



DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

To: Wally Smith, Commodore Date: November Report for October Activities
From: Jerry B. Edelen, Division Commander Division 6

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Team Coast Guard conducts Change of Watch!
2. Division supports Santa Cruz Harbor's "Haunted Harbor" event.
3. Division conducts Team Coordination Training.
4. Flotilla 6-7 Newsletter is out.
5. Flotilla 6-7 updates its Facebook page.
6. Flotilla 6-10 continues Public Education Classes.
7. Flotilla 6-4 website outlines Public Education Classes.
8. Surface Operations Patrols are conducted.
9. Santa Cruz Harbor Partnership continues.
10. CG Station Monterey Facebook Page includes Division 6 Activities.
11. Coast Guard Pier clean-up continues.
12. Silver Charm support continues.
13. Flotilla 6-4 conducts joint operations with CG Station Monterey.
14. Monthly Meetings continue at CG Station Monterey.
15. Division support of CG Station Watchstanding continues.

DETAILS:

1. Team Coast Guard conducted the Division 6 Change of Watch on Saturday, November 10th at the Bayonet and Blackhorse Golf Club House.





Team Coast Guard Change of Watch!

Part of our program involved our District Color Guard participating in the “Missing Man Table” ceremony



Missing Man Ceremony (photo by Mike Goldberg)

Scott Galloway gave the Invocation:





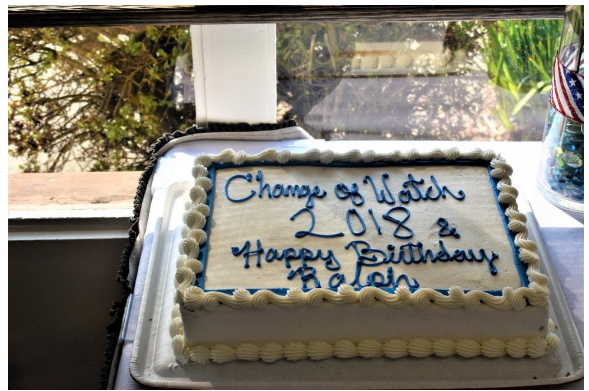
The Invocation (photo by Mike Goldberg)



The Change of Watch Program (photo by Mike Goldberg)



98-year old Auxiliarist Ralph Neal, Marine Silver Star Recipient and 50 years + Auxiliary Service (photo by Mike Goldberg)



COW Cake honoring our COW and Ralph Neal's Birthday! (photo by Mike Goldberg)



The meal was absolutely outstanding!! All you could eat barbecue including barbecue ribs, brisket, baked beans, mixed salad, fresh fruit, corn on the cob, potato salad, barbecue chicken, and apple cobbler. Our division had a cake made in honor of our COW, Veteran's Day, and Ralph Neal's birthday...all occurring on almost the same day.

Fifty personnel attended, including members of our District Color Guard (founding Color Guard Captain Tracy Schultz, original team members Georgie Suermann, Rick Suermann, as well as Karen Yoder and Division 4 Commander Michael Brown. Michael's participation truly made our Change of Watch, a District Team event.



District Color Guard Posting the Colors

(photo by Mike Goldberg)

Immediate Past Division Commander and Division Commander elect for 2019, Jane Smith, served as our Master of Ceremonies.

We had some very special guests attend: the Honorable Clyde Roberson, the Mayor of the City of Monterey; CAPT Anthony Ceraolo, Commander of Coast Guard Sector San Francisco; LT John Gatti, Commander, Coast Guard Station Monterey and Leader of Team Coast Guard Monterey; Chief Doug Leavell, Operations Training Officer from the Director of the Auxiliary Office; and Ensign Sarah Davis, Auxiliary Liaison Officer, Sector San Francisco.

From the Auxiliary, we were fortunate to have our senior leadership in attendance. District Commodore and Deputy National Commodore for the Pacific Region and Operations, Wally Smith; District Chief of Staff and District Commodore elect Mary Kirkwood; and District Captain Wil Sumner. We are also honored to have with us this afternoon Mr. Ralph Neal, a 50-year Auxiliarist, and recipient of the Marine Corps Silver Star for gallantry for his actions in the



South Pacific during World War II. Ralph is like the Ever-Ready Bunny, he is 98 years old and he keeps going and going and going....



