



DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

To: DCO Mary Kirkwood, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
Date: APRIL REPORT FOR MARCH 2019 ACTIVITIES
Division: 6 – Gold Coast
DCDR: Jane D. Smith

HIGHLIGHTS

- **February** – Invited by our Commander, Lieutenant Gatti, - Keith Simmons, VCDR, and myself to a council meeting at the EOC, Salinas (see agency interaction).
- **March 2nd** – Commissioning of the CGC Robert Ward
- **March**- Coast Guard Pier clean up – Keith Simmons. Northwind article (see agency interaction)
- **March** - Surface Operations vessels – Division 6 - #219, #522, #474,
- **March** - Flotillas 67 and 6-10 continue with PE classes.
- **March** - Kim Huynh – SO-Communication Service working hard Flotilla 64 website to update.
- **March** – D Train for Division 6.
- **March 26** – A team of five Vessel Examiners

DETAILS

- **March 2nd** – Commissioning of the CGC Robert Ward at Yerba Buena Island. Four members of Division 6 were invited and attended. Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Neal, USMC (retired) was honored as the Long Glass Presenter. Ralph is a member of Flotilla 64. This year will be his 55th with CG Auxiliary!!
- **March** - 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.
- **March - Operations** – 16 hours total on the water for our surface vessels, Capitola, #219 and #522.
- #474 – Monterey surface vessel with a total of 32 hours from the month, also had a SAR, rescuing a man that was drowning, Bravo Zulu!
- **March 21st** - Dockwalker training day was given at Station Monterey with Vivian Matuk. Nine Flotilla 64 Auxiliarists completed the training and were issued their "Dockwalker" certificates.
- **March Education** - Flotillas 67 continued the classes – SS&S and Navigation through March. 6-10 finishing BS&S April 10th.
- **March** – Websites - Kim Huynh – Flotilla 67, SO - CS – has been working diligently on Flotilla 64's website with FC, Alex Urcioui.
- **March** – Division 6 won the Phifer Award once again with Station Monterey. Other members also won awards for Division 6. Six members of Division 6 attended the D-Train in Reno, Nevada.



- **March 25th and 26th**– A team of five Vessel Examiners conducted kayak VSC’s in Monterey area.

PROJECTS

- **May** time frame – with Station Monterey and other emergency agencies, two different practice SAR’s in Monterey and Santa Cruz Harbor area are being organized with Auxiliary involved, & possibly with AUXAIR.
- **May 18th** - Preparations are being made for NSBW with different venues for the three Flotillas.
- **May 26** – Preparations being made for Memorial Day observance at the Monterey USCG pier.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

- Many members need encouragement to be more involved in Vessel Examinations and Marine Dealer Visits. Also, difficult in getting members to step up for Flotilla Staff Officer positions.
- Glenn Marshall – Flotilla 67 – FSO-DV - continues to reach out to UCSC students besides the two that joined. Also, he is promoting the Auxiliary at the Watsonville Airport and at Marinas along our coast for Boating Classes and Program Visits.
- Chuck Cobery 6-10 found a member to take over the Marine Safety Position, Dave Jardin.

AGENCY INTERACTION

- **February** – Invitation by Commander, Lieutenant Gatti, of Station Monterey, extended to Keith Simmons, VCDR and myself to participate in case of emergency response with other local agencies at the EOC in Salinas. As Auxiliary, we were able to add the information of how our Boating Safety Classes help the local areas in emergencies.
- **March** - An article about our Auxiliary litter control mission on the Monterey CG Pier was published this month, USCG Pier Monterey Auxiliary Environmental Mission, by Lt. John Gatti and Keith Simmons in the Northwind.
- **March** – Working with Santa Cruz Harbor to gain access to the dock to do more Vessel Exams.

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.
- Progress towards 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	CURRENT STATUS 2019
Surface Operations (hrs.)		1300 hours	58 hours
Marine Dealer Visits		1100	182



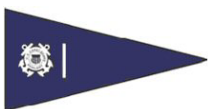
Public Ed. (enrollment)	250	82
Vessel Safety Checks	299	223
Volunteer Hours	15,000	2,431



Auxiliarist Ralph Neal on the right with other veterans at the CGC Robert Ward Commissioning (photo by Jerry Edelen) March 2, 2019



Left to right, Deputy National Commodore Wally Smith with Executive Officer of Station Monterey, Lieutenant Cate Giguere & Auxiliary Liaison Ensign Sarah Davis (photo by Jane D. Smith)





**Winning the Phifer Award, from left to right
Deputy National Commodore Wally Smith, Jane Smith DCDR, XO Cate Giguere Station Monterey, Bobbi
Kamil, VFC, John Ittelson, and Karen Yoder Flotilla 64, Sector Liaison to the Auxiliary Ensign Sarah Davis, &
Jerry Edelen (photo by John Ittelson)**



**Out on patrol vessels #219 with #522 (not shown) near Santa Cruz Harbor
(photo by Chuck Cobery)**





VEs Robb Kay and Keith Simmons conducting kayak VSCs at Adventures by the Sea, Lovers Point, Pacific Grove, on March 25. (Photo by vendor manager with Keith Simmons' phone camera)

Respectfully submitted,

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