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CG-9 Gives Back to the Local Community During the 2013 Feds Feed Families Campaign

By Charisse Williams (CG-925)

Acquisition Directorate personnel embraced the 2013 Feds Feed Families campaign by collecting more than 10,000 pounds of food over the past three months for needy local families, far exceeding the established goal of 6,500 pounds.

Feds Feed Families is a charitable outreach to support the National Capital Area Food Bank. The campaign is endorsed by the Office of Personnel Management and coordinated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture with aid from the Chief Human Capital Officers Council. The food bank distributes over 27 million pounds of non-perishable food per year to more than 483,000 people through a network of over 700 non-profit partners in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. Last year, federal employees across the country collected 7.2 million pounds of food for families in need, and CG-9 employees donated 5,000 pounds of the 18,000 pounds collected by the Coast Guard.

Robin Dorsey, a contract specialist in CG-9127, led CG-9's campaign because she is passionate



Robin Dorsey (CG-9127) assists a Capital Area Food Bank employee with loading CG-9 food donations, Aug. 29, 2013. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

about giving back to the community. "I donated 530 pounds of food and asked everyone to meet or beat my best. Many employees increased their donations, which helped us exceed our division goal," she said. Also, she was instrumental in increasing awareness of last year's food drive within CG-9.

She credited volunteers throughout the directorate for the success of the campaign. "I could not have coordinated the food drive and motivated the employees without the participation of the volunteers. They are great, and I look forward to working with them next year."

Dorsey sparked interest in the campaign by organizing a kick-off event in July. Employees that donated two or more non-perishable food items received a cup of Rita's Italian Ice, and the event was responsible for raising 600 pounds of food.

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Gloria Potocek, chief of the Office of Acquisition Workforce (CG-921), helped coordinate CG-92’s efforts and donated 277 pounds of food. Potocek, who will retire this year, was pleased with CG-92 employees’ contribution of 3,786 pounds. “Since 2013 would be my last opportunity to participate in the Feds Feed Families campaign, I was hoping we would surpass last year’s very successful record of donations in a big way,” she said.

To broaden participation, campaign coordinators organized a friendly competition among CG-9 subdirectorates. CG-92 donated the most food with 3,786 pounds, CG-91 contributed 2,714 pounds, and CG-93 collected 2,691 pounds. CG-93 also held a competition between the three domains with the Air Domain (CG-931) laying claim to the inaugural Feds Feed Families Campaign Cup.

As part of the Feds Feed Families campaign, employees who contributed at least 250 pounds will be recognized as Hall of Famers, and contributors of more than 500 pounds will receive Gold Hall of Fame recognition.



Conor Owens (CG-9) loads one of several cartons packed with food donated by CG-9 personnel during the 2013 Feds Feed Families campaign, Aug. 29, 2013. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

GOLD HALL OF FAME CONTRIBUTORS

- Hazel Ball (548.5 pounds)
- Robin Dorsey CG-9 team captain (530.6 pounds)

HALL OF FAME CONTRIBUTORS

- Jaurin Joseph (380.2 pounds)
- Capt. Robert J. Thomas (358.0 pounds)
- Jerry Low (278.4 pounds)
- Gloria Potocek CG-9/92 coordinator (277.1 pounds)
- Kathryn Scott (269.0 pounds)
- Eric C. McDoniel (268.7 pounds)
- Michelle Taninecz (260.5 pounds)
- Ramona Watts-Sutton (252.1 pounds)

CG-9 campaign organizers also recognized the following people for their assistance:

John E. Cephas	Franchesca Kammerer	Cristen L. Oehrig
Geraldine Danielly	Laura M. King	Conor T. Owens
Willie Davis	Stefanie C. King	Charles A. Russell
Lindsey R. Eunice	Judith S. Lewis	Michael A. Strausser
Caroline Guerrieri	Vanessa Logan	Carla Thomas
Capt. John A. Healy	Lisa A. Manwiller	Lt. j.g. Alexander Whitaker
Cmdr. Warren D. Judge	Kristina A. Morris	Rita J. Wilson

Sector Miami Operating with Full Complement of Fast Response Cutters

By Arnebya Herndon (CG-925)

With the commissioning of the Coast Guard Cutter Paul Clark, the service's newest Sentinel-class Fast Response Cutter, Aug. 24, Sector Miami has received its full complement of six FRCs, allowing the sector to gain the operational and logistical benefits of the more capable cutters across its entire mission portfolio.