Monterey Mayor Clyde Roberson
(photo by Mike Goldberg)



Commodore Smith's Remarks
(photo by Mike Goldberg)



CAPT Ceraolo's Remarks
(photo by Mike Goldberg)

Flotilla 6-4 Commander Crag Johnson received the U.S. Coast Guard Achievement Medal for his outstanding performance of duty this last year.

His Citation read:



1. *Craig Johnson has been a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for over eight years. During that period, he has volunteered 7,622 hours of service. During those hours, he has always taken a key role, including assuming positions of increasing leadership.*
2. *Each year, the U.S. Coast Guard elicits recommendations for the National Charles S. Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award. Each Coast Guard Auxiliary District in the Nation submits their best leaders to be recognized for this award. Flotilla Commander Craig Johnson was one of only two Auxiliary leaders to receive Honorable Mention. In effect, Craig was recognized as being the second most inspirational Auxiliary Leader in the nation!*
3. *Currently, he is completing his second year as Flotilla Commander of the Monterey Flotilla which consists of 57 Auxiliary volunteers. As Flotilla Commander, he nominated his Flotilla to be considered for the National Association of Commodores (NACO) 3 Star Award for Excellence in Diversity. This National Award is presented to Flotillas that establish the most positive environments for their members, value their members, encourage member success, and carry out diverse outreach to their local communities. Last year, Craig's Flotilla was the only Flotilla of more than 50 flotillas in the 11th Coast Guard Auxiliary Northern District (which consists of Northern California, Nevada, and Utah) to be awarded this honor.*
4. *Last year, due, in large part, to the herculean efforts of Flotilla Commander Craig Johnson, Division 6 was awarded the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation with Operational Device. This is the first time that a Coast Guard Auxiliary Division has been singled out as a division by the Coast Guard and recognized with this honor. Craig Johnson's efforts were key to Division 6 receiving this honor.*
5. *Each year, Divisions organize Operational Training Exercises (OPTREXs) within their Division Area of Operations where Coxswains and Crew are tested to insure they can perform their vital responsibilities. Last year, Craig Johnson volunteered to organize the Division 6 OPTREX. Never having done this before, he started from scratch and put together an outstanding training/ evaluation event during which all Coxswains and Crew who were tested- qualified!*
6. *Not only does Craig lead his Flotilla as Flotilla Commander, he also leads by example. He is a fully qualified Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Examiner and Program Visitor who has inspected 52 vessels for safety this year and conducted 180 Program Visits. He is also one of the few "Coastie Operators" who operates a mechanical boat which can move, play music, speak with children, etc. Coastie is a hit at all Public Affairs events and it really emphasizes the Recreational Boating Safety message.*
7. *Flotilla Commander Craig Johnson, by his leadership and selfless service surely deserves this honor.*





FC Craig Johnson receiving his AAM!

(photo by Mike Goldberg)



The Old and New Division Commanders!

Yep...the Old Guy and the Young Lady! 😊

(photo by Mike Goldberg)

As is our division custom, we presented special Division Awards to several outstanding members who performed magnificently this last year. Our first Special Division Award was for Member Training. Mark McLaughlin received this award. Mark is always the Division go-to trainer for our annual Team Coordination Training. He always makes the training informative and fun. Mark also conducts a Division Crew Academy each year and serves as Coxswain on his own facility supporting Division Operations. His expertise as a District Qualification Examiner really comes through when he imparts his knowledge to different crews when he is on patrol. There was nobody in our District more deserving to receive a Training Award than Mark McLaughlin.

Our Public Instruction Award went to Flotilla Commander elect Scott Galloway. Scott is the senior, primary instructor in our Division and he has been tireless in teaching Auxiliary Courses to the public all year long. Just a few of the courses he's taught this last year were:

Sailing Skills & Seamanship, and Coastal Navigation. Scott's classes are always interesting and enjoyable. We will never know the number of lives he's saved or injuries he's prevented by teaching the boating public how to be safe on the water; but, over the course of his Auxiliary Teaching service, I'm sure it's considerable

Our Fellowship Award went to two a member who has devoted an incredible amount of time supporting our many Public Affairs, Fellowship, and special events- This member was Bobbi Kamil. This really is a special award since our Division 6 is known nationally as "the Party Division". Many Auxiliarists, around the country, have heard of our fun-loving Gold Coast Division, from Antler's OPTREX at Lake Shasta, to National C-Schools. And, after all, how



many Auxiliary Divisions do you know that actually have a line item in their budget for “Bail Bonds”????!! 😊 During almost all of our events, Bobbi worked incredibly hard...and the events were numerous.. They included: The Coast Guard Station Valentine’s Day Party, Independence Day Cook-off at the Coast Guard Station, Coast Guard Birthday Party, Softball Game and Barbecue, this Change of Watch, and many others. The COW table decorations were put together by Bobbi. Indeed, our social interaction events would be much poorer without the loving support of these two professionals...

