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Special points of interest:

Change of Watch



**Tables at Change of Watch**

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

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# The Taw Line

Spring 2025

## Change of Watch

On 11 January 2025 we had Division I Change of Watch. It was held at Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10003 Carmel, IN. Active duty call it Change of Command, but the Auxiliary calls it Change of Watch. The location was changed this year to the VFW in Carmel. It was the same place we held our Holiday Party in December located at 12863 Old Meridian St, Carmel, IN 46032.

Change of Watch is where newly elected and appointed officers are sworn into their perspective offices as required per our By-Laws. It is also a

time to witness our proceedings in action as well as enjoy good food and fellowship.



**Food Line With Cordelle Feuston and Family**

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)



**Swearing in Ceremony with CDR Adam Cernovich and CAPT Heather Mattern**

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

Installed Flotilla Commanders (FC) are Eric Wisely, Flotilla 3, Richard Friedman, Flotilla 7, Cordelle Feuston, Flotilla 9 and Doug Jave, Flotilla 10.

Our guest speakers were CAPT Heather R. Mattern Commander of Sector Ohio Valley, CDR Adam Cernovich Director of Auxiliary 8th U.S. Coast Guard East and West District, and DCAPT-W Leo Yakutis.





**Overall View of Our Booth**

*(photo by: Bob Fiers)*

**“... Saturday we had numerous go by our booth ...”**



**Mark Keith with Customer**

*(photo by: Bob Fiers)*

## Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show

The Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show ran 14-16 and 19-23 February 2024 in the Champions Pavilion at the Indiana State Fair Grounds with 19-20 February off or a break. Division I had its normal spot in aisle 3300 (3-booths wide) that is donated by Renfro Productions and Management, Inc.

Our booth was setup on 12 February 2025 with the help of plenty of members of Division I. The booth was 10' deep and 30' wide. As editor I want to thank Tom Foreman, Mark Keith and Richard Friedman for their help during the setup.

Friday was the first day but Saturday we had numerous go by our booth and speak to us. With the help of Doug Jave (Flotilla Commander 01-10) and Heather Keith we made many children happy with formed balloons. Doug also entertained all ages with his magic acts.

This is a time for Division I to recruit new members, schedule Vessel Safety Checks (VSC), preform Marine Dealer Visits (MDV) and educate the public of Boating Safety in which we use Boat America a full day course. That course is set for sometime in March 2025 at American Legion Post 3 in Broad Ripple or Southport Masonic Lodge in Southport.



**Tom Foreman Waiting For The Crowds**

*(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)*



**FC Richard Friedman Talking to Attendees**

*(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)*



**Heather Keith and Walt Guntharp in Background**

*(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)*



## Application Pending (AP) Status

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I hear many ask “Why can’t I get an ID Card?” You only need to see if you are still AP Status. If you are Application Pending (AP), then you have some work to do. You must complete Core Training (AUXCT) and Basic Qualification Course - II (BQC-II).

We have an unusual high number of members in AP Status. It is not that difficult to complete the courses. There are members who freeze-up trying to take a test. If you are one of those people, ask for help. There are many members ready to help you during your difficult time.

AUXCT has seven (7) courses (link: <https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/Default.asp>). Five need to be renewed every five (5) years. The last two (2) are permanent. Take those 2 once and you are done.

The five (5) subjects are:

1. Workforce Resilience Training



### Mentoring Is Part Of The Auxiliary

(photo by: MyCG-Coast Guard)

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| 2. Security Fundamentals                           | 2. Courtesy and Protocols                |
| 3. Privacy at DHS: Protecting Personal Information | 3. Human Resources & Awards              |
| 4. Sexual Harassment Prevention                    | 4. Member Training and Uniforms          |
| 5. Civil Rights Awareness                          | 5. Membership Requirements and Structure |
| 6. Ethics I / Personal Gifts                       | 6. Support, Materials and Reimbursement  |
| 7. Basic Qualification Course II                   |  |

For BQC-II you need to understand the background and history of the Auxiliary as a prerequisite for further courses and training. There are six (6) areas to cover:

1. Core Values and Missions

We must find ways to help those in AP Status to move up. It does not look good for Division I or your Flotilla if you have a high number in AP Status. Support your Flotilla with mentors to encourage they help those listed as Application Pending. We need to help them become Initially Qualified (IQ) or Basically Qualified (BQ). If we can do that, we can quietly stick our chest and feel “Look what I did.” Be proud of it.



### Learning to Tow

(photo by: 082-12-01)

**“... have an unusual high number of members in AP Status.”**



**Tailwalker Too on Ohio River**

(photo by: Ric Wiseley)

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**America Wing Elevators**  
(photo by: Veterans Administration)



**Division One**

## **I Am Letting Off Steam**

On 27 February 2025 I passed out and taken to a Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital. I ran out of one medication that was required. I tried to refill the prescription for two (2) weeks with no luck. When I arrived at the hospital my blood pressure was 50 over 12 and I was near death.

This was the first time I had a problem using VA. The VA pharmacy is very good, but the Doctor needs to be aware of the needs of the patient and not putting the patient in any health dangers. For me this was dangerous.

I was in the hospital over one (1) month and constantly checked. I had no idea I was that serious until long after admission. The staff at VA did a wonderful job of bringing me back to "the living."

During my time in the hospital, I was asked questions that really surprised me. They asked me where I was located (hospital and city) and what year, month and day it was. I answered all correctly, but the questions surprised me.

A surprise that shocked me while there. I went to the hospital with my phone, hearing aides and My Life Alert. After several weeks my phone and new hearing aids disappeared as well as My Life Alert. It appears they thought they were trash and never seen again. I still have my charger for my hearing aids and phone, but no phone or hearing aids and My Life Alert.



**Indianapolis VA Medical Center**  
(photo by: Veterans Administration)



**Entrance to Hospital**  
(photo by: Veterans Administration)



**Second Floor Balcony**  
(photo by: Veterans Administration)