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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary,**

**First District, Southern Region**

**NAVIGATION SYSTEMS**

 **2018 NEWSLETTER**

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| **This is what we are!****Our 2018 Mission!**

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| **We *verify* the Private Aids, *check* the Federal Aids, *survey* the Bridges, and *correct* the Nautical Charts of USCG First District, Southern Region.** |

**How we do it!**

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| **Prevention, Accuracy, Credibility, Timeliness, Professionalism, and Service to the United States Coast Guard.** |

**Our 2018 Annual Goals!**

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| **First Priority - *Verify* the Private Aids which were not verified in 2017 or 2016.****Second Priority – *Complete* the Photograph Project for Private Aids.****Third Priority – *Survey* all the Bridges in each AOR.** **Fourth Priority – *Identify and document* all “*Unauthorized*” Private Aids.****Fifth Priority – *Check* the remaining Private Aids in each AOR.****Sixth Priority – *Check* the Federal Aids in each AOR.****Other activities:*****Correct* all discrepancies observed on NOAA Charts in each AOR.** |

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**OVERVIEW**

The reason for this Newsletter is to encourage the use of AUXDATA. This is the only repository of combined statistics that are available to all Auxiliarists. The following listing is an extract based on information that you submitted to your IS Officers. Bottom line, please enter the data so that you receive proper credit.

In 2017, due to reduced season length, we were not able to complete our goal. The success we had was accomplished by a small dedicated staff. **Bravo Zulu**. This year, in order to catch up, we also need the services of those who have strayed from the fold during the past five years. **We need you back on board.**

Life changes have a definite impact on the amount of volunteer time that can be expended. At the same time, we have to know who is available to do the work. Therefore, we want to thank everyone who has ever participated in the program. As your situation changes, you are always welcome to reapply.

Again, I want to thank all those who contributed to the success of 2017.

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|   | **STATISTICS** |   |   |
|   | **Active AV** | 66 | Active in 2017 based on AUXDATA |
|   | Not Current | 29 | latest activity in 2016 |
|   | Not Current | 10 | latest activity in 2015 |
|   | Not Current | 5 | latest activity in 2014 |
|   | Not Current | 6 | latest activity in 2013 |
|   | **TOTAL AV's** | **116** |  |
|   | Losing AV Qual as of 1/1/18 | 4 | No activity from 2013 till 2017 |
|   | Retired/Transferred/Deceased  | 3 | during 2017 |
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* **If you are listed as “Not current” but were active in 2017**, please send an E-Mail to aolsen413@gmail.com stating the type and scope of your 2017 activity. The list will be corrected
* **If you are listed as “Not current” and were not active in 2017, you can regain your currency** by submitting ***two*** PATON, ATON or Bridge reports for each year that you failed to submit a report (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014). Also E-mail the ***DSO-NS*** of your intention to make up the delinquent reports to become current. You are allowed until **August *1, 2018*** to submit your make up ***7054 PATON Reports***. Failure to comply as agreed will result in the loss of access to the PATON System. You may perform your two 2018 verifications after August 1, 2018.
* If you fail to submit reports or perform NS support activity for ***five*** consecutive years, you will lose your AV Qualification.

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| **IMPORTANT:** It is part of DSO-NS’s function to insure the Coast Guard, that any Auxiliarist who verifies and submits a 7054 PATON Report on-line to the Harbormaster System, is qualified as an AV and is current (has submitted two or more ATON, PATON, or Bridge verification or check reports each year. I try to do everything in my power to insure that AVs do not lose their AV currency and/or their AV qualification. However, there are legal implications for the Coast Guard if this protocol is not followed. Your AV qualification is potential evidence that can be introduced in court that you were trained and qualified when you performed this important work for the Coast Guard. ***Please! No begging or whining***. Be sure that you correctly update **AUXDATA** with your **Navigation Systems activity.*****If you need assistance, feel free to contact me directly.*** |

**ACTIVITY CALENDAR for Navigation Systems Staff Officers**

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| If you are relieving an NS Staff Officer at any level, you should have received all the records and materials for your new office by now. If not, make arrangements with your predecessor and get the records transferred to you as soon as possible.Secure a copy of the list of the current Staff Officers for your AOR in the Navigation Systems Program. Remind them to check their E-mail address in AUXDATA. Have them send any corrections to your SO-IS. Start working on your ***Navigation System Program Plan***. If you have a problem, contact your SO-NS, ADSO-NS, or DSO-NS for assistance. Each NS Program should include:* + - **Private Aid** (PATON) ***Verification*** **Program**, Only Current AV-qualified volunteers may participate.
		- **Private Aid (**PATON) ***Checking* Program**. Only Current AV-qualified volunteers may participate.
		- **Private Aid Photo Program.** All Auxiliary volunteers may participate.
		- **Bridge** (BAP) **Surveying Program**. Only Current AV-qualified volunteers may participate.
		- **Bridge** (BAP) **Checking Program**. All Auxiliary volunteers may participate.
		- **Federal Aid** (ATON) ***Checking* Program**. All Auxiliary volunteers may participate.
		- **Chart-Updating Program**. All Auxiliary volunteers may participate.
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**Please forward this newsletter to your members at the Flotilla and Division levels. We have important Coast Guard business to complete each year and we need AV and NS Staff Officer support from skilled and trained Auxiliarists in every Division of First Southern in order to meet our goals.**

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