

The Loudhailer

From the Bridge

Quarterly Theme – Readiness

Near is the time for 10-05 to elect new officers. Although a slate has been prepared by the nominating committee, nominations may be made from the floor. Eligibility for elected office requires the successful completion of an administrative leadership course such as the old AUXMIN. All staff officers are appointed and do not have the same eligibility requirements as elected officers.

During our September meeting, Jack Lewis was presented the Auxiliary's Operational Specialty Badge by Division Captain. There has been a lull in recipients until Jack earned the AUX OP designation. In order to receive the AUX OP award, members must successfully complete the following specialty courses:

- Seamanship
- Navigation
- Communications
- Search and Rescue
- Patrols
- Weather
- Administration (no longer required)

Division Captain expressed concern over the decreasing interest in the AUX OP award. He plans to urge all members of the division to strive for that honor. Currently in 10-05, 15 members have achieved the AUX OP designation.

Bert Felton shared his adventure aboard the USCG Eagle. In spite of cramped quarters and difficulty duty hours, Bert was able to use his many maritime skills. He obviously enjoyed working with the 120 cadets on board. For many, this was their first exposure to the ocean.

He mentioned that the Eagle was built by the Blohm & Voss Shipyard in Hamburg, Germany in 1936 and was used as a training vessel for German Naval Cadets. Following WWII, in adherence to the maritime custom of capture and seizure, the U.S. received the SNS Horst Wessel which was commissioned on 15 May 1946 as the U.S.C.G. Eagle. Bert mentioned that the hull number at Blohm & Voss was #508. The hull number of the Bismarck was #509. The Bismarck was commissioned on 24 Aug 1940 and sailed with 2200 crew. It displaced 50,900 tons and its length was 257 meters. A flank speed of 30.1 knots and its main armament of 8-380 mm guns made the Bismarck a formidable opponent. By contrast, the USS North Carolina, which was commissioned 9 Apr 1941 displaced 45519 tons, was 222.1 meters long and carried 1800 crew at a flank speed of 28 knots. However, the North Carolina's main armament consisted of 9 -406 mm guns.

On 26 May 1941, torpedo planes from the carrier HMS Ark Royal struck the Bismarck with 3 18 MK X11 torpedoes which jammed the rudders 12⁰ port. The Battleship was not able to maneuver and was sunk at 48.10 N; 16.12 W at a depth of 15,700 feet. Only 116 seamen were rescued.

Also at the Blohm-Voss Yard the Wilhelm Gustloff bearing hull number 511 was launched after the #508 Eagle and the #509 Bismarck. While evacuating refugees and German soldiers trapped by the Russian Army in East Prussia, it was sunk by the Soviet submarine S-13 on 30 Jan 1945 in the Baltic Sea. The Wilhelm Gustloff went down in 45 minutes and 9400 lives

were lost. So the Blohm Vass Shipyards, which launched hull numbers 508, 509 and 511 provided three interesting maritime stories.

Important Dates

13 Oct 2007 – Aux picnic @ 1600 hrs Waterway Park, St James

16 Oct 2007 – Aux meeting @ 1900 hrs, Station OI

6 Nov 2007 - Aux staff meeting @ 1900 hrs, Station OI

QE Check Rides

Because of preparedness and Warren's and Joe's advice and nudging, 10-05 is batting 1000.

Sick Bay

Condolences from all of us to Nancy for her mother who passed away recently.

Condolences from all of us to Warren for his brother Clarence who passed away in October

Gerry Marsh was operated and so far so good. Our thoughts and prayers for Gerry.

Also, thoughts and prayers for Rick Thompson.

From the Galley

Master Chef Fred Hoon will prepare our culinary surprise for the October meeting.

Doc Talk

Antioxidants help prevent atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) and, if present, the progression slows. LDL, bad cholesterol, is a primary cause and although antioxidants do not lower LDL, they inhibit the role LDL plays in forming plaques on artery walls. The 3 main antioxidants and recommended intakes are:

- Vitamin C 1000 mg
- Vitamin E 400 IU

- Beta-carotene 25000 IU

Back in Time

During WWI, the U.S. Coast Guard mounted Beach Patrol roamed our barrier islands (which were devoid of roads) on horseback looking for spies, downed airplanes, black-out violations, signs of enemy invasion or other suspicious activity. Their saddle bags contained binoculars, water-filled canteens and other essentials. A .38 caliber revolver was holstered to their belt and a .45 caliber submachine gun hung on their saddle in a leather scabbard.

That's all, folks

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