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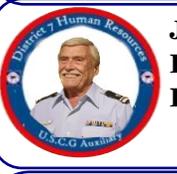
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# Division 5

## Interview with Darrel Graziani



**Taken from the *Crossroads Currents* Flotilla 59 Publication  
Interview by R. Michael Stringer**

A few years back during our flotilla meetings, when we met in the building, our flotilla commander would turn to the flotilla vice commander and call for “Staff Reports”. At that time Darrel Graziani was the Flotilla Vice Commander and the meetings took on a new life as Darrel began calling on the staff officers for their reports. By the time the second or third staff officer said, “Nothing to report”, the laughter in the room became infectious with Darrel’s responses and questions related to these reports. Darrel has a gift to make people laugh, and laughter is an important part of the fellowship in any group. The members of Flotilla 59, Stuart, have a remarkable devotion to duty and joyous participation in their fellowship. Darrel Graziani is the flotilla’s secret weapon for recruiting and retention because he can make people laugh and want to get involved.

Interviewing Darrel was easy since he laughs as much about his life as anyone. “I had my first job when I was only four years old working at my Grandma’s boarding house in Wildwood, New Jersey. I made three bucks a week cleaning cigarette butts out of the ashtrays on the porch and watering the plants in the flower bed along the side-walk. This was not the best job, which was held by my cousin George, 7 years old, that allowed the use of a hatchet to chop the grass out of the sidewalk cracks. However, every year I graduated up to a better job, and a buck more a week. Eventually, I was assigned kitchen duty when I was six. This involved scraping leftovers off the dishes into a trash can and capturing the unused butter into a special can for “other” uses, as I was told. This was an important job as I recall since I had to look out for the “Health Inspectors” and be ready with the scripted response for the butter can.” This work practice of *live, learn, and move on for more money* has kept Darrel going for 60 years.

Darrel Graziani was born in Camden, New Jersey, and grew up in South Jersey. He quit school the first day of kindergarten but was sent back the next day and handcuffed to the desk until he promised not to leave. After completing kindergarten, he attended 12 years of Catholic schools with the alleged “Sisters of Mercy” from Ireland. After graduating high school, and 15 days after turning 18, he moved to Tampa, Florida. There he agreed to go to college where he earned a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of South Florida.

After college, he focused on his revised plan of *live, learn and move on for more money* to buy a bigger boat, as he began working as an engineer. During his career, he worked in Tampa for the Environmental Protection Commission as an engineer and a short period with Anheuser-Busch as a Brewing Supervisor.

In 1993 Darrel and his wife, Monica, moved to Stuart to work for Electric Bond and Securities Company (EBASCO) as a Senior Engineer traveling throughout the country. In 1998, with the consulting work slowing down, Darrel was hired by NASA as the Environmental Engineer for the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. Darrel says, “It was a great job, with great people, but it only took one visit from Stuart to Houston for Monica to call me back to Florida.”

Back in Stuart, opportunities continued with EBASCO, which became Enserch Environmental, then Foster-Wheeler Environmental, and finally Tetra-Tech. Following all the buy-outs, Darrel went to work with the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County, always looking out for the butter can inspector; then with a small consulting firm as their Chief Engineer; then to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as the Air Program Administrator; then back to the Health Department as the Water Programs Administrator, which all led to his current job with the City of West Palm Beach as the Water Plant Manager.

Darrel joined the USCG Auxiliary while working with the Department of Health as part of their program for employees to volunteer time outside their normal jobs to promote public health. As the Water Programs Administrator, he oversaw the regulatory programs associated with public swimming pools and the Healthy Beaches Program for Palm Beach County. After a good deal of thought, a visit to the Palm Beach Boat Show, and discussions with the Auxiliaries staffing the booth, Darrel decided that the USCG Auxiliary would be a great fit for him to do volunteer work in the community.

