## **DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT**

To: DCO Mary Kirkwood, D11NR

Cc: District Board and Staff

Date: MARCH REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2019 ACTIVITIES

Division: 6 – Gold Coast DCDR: Jane D. Smith

### HIGHLIGHTS

• **February 13<sup>th</sup>** -Valentine's party for Station.

- **February 28**<sup>th</sup> Team Coast Guard went to the New Republic Elementary School in Salinas California to participate in the nation-wide "Read Across America" program.
- **February** Coast Guard Pier clean up Keith Simmons.
- Surface Operations vessels Division 6 #219, #522 and #474
- Flotillas 67 and 6-10 continue with PE classes.
- Kim Huynh SO-Communication Service working hard on website to update.

### **DETAILS**

- **February 13<sup>th</sup>** Station Monterey Valentine's Party was once again a great success! Like last year's event, VFC Bobbi Kamil coordinated and hosted with a multitude of Division 6 volunteers, especially in the Galley(!) in order to put on an event that Station Monterey crew looks forward to every year.
- **February** Keith Simons of Flotilla 67, again, is cleaning up Station Monterey's USCG pier of litter (cigarette butts, scraps of plastic, paper, an occasional can or bottle, fishing lines and hooks). This litter control, on a continual basis, most of the time keeps it out of our Monterey Bay. This effort is also a positive public relations activity, and reflects well on the Auxiliary for Station Monterey's Boat Crews of the RBS 29', and MLB 47', and CGC Hawksbill.
- **February Operations** 12 hours total on the water for our surface vessels (#219, #522, & #474). Adding to the time out caused by the government shutdown, weather was bad during January & February and safety was the concern.
- **Education** Flotillas 67 and 6-10 continued the classes SS&S, BS&S and Navigation through February.
- **February** Websites Kim Huynh Flotilla 67, SO CS has been working diligently on both Division 6 and Capitola 6-10 websites. Flotilla 67's website is up-to-date.

#### **PROJECTS**

- March 21<sup>st</sup>, at noon at Station Monterey, a Dockwalkers training day, with Vivian Matuk, is scheduled.
- Upon request, Ray David of Flotilla 64, Morro Bay, is available for Commercial Fishing Vessel Exams and Uninspected Passenger Vessel Exams.

### CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

- Cecil Claspell Flotilla 64, has been able to secure the Monterey Yacht Club for use of public education classes.
- Many members need encouragement to be more involved in Vessel Examinations and Marine Dealer Visits.
- Glenn Marshall Flotilla 67 FSO-DV has been reaching out to UCSC students and found two interested in joining. Also, he is promoting the Auxiliary at the Watsonville Airport and at Marinas along our coast for Boating Classes and Program Visits.

## **AGENCY INTERACTION**

- **February 13<sup>th</sup>** This Valentine dinner, was for Station Monterey and Hawksbill Active Duty, spouses, significant others, children, relatives, and guests. This augmentation event was in support of and in appreciation of Active Duty. This was truly an outstanding event through which the Auxiliary expressed its appreciation of the Active Duty and likewise the Active Duty was very appreciative of Auxiliarists putting on the event for them.
- Here's the list of Division 6 Auxiliary planners, workers, and participants present for the event.

### **Monterey Flotilla 6-4**

- Bobbi Kamil
- Anthony Budlong
- Craig Johnson
- Mark McLaughlin
- Jerry Edelen
- John Ittelson
- Eileen Robinson
- Michael Goldberg
- Michelle Goldberg
- Deborah Mathews
- Brian Babcock
- Keith Simmons
- Alex Urciouli
- Lewis Alexander
- Cecil Claspell

### Capitola Flotilla 6-10

- Jane Smith
- Michele Maliesky
- Dave Frisbey

### Santa Cruz Flotilla 6-7

- Kim Huynh
- Radeene Anguiano
- On February 28<sup>th</sup>, "Read Across America" program Team Coast Guard went to the New Republic Elementary School in Salinas, California to participate in the nation-wide "Read Across America" program to read to the children, speak about the Coast Guard and answer questions from the children and their parents. Participating from Coast Guard Station Monterey were: Seamen John Roberts, Anthony Granador Guevaro, Michael Bongiorno, Andres Gonzales and Emme Flisar. Participating from Division 6 were Karen Yoder

(organizer), FC Alex Urciuoli, VFC Bobbi Kamil, IPFC Craig Johnson, Tony Budlong, Ben Fowler, John Ittelson and Jerry Edelen. It was an outstanding activity with dozens of families participating. There is no doubt that the visibility of the Coast Guard was raised substantially and that down the road these children will include the Coast Guard as a possible profession.

# **GOALS OF DIVISION 6**

- Retain and Recruit Contact inactive members, encourage activity, learn roadblocks to activity
- Conduct PA events to present the Auxiliary to the public. Goal each quarter.
- Continue to offer training to members as requested.
- Coordinate emergency services throughout Division 6
- Increase interaction, communication, shared events, and training between Flotillas.
- Goal will be reviewed for RBS monthly.
- Continue the excellent rapport with CG Station Monterey, USCG Cutter Hawksbill, the local harbors and other local agencies. We are always looking through our interaction for ways we can help.
- Multiple events involving more than one flotilla allow for great fellowship and awareness. This provides for timely acquisition of information from many entities and allows for timely dissemination to the flotilla member.

RBS PROJECT		GOAL 2019	<b>CURRENT STATUS 2019</b>	
Surface	Operations	1300	46	
(hrs.)				
Marine Dealer Visits		1100	14	
Public Ed. (enrollment)		250	62	
Vessel Safety Checks		299	8	
Volunteer Hours		15,000	1,335	



Team Auxiliarists, of Division 6, led by Bobbi Kamil Service dishes to Station Monterey and Families (photo by Jane Smith)



Coasties with Chief DaWalt and spouses enjoying the Valentine Dinner (photo by Jane Smith)



Valentine decorations and cake (photo by Jane Smith)



Coast Guard Auxiliary teamed up with Coast Guard Station Monterey for "Read Across America" (photo by Jerry Edelen)



Auxiliary and Coast Guard with students as they conduct "Read Across America" (photo by Jerry Edelen)

Respectfully submitted,

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