

# Couple honored for service to Coast Guard Auxiliary

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Editor In Chief

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Gaddy, residents of Lake Murray Shores, have been presented the Coast Guard Auxiliary Membership Service Aware by the Lake Murray Coast Guard in recognition of "25 years of dedicated service" to this organization.

Both have been extremely active in flotillas on Lake Murray and Lake Norman in North Carolina, and Ms. Gaddy has held several positions of leadership in the organization, including flotilla commander and division vice commander. She served in Flotilla 12-3 of Lake Murray as communications officer and inspector.

The Gaddy's joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary in December of 1974 at Charlotte, which is in the Fifth District. They

lived on Lake Norman near Charlotte at that time.

In 1979, Mr. and Mrs. Gaddy moved to Lake Murray Shores, their property being located on Lake Murray just across the Saluda County line. At that time, they became active in the Lake Murray flotilla and it was during those years that Ms. Gaddy's was elected vice captain of District 12 of which the Lake Murray Coast Guard Auxiliary is a member.

During those years with Flotilla 12-3, Ms. Gaddy became communications inspector, and both she and Mr. Gaddy were extremely active in the organization's Courtesy Motor Boat Examination program. Both received numerous awards for their involvement in CME's. She is presently an Auxop member.

They moved to Richmond, Va., for eight

years, then returned in 1991 to their home on Lake Murray.

A native of New Jersey, Ms. Gaddy has spent most of her years in South Carolina and eventually returned to their home on Lake Murray because "to me, S.C. is home." She graduated from Newberry College, likes the people of South Carolina and wanted to stay in S.C.

After returning to Lake Murray, however, they have not been active with the Coast Guard Auxiliary due to Mr. Gaddy's health. He retired from the Air Force in 1959.

Commenting on some strong improvements in the Coast Guard Auxiliary during the years they've been members, Mrs. Gaddy recognized that "the organization didn't have communications when we first came here to Lake Murray. Since, it

has come a long way, and I think that's great. There are members now of all ages, young and old, and it's a good active group. In the Coast Guard Auxiliary, you learn everything for yourself so that you can be safe on the water but at the same time you're teaching others to be safe. And you're also helping the Coast Guard get into places where they can't get in with their big boats."

The service award was presented by Commander Al Morgan, who also gave out the following awards to members of the Lake Murray Coast Guard Auxiliary: Coast Guard Sustained Auxiliary Service Award to Don H. Davis, fourth and fifth award.

Also during the program the following members were recognized for participat-

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