The Auxiliary met the Health Department’s standard for volunteer work and presented an important way to communicate to recreational boaters that *incoming boats have the right of way at boat ramps*. “There’s nothing worse than trying to come in during a lightning storm and having some “Heroes” clogging the boat ramps trying to get out into the storm.” Darrel enrolled in the Auxiliary in 2012 with the goal of teaching some of the classes, so he became an instructor. Working *full-time-plus* limits one’s ability to support all the Auxiliary programs. With the help of his mentors, Jim Stone and Hal Harger, Darrel was given the opportunity to manage the flotilla website and flotilla newsletter. After four years of doing the flotilla newsletter, he began publishing the division newsletter. Darrel was a flotilla staff officer for communication services, publications, and member training before he was elected Flotilla Vice Commander. He has also served the division in both communications services and publications, winning the coveted District Newsletter Award.

Darrel’s current job does not leave as much free time as he once had. During this past year with the COVID situation putting a stop to meeting face to face, and with our meetings occurring online, the personal interaction has been interrupted. “All I can say to members now is, have patience and don’t get frustrated. You will get back on the water, back in the classrooms, and meeting face to face soon enough. In the past, we have had Government shutdowns that kept our members from getting qualified and now COVID is currently having a similar effect. Don’t let this stop you from doing what you can.” Darrel Graziani is a valued member of Flotilla 59, Stuart.



# Division 11

## Let's Review Where We Stand

Submitted by **Karen Miller,**  
**Flotilla 11-1**

After going through a miserable 2020, we can congratulate ourselves on the myriad missions we have accomplished so far this year, what a great organization we are, and how important and valuable we are to the Coast Guard and how the Coast Guard is so valuable to us.

Here's a message for you, the members, on the mid-point of year 2021:

Let's look at the value of the Coast Guard to us first and then move on to the value of the Coast Guard Auxiliary to the Coast Guard.

It's the Coast Guard who helps us to set our course; it's the Coast Guard who provides the manuals, the opportunities and the inspiration to learn new skills; and it's the Coast Guard who provides the situations to let us practice our abilities and training, to educate the public, to inform students, to assist with Coast Guard missions, to improve our maritime environment, to help keep our community secure; and to provide support in countless ways.

And, yes, it's the Coast Guard who allows us to volunteer and contribute to our community, and feel that sense of pride in doing so. It's the Coast Guard who showers us with recognition and awards. It's the Coast Guard who includes us and encourages us to be their shipmates. We owe them a ton of gratitude for all they do for us.

Back to what the Auxiliary contributes to the Coast Guard. If you listen to the senior leaders of the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary is irreplaceable and very necessary. And, it appears they have even more missions for us to help them with. Listen up for these new opportunities that will be announced at NACON.

To make sure we're truly ready, relevant and responsive, we need leaders who are recognizable by the following traits. These are leadership characteristics that are required to help this organization succeed:

- They work with the goal of excellence in everything they do. No one wants to follow averageness. An Auxiliary leader needs to excel, as a mentor, in understanding and communicating policies and procedures, with wearing their uniform correctly and proudly and with always doing the right thing.
- They let go of their egos – they're team builders and participants
- They build positive relationships – they need to communicate on a continual basis. A leader has to not only inform and educate, but they must listen as well.
- They must be a good follower – besides the administrative, meeting, communications, planning, and counseling work inherent in the leadership position, to be credible, Auxiliary leaders should also participate as a member in CG Auxiliary missions such as: marine patrols and search and rescue; or in CG administrative support; or member training; or public affairs; or vessel safety checks to name just a few.
- They can't always give "yes" answers, but they're always honest and give clear answers.
- They fight for their members to make sure the members get the credit, certifications, and support they need. The leader makes it clear that the members have their best efforts.
- They rely on discipline - not emotion. They always maintain professionalism, clear thinking, objectivity, and their "cool".
- And lastly, they ensure we add value to the Coast Guard.





# Division 13

## A Normal USCG Aux Aviation Patrol Turns into Ultimate Tasking

**Submitted by Tom Powers/  
Ron Kaplan—Division 13**

On May 18, 2021, a routine Auxiliary Aviation Maritime Observation Mission departed from a small airport in South Florida, crewed by fellow Aircraft Commander Ron Kaplan and me, along with Aircrew Arvid Albanese. The area to be covered included portions of the Sectors Miami and Key West Areas of Responsibility. These areas include the waters between Florida and the Bahamas, as well as the Straits of Florida, which is the gap between Florida and Cuba.

