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A special thanks is extended to the following Officers for their dedication and service to the District 7 Human Resources Department. It has been a pleasure working with all of you.

Good luck in your future endeavors

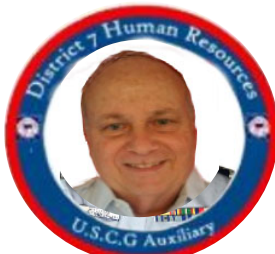


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Welcome to HR



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Election Eligibility Snapshot Report

Since the AuxData system first came online back in 2001, the AuxData Election Eligibility Report was the tool used to check that candidates for elected office met the election eligibility requirement specified in Appendix C of the Auxiliary Manual.

In early 2019 a new training policy was promulgated that required candidates for election to complete the Introduction to Risk Management (ITRM) course as well as ICS-100 and ICS 700 (formerly a component of the old Mandated Training program, but no longer part of Core Training). The AuxData election eligibility report does not take ITRM into account. Since AuxData will not be modified this year to take the new training requirements into account, the existing AuxData Election Eligibility Report will not show accurate information on potential candidates for election this year.

Also, in past years, if someone was eligible for election in the prior year, they could be assumed to be eligible in the current year. This is no longer the case since the five Core Training courses that are repeatable every five years started to expire in 2019 and must be retaken to stay current in Core Training. As such, all candidates for election must be checked for eligibility each year to assure that they are current on their Core Training, as well as all the other election eligibility requirements laid out in Appendix C of the Auxiliary Manual.

To help provide better election eligibility information, the Performance Measurement directorate is now posting on their website a new Election Eligibility Snapshot Report, updated weekly during the election season. This snapshot lists all members in each district, and for each, shows:

- Whether they have completed the Flotilla Leadership Course or the Administrative Procedures Course (APC),
- Whether they have been a member for over one year,
- Whether they have a favorable PSI,
- Whether they have passed Core Training (and BQC-II if enrolled after Feb. 1, 2018),
- Whether they have taken Introduction to Risk Management
- Whether they have completed ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-700 and/or ICS-800
- What qualifications they currently hold

The Performance Management website can be found by going to any national or WOW web page, selecting DIRECTORATES on the top menu line, and then selecting Planning & Performance on the drop down menu. The link to the Performance Measurement web site link is on the Planning & Performance home page. The link to the Election Eligibility report is on the left side of the page. It is accessible after login with member zone credentials. The link leads to both a downloadable file for the User Guide and a link for downloading the Election Eligibility Snapshot Report itself.

IMPORTANT: Besides checking the six items listed above that show in the new Election Eligibility Snapshot, election screening committees must also check all Appendix C eligibility requirements that are not shown in the snapshot. These include:

- For candidates for VCDR and DCDR, that the candidate has completed a full term as a flotilla commander.
- For candidates for DCAPT or DCOS, that the candidate has completed a full term as a DCDR.
- For all flotilla, division or district level elected officers, a member standing for election must, by the date of nomination, meet one of the following requirements:
 - (1) Have obtained an Auxiliary qualification (interim certification acceptable) and be current in one of the Auxiliary programs or mission areas as defined in paragraphs B.2 thru B.10 of Chapter 8.
 - (2) Have served as a staff officer or elected officer at any organizational level for two years.
 - (3) Have 25 hours of documented activity in Auxiliary programs or mission areas that are authorized in section B of Chapter 2 of the Auxiliary Manual and as reported on Activity Report forms, not including Member Activity forms (ANSC-7029), for the previous year.

Elected officers should ensure that all election screening committee members are given a copy of this announcement.

Direct any questions or comments to Kevin Redden, DIR-M, via the COLM.

