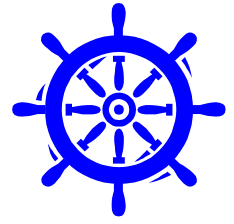


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- 10/3 Flotilla Meeting
- 10/13-14 FALCON 2000
Bettendorf, IA
- 11/4 Division 15 Meet
ing, Lake Ouachita

- 11/7 Flotilla Meeting
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Meeting

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More News from Coastie

Clara Meyer

September 27, 2000

Dear Daddy Mike,

My Arkansas Aunt's and Uncle's were so pleased that they could be at the National Conference for my older brother Coastie 01 Commissioning. They brought lots of pictures and told me all about it. I really liked all his flags, fire extinguisher and fenders. They promised I would have some just like his someday. Talking with you helped a lot, they were all looking for-



Coastie 01 Commissioning at NACON 2000. L-R Vice Commandant, Auxiliarist Mike Rebeano, and Commodore Tucker, NACO
(Photo by Clara Meyer)

ward to more hands on training from you but do understand not having the funds to bring you here now.

Since my last letter to you I have been to Central Mall here in Fort Smith, to Division 15 quarterly meeting in Hot Springs. August 4, Uncle Ed, Uncle Larry, Aunt Clara, Aunt Mina and I went to Van Buren to the First Baptist Bible School Carnival. There were

about a thousand people there. I met PC, the Police Car and we talked to lots of little kids. We did not get to talk to all of them because there were so many.

My Aunt Rhonda's grandsons, Chris and Cameron came out to see me my very first day in Arkansas. You remember I have told you about Aunt Rhonda, she made Snoopy and Crew bears Life Jackets and Tilley Hats. Well, anyway Chris goes to Trinity Preschool and he invited me to come to his school on September 7. He helped me tell the other kids about water safety. He even knows about the bow and stern how to put on a Life jacket and lots of other stuff.

A few days later on September 13 we all went to Sallisaw, Oklahoma to the Stanley Tubbs Memorial Library. We talked Boats and Water Safety to about 35 kids and there was one little girl named Morgan that was having a Birthday just like me. BM1 Bill Fuller was there to see me again.



Coastie 01's boat trailer
(Photo by Clara Meyer)

Aunt Debbie is a second grade school
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More News From Coastie

Clara Meyer

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Coastie and friends at Stanley Tubbs Library in Sallisaw
(Photo by Clara Meyer)

teacher and has been about 30 years, so she must be pretty good. She teaches in JJ IZARD Elementary in Van Buren. She invited me to be the special guest speaker for her Friday morning sunrise show. They put me on the stage and closed the curtains, I could hear kids coming in. When they opened those curtains and I saw all those 351 kids sitting side by side in the floor, Well let me tell you it looked like an ocean of little faces. All smiling and looking at me.

We have not been working really hard to go to a lot of schools because I am not fully rigged out yet. My aunt's and uncle's have just got the patches put on some shirts, they told me you saw their shirts at NACON. I guess the most important reason I have be kept close to home is the spare tire for my Pace home on wheels, Uncle Ed just got it a couple weeks ago.

According to my Aunt Clara's records I have visited with 977 Children, 1071 adults and traveled 698 miles.

As soon as Eighth Western District Fall Conference is over I will be getting out to a lot of schools and I will let you know more as soon as I can.

Love,

Your son Coastie O9



Coastie 01 flags at NACON
(Photo by Clara Meyer)



Larry Alber inspects Coastie 01's boat slip and other equipment at NACON (Photo by Clara Meyer)