The morning half of the patrol was “ops normal,” with no vessel sightings of significance and no special tasking. The afternoon session, after a refueling and lunch stop at Marathon (in the Keys), was a different story, however. Once airborne, a call came from Sector Key West to check out a report of a migrant vessel that had been called in by a passing freighter. When Ron plotted the reported position, we found that we were only 10 minutes away.

Upon arrival, however, there was no vessel in sight. We called out to the freighter, who supplied an updated position for the vessel, two miles away from the previous report. When we got to the new position, there it was – a 12-foot vessel with a black sail and seven persons on board.

As is the normal procedure for an airborne “find,” we were asked to remain in the area, keeping the vessel in sight, until a surface asset would be able to reach it to assist. In this case, that effort was hampered by 12-foot seas and the vessel’s 30-mile distance from shore. The first two vessels dispatched by the Coast Guard, both 45-foot response boats, were forced to turn back due to the sea conditions.

We were directed to ask the freighter to return to the migrant vessel and take its occupants aboard, but they declined, citing the dangerous sea conditions and the unknown health status of the migrants, given the COVID pandemic and other factors.

By this time, having been on-scene for more than two hours on the second flight segment of the day, we were approaching our daily flight-time limit. We advised Sector, who then diverted an active-duty HC-144A to take over the air cover task until a cutter could get to the vessel to rescue its occupants.

Ultimately, it was four hours later, well after nightfall, that the cutter Paul Jones arrived and embarked the seven migrants. As the sea conditions were gradually worsening, eventually reaching 15 feet the next day, it is unlikely that the small craft’s occupants would have survived the remainder of the trip.

Saving lives at sea is a team sport... in this case, the team spanned from the Good Samaritan vessel crew who made the initial report and kept track of the vessel’s location, to the Sector command center personnel, to aviation crews from the Auxiliary and active duty, and the surface crews – the cutter and its small boat crew. Bravo Zulu to all associated with this case. It truly takes a team.

Editor’s note: For those who are interested in learning more about Auxiliary Aviation and the opportunities to get involved in this exciting mission, please see the Aviation Division page of the Auxiliary’s web site, [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org), or write to me at: [powair@aol.com](mailto:powair@aol.com).



# Division 14

## Reflecting on 'Age' in Diversity when Recruiting



**Submitted by Scott Alfassa ,  
FSO-HR—Flotilla 14-8**

The Auxiliary is an organization with a wide selection of opportunities for its members. Since 9/11, the mission of the organization has expanded to place increased emphasis on homeland security, primarily within the maritime domain. Immediately following 9/11, both the Active Duty and the Auxiliary saw a jump in recruitment, with many people joining for the specific purpose of desiring to support their nation against terrorism. While much of the dramatic surge in recruiting we saw in 2001 has faded, there still exists a large population to draw from. This includes those which stand firmly in their desire to serve their community and country—however, most of those people have never heard of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

A remarkably good pool of potential candidates to recruit from are young college-aged students, particularly those studying the subjects of public administration, homeland security, fire science, and criminal justice. Further, vocational programs such as those which offer specialized training programs to Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics are also good locations to affiliate with for recruiting purposes.

While the Auxiliary has some specialized formal programs for recruitment, such as 'Partners in Education' and the 'Auxiliary University Program,' what I am talking about is simply visiting aforementioned educational programs where you can introduce the Auxiliary. There, answer questions, and while doing so, you develop both knowledge and relationships, leading to new applicants.

These individuals will join for many reasons, including the fact that most have an intrinsic drive to serve. Many like the idea of "something different" yet it is lateral to their current objectives which include working in government service. Once they learn about the existence of the Auxiliary, they see it as a way to "serve" with the military, without being in the military. Yet, it is the military foundation of the Auxiliary itself, which is often appealing to many people. Moreover, many like the idea of building their resume with the 'Department of Homeland Security' on it as they climb up their career ladder, while learning new things.

Recruiting new Auxiliary members from this pool has the potential to strengthen the national organization on many fronts, including diversity in the broadest sense, which includes diversity in age.