Our Operations Award is entitled “The Milt Entwistle Award” in honor of Milt and Gerry Entwistle. Chuck Cobery was the winner of this award. Chuck has been patrolling the waters around Santa Cruz for over 4 years ago. He and his crew recently earned the Auxiliary Operational Excellence Award. His enthusiasm for participating in patrols is unmatched and this enthusiasm is infectious to his crew. It’s always easy to spot Chuck when he’s outdoors... there will always be around him voluminous quantities of cigar smoke.

This year, we created a Special Award and the award went to Sean Sheehan... Sean is a former Flotilla Leader, and District Captain. When he recently completed his service as District Captain, he returned to his home Flotilla 6-7. During Flotilla elections, two years ago, no one stepped up to the plate to volunteer to serve as Flotilla Commander, so Sean, being the professional he is, volunteered and was elected. During his tenure as Flotilla Commander, Sean always tried to make his Flotilla meetings interesting and fun, and as a result, enrollment increased and more of the older members started attending his flotilla meetings. Sean is the embodiment of the concept that “Leadership works!”.

By all accounts, this was the best Division 6 Change of Watch ever! The food was great, the speeches were pertinent and memorable, and this being Division 6....THE FELLOWSHIP WAS THE BEST!

2. Sean Sheehan reports: Division 6 supported the Santa Cruz Harbor’s “Haunted Harbor” event on Saturday, November 27th. The newly elected Deputy National Calm Otter (Commodore) 😊 and his friend Oscar recruited a new disciple of Boating Safely, while the Flotilla 67 Vice Commander (Glen Marshall) distributed safe boating literature to Santa Cruz Hunted Harbor event participants. The forces of darkness confronted the Deputy National Calm Otter and his friend Oscar at the Santa Cruz Haunted Harbor event. Sean Sheehan, Flotilla 67 Commander (in Hawaiian shirt and lifejacket) offered candy, boating safety coloring books, boating safety information for adults, schedules for upcoming PE courses, and American Waterway Watch brochures, so naturally the forces of good prevailed, but you can tell from the look in Deputy National Calm Otter's eyes that it was a close call. Meanwhile, Oscar was



oblivious; but, cool in his ever-present life jacket and stylish shades. But that certainly is one frightened otter!

I have to add that this was the most rewarding event I have taken part in. Close to 300 kids left with a safe boating message.



Permission and photo waiver granted and on file for Autumn Flood (L) with COMO AUXXTER and Mallory Sheehan (R). (photo by Sean Sheehan)



More Fun! (photo by Scott Galloway)





A modernized Public Affairs Booth! (photo by Scott Galloway)



Huge numbers of Visitors (photo by Scott Galloway)

3. Keith Simmons reports: Mark McLaughlin conducted his annual Team Coordination Training at CG Station Monterey's Classroom on October 11th. 12 Division members and one instructor (Mark McLaughlin) participated. Prior to the start of the meeting: Tony Budlong provided three large pizzas, soft drinks and bottled water, and paper plates. Cecil Claspell provided fried chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, cookies, forks, napkins, and plates. Mark McLaughlin provided a variety of cookies. It was a real fellowship feast, and a wonderful and memorable way to conduct Team Coordination Training!

During the class there were several thoughtful and insightful discussions lead by Mark McLaughlin about aspects of the scenarios presented, with considerable experience-based input from coxswains and crew members in the class.

Mark did an outstanding job.





Team Coordination Training in Progress!

4. Flotilla 6-7's newsletter, "Lubber Line" is a great one this season. It illustrates lots of great Flotilla Activities! Thanks to FC Sean Sheehan for putting the effort to produce such a great newsletter!



