answer period at the meeting.

Working knowledge of DNR's personnel and equipment resources will help the Coast Guard Auxiliary Lake Murray flotilla align its own resources to better serve the boating community. For example, DNR conducts courtesy boat inspections during peak boating times, particularly holiday weekends, and the Auxiliary will be able to augment that service for boat safety checks throughout the boating season.

Promoting recreational boating safety tops the list of missions assigned to the Auxiliary by the Coast Guard. Besides courtesy boat inspections, marine dealer visits, safety and regatta patrols, the Auxiliary teaches boating safety in the community.

The Lake Murray Auxiliary will be conducting a boating safety class on Saturday, April 5, at Flotilla Island. The one day class will include federal and state laws, boat handling, required safety equipment, trailering, and tips and techniques for safer boating. Students who pass the exam will be awarded a Boater Education Card from SCDNR and may receive discounted boat insurance from their insurance company. For more information about the boating class, contact Kent McCoin at (803) 364-2411 or email to F1203boatclass-reservations@yahoo.com. Reservations can also be made at SCDNR's boater education website: <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/education/boated.html>.

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Photo attachment.

Photo caption:

SCDNR Officer Judson Smith, left, looks on as 1st Sgt. Hunter Robinson addresses the Lake Murray Coast Guard Auxiliary membership at its January meeting.



FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS

BARBARA BURCHFIELD: COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Flotilla 12-3 website <http://www.a0701203.uscgaux.info/>

Someone came up with the idea to put all the Auxiliary training information on a spreadsheet, with links to the manuals, tools and tests. And they named it The National Member Training Compendium. That's a word not commonly used, so I looked it up. Thesaurus tells us it means collection, compilation or album.

The **National Member Training Compendium** is now available in the Members Zone – take a look. You must login to access these pages.

“The T-DIR has implemented the *National Member Training Compendium* in the form of an Excel spreadsheet. Its purpose is to provide a single source for *ALL* Member Training information. The *Compendium* has active links for: Manuals, Exams, PQS's, and Power Points. It includes links to On-Line courses as well. Additional information includes: pre-requisites, AUXOP credits, and instructions to access some of the password protected training websites e.g. AUXLMS, NTC.”

The website is a portrait of Flotilla 12-3 Lake Murray, constantly changing with new directives, events and activities. Visit often.

SUE CARTY: HUMAN RESOURCES

[Raphael Fernandez](#) was sworn in as a new FL 12-3 member at our January flotilla meeting.

[Scott Iverson](#) was sworn as a new member at our February flotilla meeting

[Clay Goodwin](#) is currently in the application process. At our February meeting, we went over his paperwork and took his photo for his Auxiliary ID card. Clay's fingerprinting has been completed by Vito Giardina, one of the Fingerprint Technicians for Division 12.

There currently are three other prospective members including one from E-responder and one prospective reenrollment member.

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BARBARA BURCHFIELD: MEMBER TRAINING

There is a lot going on in Member Training!

MT PORT announcements for Vessel Examiners and Aux-FedEx Printing were sent to members this month. Those documents are also located on Flotilla 12-3 website for your convenience: <http://www.a0701203.uscgaux.info>. Login with your Aux ID and password to access the Member Zone, then chose Member Training.

A Vessel Examination Workshop was held January 19 at Flotilla Island. Eleven Auxiliarists attended the workshop: **George Bigbee, Barbara Burchfield, Festus Burchfield, Don Carty, Susan Carty, Rafael Fernandez, Scott Iverson, Bill Lindsay, Kent McCain, Michael Mikutaitis** from 12-3 and **Ann Graham** from 12-6. So far, Congratulations to four members have passed the VE online test: **George Bigbee, Barbara Burchfield, Rafael Fernandez, and Scott Iverson**. We are scheduling a Vessel Safety Check day in early March to enable new members to qualify as a VE with the required five supervised vessel safety checks. It might be earlier if the weather warms up and more boaters start to appear at the marinas. Stay tuned.



The January meeting featured 1st SGT. Hunter Robinson, SCDNR Law Enforcement, who gave a presentation about DNR responsibilities and resources. Robinson was accompanied by Officer Judson Smith, one of the marine patrol officers that cover Lake Murray. Fourteen members and two guests attended.

