

## Commander's Message



Cdr James C. Larson, S

It's December and the week before Christmas and it's time to get this message done again.

I would like to thank all those who helped with the Fall ABC class and the knot tying skills of Tom Strait. He amazed all of us. There were six students that attended and all passed.

The election of officers was completed at the last General Meeting. The installation will be Saturday, 10 January 2009. I hope our District Commander can make it—we might have to bribe him—and that many of our members can make it.

Our holiday party was Saturday, 13 December 2008, at the Urbandale Lions Park Shelter House. It began at 1800. Hors d'oeuvres were brought to share and non-perishable food items were collected to be given to the Food Pantry. Approximately twenty-five

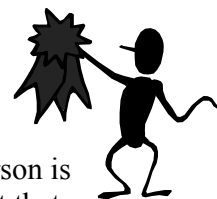
people attended.

I am trying to put together a Red Cross First Aid class (or classes) that would include CPR to be held in May 2009. They limit the class size from six to ten persons. All that would like to attend please let me know. No definite dates have been set at this time but I need to know the number of people interested. The anticipated cost is \$55 per person.

I hope all of those with boats have them winterized and put away, if not going South. □

Hoping everyone had a Happy Holiday Season!

## 2008 Merit Marks



Commander Larson is happy to report that the following members earned Merit Marks for 2008. If you do not understand Merit Marks, please ask Cdr Larson or any of the executive officers.

Vincent Bobenhouse  
Cecelia Browne  
Larry Browne  
Randy Cairns  
Bettie Danley  
Kenneth Danley  
Kyle Danley  
Terry Goode  
Gail Harrod  
Pat Knueven  
Doreen Larson  
Rex LeCocq  
Carol Mable  
Robert Mable  
Robert Porter  
Thomas Strait  
Tom Wellendorf  
Thomas Worrell

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# Educated Boaters are Safe Boaters

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