ALAUX 002-18 BASIC QUALIFICATION II (BQII)
COURSE REQUIREMENT FOR NEWLY ENROLLED AUXILIARISTS

TO: ALAUX
FROM; CHDIRAUX
SUB: BASIC QUALIFICATION II (BQII) COURSE REQUIREMENT FOR NEWLY ENROLLED
AUXILIARISTS—

02/18

1. ALAUX 013/17 issued on September 22, 2017 announced the application of the Basic Qualification II (BQII) Course towards elected office eligibility and the Operational Auxiliarist (AUXOP) program. The BQII course provides comprehensive familiarization with many aspects of Auxiliary service including missions, programs, organizational structure, uniforms, customs, courtesies, and their associated governing policies. Successful completion of the BQII course by the date of nomination meets the same elected office eligibility requirement as that met by successful completion of the Administrative Procedures Course (APC) or the Flotilla Leadership Course (FLC) for election to Flotilla Vice Commander, Flotilla Commander, and subsequent higher elected offices. It also earns one leadership credit toward the AUXOP qualification.
2. Effective February 1, 2018, all newly enrolled members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary are required to complete the BQII course in order to move forward from Approval Pending (AP) status to any other Auxiliary membership status. It becomes a new element in the Auxiliary Mandated Training (AUXMT) program for newly enrolled Auxiliarists. Currently enrolled Auxiliarists, including those in AP status prior to February 1, 2018, are not required to take the BQII course, although it is highly recommended.
3. The BQII course can be found on the Auxiliary training web site (www.cgaux.org/training) by clicking on the link for "Basic Qual II Course" in the menu on the left side of the page.
4. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and Information.
5. Internet Release and Distribution is Authorized.



Division 5

Auxiliary Bucket List “Sail on the USCGC Eagle”



MIAMI—How many of us have seen the USCGC Eagle and thought about sailing on this incredible ship? Built in 1936 and 90 meters in length, the Barque Eagle, as it's also known, is the tallest 'tall ship' flying the stars and stripes.

On Thursday, May 19, 2022, the Eagle was at anchor just outside the Port of Miami. Each summer, the Eagle deploys with cadets from the United States Coast Guard Academy, and candidates from the Officer Candidate School for periods ranging from a week to two months. The primary mission is training the cadets and officer candidates, but the ship also performs a valuable public relations role for the Coast Guard and the United States military.



(Flotilla 11-2, Woods Hole, Massachusetts). Stephen's billet is in the galley as the Auxiliary chef

Being invited for the media ride-along as the Eagle enters the Port of Miami was without a doubt a “bucket list” event. As the District 7 Staff Officer-Public Affairs, I was ferried out in a USCG 45' Boat to allow the media a first look at this magnificent ship. After arriving on board and welcomed by Captain Michael Turdo, the Eagle's commanding officer, it was all hands on deck to square away the ship before weighing anchor for the trip into the Port of Miami.



Captain Michael Turdo, Commanding Officer, USCG Eagle

The Eagle has a standing permanent crew of seven officers and 50 enlisted members; on training missions additional temporary crew is taken on and sails with an average complement of 12 officers, 68 crew, and up to 150 trainees. Within ten minutes I was welcomed a second time by another Auxiliarist, Dr. Robert Andrews, Jr. (Flotilla 88, Coosa River, Alabama). Bob was spending his two week vacation as the on board physician. He gave me a tour of the ship and his infirmary where we then met with Stephen Bogiages, Auxiliary Culinary Assistant. See photo above (from left, Hank Cushard, DSO-PA, Robert Andrews Jr., Medical Officer, and Stephen Bogiages, Culinary Assistant).



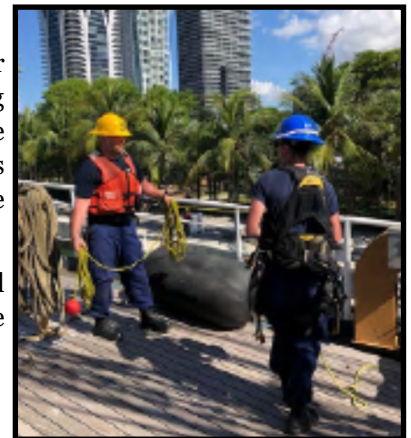
Six helmsmen (left), charting class (center), and lookouts (up high).

The Eagle is a continuous on-board class-room for the Coast Guard cadets. Watching the crew charting the course, handling the rigging, and manning the helm was amazing. Soon two tug boats guided us into port and it became apparent that all hands were involved as we approached the dock.