Don and Sue Carty attended Flotilla Leadership Course on 25 JAN in Savannah, GA.

AUXLMS mandatory courses were announced in January via MT PORT. Kudos to these members who completed LMS courses this month: **George Bigbee-2, Rafael Fernandez-3, Tom Callan-1, Ken Plessner-3**. (Source: Auxdata 04FEB)

George Bigbee signed up with the D7 Mango Language Program to learn conversational Spanish. Habla en español! This free program is open to Auxiliarists and their spouses.

Team Coordination Training (TCT-1) is re-scheduled for the February flotilla meeting instead of March meeting. This is a mandatory annual training session for all Auxiliarists. Please plan to attend this meeting.

*When you have completed or passed any form of online or webinar training, please send an email to me at bdburchfield@earthlink.net. Flotilla 12-3 member accomplishments will be reported in the newsletter and to SO-MT. **Keep up the good work everyone!***

FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS

MIKE MIKUTAITIS: MATERIALS

FSO-MA staff report:

January 10, 2014 - Ordered for VSC training class 1/19/2014:

| ANSC | TITLE |
|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 2001 | VSC CHECK MANUAL M16796.8 10 Copies |
| 2001a | VSC/RBSVP CD-ROM 2 Copies |
| 2001e | VSC EXAMINER JOB AID GUID 12 Copies |

SUE CARTY: PUBLICATIONS

Want to learn about digital photography. Check out the power point presentation, Basic Digital Photography for Auxiliarists, at:

<http://www.uscga-district-7.org/PDF/AUX%20Basic%20Digital%20Photography.pdf>

Any questions, please contact Sue Carty.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER: March 1
but no later than March 5



Marine glider at Page Field. Parris Island, South Carolina, May 1942. Reproduction from color slide.
Photo by Alfred T. Palmer. Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress

**DIVISION 12 CHANGE OF WATCH (COW) - JANUARY 11, 2014
WILD DUNES RESORT - ISLE OF PALMS, SC**

Photos by Barbara Burchfield and Sue Carty

Article by Sue Carty

The annual Division 12 Winter Meeting and COW banquet was held at the Wild Dunes Resort in the Isle of Palms on January 11, 2014. This was the first year the event was held at the Wild Dunes Resort but seemed to be enjoyed by those who attended.

The Division 12 meeting was held earlier in the day with the COW banquet in the evening. After dinner, the program was held which included speakers, presentation of awards and the swearing in of the Division 12 Staff Officers for 2014. [Mike Mikutaitis](#) from Flotilla 12-3 was sworn in as the Division Staff Officer (DO) for Materials. [Mike](#) is also our flotilla's staff officer (FSO) for Materials.

One group of awards that were presented were Excellence Award Ribbons for 2013: Public Affairs, Public Education, Operations, Vessel Exam, Program Visitor and Marine Safety. A ribbon for each was presented to the Division 12 flotilla that excelled in that program.

[Flotilla 12-3 received the 2013 Div 12 Public Affairs Excellent Award](#) which was accepted by [Don Carty FC](#).



The annual COW is open to all flotilla members and their spouse/guest and held the early part of January. If you haven't already attended this annual event, plan on attending January 2015.

Al Crothers Division 12 Division Commander (DCDR) presiding over the Division 12 meeting the afternoon of January 11.



Enjoying the cocktail hour before
The banquet are from left:

Festus Burchfield, Ken Plessner,
Peg Peterson and Don Carty

DIVISION 12 CHANGE OF WATCH (COW) - Cont'd



At left:
Al Crothers DCDR

At right:
Al Crothers DCDR
presenting the 2013
Excellence Award
Ribbons. At far right
is Don Carty FC for
Flotilla 12-3
accepting The Public
Affairs Ribbon.



