

# SLO NEWSGRAM

January 2013

## *Greetings, State Liaison Officer!*

Welcome to the 2013 State Liaison Team! Whether you are a returning or a new SLO, the States Program is hitting the ground full throttle! With the addition of the District State Liaison Staff Officer position listed in the new Auxiliary Manual, our work in the RBS area should increase greatly. As an SLO, your responsibility is to develop and expand the Auxiliary's relationship with the States along with other partners within the State. This is a very important part of the Auxiliary's RBS efforts. State Liaison Officers also need to continually work with other District Staff Officers on RBS missions. And if your State has multiple Districts, you will need to include both Districts' Staff Officers in your RBS efforts. What does this mean? If there is a public affairs event held by the local DNR/marina, the SLO should be working with the DSO PA and PE to see how the Auxiliary can assist or add to the event.



The SLO does not work alone, but networks with many other Auxiliarists and external partners. What response do you get when you ask the Boating Law Administrator or the Coordinator of Department of Fish and Game, "What can we do to help their program to succeed?" Most of all keep others in the loop. If you work with the Education Coordinator for the State or Corps of Engineers, you need to report it to your DSO SL and DCO(s) in your monthly or quarterly report. Remember that communication is the key to success in any program. Your quarterly status reports assist your District(s) with state and local assets as real force multipliers. Moreover, the information that you gain and share enables us to craft improved programs at the national level.

Don't forget to maintain contact with the Coast Guard RBS Specialists in your district. One of our overarching objectives is to foster relationships with CG RBS efforts. These specialists are extremely knowledgeable and valuable contacts. Please join me in welcoming Edward Huntsman to this team. Ed is an Auxiliarist, who formerly served on National Staff in the B Department.

## **NEW DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR RBS OUTREACH APPOINTED**

The RBS Outreach Department has a new Director, Scott Warner and Deputy Director, Bob Myers. Under their leadership, the State Liaison Program will continue to grow while meeting the needs of our State Partnerships and other Agencies. Scott previously served as a Division Chief in RBS Outreach and Bob was once the Department Chief, Education, and held many positions on National Staff and USBI. Welcome Scott and Bob!

## **BRANCH CHIEFS FOR 2013**

All of the National Branch Chiefs for the States Division will continue to serve in 2013. This reflects their continued willingness to serve and proven value to our team.

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### **STATE RESOURCES INFORMATION JUST A CLICK AWAY**

Whether you are a returning SLO or the new kid on the block, you should be familiar with the RBS Website: <http://bdept.cgaux.org/wp/> and what the States Division has available to you. Also on the RBS website there is a lot more available to you and it is just a click away - the RBS Affairs Liaison Division. Gary Christopher is the Division Chief for RBS Affairs Liaison Division. The Liaison Division works and supports partnerships regarding our RBS Missions. These partners are an essential part of our day-to-day missions and should be a resource for you when promoting the RBS message in your state. Did you know the Auxiliary has National Branch Chiefs for Boat US, the Army Corp of Engineers, the Boys Scouts of America, and the American Canoe Association? Just to name a few. They are part of the RBS Outreach Directorate which includes the States Program. If your state needs help setting up a paddleboat safety program, you are just a click away from getting help. Check out the RBS website on a regular basis.

### **OUTSTANDING SLO ACTIVITIES TAKING THE HELM**

- Pennsylvania Auxiliary support 'Wounded Warrior Program' by providing logistical support, communications and general help at this multi agency event.
- Alabama's SLO reports Auxiliary held a SAR training event (Riverhound) with Tuscaloosa Police Department which involved both class room and on the water training.
- In Indiana, Auxiliary participated in a multi-agency evolution which included USCG, Dearborn Water Rescue, Indiana and Ohio DNR and Dearborn Sheriff's department at a hydroplane race in Aurora.
- In New Jersey Paddle Craft Patrols have been authorized: In response to a request received from CDR Terry M. Johns (DIRAUX 5NR), a letter has been submitted by A/Lt Jacobs, Assistant Bureau Chief, Marine Service Bureau, New Jersey State Police authorizing patrols conducted by Auxiliary Paddle Craft Operators on all waters that lie within the State of New Jersey.

### **AUXBWiki**

Don't forget to use "AuxBDeptWiki Wiki" at <http://auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org>. There is a lot of good information to be read.

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