It is an honor to be aboard this magnificent vessel and watch these cadets, who are the future of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Semper Paratus

Take From Flotilla 59 “Crossroads Currents” Written by Hank Cushard, DSO-PA. Photos taken by Hank Cushard PA1



“Ready to throw line.” “When you have a shot, take it.”



Division 11

**Submitted by Karen Miller,
Flotilla 11-1, Clearwater, Fla.**

This article is going to discuss recruiting - sources, interviewing techniques, and methods to transform applicants into productive members.

First, the Human Resources Officer, Flotilla Commander, Flotilla Vice Commander, and even the Member Training Officer should sit down for a directed brainstorming session. Rather than a formal SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis, set up a sheet of paper for each member of the session with the alphabet on it. Ask each attendee to come up with words relevant to the Auxiliary for each letter. Once they have come up with their lists (consider limiting the time to come up with the list to no more than ten minutes), go over them. The attendees should be able to turn each one of them into a recruiting/retention item, on the fly.

The brainstorming session will accomplish many goals:

- Get the creative "juices" flowing
- Show the value of teamwork
- Come up with ideas that you haven't thought of before

Following that activity, look at how these different recruiting areas will help with the ideas determined in the first step.:

- E Leads (needs someone to qualify them prior to considering them as candidates for membership)
- Boating Classes
- Public Affairs Booths
- Website
- CG Recruiters
- Word of mouth from existing membership
- Speakers Bureau
- Vessel Safety Checks
- Targeted (make sure that the USCG or CG Auxiliary can use this person properly – welder; Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) clerk; doctor; nurse; chef; etc.)

Some hot words: Homeland Security, Core Values, Cornerstones

However, you must look at all of these recruiting techniques as feeding a large funnel. That funnel has a two-screen system. The first screen has a very large mesh, while the second one has very tiny holes that only the purest of applicants can make it through.

Let's look at that funnel in more detail:

We fill the funnel with all of our recruiting methods and screen out the undesirables by going over the givens: Over 17, citizen, and no serious criminal history. Then, you need to set up a team for interviewing: Flotilla Commander, Human Resources Officer, Flotilla Vice Commander, Member Training Officer, etc. This ensures that all points are covered and the prospect gets multiple perspectives about the Auxiliary. The second part of the large mesh screen is an emphasis on time and money. Use the interview form in the ANSC Form 7001 as the basic guideline for this initial meeting, but go off on tangents to emphasize the requirement for a time commitment. It is very important to understand the interviewee's point of reference - family, job(s), geography, other volunteer organizations that they belong to, etc. Then, send them home to ponder what you told them.

An interesting alliteration: TTT. Time to Think. Do not give the applicant any paperwork following that first meeting. It is most likely that most recruiters give the applicant the forms or they send them to the online gateway. From personal experience, we used to do that and there are now probably 100 forms, new member study guides, etc. sitting in 100 people's houses who decided not to join us. We used to even arrange for fingerprints (when they were still required) and pictures. We have a folder full of fingerprint cards and CDs with pictures of prospects who changed their minds. TTT solves that problem. **Slow is good.**

Make sure that you tell the interested candidates about all the wonderful things about the Auxiliary (many of which came from the alphabet exercise noted above), but also remind them about the time commitment. Let them know there is nothing wrong in reconsidering and even recommend other organizations that would be more to their liking – Power Squadron, local police department Auxiliary, etc.

Recruiting—Continued

Then, whoever makes it through the large screen, (the first meeting and time to think) will then go through the small mesh. Here's where you make sure they get the paperwork, student study guides, etc. Since you are in contact with them prior to the second meeting, make sure they get a copy of their birth certificate and/or passport and bring a check for dues. Part of this screening could also include two other tasks: attendance at a minimum of one flotilla meeting and completion of a NASBLA-approved safe boating class.

An interesting alliteration: PPP. Paperwork, Photo, Processing. At this point, have them complete the forms, take two pictures with the red background, and have the Fingerprint Tech confirm their citizenship. Explain what the new member study guide is and send them home to study it. When they're ready (usually they are "hot to trot" at this point and get it done within days), administer the test.

Once they pass the new member test, schedule them for a Public Education course (if they haven't already taken one). This keeps them busy while they're waiting a few days for them to get a number and to be in Approval Pending (AP) status.

