



Rear Admiral Fosse Visits Idaho & Montana Flotillas

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RADM Charles E. Fosse, Commander US Coast Guard District 13 serves as the Commander of the Thirteenth Coast Guard District headquartered in Seattle, Washington. He is responsible for all Coast Guard operations throughout the Pacific Northwest which encompasses the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana and includes more than 4,400 miles of coastline, 600 miles of inland waterways, and a 125 nautical mile international border with Canada.

Following is RADM Fosse's email message to DCO Klaas Nijhuis recounting his visit with Flotilla representatives in Helena, Montana and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho during the last week of May. [Editor]

Last week CMC Fraughton, LT Moolenaar, and I had the pleasure of visiting Flotilla reps in Montana (Helena- coordinated by Dave Hansen) and Idaho (Coeur d'Alene - coordinated by Mark Hannibal). We are very grateful for so many folks taking time to meet with us and have dinner together in both locations some folks traveled well over an hour to join us.



L-R: Matthew Cronin USCG Auxiliary D13 Division 10 Commander, Kody Fraughton Master Chief USCG, Dave Hansen USCG Auxiliary District 13 Captain-East, Admiral Chuck Fosse USCG, LT Johanna Moolenaar USCG, Kyle Boyce USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 130-05 Commander, Andy Connor USCG Ret. now civilian USCG.

We enjoyed learning more about Auxiliary activities in our Eastern AOR and the challenges and opportunities they experience. They all had good things to say about the support they receive from Auxiliary and Active Duty (D13/Sector) leadership. I reemphasized for them our commitment to supporting the great work they do, understanding the limitations presented by lack of people and facilities. I know we're working on that. Please ensure they know how grateful we are for their warm welcome and enjoyable company.

I haven't had the chance to catch up with you for a while, at your convenience please set up some time for a call through CDR Jantzen and team before we get into the change of command (25 July) business. I also hope you know that you are welcome to participate in our regular battle rhythm staff meetings as you deem helpful, and I'm happy to get on a regular schedule of meetings with you like I do with other D13 field leaders.

Thank you for all the great work of our CG Auxiliary!

v/r,

RADM Chuck Fosse

Commander, USCG District Thirteen