At left: Ken Plesser from Flotilla 12-3 and
Bob Weskerna District Chief of Staff (DCOS)



Above: LT Ashonte Franklin from Coast Guard
Sector Charleston and Al Crothers DCDR

Below: Deborah Lee Flotilla 12-6
and Vito Giardina Immediate Past
Division 12 Commander (IPDCDR)



At right: Flotilla 12-3
members who
attended from left to
right:

- Ken Plesser
- Peg Peterson
- Sue Carty
- Don Carty
- Barbara Burchfield
- Festus Burchfield



VESSEL EXAMINATION WORKSHOP - JANUARY 19, 2014

Photos by Sue Carty

A Vessel Examination Workshop was held at Flotilla Island on January 19 for current Vessel Examiners (VE) and for flotilla members who want to become a VE.

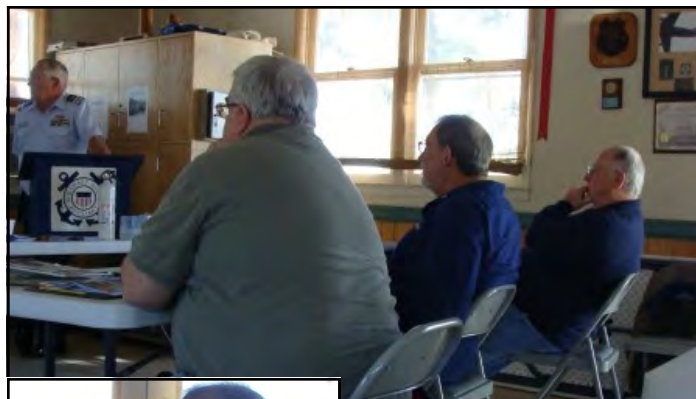
Beside the great turnout of Auxiliarists, the program put together by [Barbara and Festus Burchfield](#) was excellent. For more information about the workshop, please refer to [Barbara Burchfield's Flotilla Staff Officer Member Training \(FSO-MT\) report on page 13.](#)



Above: Instructor, Festus Burchfield VFC



Above: Barbara Burchfield helping with the presentation



From left: Mike Mitutaitis,
George Bigby and Bill Lindsay



From left:
Ann Marie Graham
Flotilla 12-6
Kent McCain



Below from left: Rafael Fernandez,
Don Carty and Scott Iverson

DISTRICT 7 LEADERSHIP TRAINING - JANUARY 25, 2014

USCG Air Station, Savannah, GA

Article and photos by Sue Carty

A Flotilla Leadership Training session for all District 7 leaders was held at USCG Air Station in Savannah, GA on January 25.

The all day event was led by four of District 7 leaders: District 7 [COMO John Tyson](#) (Commodore), [Robert Weskerna](#) District Chief of Staff (DCOS), [David Fuller](#) District Captain North (DCAPT-N) and [Frank Lann](#) District Staff Officer for Member Training (DSO-MT).

Several of the topics they discussed were:

1. Seventh District Auxiliary Strategic Plan - visions, objectives, goals and strategic priorities
2. Growth and Diversity of the District's Membership
3. How to improve leader preparation
4. Joint Planning and Mission Execution with the Coast Guard
5. How to use the Help Desk and DIRAUX Tool Box
6. Effectiveness in Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Missions

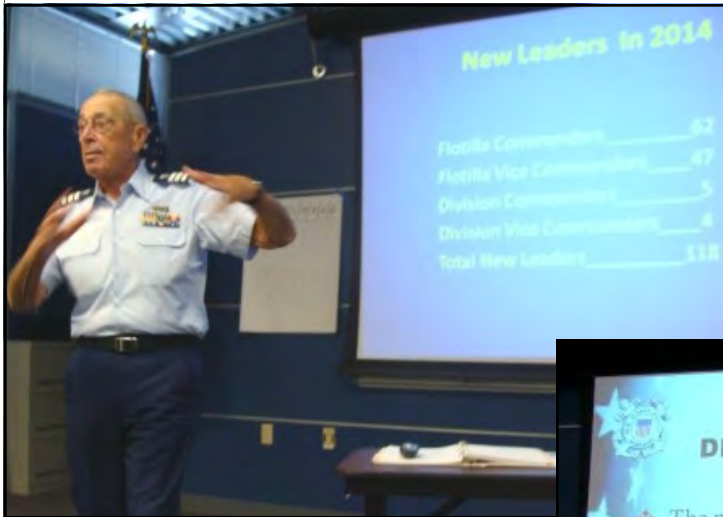
In the afternoon, groups were formed to discuss basic team skills preparation which can be transferred to implement in their own flotillas. What conclusions each group came up with was then discussed as a whole group.