An interesting alliteration: MMM. Mentor, Member Training, Materials. As soon as you send off their package to the Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) via the District's Division Security Liaison (DDSL), assign the person a mentor. That mentor answers questions they may have or puts them in contact with the person with answers. The Member Training Officer is notified and works with the applicant to get them involved with the core courses and BQC II as well as the Vessel Examinations, Instructor, and Program Visitor Officers and even get them underway as guests. The Materials Officer helps them get uniforms and other items (flotilla ball cap, Auxiliary shirts, etc.).

How do you know if you've been successful? Look for documented time. 7029s and 7030s (or their equivalents in AUXDATA II). By not opening up the floodgates (emphasizing cost [dues and uniforms and events such as Change of Watch, Awards Dinners, picnics, facility preparation], time [membership is much more than swearing "I do"], paperwork [to properly record their time and participation], and participation [training and assistance to the different cornerstone activities]) you will find you have the active, productive members that the USCG Auxiliary needs to continue its missions and service to the USCG and boating public.

The following are some ideas that were discovered from the alphabet exercise:

- A Active duty, AUXOP, Awareness, Activity, Altruism
- B Boating Safety, Burial at Sea, Boat Crew, Bow
- C Cost, cooperation, Chain of Leadership, Clove Hitch
- D Dedication, Division, Depth
- E Excellence, Eager, Energetic
- F Fellowship, Facility, Friendships, Facilities
- G Grades, Goals, Good Times
- H Homeland Security, Help, Halyard
- I Instructor, Interest
- J Jump In , Jovial, Just for Fun
- K Knowledgeable, Knots
- L Like-minded, Lasting, Longitude
- M Mentor, Meetings, Mission, Meridian
- N Night Operations, New Friends
- O Over 17, Open to all, On the Water, Operations
- P Public Education, Personal Satisfaction, PFD
- Q Qualification Examiner, Quality, Quest
- R Rescue at Sea, Radio Watchstander, Radar Plot
- S Staff Officer, Staff, Survival Knife, Search and Rescue
- T Time, Training, Tides, Teamwork
- U Underway time, Uniform, Upbeat
- V Vessel Examiner, Volunteer, Voyage, Vessel
- W Water, Weather, Wind
- X Operational Excellence, X+Y Coordinates, X marks the spot
- Y Yes, Yacht, Yawl
- Z ZZZ – Boredom, Zeal, Zest for Life

Welcome

April 1 to June 30, 2022



Division 2

Anderson, Paul
Cooper, Elizabeth
Cooper, Jeffrey
Gray, Gary

Division 3

Anz, Robert
Breton, Yenis
Deljanin, Jurula
Rand, Matis
Vazquez, Charlie
Vallee, Christopher

Division 4

Finol, Jose
Morcerf, Robert
Neaville, Jesse
Neve, Susan
Taylor, Joy

Division 5

Bond, Lindsey
Brenner, Christopher
Busler, James
French, Kristen
French, Mark
Johannsen BSA
McIntire, Ryan
Poinier, Raymond
Roth, David
Tucker, Robert
Youngers, Barbara

Division 6

Fernandez, Dariel
Turano, Joseph
Murray, James

Division 7

Agrail, Jamy
Agrail, Jeffrey
Blac, Andre
Carroll, Peter
Mohabir, Lincoln
Sampedro Birriel, Mike

Division 8

Gibson, David
Ireland, Joseph

Division 9

Delevich, Walter
Elrubaie, Johan
Graff, Albert
Heyliger, Lawrence
Hulse, Stephen
Klein, Herbert
Koder, Stephen
March, Brandon
McLaughlin, Michael
Schiffman, William
Vander May, Monty,
Vars, Lawrence

Division 10

Kenny, Charles
Wadsworth, Paul

Division 11

Anson, James
Florez, David
Kenny Charles
Lipman, Daniel
McGee, David
Wadsworth, Paul
White, Robert

Division 12

Dimauro, Joseph
Dimauro, Nancy
Davis, Andrew
Haub, Nicolas
Medeiros, Michael
Mahon, Nicholas
Martin, Jaco
Phillips, Samuel
Tello, Elizabeth

