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Coast Guard Auxiliary Ham Radio Day



Roland Newton, Brandon Butters, and John Halbrook Operate The K0G Station

Photo Courtesy of Doug Jansen

Members of Flotilla 4 took to the airwaves as K0G on November 18th. In a facility that would make the people at NORAD jealous, seven Flotilla 4 members took to the air waves to participate in the Coast Guard Auxiliary's "Special Event Amateur Radio Day 2008."

This special event has been running for the past 10 years, and now has up to 60 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary High Frequency (HF) Stations operational for this year's event.

The event commemorates the 69th anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and HF Stations from all across the country were operational on amateur radio frequencies all day during this event.

Stations operated from Coast Guard Bases, ships, lighthouses and other HF facilities

Flotilla 4 operated from an HF station ran by Tony Radebaugh (N0NI) on his acreage outside of Perry, Iowa. This unique facility has over twenty radio towers and an unknown number of antennas from which to transmit.

The Flotilla made contact with 530 unique callsigns. We worked several stations more than once on the same band. We made the following number of contacts on the amateur bands:

- 15 Meter Phone—5 Contacts
- 20 Meter Phone—265 Contacts
- 20 Meter CW (Morse Code)—5 Contacts
- 40 Meter Phone—255 Contacts

The station operators made contact with five Countries (Algeria, Belgium, Hungary, Korea, Venezuela), 40 States, and two Canadian Provinces

Twenty one 1x1 call signs were worked, these are special event stations, but all may not have been from the Auxiliary stations.

John Halbrook (KC0RAM) organized the day's events. Flotilla 4 members who participated included Roland Newton (KC0IEA), Nick Critelli (K0PCG), Norma Newton (KC0LIN), Doug Jansen (KB0UJ), Brandon Butters, and Jeff Towle. Chuck Brudtkuhl (WA0ROI) also checked in as a special event station from his location in the Virgin Islands. Brandon and Jeff, being new to the experience, quickly picked up the procedures and sat for three and a half hours straight taking in a constant stream of contacts.



Nick Critelli Sends Morse Code

Photo Courtesy of Doug Jansen

Iowa's Volunteer Lifesavers!

USCG Commandant Meets With Auxiliarists



Admiral Thad Allen
USCG Commandant
Official CG Photo

We rarely get to revisit the past and live in the present. Last night I spent some precious time with our Auxiliarists who selflessly serve the public on Lake Lanier north of Atlanta. I promised my Seventh District Aux Commodore Mary Larsen that I would come to Lake Lanier and speak to her Flotilla. That was 2000. In 2008 I kept my promise.

The lake levels are low due to lack of rain and the need for drinking water and power generation. Nonetheless, our Auxiliarists stand the watch and keep Lake Lanier safe.

Thank you Mary Larsen and your shipmates (Allen Brown included).

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

This Month In Pictures



Ralph Tomlinson Receives His Instructor Certificate from Travis Daniels
Photo Courtesy of Doug Jansen



Jeff Towle and Roland Newton Operate the K0G Station
Photo Courtesy of Doug Jansen



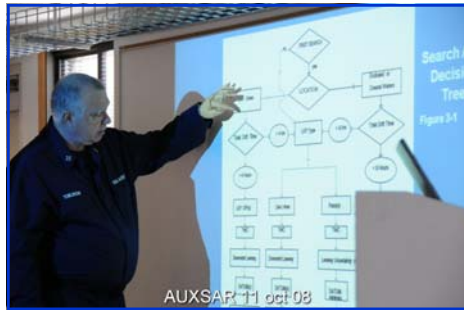
Brandon Butters Adjusts His Radio At The K0G Station
Photo Courtesy of Doug Jansen



John Halbrook Waits For Contracts During The Ham Radio Day
Photo Courtesy of Doug Jansen

Seven Members Complete AUXSAR Course

Seven members of Flotilla 4; Nick Critelli, Gene Kellogg, Norma Newton, Roland Newton, Ralph Tomlinson, Suzanne Tomlinson, and Jeff Towle completed the AUXSAR Course.



The training is designed to present a thorough understanding of the policy, organization, and procedures involved in the search and rescue process as generally practiced by the U. S. Coast Guard.

Ralph Tomlinson Helps To Teach Parts of the AUXSAR Training
Photo Courtesy of Doug Jansen

Congratulations to those who completed the training!

Get Out And Vote!!!



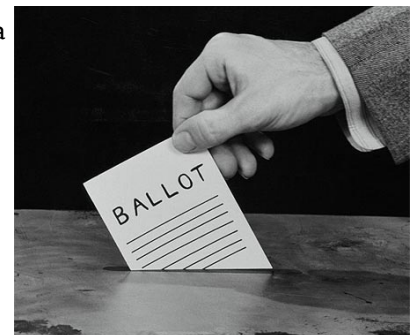
As November 4th approaches remember to exercise your duty as a citizen and vote.

To find your polling place go to:

<http://www.sos.state.ia.us/elections/voterreg/PollingPlace/search.aspx>

Flotilla 4 Elections This Month

During the November Business Meeting elections for Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander will occur. All current members are invited to attend and vote. Currently Mr. Travis Daniels is running for Flotilla Commander and Mr. Ralph Tomlinson is running for Vice Flotilla Commander. The new officers will take office during the Change of Watch in January.





Flotilla 4, Des Moines, Iowa

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Travis Daniels
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NOVEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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November 8 & 9—Flotilla Training Weekend

Location: Camp Dodge Building B-62

Saturday: 0800—1700 hours—AUXNAV

Saturday: 1800—2100 hours—Holiday Party (Civilian Attire)

Sunday: 0800—1350 hours—Staff Meetings

Sunday: 1400—1600 hours—Business Meeting & Elections

UOD: ODU

December 13 & 14—Flotilla Training Weekend

Saturday: 0800—1700 hours—AUXNAV

Sunday: 0800—1350 hours—AUXNAV

Sunday: 1400—1600 hours—Business Meeting

UOD: ODU

DECEMBER 2008

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January 10 & 11 —Flotilla Training Weekend

Saturday: 0800—1700 hours—TBD

Sunday: 0800—1350 hours—TBD

Sunday: 1400—1600 hours—Business Meeting

UOD: Tropical Blue Long

January 10 & 11 —ICS 300 Training

Saturday: 0800—1700 hours

Sunday: 0800—1350 hours

UOD: ODU

JANUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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

March 6-7, 2009— District Spring Conference

Location: Peoria, IL —Holiday Inn City Centre

UOD: Tropical Blue Long