In a thesis published by the well-respected Naval Postgraduate School, a study on the USCG Auxiliary demonstrated, "The membership of the Auxiliary is primarily older...." This is well known; the Auxiliary has an aging population of members—it is spoken about often by the leadership. Therefore, recruiting new individuals from the pool of students mentioned, especially those which are starting out on their career path in government service, could strengthen the organization, and possibly reinvigorate it. Further, it is commensurate with both the 'National Commodore's Diversity Policy Statement' and the 'National Commodore's Strategic Plan.'

The Auxiliary's 'Strategic Plan for Managing Diversity' calls for an "aggressive recruiting program" which will help to increase the diversity of membership and help the organization in the long-term. Yet, while leaders should seek new members, ones which can help revitalize the organization, they should remember the old saying that diversity management is not measured by an organization's demographics, but by how well its leaders identify and capitalize on its members' talents



# Division 15

## Wear Your Life Jacket to Work

Submitted by Linda Jones,  
DCDR—Division 15



"Wear your life jacket to work" picture of Patricia Dooris, Flotilla Commander of 15-1 Homosassa wears her PFD at the computer while preparing a proposal for one of her clients.



Larry Taylor and wife Amanda Taylor of Flotilla 15-1 of Crystal River wearing their life jackets to do "everyday activities, like biking."



Don Jones of 15-1 mowing the lawn with his PFD.



Belecia and JaMetrius Powe were selected as winners of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary National Safe Boating Week coloring contest. The two winners received a "summer fun basket" compliments of Flotilla 15-1 of Crystal River.

**Pictured left to right front:** JaMetrius Powe, Belecia Powe  
**left to right back:** Linda Jones, USCG Auxiliary - Division 15 Commander, "Miss Debbie", Children's Librarian – Crystal River Library

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A safe boating and recruitment display was set up at West Marine in Crystal River Florida by Flotilla 15-1 during NSBW.



Coast Guard Station Yankeetown staff and OIC, Chief Kyle Suga, recently recognized Auxiliarist Linda Jones, their Ombudsman, for the "awesome" job she does welcoming new station members and their families.

Her most recent project was done in recognition of the "Military Child" and the sacrifices they make having a parent in the military. She prepared a certificate, signed by Chief Suga, and obtained several gifts from the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce for each of the children of staff members



# Division 16

## News From The Virgin Islands

Submitted by **Doug Armstrong,**  
DCDR—Division 16

### Membership

First, welcome aboard Chad Blake! Chad is the founder of Harbor Shoppers and Nautical Trips. A marine inspector and provider of marine engineering services, Chad is an exciting addition to the division in St. Thomas.

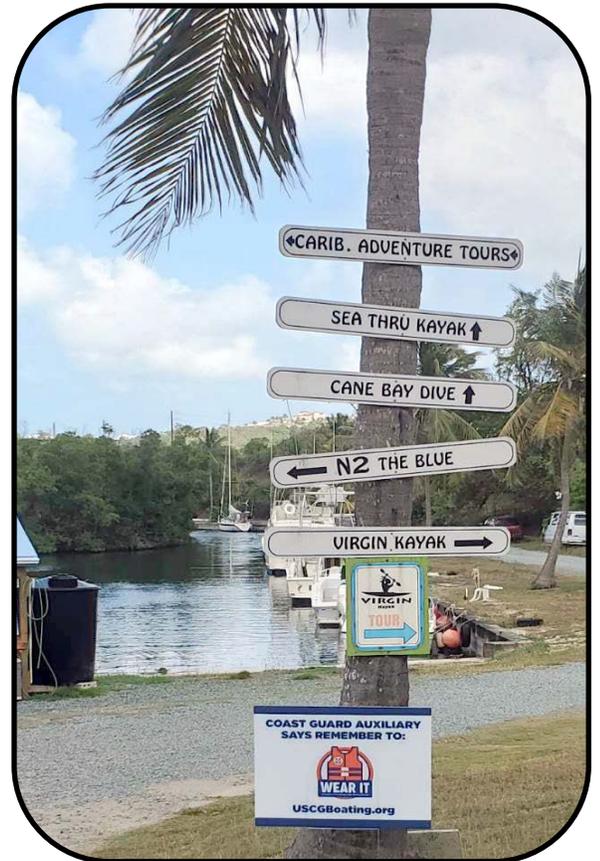
### NSBW

National Safe Boating week was not as big this year due to lingering CV-19 restrictions. Shout out to Brian Cayne for distributing signs across the marinas and launches in St. Croix, six locations in all. Thanks also for the beautiful shots Brian!