Division 14

Jackson, Lee
Riquelme, Edward
Singles, Robin

Division 15

Cline, Noah
Coles, Ronald

Division 16

Peterson, Karl

Division 17

Faraco, Nicholas
Mayer, Glenn
Nickles, Jack
Sailor Todd



D-7 Golden Anniversary Club

50 Years of Service



<u>Name</u>	<u>Flotilla</u>	<u>Enrollment Date</u>
Barry Porter	72	13 November 1959
Robert Strong	14-8	23 June 1964
William Benson	44	26 June 1964
Commodore Henry Pratt	10-11	9 September 1964
Philip Tallon	14-2	30 January 1968
Judith Davis	14-4	23 April 1968
Thomas McColough	9-10	3 June 1968

Your long-standing service is acknowledged and appreciated.

Thank you



2022 Retirees

April 1, to June 30, 2022

Department of Homeland Security

Takes pleasure in conferring to:



in the

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

*In recognition of significant contributions and devoted service to the organization and
its boating safety programs.*

Crossed the Bar

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Tony Gines
Flotilla 11



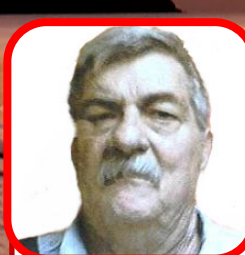
Dennis Brown
Flotilla 21



Jeanette Vetro
Flotilla 36



Robert Litzenberger
Flotilla 36



Donald Grimsley
Flotilla 61



Richard Hissrich
Flotilla 84

PLEASE NOTE

A DECEASED MEMBER CAN ONLY BE HONORED IF AN ANSC 7035 FORM IS SUBMITTED TO THE D7 HELP DESK INDICATING HIS/HER PASSING.

*Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.*

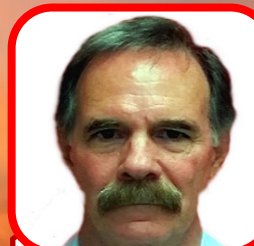
By Alfred Lord Tennyson



Josue Sanchez-Hernandez
Flotilla 1-12



Joseph Siske
Flotilla 26



Duncan Ferguson
Flotilla 36

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John Roy
Flotilla 10-1



Paul Padula
Flotilla 10-11



Charles Whitener
Flotilla 11-10



John Walton Sr.
Flotilla 12-10



Kenneth Dixon
Flotilla 13-4



Roger Lippincott
Flotilla 15-3



Barbara Gunter
Flotilla 17-10



Clifford Whiting
Flotilla 17-10

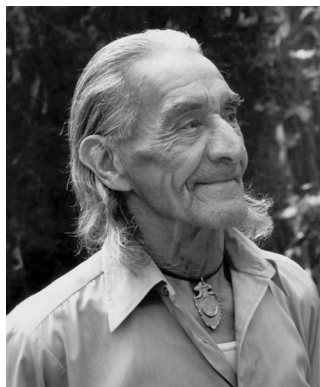
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DID YOU KNOW?

The Long Blue Line: Harold Tantaquidgeon, Chief Boatswain's Mate and Chief of the Mohegans

By Nora L. Chidlow,
Archivist United States Coast Guard



Prohibition was an era of illicit liquor, bootleggers, and adventure on the high seas, most notably on the East Coast. It became illegal to produce, sell, or transport liquor for consumption on Jan. 17, 1920. The United States Coast Guard had its share of the action searching for bootleggers offshore and along the U.S. coastline and inland waters.

