



District Eleven Northern Region
DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT – 113-03

MONTH ENDING: 30 JUNE 2019

TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood

FROM: DCDR 03 Jeff Fite

Highlights:

- *Side Kick* was involved in 4 of 17 SAR cases conducted by STA Rio Vista
- California Capital Airshow upcoming & STEM day
- Kay-John Kavanaugh OPS Excellence Award
- AUX Fun Day 6/22
- First Aid & CPR classes at FLT 31
- Ron Clark was commended for service as a Watchstander

Details:

- Kudos to John Hardin, owner and Coxswain of AUX Vessel *Side Kick*, for consistently serving the boating public. In June, he completed with patrols, and participated in four out of seventeen total SAR cases in STA Rio Vista's AOR.
- The California Capital Airshow is starting to ramp-up, ahead of the show dates of October 5 & 6. Division 3 has been invited to have a PA booth on both days of the show, and we have commitments to include a static display of an AUX surface facility, an AUX air facility, an HC-27J from AIRSTA Sacramento, and the ever-popular Coastie. (All subject to availability.)
- On June 22nd, the CCA organizers held a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math event for local schoolchildren, and Flotilla 35's Bernard Brown attended. He operated a PA booth, made several recruiting contacts, and has established the Task Force for Division 3's participation at the Airshow.
- Also on June 22nd, Flotilla 33 hosted a Family Appreciation Day and celebration of the Auxiliary's 80th birthday at Folsom Lake SRA. The ranger unit there has come to rely on the Auxiliary for RBS support, particularly in this high-water year. A BBQ and several family events were held.
- DIV 3's COX Kay-John Kavanaugh earned the Operational Excellence Ribbon. BZ!
- FC Ken Craft of Flotilla 31 taught CPR and First Aid classes in May & June, certifying many members in each.
- AUX Ron Clark has been a watch stander for many years at AIRSTA Sacramento, and in June was awarded the AUX Commendation Medal for his service

Projects

- Division Commander's member preparedness initiative: CERT preparedness course TBD
- SAR exercise to include air and surface assets is in the planning stages, and will probably start with a sand-table OPEX.

Future Activities

- California Capital Airshow, October 5-6th
- Division 3 COW, January 11th. Sacramento Yacht Club docks and clubhouse.

Challenges

- Additional surface facilities needed
- Air facilities are struggling to get mission hours (maintenance, aging of aircraft owners)
- Insufficient IS officers, and little interest by members in becoming IS qualified
- Recruitment and retention

Agency Interactions:

- State Parks Folsom Lake (ongoing radio guard for patrols)

Goals and Objectives

- Complete assembly of the Photo Op Banner frame
- Complete repairs to DIV 3's Coastie

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Fite', with a stylized flourish at the end.

—Jeff Fite, DCDR 03

Division 113-03 (Greater Sacramento and the California Delta)