



NAUTICAL NOTES



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Minutes of the October 6 meeting

Ron called the meeting to order at Meeting @ 1830 hrs.

Members attending:

Bill Walthers, Barbara Beall, Richard Parker
Dave Mc Candles, Carolyn Mc Candles,
Charles Buck, Mike Williams, Kealy French,
April Wingo, Troy Wingo, Frank Lucero,
Kathy Lucero, Bob Krangle, Beryl
Zimmerman, Ben Gardiner, Vera Mae
Gardiner, Woody Simpson, Judy Simpson,
Marion Terrell, Chuck Terrell, Ron Beck,
Dannett Beck, Robert Hickey,

Guests were; Carl Boxx, Devron French,
and Alex Zimmerman

Awards were posted and presented

1. Flotilla 24: Among the "Top 100"
Flotillas for completed CMEs
2. Judy : CG Sustained Service
3. Troy ; CG Sustained service
4. Bob Hickey: crew member

STAFF REPORTS

Ben, Frank, Woody, Kathy, Ron, Judy, and
Bob Hickey submitted brief reports on their
respective offices..

Significant points: Kathy Lucero briefed us on
our current status relative to "Silver Oars".

Woody: commented on submitting time and
mission sheets, as well as TCT training make
up schedule. . . to be determined.

New Business Chuck Terrell is
holding advanced Navigation course at his
house on. auxop continuing education.

Group discussion about "Twinkle Light
Parade" at Christmas.

Bill displayed a digital name bade and
suggested uses for it in public appearances.
Has a programmable message. Motion made
to purchase a number. Motion denied / money
better spent on a larger, more
practical/conventional signage.

Ron Beck: Where to hold our "Change of
Watch"? . No disposition

Old business.....
(Oops, missed it)

ELECTIONS

Ben Gardiner: "election committee"

No Nominations from the floor for Flotilla
Commander. Ron was unanimously re-
elected as Flotilla Commander.

No nominations from the floor for vice
Flotilla Commander. Robert Krangle was
unanimously re-elected as Flotilla Vice
Commander.

Next meeting to be in the same place on
November 3, 2003. Ron beck made a motion
to adjourn, seconded by Woody. Meeting
adjourned at 1945 hrs.

Special presentation

On October 8th, Captain Connors from
Corpus Christy flew to Santa Fe where he was
met by the Albuquerque recruiter, Charles
Buck, and Bill Walthers. We traveled in a
motorcade with a police escort to Pojoaque
where the widow of Police Officer Kevin

William Schultz was presented with the Silver Lifesaving Award, the second highest lifesaving medal given by the Coast Guard.. for his heroic rescue of a 12 year old boy from the cold river waters near Taos. He lost his life in the event.



Coast Guard Falcon from Corpus Christy

Journal with pictures of the presentation. The Northern Issue” is not delivered in this area. My copy was sent by Barbara Beall.

Captain Connor said this was the second time he had the honor of presenting the Silver Life Saving Medal in his 25 years of service with the Coast Guard.

Unfortunately, none of us from Albuquerque had a camera so I am waiting for a couple of the people who took pictures to send me copies.

After the ceremony, all the attendees were invited to a free buffet lunch at the Cities of Gold Casino by the Pueblo Governor, Jacob Viarrial.

The Captain left for Corpus shortly after the buffet.



Tribal Governor Jacob Varrial



Coast Guard members and the Governor next to the Widow and son, and Friend



There was an article printed on October 9th in the “Northern Issue” of the Albuquerque



Captain Connor with Widow and Son carrying the medal and Life Saving Citation

NOT ALL HEROS ARE PEOPLE

James Crane worked on the 101st floor of Tower 1 of the World Trade Center. >He is blind so he has a golden retriever named Daisy. After the plane hit 20 stories below, James knew that he was doomed, so he let Daisy go, out of an act of love. She darted away into the darkened hallway. Choking on the fumes of the jet fuel and the smoke James was just waiting to die. About 30 minutes later, Daisy comes back along with James' boss, who Daisy just happened to pick up on floor 112.

On her first run of the building, she leads James, James' boss, and about 300 more people out of the doomed building. But she wasn't through yet, she knew there were others who were trapped. So, highly against James' wishes she ran back in the building.

On her second run, she saved 392 lives. Again she went back in. During this run, the building collapses. James hears about this and falls on his knees into tears. Against all known odds, Daisy makes it out alive, but this time she is carried by a firefighter. "She led us right to the people, before she got injured" the fireman explained.

Her final run saved another 273 lives. She suffered acute smoke inhalation, severe burns on all four paws, and a broken leg, but she saved 967 lives.

The next week, Mayor Gillian rewards Daisy with the Canine medal of Honor of New York. Daisy is the first civilian Canine to win such an honor.

I hope you enjoyed this story. I thought it was terrific

Submitted by : Carolyn Mc Candless