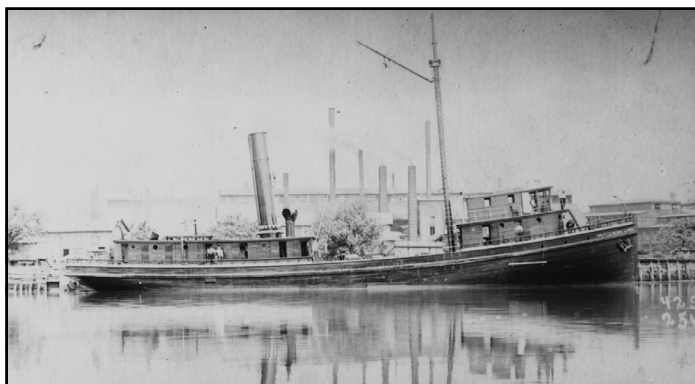
On a rainy evening, the CG-289 was on patrol. Stationed at New London, Conn., the cutter patrolled Long Island Sound and the coast of New York. As dusk fell, bootlegging activity increased, since the darkness made it easier for rumrunners to transfer contraband from mother ships to shore bases. Cutter CG-289's skipper, Chief Boatswain's Mate Harold Tantaquidgeon, picked up his binoculars and surveyed the water for suspicious movements. He spied two large powerboats, one with its lights off. Thinking they might be rumrunners, Tantaquidgeon quietly followed the two boats toward the ocean, where they suddenly parted ways. Tantaquidgeon ordered CG-289's lights turned off and continued to follow the lighted boat.

At some point, the lighted boat went dark, forcing CG-289 to idle until Tantaquidgeon saw a flicker of lights signaling the transfer of contraband from a mother ship to the boat. Ordering his crew to pursue the dark boat, Tantaquidgeon turned on his searchlights, and Last Chance was caught dead center in the beams. Last Chance quickly took off, with CG-289 in pursuit and firing shots at the rumrunner. Eventually, Last Chance gave up and its skipper allowed Tantaquidgeon and his crew to board the boat. "What cargo do you have on board?" asked Tantaquidgeon. "I'm a fisherman. We're loaded with fish," responded the skipper of the boat.

Tantaquidgeon was skeptical. He ordered a search of the boat. Opening one hatch, he and his crew were overtaken by the stench of a mountain of decaying fish. However, Tantaquidgeon knew that the rotting cargo could be hiding illegal liquor. He ordered his men to throw the fish overboard and discovered a large cache of vintage World War I whiskey protected by tarpaper. Cutter CG-289 towed Last Chance back to the New London State Pier, where government agents seized the vessel and arrested its crew. Tantaquidgeon later testified against them in federal court.



All in a day's work. The photos show a Coast Guard patrol boat during Prohibition, just one of several hundred such boats in the Prohibition fleet. While this even typifies Coast Guard patrols during the Prohibition era, Tantaquidgeon was an exceptional figure both as one of the few Native Americans in the Coast Guard and the first to achieve the rank of chief boatswain's mate in the service.



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The Long Blue Line: Harold Tantaquidgeon, Chief Boatswain's Mate and Chief of the Mohegans

Born on June 18, 1904, in Mohegan, Conn., Tantaquidgeon was the fourth of seven children of John Tantaquidgeon and Harriet Fielding and a citizen of the Mohegan Tribe. He was a descendant of Uncas, Sachem (leader) of the Mohegan Tribe. The town of Uncasville, Conn., is named for Uncas, who allied with the first white settlers in 17th-century Connecticut.

Young Harold's formal education ended when he completed the eighth grade. After that, everything he learned came from his father—basket weaving, forging knife blades, assembling a gun, capture and sale of wild animals, and wilderness survival skills. When World War I broke out, Tantaquidgeon was too young to enlist, so he joined the Home Guard at Norwich, Conn. Every time he travelled through New London, he spent time at the Coast Guard docks studying the cutters. By the time the war ended, Tantaquidgeon had decided his fate was with the Coast Guard.

The opportunity to enlist materialized in 1921, when Tantaquidgeon was 17 years old. A friend paid him a visit at the Tantaquidgeon family farm, where Harold and his father were splitting logs. There was a vacancy on the Coast Guard cutter Pequot, an old fishing boat being fitted-out as a cable-laying vessel in New London. Tantaquidgeon saw this as a symbolic opportunity, not only because the Mohegans were once part of the Pequot people, but also because it reminded him of all the stories his Uncle Edwin had told of his days on Pequot. Before packing his things and signing up, young Tantaquidgeon's father had him finish splitting the logs!

Stepping off the train at New London, Tantaquidgeon went to the U.S. Customs House and told a recruiting officer that he wanted to join the United States Coast Guard and serve aboard Pequot.