The following report was submitted by Rose in St. Thomas, she and Don Goetz represented in STT:

*During ... National Safe Boating Week, member Don Goetz and I separately went to various Marine Supply Stores and Boat Marinas on St. Thomas, with various Boating Safety pamphlets with the most requested pamphlet being "A boater's Guide to Federal Requirements for Recreational Boats".*

*Further outreach was that I distributed coloring books and Coast Guard safety information to youths of all ages here in St. Thomas, with making one particular a visit to the St. Thomas's Rescue Squads Youths computer lab/schooling program.*



### Leadership

The St. Croix BFD Officer in Charge and VCDR for the Division BMC Josh Mann held his retirement ceremony at the St. Croix Yacht Club on Friday May 21st. Special thanks to the St. Croix Yacht Club and Brian Cayne for helping make this a huge success! Also a big hail-up to Jason Henry for his work to get excellent pictures and working closely with local media outlets to get good press coverage of the event.

The event was well attended by members of the Sector San Juan Chief's mess, Federal and local law enforcement, including Virgin Island Police Department (VIPD), Department of Planning and Natural Resources. (DPNR), DEA, FBI as well as several others.

Later on that day, Anton Kuipers, FC, hosted a pig roast for visiting members, the Chief's mess from Sector San Juan, family and friends of the Coast Guard.

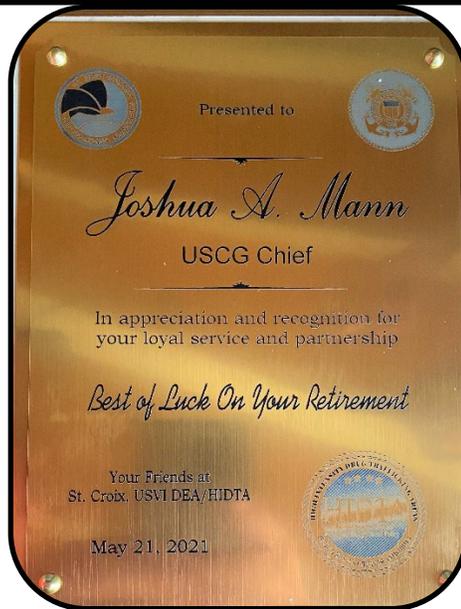
As Josh and his wife Heather prepare to move off-island, the Chief has become a near full time Auxiliarist helping to finalize qualifications and conduct training. BZ Josh for everything you have done to help rebuild the Auxiliary in the USVI.

**Leadership is not about being in charge. Leadership is about taking care of those in your charge.**



# Division 16

## Chief Petty Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard St. Croix Detachment retires after 25 years of service



Division and Flotilla Leaders of Division 16



# Welcome



April 1 to June 30, 2021

## Division 1

Ascanio-Marrero, Patrick  
Bowen, Mark  
Rodriguez-Acevedo, Dwight  
Sandoval, Osvaldo

## Division 2

Craig, Karen  
Hidalgo, Perry  
Hill, Andrew  
Lombardo, Jennifer  
Lombardo, William  
Nunes, Tillou  
Sides, Crystal  
Turpen, Jade  
Turpen, James

## Division 3

Breton, Elvis  
Cowitt, Stuart  
Freedman, Marsha  
Galt, Patrick  
Quinn, Michael  
Wehlage, Benedict  
Wike, Ralph

## Division 4

Berrios, Joseph  
Hadley, Guy  
Lee, William  
Neve, Marilyn  
Nickelson, Douglas  
Oyler, Douglas  
Smith, Kyle