The availability of its full complement of six FRCs enhances mission planning and execution by making the new cutters' capabilities standard throughout the sector's operating area. Now, FRCs supporting sector operations share a common operating picture and are able to communicate with other assets and shore units securely. Beginning with the recent delivery of the first 7-meter Over the Horizon IV cutter boat earlier this month, all FRCs will be outfitted with more capable cutter boats that can be launched in heavier seas and operate at further distances from the FRC. All sector cutters have enhanced tactical capabilities, such as employing force to stop non-compliant vessels.

Also, all cutter crews in the sector now enjoy the better sea keeping and habitability of the FRCs. The Sentinel-class boats ride much better than their predecessor patrol boats because they are longer, have nearly twice the displacement, and employ fin stabilizers. In addition, the berthing areas and showers are less crowded and are located in the middle of the ship where they are less subject to pitching.



The U.S. Coast Guard Fast Response Cutter Paul Clark arrives in Miami, Fla. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

Logistically, the standardization of a local fleet of more reliable cutters whose lifecycle maintenance was managed within the acquisition process will bring efficiency and improve cutter availability rates.

The commissioning of the final FRC homeported in Miami marks an important milestone in the Coast Guard's patrol boat recapitalization. Twelve more FRCs are currently on order and will be delivered to the next two homeports in Key West, Fla., and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

CG-9 Leads Coast Guard to Third Place at ACLI Capital Challenge

By Alexa Weigand (CG-925)

Rear Adm. Bruce Baffer, Assistant Commandant for Acquisition and Chief Acquisition Officer, captained a U.S. Coast Guard team of five members to an overall third-place finish in the 32nd annual American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI) Capital Challenge race in Anacostia Park, May 15, 2013.

The ACLI Capital Challenge is an invitational three mile race with teams representing the three branches of government and the media. The race is held to raise funds for the Wounded



The Coast Guard team at the ACLI Capital Challenge. From left, Lt. j.g. Patrick Fernandez, Lt. Cdr. David Kessler, Lt. Scott McCann, Lt. Rachel Beckman and Rear Adm. Bruce Baffer, Assistant Commandant for Acquisition and Chief Acquisition Officer. Photo courtesy of Scott Hillkirk (CG-925).

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Warrior Project and to promote morale and camaraderie among participants.

The event requires team captains to hold prominent positions of leadership in the office and on the team. Team names are inspired by humor and wit, as there are also awards for best team name, worst team name and best spirit. The Coast Guard team was dubbed “Coast Guard Washington... Running Soon” and was joined in the competition by teams including “Navy’s Global Force For Speed” and “Running Stimulates the Census.” This year, 665 runners participated, representing 118 teams.

The Coast Guard has a long history of participating in this event, and this was the second straight year that the team,

led by Coast Guard acquisition personnel, impressed with a high rating. Last year the team won fourth place in the Executive Branch running group, led by Ms. Giao Phan, the former Deputy Director of Acquisition Programs and Program Executive Officer.

This year two outstanding individual performances carried the team to third place in both the Executive Branch division and overall. Lt. Patrick Fernandez was the first male runner to finish the course with a time of 14:44, and Lt. Rachel Beckman was the first-place female runner, finishing in 17:59.

CG-9 FACES



Neil Meister (CG-9323). U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Luke Clayton.

Neil Meister (CG-9323)

Neil Meister recently joined the Acquisition Directorate as the technical director of the Polar Icebreaker acquisition project. In this position, he assists project managers and will be the principle liaison with the Canadian Coast Guard as it continues construction of their new heavy icebreaker and the Finnish Navy and Border Guard to leverage that group’s experience in designing icebreakers. Secondly, he works on the Coast Guard Cutter Eagle Service Life Extension Project and the Coast Guard Yard. With 21 years of Coast Guard experience serving as a naval engineer, Meister has operated and maintained all of the Coast Guard’s polar and domestic icebreakers. He is looking forward to traveling and working with global experts in icebreaking. Meister has a passion for biking and built his own kayaks and a paddle board.

