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Longnecker Recognized By Iowa DNR



Pauline Longnecker Receives the Iowa DNR Outstanding Individual Volunteer Award

Photo Courtesy of Suzanne Tomlinson

Volunteers from around the state gathered at the Des Moines Botanical Center Saturday, Nov. 8, for an awards banquet to honor their service to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The eighth annual Volunteers in Natural Resources Awards Banquet was an opportunity to recognize the contributions of one of the DNR's most valuable resources-volunteers. Volunteers and guests enjoyed lunch, presentations about volunteer efforts and effectiveness within Iowa, as well as bald eagle and hawk rehabilitation and reintroduction, an awards ceremony and the opportunity to share their volunteer achievements with each other.

Groups and individuals were recognized for donating numerous hours of service to their projects including an Eagle Scout who recruited 25 others to help him rehabilitate a farm site to its pre-1880 native habitat and residents who formed a group to reclaim and rehabilitate their park. All nominees clearly fit within the theme of the banquet "Being the Difference."

"We depend on our volunteers very, very much," DNR Deputy Director Liz Christiansen told the group. "Over 230,000 volunteer hours were donated to the DNR. That's extraordinary." Christiansen went on to explain that those hours would have cost the DNR \$3.4 million and would have required the department to add 112 full-time employees.

Division 33 member, Pauline Longnecker from Treynor, IA won the Iowa DNR Outstanding Individual Volunteer Award for her work with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary to expand water safety education efforts.



Flotilla 4 members came out to help honor Pauline Longnecker. (l to r) Nick Critelli, Roland Newton, Norma Newton, Ron Longnecker, Pauline Longnecker, Suzanne Tomlinson, and Ralph Tomlinson.

From IowaDNR.gov

Photo Courtesy of Suzanne Tomlinson

Iowa's Volunteer Lifesavers!

USCG Commandant Visits Social Media Workshop



Admiral Thad Allen
USCG Commandant
Official CG Photo

I took some time from visiting booths on the Expo floor and stopped in on a workshop discussing social media. There was broad representation from our civilian workforce, active duty, reserve, and others. Several flag officers attended. We discussed the recent guidance issued on social media and how best to build social network competencies in the Coast Guard given some our restrictions related to security, bandwidth, and cost. I enjoyed stopping by and hope I didn't displace too much of the scheduled presentation. We need to continue these discussions.

I'm sure there will be other comments from those in attendance and I look forward to hearing what they have to say.

Coast Guard Commandant Thad Allen [iCommandant Blog](#)

This Month In Pictures



Gene Kellogg (left) receives his AUXCOM Completion Certificate from Travis Daniels
Photo Courtesy of Doug Jansen



After the Flotilla Holiday Party Members enjoyed playing Rock Band.
Photo Courtesy of Doug Jansen



Brandon Butters, our chef for the Holiday party
Photo Courtesy of Suzanne Tomlinson



Phil Patterson, Ralph Tomlinson, Angie and Travis Daniels, and Chuck Brudtkuhl dig in.
Photo Courtesy of Doug Jansen

Flotilla 4 Election Results Are In

During the November Business Meeting elections were held. A Quorum was reached and the results are:

2009 Flotilla Commander—Travis Daniels

2009 Vice Flotilla Commander—Ralph Tomlinson

Each were elected unanimously by those present. Congratulations to Mr. Daniels and Mr. Tomlinson.

Mr. Daniels served as Flotilla 4's Commander in 2008. He is a business owner in Johnston, Iowa and served in the United States Army. Mr. Tomlinson is an educator and served in the United States Air Force



Ralph Tomlinson (left) and Travis Daniels (right)
Photo Courtesy of Doug Jansen

Flotilla 4 Members Tapped For Division Staff

Division Commander (elect) Jean Goble has called upon four members of Flotilla 4 to serve on the Division 33 Staff. They are:

Jeff Towle—SO-PV (Program Visitation)

Roland Newton—SO-CM (Communications)

Norma Newton—SO-PS (Personnel Services)

Trevor Henderson—SO-CS (Communications Services / Website)

Congratulations and good luck with your new staff responsibilities!

Kerigan Becomes the Auxiliary's 29th National Commodore

At a ceremony held at Coast Guard Headquarters on October 31st, Commodore Nicholas Kerigan relieved Commodore Steve Budar to become the 29th National Commodore for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The ceremony, which was presided over by ADM Thad Allen, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, also sworn in other national leaders for the 2 year term ending October 31, 2010.



National Commodore (NACO) Kerigan renders a salute to outgoing NACO Budar as Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Thad Allen looks on (U.S. Coast Guard Photo)



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Travis Daniels
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DECEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

December 13 & 14—Flotilla Training Weekend

Saturday: 0800—1700 hours—AUXNAV

Sunday: 0800—1350 hours—AUXNAV

Sunday: 1400—1600 hours—Business Meeting

UOD: ODU

January 10 & 11 —Flotilla Training Weekend

Saturday: 0800—1700 hours—New Member Training

Saturday: 0800—1700 hours—Boat Crew Training

Sunday: 0800—1350 hours—Boat Crew Training

Sunday: 1400—1600 hours—Business Meeting

UOD: ODU

JANUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January 10 & 11 —ICS 300 Training

Saturday: 0800—1700 hours

Sunday: 0800—1350 hours

UOD: ODU

January 24, 2009— Division 33 and Flotilla 4 Change of Watch

Location: Des Moines Club in Des Moines, IA, 1800 hours

UOD: Dinner Dress White or Appropriate Civilian Attire

FEBRUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

February 14-15 —Flotilla Training Weekend

Saturday: 0800—1700 hours—New Member Training

Saturday: 0800—1700 hours—Boat Crew Training

Sunday: 0800—1350 hours—Boat Crew Training

Sunday: 1400—1600 hours—Business Meeting

UOD: ODU

March 6-7, 2009— District Spring Conference

Location: Peoria, IL —Holiday Inn City Centre

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