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USCG Cutter LEGARE on humanitarian mission in Haiti. First person account of aid given and reward received inside

What follows is an email sent to Tom Kegan from Jerry Petrotto, Flotilla 36's new FSO-PE, relaying a message that he had just received from his son, Charlie, deployed on the USCGC Legare. Tom passed it on to me and I was so impressed with the enthusiasm and joy from doing the right thing that I had to pass it on. Be very proud with me of the help and the good will that our young guardians are giving to the Haitians. Acts like these will be remembered long after all the money donations have been long spent.

Hi Tom, you asked me this morning if I heard from Charlie. Here is an email that I just got that I thought you would like to read. After reading this I felt so proud of him and all of our people there. He has always been a "Mr. Fixit" who never gives up. Thought I would share this with you.

Jerry

On Sat, 1/23/10, Petrotto, Charlie M <Charlie.M.Petrotto@uscg.mil> wrote:

From: Petrotto, Charlie M <Charlie.M.Petrotto@uscg.mil>

Subject: RE: Lots and Lots of pictures! #4

To: jpetrotto6415@yahoo.com

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 5:49 PM Hey pop,

Just got back from ashore, been there since, 0700. I did awesome work today. We unload TONS of relief supplies by hand in big people chains for like 4 hours, then got to carry people out to get med-evac'd. BUT the coolest thing was, the people we were helping at Kellick Point, were Haitian coast guard... They have no grills or stove because they were all destroyed. They showed me a big industrial barbeque, It was all crappy looking, and under some little rocks. My bosses referred me to see if I could fix it. All I had was a ball peen hammer and 3 pipe wrenches and my Gerber. I pulled pipe fittings and adapters from all over, from broken houses to broken cars. I found by luck or god, a propane regulator sticking out of the ground too. I got the 8' long grill with all three burners running. I found a big propane tank in the rubble too. When I moved it to the cooking area and showed them how to move the valves to make it work, I got cheers. It was awesome. (I tested all the connections with soapy water to see if they leaked too. I had to use dirt and caked up grease instead of Teflon tape!) The rest of the guys there were in shock that it worked so well or that I could even fix it. The guy that was translating for me was so happy that I was there. I told him, this is my profession, so he understands that I am good at fixing anything. His Capitan, supposedly very impressed, is requesting me by name tomorrow. I hope my command hears about it! Ok man, sorry to be brief again, its 1800 and I have anchor watch from 1200-0600!! Gotta get rest! Got busy day tomorrow...

Love you And I promise I'm being safe. chuck

Some of Charlie's pictures



Last month in pictures



Day, Lamby, Feldman,
Geffen received
AUXCOM, DCDR
Feighery presented
calendar, Brody and
Grevemeyer received
Telecommunications,

Last Month in Pictures 2



Herman Feldman also received Fingerprinting and Goodmate. Neil Hennessey received NAV Rules and Coxswain 3 year recertification. Flotilla 36 officers who would not be attending our change of watch, FSO_IS Len Schwartz, FSO_CM Jon Derr, and VFC Bill Bartley were sworn in by DCDR Pat Feighery. SO-VE Marty Seider Presented 2010 VE goals

**From FC Tom Thayer
February Flotilla Meeting Program**

We have another interesting program for the February Flotilla Meeting. Division 3 VCDR Ed Duda, will be presenting everything that you ever wanted to know about the new/revised forms 7029 and 7030. Ed is the nationally recognized authority on all things that pertain to IS. Please come to the meeting and bring a guest on Thursday, February 4 at 1930. Uniform is Tropical Blue Long, ODU or civilian.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A Post Valentine's Day get together is planned for Saturday, February 20th from 1500 to 1900 hours at Ted and Becky Lutjens home at 7331 NE 8th Court in Boca Bay Colony on the corner of 73rd Street.

Please RSVP by February 13th by calling us at (561) 994-1548 and let us know whether you will be bringing your favorite appetizer or entre'. Soft drinks, coffee, tea, and dessert will be provided

FEBRUARY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

This section will highlight dates and events in the coming month. For a full listing, see the Calendar. Note: Calendars frequently change, check with event leader to verify

2/2	Boat Crew continues	1900
2/3	AUXACN continues	1900
2/4	Flotilla Meeting	1930
2/6	VSC Lake Ida	1000
2/12	VSC Tropic Bay	1000
2/13	8 HR TCT	0900
2/18	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900
2/20	VSC Silver Palm	1000
2/21	Flotilla Admin McVey	0900
2/27	PE ABS	0900

Hope all can make time for this fun-filled get together where we as Coast Guard Auxiliary members can experience fellowship and can get to enjoy and know each other better.