## Division 5

McCartt, Jack  
Torell, Pamela  
Warbington, Clinton

## Division 6

Balisok, Moshe  
Bar, Eliran  
Castle, Michael  
Espina-Gierbolini, Soniliz  
Fitzgerald, John  
Galleno, Carlos  
Hasanovic, Mirnesa  
Herrera, Amalia  
Holguin, John

## Division 6 Contd.

Kowalchuk, Theodore  
Krstovic, Natacha  
Nicoud, Laurent  
Patlak, Keondra  
Peyton, Christian  
Rodriguez, Gary  
Williams, Johnny

## Division 7

Arden, Bruce  
Arthur, Mark  
Patrick, Daniel  
Wilcox, Malcolm

## Division 8

Heerse, Glenn  
Krulac, William  
Mitchell, Andrew  
Powell, Jerry  
Stover, Scott  
Torres, Jose

## Division 9

Barron, Kathleen  
Brady, Pagona  
Domzall, Zbigniew  
Freiheit, Dennis  
Huddleston, Rhona  
Kindorf, William  
Lezcano, Andy  
Marzonie, Mark  
Miller, Michael  
Nazzareno, Nicholas  
Richert, Jack  
Riordan, William  
Smith, Matthew  
Tribula, David

## Division 10

Matthews, Thomas  
Wilinchus, Robert

## Division 11

Edwards-Clark, Martin  
Farrelly, Francis  
Katzi, Mirek  
Kleberg, Jeffrey  
Montanez, Felix

## Division 11 Contd.

Otto, Jeffery  
Primiano, Nicole  
Sippl, Nicholas  
Von Weyhe, William

## Division 12

Jackson, Joseph  
Smith, Charles  
Torres, Justo

## Division 13

Hernandez, Juan  
Jayne, Stephen  
Nordskog, Craig

## Division 14

Curlin, Aaron  
Tardona, Daniel

## Division 15

King, Isaac  
Liotti, Leslie  
Moran, Henry

## Division 16

Blake, Chad  
Coughlin, Daniel

## Division 17

Braun, Alexander  
Carl, Ronald  
Nelson, Cyrus  
Newlin, Brett  
Schor, Kenneth



# 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*



# 2021 Retirees

April 1, to June 30, 2021

Department of Homeland Security

*Takes pleasure in conferring to:*

*Thank you for your Service*



<u>Members</u>	<u>Flotillas</u>	<u>Service Years</u>
Fobbus, Julian	27	33
Reyes, Salvador	61	21
Lopez, Edgar	15	19
Andrews, James	12-8	15
Andrews, Karen	12-8	15
Foreman, Ronald	12-3	15
Lassanske, Paul	12-8	15
Zaidan, Charles	58	15

*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

## April 1, to June 30, 2021



David Berezin  
Flotilla 32 (Retired)



David Blumstein  
Flotilla 32 (Retired)



Joseph De Santis  
Flotilla 32 (Retired)



Beatrice Reiter  
Flotilla 32



Herbert Sternlieb  
Flotilla 52



Zelda Troiano  
Flotilla 78



Deborah Bundy  
Flotilla 92



Richard Kenyon  
Flotilla 92



Robert Wagner  
Flotilla 98



Elizabeth Schwalbert  
Flotilla 13-8



Salvatore Vernace  
Flotilla 13-4



Victor Aquino  
Flotilla 14-7



Sheldon Beasley Jr.  
Flotilla 14-8



Vivian Sisario  
Flotilla 14-4



Bob Weisman  
Flotilla 15-1



Eleanor Gorenflo  
Flotilla 17-10 -(Retired)

*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*



Richard Puglio  
Flotilla 17-9

# DID YOU KNOW?

## The Story of the Bugle Call Taps



The bugle call "Taps," the familiar mournful notes played at military funerals, was composed and first played during the [Civil War](#), in the summer of 1862.

A Union commander, Gen. Daniel Butterfield, with the help of a brigade bugler he had summoned to his tent, devised it to replace the bugle call the U.S. Army had been using to signal the end of the day.

The bugler, Private Oliver Willcox Norton of the 83rd Pennsylvania Regiment, used the call for the first time that night. It was soon adopted by other buglers and became very popular with the troops.

