

**Auxiliary** from 1A

Umpqua River, Eugene and Grants Pass received various awards and recognition for their duties, ranging from communications to recruiting to safety courses, among other things.

The proceedings took on a note of solemnity during the remembrance of those guard members lost over the past year, with the ringing of the bell for each name read.

Chief Ben Snider, executive petty officer for Station Siuslaw River, led the memorial recognizing POWs and MIAs, explaining the symbolic solitary table, a place of dignity, set for those missing comrades.

Anyone interested in taking a boating course or to have a vessel examined for safety, contact Station Siuslaw River at 541-997-3631. To learn more about the Auxiliary, go online to [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org).

For local Auxiliary applica-



**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 52 Color Guard (from left): Jim Stutz of Springfield, Brad Hooper of Florence, Kirby Ladd of Bandon and Tony Rebello of Florence**

tions or more information, contact Brad Hooper at the station, 541-997-2486 option 3.

For information about serving in the Willamette Valley (Eugene area and south), contact Norm Hoffman at 541-688-6069.

**A bell is rung during the event's memorial for each shipmate who has "crossed the bar" last year.**



**RAIN** from 1A

Carl Hulan is the co-organizer for the next three RAIN meetups. He first got involved with RAIN after attending the first Florence seminar for entrepreneurs and innovators.

"I believe that we live in an amazing time because technology enables us to build almost anything imaginable, so let's get together to figure out our goals and how to achieve them," Hulan said.

"He has taken on the initiative to carry forward the work that RAIN has set forth with us," Reynolds said. "(City Recorder) Kelli Weese and I are behind the scenes supporting this, as well as the economic development committee."

The first meetup is Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Riverside Café, 1340 Bay St. This meeting will focus on technology entrepreneurship.

It will target those with ideas for businesses in the traded sector economy, where the product or output from the business comes from outside of this state or can be traded outside of this state. Experts will be present to give advice on how to grow or start a technology business.

The next meetup targets "encore entrepreneurs," or active retirees who wish to mentor others or start their own business later in life. This meeting is Thursday, Feb. 11, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Blue Bills Pub at Three Rivers Casino Resort, 5647 Highway 126.

The third meetup is called "The Artpreneur." This event on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Riverside Café, will focus on creative and artisanal craft startups and businesses.

This meeting is for creative people who produce textiles, clothing, blown glass, wood carvings, pottery, up-cycled products, seasonal products, home decor, photography or other items that may have broader market appeal. RAIN asks that people bring their product or product idea to receive expert advice on marketing. Those who wish to expand their market, sell artisanal crafts beyond Oregon and turn their hobbies into a high-growth business are invited.

Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided at each of these events.

Reynolds said, "That's how RAIN is going, and it's been raining a lot."

For more information about RAIN's activities in Florence, go to [ci.florence.or.us](http://ci.florence.or.us) or register for these events at [www.meetup.com/Startup-Florence-Oregon-Coast/](http://www.meetup.com/Startup-Florence-Oregon-Coast/).

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**Festival** from 1A

In 1998, the Oregon-based band presented a new show and album, "Immigrant Dreams," featuring music and stories of those who came west to America from Ireland, Scotland, Romania, Mexico, France, Spain, Greece and other countries during the turn of the century.

Winter Music Festival committee chairs, Rachel Pearson and Sandra Kuhlman, brought The Trail Band to a fresh, young audience on Thursday in two packed houses of elementary students. The band presented an eclectic mix of songs, and unusual instruments, showcasing Irish, Russian and French composers.

The entertaining and educational presentation wound its way through time, tracing the lives of Northwesterners and their relationship to the land, finishing with a dance and drum performance by the American Indian Education program.

The Winter Music Festival Kids Concerts were funded by a \$4,500 grant from Oregon Community Foundation, a \$1,000 grant from the Mapleton Community Foundation and a \$2,500 grant from the Kiwanis Club. Additional funds from the Ladies of the Elks and many individual donors made the school performance possible.

Winter Music Festival continues this weekend at the Florence Events Center with 12 bands, including local performers and headlining musicians. The Artisan Fair is free to browse all weekend long and slices of pie are on sale today.

Tickets for the music festival are available at the FEC box office, 715 Quince St., or call 541-997-1994 or go online to [eventcenter.org](http://eventcenter.org).



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**Do you think the Civil Rights Movement is still moving forward?**

"I absolutely feel that we're moving forward, but we could move much quicker than we are right now. We need to work with the younger generation to support what we're doing."

—JOHN BARTLETT, EUGENE

"I think we are making progress, except for those who don't want us to make progress. That's our challenge"

—TIM AKERS, WEST LAKE

"I think it is moving forward because I've seen a whole lot of progress in the last 72 years. I'm not certain we are completely there, but we have gotten a lot closer."

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