RAIN OR SHINE

Becky Lutjen

Hope to see you here! Thank You



Tom Thayer
Flotilla Commander 36

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From the Helm

SAVE THESE DATES:

- Deerfield Beach Founder's Day Parade – Feb. 13
- Barefoot Mailman – Scout Transport Mission – Feb. 13
- Flotilla Potluck at Lutjens – Feb. 20
- Gumbo Limbo Beach Clean Up – Feb. 21
- Division Admin Training for Flotillas – McVey House – Feb. 27 & 28
- Turtle Day at Gumbo Limbo – Mar. 13
- Hillsboro Lighthouse Tours – Mar. 13
- Dania Beach Flea Market – Mar. 20 & 21

You are invited and encouraged to attend any and all of these events. Please see the calendar in *THE LOG* for many other activities.

WOW!!! WHAT A START FOR THE YEAR.....

There is a tremendous amount of enthusiasm as we start the year with a bang. We have some new staff officers that have brought new ideas. We have new members that are ready, willing and able to get started and help the Flotilla fulfill its mission. The Staff Meeting was a buzz of fun and laughter and interesting plans. This will be a great year.

For those of you that missed the Flotilla Change of Watch, I think that you missed a great time, great food, great drinks and great entertainment.

My thanks to our Fourth Cornerstone guru, Richie Dunn, for putting it all together at the Boca Elk's Club. Please do not miss it next year...

VFC Bill and myself are open to any suggestions on how we can have better meetings, better classes, more member involvement, more fun, etc. Please let us know. Also, feel free to contact the staff officers with your questions and interest in serving in their areas of responsibility. There are numerous opportunities to get involved or more involved.

Looking ahead to 2011, I know that we just started 2010, we have at least two outstanding staff officers that have requested to step down after this year. They are FSO-IS Lenny Schwartz and FSO-PB Don Fisher. Both jobs are extremely important to the Flotilla and require some computer skills. The IS job requires completing a three day "C" School, preferably sometime in 2010 so as to be ready to go. The PB job will be trying to fill the big shoes that Don will be leaving behind. A background in publishing, journalism, computer science, etc. would be helpful, but, not required. Let us know of your interest.

Till next month.....

"Happiness is not a matter of intensity, but, of balance and order and rhythm and harmony."
- Thomas

Merton





Bill Bartley
Vice Flotilla Commander
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Until I completed a Patrol on Saturday January 23, 2110, I had no idea on what my log article was going to be. I would classify this article as on of those “Coast Guard Auxiliary Sea Stories”. Although I had my crew swear to an oath of secrecy, with this article they are relieved of that responsibility. With the incident that occurred and after it was resolved, I felt stupid and embarrassed more than I ever have in my Coast Guard experiences. Luckily there were no injuries to either Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel or facilities. Hopefully by sharing this experience it will help all of us.

The day started out with me getting up at 0500 to get my facility off the lift and ready for a 0700 patrol. The mission was to guard the perimeter of the sail boat races off the coast south of Port Everglades. I was very fortunate to have three qualified crew members, with numerous hours of experience on my facility and in my opinion some of the best crew members that I have worked with in our organization. We got underway at 0700, proceeded south on the ICW to the Hillsboro inlet and went outside to Station Fort Lauderdale. Weather was excellent, seas were one to two feet at the most. We arrived at Station Fort Lauderdale at 0830 and had a pre mission briefing with the other three auxiliary vessels involved. Two facilities including myself were station on the north side of the course and the other two were station on the south side of the course. Our primary mission was to insure that other boats did not enter the race course and disturb the race and render any assistance that the race may need to insure safety.

Since we were patrolling at a slow speed on the northwest side of the course, I decided to patrol

on only one engine to save fuel and to equalize my engine hours, which is something I normally do not do. During this time, on two occasions I had to power up the second engine to approach boats that were heading southbound and advise them to please proceed around the markers for the race course. By around 1100 seas had changed to three to five feet and I was patrolling on one engine. By mistake, I turned off the single engine I was running on and this is when things got really interesting. When attempting to start the engines, neither would start. The crew and I went through the Boat Crew Manual checklist for "engine fails to turn over". We checked (1) the Main Power switch, (2) battery cable, (3) Starter motor cable, and (4) Batteries. My concern immediately turned to the possibility of my facility drifting into the race course and causing a disturbance. I immediately notified the OSC (On Scene Commander) and request assistance for someone to tow me into Station Fort Lauderdale. Luckily for me “CHARIOT” was the other facility on the north side of the course and he agreed to tow me into Station Fort Lauderdale. With my experience of working with “CHARIOT” and my confidence in “CHARIOT”, I felt I could not have been in better hands. The sea conditions, and boat traffic did not make this easy. My crew and I focused on the tow to insure everyone’s safety and not the issue with my facility. “CHARIOT” pulled off a text book long tow to and through Port Everglades, converted to a side by side and perfectly laid me against the seawall in Station Fort Lauderdale. Once secure at the dock and feeling relieved that all went well, I stepped onto the dock. Once on the dock, I glanced over to the helm station and noticed that both engines were in