"Taps" eventually spread throughout U.S. Army during the Civil War. It was even overheard by Confederate troops listening beyond the Union lines and adopted by their buglers.

Over time it became associated with military funerals, and it is played to this day as part of the military honors at the funerals of American veterans.

In the summer of 1862 the Union's Army of the Potomac was engaged in the Peninsula Campaign, an attempt by General McClellan to invade Virginia by its eastern rivers and capture the Confederate capital at Richmond. Butterfield's brigade was engaged in combat during the drive toward Richmond, and Butterfield was wounded in the furious fighting at the Battle of Gaines' Mill.

By July 1862 the Union advance had stalled, and Butterfield's brigade was encamped at Harrison's Landing, Virginia. At that time, the army buglers would sound a bugle call every night to give the signal for soldiers to go to the tents and go to sleep.

Since 1835, the call used by the U.S. Army was known as "Scott's Tattoo," named for General Winfield Scott. The call was based on a older French bugle call, and Butterfield disliked it as being too formal.

As Butterfield could not read music, he needed help in devising a replacement, so he summoned a brigade bugler to his tent one day.

The bugler Butterfield enlisted was a young private in the 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Oliver Willcox Norton, who had been a schoolteacher in civilian life. Years later, in 1898, after the Century Magazine had written a story about bugle calls, Norton wrote to the magazine and told the story of his meeting with the general.

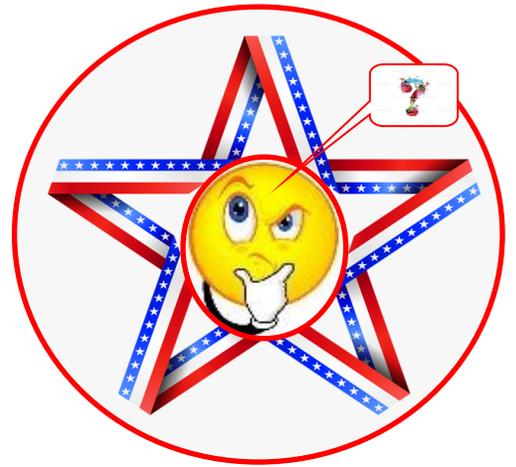
"General Daniel Butterfield, then commanding our Brigade, sent for me, and, showing me some notes on a staff written in pencil on the back of an envelope, asked me to sound them on my bugle. I did this several times playing the music as written. He changed it somewhat lengthening some notes and shortening others, but retaining the melody as he first gave it to me."

"After getting it to his satisfaction he directed me to sound that call for 'Taps' thereafter in place of the regulation call.

"The music was beautiful on that still summer night and was heard far beyond the limits of our brigade.



# Trivia



The word “Slang” is short for “short language.”

Toilets use 35% of indoor water use

All insects have six legs

The average person will only remember about 28 % of information just 28 days after studying it

There are more life forms living on your skin than there are people on the planet

The fork was originally invented in Italy as a utensil to eat pasta

Stewardesses is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

Honey is the only natural food which never spoils

Eating celery burns more calories than it contains.

Macadamia nuts are toxic to dogs

In 1982, computer scientist Scott Fahlman suggested the computer text could be used as facial expressions—he invented emoticon.

Cats will often clean themselves after people pet them because they don't like the smell of humans

During your lifetime, you will produce enough saliva to fill two swimming pools

The Titanic was the first ship to use the SOS signal

In the summer heat, the iron in Frances's Eiffel Tower expands, making the tower grow more than 6 inches.

Popsicles, a popular summer treat, was accidentally invented by an 11-year-old boy in San Francisco in 1905. He left a glass of soda sitting outside and by the next morning the soda had frozen. He began selling them at an amusement park in New Jersey. In the U.S., cherry is the number one flavor.

The Pacific Ocean is the world's largest ocean

Legendary Benedictine monk Dom Perignon invented champagne

Rocky Marciano was the only heavyweight boxing champion to finish his career of 49 fights without ever having been defeated.

Elephants are the only animal that are not able to jump

A kangaroo can't hop if you lift its tail off the ground.

You can't sneeze with your eyes open