Lubber Line Summer
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5. Flotilla 6-7 Commander Sean Sheehan reports:

- 1) Promotion of upcoming Fall boating, sailing, and navigation classes via Facebook and print media. A boosted Facebook post of a course announcement reached over 400 residents in service area and resulted in 1 inquiry for details via Facebook page. Go to link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Flotilla67SantaCruz/photos/a.815011451971721/1153562534783276/?type=3&theater>



2) Flotilla 6-7 tailored a Coast Guard produced PSA with local contact information for use during Labor Day Holiday. Released on Facebook. See this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Flotilla67SantaCruz/videos/272613416687323/>

6. Scott Galloway reports:

The following multi-day classes began in September 2018 and are being held through late December 2018

Coastal Navigation (CN)

Sailing Skills (SS&S)

Coastal Navigation (CN): on Mondays, on Mondays (14 weeks)

Sailing Skills (SS&S): on Thursdays, on Thursdays (14 weeks)

Students who take and pass the Capitola Flotilla 6-10 Boating Skills & Seamanship course will meet the State boating card requirement.

Students who take the Santa Cruz Flotilla 67 Sailing Skills & Seamanship course will have the opportunity to meet the California State boating card requirement . The curriculum for the autumn 2018 course has been altered to cover the California "Course of Safe Boating," and students will be offered the opportunity to take and mail in the California California "Course of Safe Boating" exam during the course.

Due to low enrollment, the Boating Skills (BS&S) class was cancelled for the fall. The two registering BS&S students agreed to transfer into the Sailing Skills (SS&S) class.

At present, five (5) students are enrolled in there Coastal Navigation Class and ten (10) students are enrolled in the Sailing Skills and Seamanship class.



2. One day ABS classes will be taught throughout this year.

The ABS course is being offered by Flotillas 6-10 and 67. All classes will be in the Harbor Public Meeting Room and will start at 0800. The ABS course runs a full day and qualifies students for the educational requirement for the new California Boater Card that began phasing in on 01 January, 2018.

California Department of Boating & Waterways approved our Boating Skills & Seamanship (BS&S) and About Boating Safely (ABS) courses as courses that satisfy the boating safety education requirement for the California Boater Card, which began phase-in on January 1, 2018.

This presents a great opportunity to expand our Public Education (PE) class offerings in Santa Cruz and Monterey. FSO-PE officers from Flotillas 6-10 and 6-7 agreed that a series of ABS classes in addition to the regular Fall semester of BS&S and SS&S would be appropriate. All students who graduated received certificates that will make it possible for them to receive a California Boater Card.

7. Flotilla 64 website continues to include a zip code-based PE Class locator at the following URL:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/peclass.php?unit=113-06-04>.

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8. The following surface operations patrols were completed by Division 6 facilities during this last month:

Facility #	Coxswain	Flotilla #	Location	# hours
Facility 201474	Steve McCann	Flotilla 6-4	in Monterey Harbor	11 hours
Facility 201152	Mark McLaughlin	Flotilla 6-4	in Monterey Harbor	TBA
Facility 261616	Dave Wormington	Flotilla 6-7	in Santa Cruz vicinity	TBA
Facility 301219	Wally Smith	Flotilla 6-10	in Santa Cruz vicinity	21 hours
Facility 331522	Chuck Cobery	Flotilla 6-10	in Santa Cruz vicinity	7 hours
Air Facility	Glen Marshall	Flotilla 6-7	In Watsonville vicinity	In District Av Rpt



Our TWO Division 6 Fighter Aircraft...uh... Air Facilities! 😊





Facility 261616



Facility 301219 assisting Vessel Assist



Facility 201474

9. Santa Cruz Harbor continues to partner with our Division:

<http://www.santacruzharbor.org/>

and advertise our monthly “About Boating Safely” Classes:

https://www.santacruzharbor.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Announcement_USCGBoatingSafetyCourse.pdf

In addition, the Santa Cruz harbor bulletin boards featuring a themed monthly boating safety message provided by Flotilla 6-7. The intention is to have a fresh, timely message up each month to catch boater's eyes.





PROJECTS:

- December
 - TCT/ Santa Cruz Harbor Lighted Boat Parade, December 1st
 - CG Station Monterey Holiday Party
 - Division 6 Holiday Party, December 15th

CHALLENGES/ OBSTACLES:

- Trying to juggle numerous Division responsibilities with limited personnel and available time.
- Trying to increase the membership and participation level of our Flotillas.
- Trying to develop a pool of members interested in moving up in the Division leadership hierarchy.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

10. Coast Guard Station Monterey Facebook Page includes Auxiliary support:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardstationmonterey/>

11. At the recurring request of the CG Station Commander, Division member, Keith Simmons, continues his weekly trips to the Monterey US Coast Guard Pier and informs personnel there not to leave their fishing line behind when they leave.