Adam Caudle (CG-9127)

Adam Caudle’s background in government acquisition has prepared him for his new placement as a contracting officer attached to the Fast Response Cutter project. Caudle received a Master of Business Administration in government acquisition, and has worked on Navy acquisition projects such as the Aircraft Prototype Facility program, V22 Software Support Activity, Small Tactical Unmanned Aircraft Systems, F/A-18 Weapons System Integration Procurements, BRU-32 Bomb Racks, LAU-115 and 116 Launchers, M61A Gatling Guns and more. Born in New York and raised in Allentown, Pa., he is a faithful New York Giants fan.



Adam Caudle (CG-9127). U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Luke Clayton.

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Nicole Fils (CG-9132). U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Luke Clayton.

Nicole Fils (CG-9132)

Nicole Fils serves as a procurement analyst with the policy and oversight group and is a member of the Centralized Invoicing, Accelerated Payments to Small Businesses and the Invoice Processing Platform implementation teams. Fils has 10 years of contracting experience and worked as a senior contracting specialist for the Departments of Education and Transportation and as a contracting administrator for the Department of Defense. She welcomes the opportunity to work on procurement policy. The Jacksonville, Fla. native enjoys camping with friends and every genre of music.

Lt. Cmdr. Jarod Toczko (CG-9282)

Lt. Cmdr. Jarod Toczko is a budget planner analyst in the Office of Resource Management. In this position, he is responsible for formulating CG-9's annual budget request and five-year Capital Investment Plan. Most recently, he served as an interim commanding officer at Station New London, Conn., and the command center chief at Sector Long Island Sound. As a law enforcement duty officer in March 2007, Toczko collaborated with foreign government agencies to execute the largest cocaine seizure in Coast Guard history. Toczko has been a competitive motocross racer since childhood and has devoted his time to work through the Coast Guard for local, national and worldwide charitable organizations.



Lt. Cmdr. Jarod Toczko (CG-9282). U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Luke Clayton.



Lt. j.g. Ben Barrett (CG-9325). U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Luke Clayton.

Lt. j.g. John (Ben) Barrett (CG-9325)

Lt. j.g. Ben Barrett's experience with the Coast Guard's fleet of station boats drew him to Coast Guard headquarters, where he executes logistics planning for response boat platforms. He is looking forward to traveling and attaining various officer certifications with his new job. He spent the last two years working as a student engineer aboard Coast Guard Cutter Munro in Kodiak, Alaska. Barrett went underway to Japan on a high seas drift net patrol and successfully intercepted a suspect vessel. He also visited Yokosuka and Tokyo, Japan while on patrol. He spent his free time in Alaska climbing mountains and practicing marksmanship. Barrett plays on a softball team in his spare time.

CG-9 Snapshots



Ms. Giao Phan speaks with Rear Adm. Bruce Baffer, Assistant Commandant for Acquisition, during a farewell breakfast in Washington, D.C., Aug. 21, 2013. Phan recently was named the Executive Director for the U.S. Navy's Program Executive Office (Aircraft Carriers) after serving as the Coast Guard Deputy Director of Acquisition Programs for more than six years. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Luke Clayton.



NSC Project Resident Office personnel gather before the launch of the Coast Guard Cutter Hamilton, Aug. 12, 2013, at Ingalls Shipyards in Pascagoula, Miss. Hamilton, the fourth of eight national security cutters being built for the Coast Guard, will be christened in Pascagoula on Oct. 26, 2013. U.S. Coast Guard photo.



CG-9 professionals attend the Acquisition Professional Career Program Expansion graduation, Aug. 29, 2013. From left, Mr. Dante Barnes, logistician in CG-9322; Mr. David Raboy, program analyst in CG-924; Mr. Nick Nayak, DHS chief procurement officer; Ms. Gloria Potocek, chief of the Office of Acquisition Workforce Management, CG-921; Ms. Sully Aviles-Barreto, system engineer in CG-9322; Ms. Vy Nguyen, system engineer in CG-9315 (H-65); and Mr. Kung-chang Lee, CG-9322. Photo courtesy of Samuel Short, DHS APCP program manager.



The Honey Badgers, composed of Coast Guard personnel, including Angela Maldonado (CG-9132), participate in the 2013 Dragon Boat Race held at National Harbor, Md., Aug. 24, 2013. Photo courtesy of Susan Sawyer (CG-9132).



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