

Fluor paralegal keeps Coast Guard volunteers afloat

Dan Neiderhiser is an employee of the Fluor Hanford Legal Department during the workday. On evenings and weekends, however, he's a commodore.

As commodore of District 13 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Neiderhiser's responsibilities include oversight of almost 1,900 auxiliary members and their equipment in the district that covers Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. The equipment pool he oversees includes a variety of personally owned auxiliary members' boats, an aircraft wing and numerous radio communication systems that link the auxiliary organization to the Coast Guard as a "force multiplier." The USCG has 36,000 active-duty and 7,000 reserve members, and the auxiliary complements the force with an additional 35,000 volunteers across the United States.



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Congress chartered the USCG Auxiliary in 1939, authorizing members to perform a shallow-water coastal watch along U.S. shores, including the vast inland river and lake transportation system. The primary goal of the auxiliary is to promote boating safety through education and inspections of vessels and navigational aids, as well as to conduct search-and-rescue missions. With the recent transition from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Homeland Security, the USCG Auxiliary is the only civilian force-multiplier organization attached to the new homeland-security agency.

Fluor Hanford Managing General Counsel Jennifer Curtis said she heartily supports Neiderhiser's involvement in community safety activities and his service as a leader in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. "Such work performed in his off-hours contributes measurably to Dan's professional and personal growth," Curtis said. "And it has an indirect but beneficial effect on his job performance. Our country, our community and Fluor Hanford are indeed fortunate to have Dan Neiderhiser as both a volunteer and a colleague." ■



Fluor employee Neiderhiser