On the way to Norfolk, Virginia, to report for duty, Tantaquidgeon imagined Pequot II to be a shiny, top of the line Coast Guard vessel. He was disappointed to discover that the cable-laying vessel was a converted Navy mine planter from World War I and, as soon as he reported, the vessel began to take on water and sink. Someone had left open the coal chutes as the vessel took on coal and settled lower in the water. Luckily, it was salvaged and ready to sail by the next day. Tantaquidgeon spent the next two years on board Pequot II—first in its engine room and then the radio room. Finally, he advanced to quartermaster assisting the navigator in the pilothouse and overseeing the vessel's charts, flags and signalmen.



When Pequot II was in port, Tantaquidgeon heard stories of the rumrunners and decided he wanted a piece of the action. He applied for a transfer to one of the Coast Guard's new 75-foot cutters. By then, chief boatswain's mates were put in charge of these so-called "six-bitters," because the number of new cutters outnumbered the service's commissioned officer ranks. Tantaquidgeon was just 23 years old in 1927 when he became one of the youngest chief petty officers in the service history. However, he was still known as "the Old Man" to his younger crew of eight aboard the 75-foot cutter CG-289. Tantaquidgeon remained on CG-289 until he left the service in 1930. He received an honorable discharge and returned home to Connecticut.

During World War II, Tantaquidgeon joined the U.S. Army's 5th Air Force becoming a gunner with the 418th Night Fighter Squadron. On July 27, 1944, his plane was shot down over a swamp in New Guinea. When it crash-landed, he was thrown out of the plane but not injured. Because of his knowledge of survival skills, Tantaquidgeon and his crew of four survived the 23 days they were missing. For this, he was commended for distinguished service.

Tantaquidgeon never married, claiming he could not find a bride from the same tribe with the same deep values he held. He and his sister, Gladys, known for her pioneering work in Indian affairs and ethnobotany, lived the rest of their lives on the Tantaquidgeon farm, next door to the museum. Tantaquidgeon passed away on April 4, 1989, at the age of 84.

Coast Guard K-9 Feco Recognized with Distinguished Service Medal



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Congressman Gus Bilirakis presents the 2022 Animals in War and Peace Distinguished Service Medal to K9 Feco on March 9 at the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C. U.S. Coast Guard

Alameda, CA—Coast Guard K-9 Chief Feco, a 9-year-old Hungarian Vizsla, stationed at Coast Guard Marine Safety and Security Team San Francisco, was presented the Animals in War and Peace Distinguished Service Medal Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

Members of Congress recognized and honored six animal heroes for their accomplishments in both war and peace at the second annual Animals in War and Peace Medal Ceremony.

The ceremony highlights America's appreciation of the sacrifices and heroism of American animals who served the United States and advances the effort toward the creation of an annual process to nominate animals for the Medal of Bravery and Distinguished Service Medal.

Feco joined the Coast Guard in late 2014 and is stationed at the Marine Safety and Security Team San Francisco K-9 Unit where his main responsibility is explosives detection at the Ports of San Francisco and Oakland.

Feco has participated in 1,467 events such as the Judicial and Supreme Court security details, presidential security details for former President Barack Obama, 2016 Summer Olympic track and field trials, the National Football League Superbowls L, LII, and LIII, the National Baseball League World Series, the National Basketball League Playoffs, the National Hockey League Stanley Cup, San Francisco and Los Angeles Fleet Weeks.

The Coast Guard has sixteen canine explosive detection teams around the country made up of one human handler and one working dog.

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Trivia

1. Every day, around 30,000 websites are hacked.
2. Our left lung is around 10 % smaller than the right one
3. We can see our nose all the time however our brain constantly ignores it!
4. It is impossible to sneeze with open eyes!
5. To retrieve an answer, a single Google query makes use of 1,000 computers in 0.2 seconds.
6. Rocky Marciano is the only heavyweight boxing champion to finish his career of 49 fights without ever having been defeated.
7. Elephants are the only animals that are not able to jump.
8. 75% cotton and 25% linen fibers are used to make paper money
9. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the average female height in the US is 5 feet 4 inches.
10. An egg contains every vitamin except Vitamin C
11. Ants stretch when they wake up in the morning
12. Your foot and forearm are the same length
13. One million Earths could fit inside the sun