From left: Robert Weskerna DCOS, David Fuller DCAPT-N and COMO John Tyson.

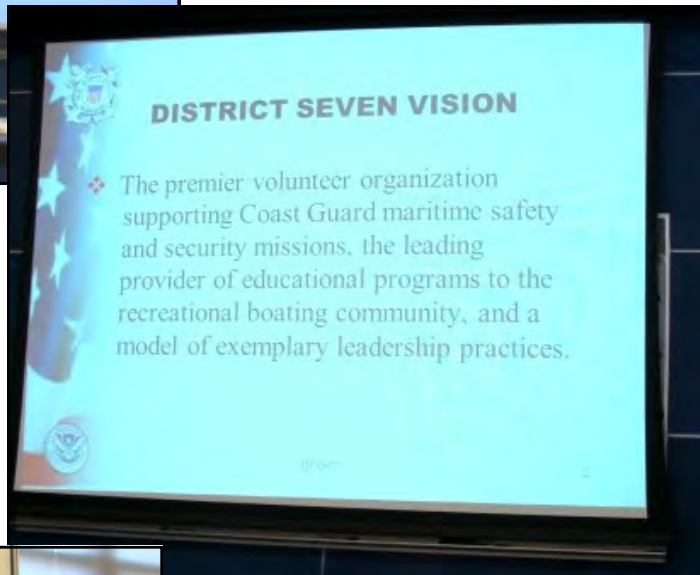
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DISTRICT 7 LEADERSHIP TRAINING– Cont'd



At left: Frank Lann DSO-MT in his presentation discussing the number of new District 7 leaders for 2014.

At left: District Seven Vision



Below: Robert Weskerna DCOS (far right) talking to the group.

Above: David Fuller DCAPT-N talking to Don Carty FC for Flotilla 12-3 in one of the Discussion groups. Sitting straight across the table from Don Carty is William Hayes VFC for Flotilla 12-1.



FLOTILLA 12-3'S 67th ANNIVERSARY - FEBRUARY 1, 2014

Article by Barbara Burchfield, Sue Carty
Photos by Barbara Burchfield and Sue Carty

Our 67th Birthday Anniversary as a flotilla and also as the oldest U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla in South Carolina was celebrated on February 1st at Flotilla Island. A delicious dinner and an evening full of history and fellowship were had by all.

Flotilla 12-3 members and guests, some from as far away as Myrtle Beach, Isle of Palms, and Charleston attended. Guests included [BM1 Jared Wike](#) of the US Coast Guard and his wife, [Nicole](#) and [Al Crothers Division 12 Commander](#) (DCDR) and his wife, [Linda](#).

[Festus & Barbara Burchfield](#) prepared the anniversary dinner with help from flotilla members.

[Barbara Burchfield](#) developed and displayed a slideshow of photos that were extracted from old newsletters, scanned photos and documents, a video of the first U.S. Army Paratrooper Jump SEP09, and a video of 4H20, one of the flotilla's annual signature events. She also researched and set up a static display of notable events in chronological order along one wall and a table with front page headline news stories of flotilla events. Thanks to [Joe Richbourg](#), [Dale McCain](#), [Kenny Ushelbec](#) and [Jay Dahlgren](#) for providing flotilla historical documents and photos.

The 67th Anniversary dinner brought together retirees, current members and new members (including one who was fingerprinted that night) and their families. It was a wonderful way to honor the auxiliary membership and its long history of service at Lake Murray.

[BM1 Jared Wike](#) from [USCG Station Charleston](#) asked to pass along his personal message: "Please pass along my gratitude for allowing my wife and I to celebrate your Flotillas' 67th birthday. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and I look forward to working with you flotilla during its 67th year of promoting the Coast Guard's mission".



Festus and Barbara Burchfield:
Our dinner chefs and event planners



Don Carty FC welcoming everyone to the celebration, introducing special guests and opening comments.