In Keith's Own Words: I completed eleven trips, including two with Robert Kay, to the US Coast Guard Pier at Monterey and picked up litter, ever vigilant in relation to America's Waterway Watch (AWW). In general, while walking on the Pier I sometimes have brief conversations with tourists, including pointing out features and answering questions. Thus, serendipitous with environmental benefits, my ongoing litter control effort is a positive public relations activity. Also, I often have the opportunity to say hello and briefly chat with Active Duty personnel, which also



contributes to Auxiliary maintaining good rapport with the Gold Side. On 10 and 12 October, Robert Kay participated in picking up litter and on both days we also pulled weeds, some well entrenched, on initial Pier section over the fence on the seaward side where the asphalt abuts the concrete seawall as the weeds are not only unsightly but the roots degrade the asphalt. Between City of Monterey staff, recently including a street sweeper, one ever-present volunteer on the Pier and occasionally SCUBA divers alongside the Pier, all affiliated with organizations unrelated to the Auxiliary, and our Station Monterey Commanding Officer approved Auxiliary effort, the USCG Pier is surely the most consistently litter-free pier in America – something in which Active Duty and Auxiliary can take pride.



Keith picking up refuse and fishing line



Keith and Rob working in their Team CG Station Monterey attire

12. Patrolling on the San Francisco Bay on Silver Charm: Silver Charm is a specially designed Auxiliary facility used to support Air Station San Francisco. Terry Blanchard, Wally Smith, Jane Smith, and Mark McLaughlin are regulars who assist the Active Duty Coast Guard with their Air Operations.



Checking on bridge maintenance in SF.



Coxswain Training





Some of the Crew of Silver Charm for the day

13. Coxswain Steve McCann and his crew of Tracy Schultz and Robb Kay continue to conduct joint training with CG Station Monterey's 47-foot Motor Life Boat.



Crewman Robb Kay and the 47-foot MLB

14. Flotilla 6-4 conducts its monthly Flotilla meetings at the CG Station Monterey classroom.
15. Three Division members support CG Station Monterey by performing Watchstanding duties. CG Station Monterey, Division 6 Watchstanders Tom Sprague, and Alex Urciuoli are fully qualified U.S. Coast Guard Watchstanders and continue to serve in this important position at CG Station, Monterey.





Division Watchstanders Alex Urciuoli and Tom Sprague at work at CG Station Monterey!

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- Have Fun!
- Win the Phifer Award! (DONE! 😊)
- Have all Flotillas show photos/ videos of last year's events PRIOR to the events reoccurring this year. Show our members what a great time everyone has at the events and encourage everyone to participate.
- Have all Flotillas qualify for the NACO 3 Star Excellence in Diversity Award. (*Flotillas 6-4 and 6-7 received the Award!!!*)
- Sign up three Division Members to earn the RBS Device. Encourage everyone. (*We had one member earn his RBS device this year!*)
- Have two Division Members qualify for AUXOP. Encourage everyone. (*Peter Kyril received his AUXOP!*)
- Make Flotilla Meetings and Division Meetings more pertinent and fun, thereby increasing meeting participation and retention.
- Contact inactive members, encourage activity, learn about roadblocks to inactivity.
- Encourage all Flotilla activities to be considered Division Activities. Although Flotillas will take the lead, Division identification is important for cohesiveness and morale.
- Encourage Members of each Flotilla to attend other Flotilla meetings to increase Division identification.
- Train Division Staff Officers to “own” their areas of responsibility....to monitor, assist and mentor Flotilla Staff Officers.
- Insure timely reporting by Division and Flotilla Staff Officers. I know this may be next to impossible, but my recent purchase of a cattle prod may help!
- Encourage all Division members to attend PCA and D-Train....Great Training and Fellowship! Increase the number of crew qualified Division Members by at least 2 and increase Division member participation in the Santa Cruz and Antler's OPTREX's. (*This year, more members attended both training events than in previous years!*)
- Increase the excellent support provided to CG Station Monterey, USCG Cutter Hawksbill, the local harbor masters and other local agencies. Inquire and analyze how we can increase our support.



RBS PROJECT	GOAL	CURRENT STATUS
Surface Operations (hrs.)	1700	1244
Marine Dealer Visits	1150	787
Public Ed. (enrollment)	160	202
Vessel Safety Checks	650	359
Volunteer Hours	18,000	10,263

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry B. Edelen
DCDR – Division 6

