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### ON THE COVER

As peak boating season arrives, Auxiliary support to the vitally important America's Waterway Watch counter-terrorism program ratchets up across the country. (Upper left photo) Auxiliarist-manned *Pi-Sar*, one of two Coast Guard vessels shared with Flotilla 26 D9WR, patrols the Chicago lakefront. (Center) Dwarfed by anchored U.S. Navy ship, OPFAC crewmember Arnie Heath, FL-74 D11SR, checks out Point Hueneme, CA, waterfront. (Bottom) Auxiliary vessel patrols in San Francisco Bay as Joyce Bell, PDCP-7, and Bruce Nicolie, DCP-12, both D11NR, discuss strategy.

Photos by Barney Zaffron, Michael Brodey, and Mart Gartner, USCG AUX National Photography Corps. Montage by Chris Barber.



# California Auxiliarists Show Their True Colors

## Baseball and Color Guard Create a Perfect Palette

STORY & PHOTOS BY ANTHONY TURNER  
PFC 17-6 and QE-17 D5SR

America's first Urban Youth Baseball Academy was christened earlier this year in Compton, CA, by D11SR Auxiliarists, a Member of Congress, the chief executive of Major League Baseball (MLB) and several team-owners. They were joined by Baseball Hall of Famers Joe Morgan and Dave Winfield, and 25 other former MLB players. The \$10-million Baseball Academy facility was designed to attract inner-city children to America's national pastime. Dedication ceremonies were kicked off by the highly regarded Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-4 Color Guard, accompanied by the Compton High School Marching Band. The Color Guard is no stranger to high-profile events, having presented the colors at several Los Angeles Clippers games. Those activities led to the unit being recommended by the Clippers for the Baseball Academy dedication when MLB began planning the Compton event. The Color Guard had also been seen by Auxiliarists earlier this year when its members presented the colors at both the District 11 Conference and the Division 12 Change of Watch. 🌀



One of the honored guests at the ceremony was MLB Commissioner Bud Selig (center). Discussing baseball strategy with him are Al Verdi (left), FC 12-4, and Jackson Whitaker, SO-PS 12, both D11SR.



Color Guard of Flotilla 12-4 D11SR (Los Angeles) launches the colorful dedication ceremonies at Urban Baseball Academy.