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## Sunshine Report

### BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Collins	9/24
Kerry Eakins	9/23
Seth Gardner	9/7
Sue Gordon	9/30
Alex Graboski	9/30
Paul M. Howell	9/20
Bob Thompson, Jr.	9/30
Bill Tice	9/13
Burgess Demers, wife of Jeff Demers	9/30
Lynn Fisher, wife of Gary Fisher	9/3
Kelly Fulgham, wife of Jim Fulgham	9/22
Cathy Howell, wife of Paul V. Howell	9/23

### ANNIVERSARIES

Don and Mary Davis	9/22
Vincent and Melissa Popowitch	9/3

Susan Lowe sustained a fractured foot while conducting Vessel Safety Checks during late July. Our best wishes for a quick mend go to Susan!

Janice Foster is recuperating from foot surgery done on 24 July – we wish her a full recovery soon!

### TRAINING HEROES

Lamdon and AAPL member, John Krogmann, recently traveled to Vicenza, Italy, to train U.S. Army paratroopers, including the brave men of “Chosen Company: 2D Battalion (ABN), 503D Infantry, ‘The Rock.’” The focus of this training was unarmed hand-to-hand combat plus extensive edged-weapons instruction. It also included rapid assault tactics, quick kills, and grappling techniques. The “Sky Solders” learned Jeet Kune Do theory, drilling and sparring to familiarize themselves with weapons and also to reach a confidence level with all types of weapons. In addition to hand-to-hand techniques, holds and pressure points, practical “situational awareness” tips were also stressed.

After returning from Italy and reacquainting himself with his 2-month-old baby girl, Clare, Krogmann shot an instructional video for further training of all members of the battalion. Krogmann considers himself blessed to have had the opportunity to be associated with these American heroes whose ranks include several Bronze Star

recipients, three Silver Stars and the Distinguished Service Cross, which is the Army’s second highest award.

The company finished deployment last summer in Afghanistan, and some of these awards were for heroism displayed during the 13 July 2008 battle in Wanat, Afghanistan, that cost the lives of nine brave men of the 173D Airborne Brigade Combat Team. The “Punisher” is the company symbol, and Krogmann was presented with a wooden “Punisher” plaque made in Afghanistan to thank him for his service and instruction to the “Chosen Few.”

“I was proud and humbled just to be on the field and in the gymnasium with these battle-hardened veterans, let alone teaching them new skills,” he said. “It was all I could do to hold back the tears when they thanked me by presenting me the plaque while in formation.”  
*Article provided by John Krogmann*

### COMING UP

23 August – Flotilla 81 meeting, SML AUXSARDET, 1500 hours, Danny Foster, host.

29 August – Sector HR Commander, Capt. Mark S. Ogle visit to SML AUXSARDET, 1000 hours.

14 – 15 September – Boat Virginia Class, Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Drive, Moneta, VA, 1900 hours.

18 – 20 September – District Conference, Norfolk Marriott, Chesapeake, VA.

19 September – SML Antique and Classic Boat Show, Mariner’s Landing, Huddleston, VA.

26 September – Big Lick Triathlon, SML State Park, time TBA.

27 September – Flotilla 81 meeting and picnic, 1500 hours.

2– 4 October – SML Charity Home Tour.  
– Advanced Skills Weekend, TRACEN, Yorktown, VA. Sign-up deadline is 12 September.

24 October – Division 8 meeting and election of officers, Louisa County Library, 1000 hours, Flotilla 87, host.

25 October – Flotilla 81 meeting and election of officers, SML AUXSARDET, 1500 hours, Mickey and Linda Frece, hosts.

22 November – Flotilla 81 meeting, SML AUXSARDET, 1500 hours, Al Perdue, host.

5 December – VA Dare Flotilla for Toys Christmas Boat Parade. Boats leave the VA Dare Marina at 1900 hours.

### FLOTILLA COMMANDER TO HOST AUGUST MEETING

Danny L. Foster, FC 81, will host the regular Flotilla 81 meeting at the SML AUXSARDET on Sunday, 23 August. The meeting will begin at 1500 hours, followed by a potluck dinner. Our host will provide drinks and ice, and the Flotilla will furnish dishes and cutlery. Members staying for the meal are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, casserole, meat, bread, or dessert.

### DIRECTIONS TO THE SML AUXSARDET

Directions to the SML Search and Rescue Detachment are as follows: from Rt. 122, turn on Merriman Way Road (Rt. 666) at the Epworth Methodist Church. Turn left on Oldfield Road, then right on Oak Grove Lane. Follow Oak Grove Lane to the end, turn left – look for the AUXSARDET sign on the left.