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forward at idle speed. DUH, no wonder the engines would not start. I realized that we missed the fifth cause for engine fails to turn over from the Boat Crew Manual which was to check for "Misalignment of controls, neutral safety switch". Immediately feelings of guilt, stupidity, and embarrassment swept over me. Went back onboard, put the engines in neutral and both started with no problems. We got back underway, exited Port Everglades and headed back to home dock to secure from the patrol.

For all involved, I want to offer my sincere apologies for putting them and the facilities at

risk. This mistake had never happened in the past and I can insure everyone that it will not happen in the future. The message from this experience to all members of the Operations Program is the remember that the Boat Crew Seamanship Manual contains an enormous amount of useful and valuable information and that we should regularly review it to make sure we try to remember all that we were taught during our Crew and Coxswain training.



Rob Lambie

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Crew Scheduling Workshop

All Coxswains and Boat Crew are invited to attend a Crew Scheduling Workshop Thursday March 11, 2010 (not on the calendar) at the Boca Base beginning 1900 hour. This will present the opportunity to introduce the Coxswains and their vessels to the Boat Crew.

The goal of the workshop is to improve the overall participation level of the Flotilla by matching available crew to patrols.





Thomas H. Kegan,
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Each Member should be receiving : Annual Member Summary & Status Report. This report is prepared by Coast Guard on everyone's activities active for the year 2009, Please review, If you did not receive one, could be you did no reportable hours for the COAST GUARD AUXILIARY. All these hours SUPPORT the U.S. Coast Guard, Let us Make 2010 a year where everyone produces some hours.

Start by coming to the General meeting on Feb. 4, 2010. A program on the new 7029 will be presented by Edward Duda VDC 3, please bring paper & pen.

January was a great month in Member training, 1. We started a AUXOP Course , AUXOP NAVIGATION on Wed. evenings, Don Fisher Course Manager.

2, Boat crew class on Tuesdays & some Saturdays. Have 12 new members signed up. Have 5 members as class helpers , need more ,Just Show up and we will put you to work.

3. Staff. A Bunch of new members became Staff officers this year, If you do no Know them come to a meeting and introduce yourself, and offer your assistance and services .

Feb. 13 at our base starting at 0800, (please come about 7:30 A.M.) . An 8 hour TCT course will be offered . Please bring your lunch. This course is required for all members in Boat Crew or related Qualification in Auxiliary Work. This is not a yearly course ,

once taken you do not need it for 5 years.(1 Hour refresher class needed in years 2 to 4). Members who need this course are; R. Celestino, G .Edelman, J. Edelman, M. Hanuschak, N. Hennessey, Rutherford, T. Rutherford, R. Sando, P. Stevenson, M. Thompson, M Thompson, K. Weisberg.

Jennifer Blau, Judy Brackett, Elan Geffen, Ted Lutjen, Jerry Petrotto, Ed Stolzerberg, Lawrence Vandeyar, Eric Weinbaum, Donald Prince

Feb, 21 A course will be offered at Mcvay Base (Fl.32 base) This course is a FEMA course 210, more information will follow. It is only to be taken in the class room environment. This is needed for members, who wish to become Coxswains, Air craft commanders, It is a onetime class. On Feb. 27 a Safe Boating class will be held at our base. Members in boat crew class need this class.

See Jerry Petrotto new FSO-PE. Next Month a list of members who require 3 year QE audit will be ready Tom Kegan FSO-MT





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**AUXOP Training
And Publications**

AUXOP COURSES

We are well into our AUXACN course with nine



students, although attendance has been inconsistent. I have had some feedback from the students and instructors that scheduling two

chapters per session for the initial sessions is too much, considering the amount of homework involved. I had scheduled a catch up class after chapter seven that I expect will be well attended. Never the less, for future classes, I will not schedule as aggressively.

PUBLICATIONS

I have decided that this will be my last year as FSO-PB, to step aside and allow a fresh approach for this publication. This is a good job, one of the best in the flotilla and I encourage anyone that is interested and has some fundamental computer skills to consider this opportunity. I am announcing this early to give my replacement time to get aboard.