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FLOTILLA 12-3'S 67th ANNIVERSARY - Cont'd



Buffet line for all that great food
Below: Is everyone enjoying their meal?



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FLOTILLA 12-3'S 67th ANNIVERSARY - Cont'd



And of course, what would a party be without:

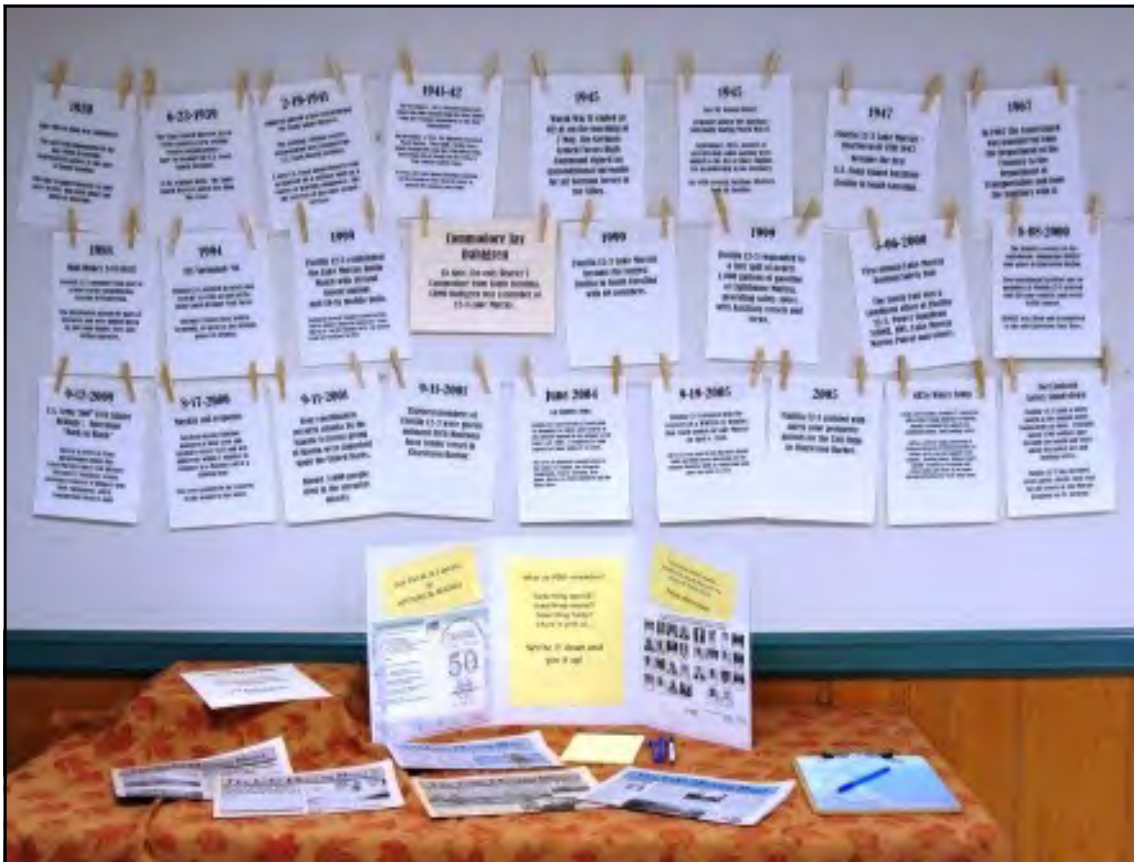
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FLOTILLA 12-3'S 67th ANNIVERSARY - Cont'd



Barbara Burchfield (far left) Presenting the slide show and videos.



Shown above is the static display that Barbara Burchfield researched and set up of notable

FLOTILLA 12-3'S 67th ANNIVERSARY - Cont'd



Photos of Flotilla 12-3 members in 1997 at the flotilla's 50th anniversary.

One of the notable historical items that was displayed.



At left:
Al Crothers
DCDR and
Vito Giardina
IPDCDR



At right:
A Fingerprint
Technician's
job is never
done. Vito
Giardina, one
of Divi-



sion 12's Fingerprint Technicians
helping Clay Goodwin for his new member
enroll-
ment
applica-
tion .