### F 81 HOLDS SEVENTH BOAT VIRGINIA CLASS OF 2009



Photo by Paul V. Howell

Left to right are Sara and Nichole Howell with their grandfather, Paul M. Howell, FSO-PE 81. Sara and Nichole are daughters of Paul V. Howell, also a member of Flotilla 81. The girls assisted in preparations for the first session of the most recent Boat Virginia Class on 3 August at the Saunders Volunteer Fire Station in Huddleston, VA. Sara and Nichole are holding teddy bears wearing USCG life jackets given to them by Flotilla 81 member Debbie Robbins of Debbie Robbins State Farm Agency, a major sponsor of Flotilla 81's Boat Virginia Courses.

In addition to Debbie Robbins State Farm, other sponsors for the course were *The Smith Mountain Eagle*, the Smith Mountain Lake Water Safety Council, the SML Boating Association, the SML Power Boating Association, the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and the Saunders Volunteer Fire Department.

Instructors were Jeff Demers, Gary Fisher, John Krogmann, Paul M. Howell, Betty Lamons, Tom Lamons, Tom Merriman, and Debbie Robbins. Sixty-eight persons received wallet cards certifying completion of the course. Seven students were 17 years and under.

### FSO-SR NEEDS WRITTEN REPORTS

Debbie Collins, Flotilla Staff Officer for Secretary/Records needs written reports monthly from all Flotilla Staff Officers. These may be brought to each meeting, or if an officer for some reason is unable to attend the monthly meeting, he or she should submit the written report prior to the meeting either by regular mail or e-mail.

### FINGERPRINTING AND ID PHOTOS AVAILABLE AT AUGUST FLOTILLA MEETING

Tom Lamons will be on hand after the 23 August meeting to take fingerprints for new members. Betty Lamons will also be available to take ID photos for those whose C.G. Auxiliary IDs are about to expire.

### ECUADORIAN COAST GUARD SIGHTED



Tom and Betty Lamons sighted this Ecuadorian Coast Guard vessel moored in the harbor on Isla San Cristobal in the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador. The Lamons were on a week-long trip diving and exploring the Galapagos. The trip was with Diving Enterprises, Ltd. of Salem, VA.



Betty Lamons shares a seat with her new-found friend, a sea lion pup, during vacation in Ecuador.

### SECTOR HR COMMANDER TO VISIT

Capt. Mark S. Ogle, USCG, Sector Cdr., Hampton Roads, is scheduled to visit the SML AUXSARDET on 29 August at 1000 hours.

### CORRECTION

In the June issue of *The Lake Pilot*, Jack Cranford was incorrectly listed as a member of Flotilla 81 in the second photograph accompanying the story about Auxiliarists training in examining Uninspected Passenger Vessels (UPVs). Cranford, a member of Flotilla 83, was correctly identified in the story's first photograph.

DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION U.S. COAST GUARD CG-3615 (Rev. 3-02)		AUXILIARY - RECORD OF UNIT MEETING			
UNIT NO.		UNIT NAME (As recorded in AUXDATA)			Members Present BQ + AX
0540801		Roanoke, Va.			13
DATE	MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION		TYPE OF MEETING(✓)	
72909	1500	SML Sardet		REGULAR BUS.	
UNIT OFFICERS PRESENT (List office abbr. and last name only)					
VFC Lowe, PA EAKINS, PV Collins, SR Collins, MA Demers, PE Howell, NS Thompson					
GUESTS PRESENT					
Carole Crosby					
CONDENSED VERSION OF REPORTS AND MOTIONS VOTED ON (List)					
<p>Meeting called to order at 1500 by VFC Lowe. Invocation by Bob Thompson.  Annoucement Lake is full. Beckys Creek need new shore marker. Marker missing.  Next Boating Va class to be held on August 3rd and 4th Saunders Fire House.  Poker Run check donated to Sardet.  Flotilla 83 about to overtake new members. Steve Workman to transfer to our Flotilla.  If you have your Boating Saftey Class go to the Virginia Game Website and for ten dollars you can purchase a plastic lifetime card.  Annual division picnic to be held at Claytor Lake on August 8th at 10am.  Claytor Lake to start new Sardet.</p> <p>New business  Good Mate Kerry Eakins  Auxcom Course to be taught by Jeff Demers in fall will let you know.  Pasta meal in September following meeting to be voted on at next meeting.</p> <p>Meeting adjorned at 1550. Fellowship enjoyed by all.</p>					
UNIT TRAINING TOPICS PRESENTED					
DVD					
REMARKS (Include special events, future plans, awards presented, etc.)					
NEXT BUSINESS MEETING (Give Time, Date and Location)					
August 23, 2009 at Sardet.					
DATE SUBMITTED		SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT			
8-3-09		<i>William P. Collins</i>			