Jerry Petroto

Public Education

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I am your new FSO-PE for the Flotilla. I am a member for less than one year and am honored to serve in this capacity. I want to thank Andrea Rutherford for all of her help and guidance over the past several weeks, helping to get me up to speed on all of the important items we need to accomplish with our courses offered to the public. The following courses are now scheduled and will appear on our site and the division site as well:

About Boating Safety Classes:

February 27
April 17

May 15
June 26
August 14

The above classes will run from 0900-1700. The cost is \$35.00 for non members and \$25.00 for members.

Weekend Navigation for Mariners:

March 1 through April 5th. (Monday Nights 1900-2100)

The cost will be \$40.00 for non members and \$30.00 for members?





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No Report



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The Vessel Examiners of our Flotilla have been congratulated for or extemporary performance last year, but this is not the time for us to sit on our laurels. We should be looking for new ideas and methods to increase our Vessel Safety Check Count and Boating Safety Courses given to the Boaters

Remember 90% of people that drowned in the last 10 years in boating accidents were not wearing life jackets

Liliane Meghabghab
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Mark Thompson reports

SPECIAL NOTICE, SUBJ:

TERMINATION OF ALL U.S. LORAN-C SIGNALS

U.S. COAST GUARD WILL TERMINATE THE TRANSMISSION OF ALL U.S. LORAN-C SIGNALS EFFECTIVE 2000Z 08

Four Principals of Recreational Boating Safety are:

Life Jackets Save Lives- Wear a Life Jacket

Knowledgeable Boaters Save Lives- Take Boating Course

Safe Boats Save Lives- Get a Free Vessel Safety Check

Sober Boaters Save Lives- Never Boat Under the Influence

Let's make this a banner year for spreading boating Safety.

As of writing this article we still do not have the 2010 Decals if we have them the Feb. VSC schedule is:

Sat. 6 Feb. at Lake Ida Park 1000-1400 Hrs.

Sat.29 Feb. at Silver Palm Park 0900-1400 Hours



FEB 2010. AT THAT TIME, THE U.S. LORAN-C SIGNAL WILL BE UNUSABLE AND PERMANENTLY DISCONTINUED. THIS TERMINATION DOES NOT AFFECT U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OR CANADIAN LORAN-C CHAINS. U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THESE CHAINS WILL CONTINUE TEMPORARILY IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.





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Quite a few of you have noticed that we have a new 7029 and 7030 form.

At our February Auxiliary Meeting, Ed Duda our SO-IS and Division Vice commander, will explain how it works and answer any questions you have. Do your best to be there. Your effect in putting in your 7029 each month has put our Flotilla over the mark set for total hour ask for by Division for the year 2009. Now, this year we have to pass last years mark.

It was not easy, but you did a great job. As I write this article, there is no E-mail form for eather the 7029 or 7030.

They are working to get this done before the end of the month, so we will have it by February. If not, just pull it down as a regular form, fill it out and put it in my box for me too pick up and enter into Auxdata. If you cannot put in at the office, mail it to me,

Len Schwartz
5126D lakefront Blvd.
Delray Beach, Fl. 33484

I will have 50 copies of a Matrix of the 7029 that I have received from Mr. Duda that will be of great help to all who fill out the 7029 form. I am sure that it will take a few months to file the new forms, but with a few moments of your time, you will do it.



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No report

CG Station Key West





Shirley Fisher

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As I have said many times, I will make myself available to attend any meeting where members, or prospective members require advice about uniforms or equipment. This

week, in addition to the flotilla meeting I will be available for Tom Kegan's Boat Crew Class on Tuesday evening.

We have these too!



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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD CG-3615 (Rev. 3-02)		AUXILIARY - RECORD OF UNIT MEETING	
UNIT NUMBER		UNIT NAME (as recorded in AUXDATA)	MEMBERS PRESENT
0 7 0 0 3 0 6 0 0 0		FLOTILLA 3 6	IQ or BQ 52 AX –
DATE	MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION	TYPE OF MEETING
01/07/20 10	1930	Boca Raton Base	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Special Bus
UNIT OFFICERS PRESENT		GUESTS PRESENT	
VFC- B. Bartley, CM- J. Derr, IS-L. Schwartz, VE- M.Jaffe, PS-A.Zimmerman, Everbridge- Marie Thompson,SR-Azzarito, FC. T. Thayer , OPS-R.Lambie, MT - T. Kegan, PB-D.Fisher, MA-S. Fisher, MS- H.Feldman PA-R. Tepper, 4 th Cornerstone- R. Dunne, MV -T.Lutjen, NS- L.Meghabghab, CS- S. Grevemyer, FN- J. Borderlon, Div. Commander- P. Feighery		Eric Weinbaum,Zach Weinbaum,Alex Falcone,Tracy Weaver,SOVE-M. Seiden	
CONDENSED VERSION OF REPORTS AND MOTIONS VOTED ON			

Meeting called to order 1930 Pledge of Allegiance Tom Thayer
 Invocation by Tom Thayer
FC- T. Thayer Thanks to Becky and Connie for goodies. Next month Marie and Irene. Count now 58 for COW
VFC-B.Bartley Call for Staff Reports
OPs-R. Lambie Expects to give report next month
MT- T. Kegan Boat crew classes start 1/12 @1900, Division meeting 1/30. TCT 1 hour will be held at Div. Meeting . New 7029's and 7030's on line with instructions but may change shortly. Will get year end reports in mail soon.AUX Data is very slow. Hope to see everyone at COW.
4th Cornerstone- R. Dunne Want to thank Jerry Edelman ,Ted and Becky Lutjen, and Irene Azzarito for participation in Holiday street parade in Boca.Thanks to Gail for use of her car. Reviewing stand gave nice report on Flot.36 and CG that I submitted. For reading.
MA- S. Fisher Sale items in back of room as before. Good buys.
PB- D.Fisher Logs available on web page to be downloaded. Wednesday start AUXACN . Have about 10-12 people interested.
CM- J.Derr No report
CS-S. Grevemyer Web site pages all up. Very new. Thanks to Marie for help.
IS-L.Schwartz 7029's and 7030's need to be in by Jan.12th. Can use old form until then.
MS-H. Feldman Will be doing Beach Cleanup soon and will ask for volunteers.
MV-T.Lutjen Starting visitations very soon.
NS- L Meghabghab Just learning about ATONS. Will report when ready
PS-A.Zimmerman Planning an orientation. 4 new members.
VE- M. Jaffe VE exam will be the 4th week this month. Sea Turtle Day March 13 at Gumbo Limbo. Delray Affair will be after Easter week and Safe Boating week starts the 22 of May.

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VFC- B. Bartley Orders after the 30th of month will not be approved unless you have submitted pictures and offer of use form for Sta. Lauderdale. If you can't get pictures Don Fisher will give you assistance. Feb. 13th Founders Day at Deerfield Beach. Coordinate with Flot. 34. Same day as Barefoot mailman.

Other business:

Marie Thompson- thanks to those who contributed for the CG people at Sta. Lauderdale for Christmas.

Liliane Meghabghab- Will be getting keys for new staff officers shortly.

Post Valentine -Get together on Feb. 20th . Pot Luck from 1500 -1900 to be held at Ted and Becky Lutjen's home. Rain or shine.

SO VE- Marty Seiden Have at least 2 VE exam days a month. Send e-mail after exam to FSO and then forward to SOVE, by the 25th of each month. Don't be stuck on minimum limit of 5 exams .Try for at least 5 per month. Sponsor 1 VE blitz per year. Hopefully decals will be in by end of month.

Div. Commander Pat Feighery Calendar of events

Jan. 30th Div. Meeting. Can get 1 Hour TCT training there. Mandatory OPS workshop. 1 ½ hour presentation on navigation services. 2/27 and 2/28 McVey House, Flotilla Admin Workshops open to all staff officers. Bring laptops.

FN -JoAnn Bordelon Explained 2010 Budget. Some members had questions and comments regarding budget and a vote was called to accept as stated. Was approved.

Tom Thayer called for vote to accept minutes as published in log. Minutes were approved.

Pat Feighery Swore in some new 2010 staff officers who will not be attending COW. Bill Bartley, Lenny Schwartz, and Jon Derr.

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 2100

UNIT TRAINING TOPICS PRESENTED

REMARKS Awards. . Coxswain 3 yr. Recert. R. Celestino, N. Hennessey. Crew 3 yr. Recert. R. Borderlon., New Crew P. Ruggirello., AUXOP Communications, H. Feldman, R. Lambe, T Day, T Thayer, M. Duncan. Geffen., Finger Print Exam, H. Feldman, VE-H. Feldman, GOODMATE (Water Pollution) H. Feldman, R. Tepper., Instructor, R. Tepper, NAV rules N. Hennessey. Telecommunications M. Brody, S. Grevemeyer Note; Some members were not present and did not receive awards in hand.

NEXT MEETING

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
12/03/09	1930	Base
DATE SUBMITTED		SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT
02/04/09		I Azzarito FSO-SR



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