



U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
District Eleven North Region  
DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT



To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore

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From: Paul Custance, Division Commander

Division: 113-07

**HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Division and Flotilla's socials
2. On the Water fireworks
3. Bear Lake Raspberry Days Festival
4. OPTREX
5. Supporting the funeral of Chief Petty Officer Jared Reaves
6. ABS classes
7. Division 7 elections

**DETAILS:**

1. **Division and Flotilla's socials:** Last year we held our Change of Watch at the Desert Star Theater. Those who participated attended the live show after the Change of Watch dinner. Each were given extra free tickets to return for use later in the summer for a free performance. Our members decided to get together and attend a play on July 10<sup>th</sup>. We had approximately 16 members who attended. This was a fun event and created a great fellowshiping event. Flotilla 7-3 held a Pancake breakfast on July 6<sup>th</sup> where 10 members attended.
2. **On the Water fireworks event:** On July 13<sup>th</sup> our Division supported the On the Water fireworks event at Jordanelle State Park. We had 8 facilities providing on the water support from 0800 until 2400 hours. The vessels included the Blessings, Challenger, Justice, Rover, Trophy One, Z-boat, PWC 1, PWC 2 and the radio facility on shore as AUXCOM. This was a well-supported event with a large number of Division 7 members assisting in all aspects of our mission. Bravo Zulu to all members of Division 7 and their teams for supporting this event.
3. **Bear Lake Raspberry Days Festival** August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> supported by auxiliary facility Mama Bear for all 3 days and Justice on Saturday. We had 7 members support this event. Saturday evening, they had a Boat Parade of Lights with a large number of participants which was very festive. On shore they had a fireworks show.
4. **OPTREX** will be August 17<sup>th</sup> at Jordanelle Reservoir. We have approximately 3 initial Crew, 7 crew and coxswain requalification's in our Division. Point of contact is Mike Thompson.
5. **Supporting the funeral:** We were asked to support the funeral for Gold Side Chief Petty Officer Jared Reaves. The Coast Guard brought a full Honor Guard team from Virginia that was very impressive. It included an 8-man Rifle Team, one bugler and five others to escort the family. We had approximately 25 Coast guardsmen attend the services for Jared.

Division 7 had six members assist in the services, this was well-supported by all. Matt James was in attendance and spoke at the services. We have one member of our Division putting together a public affairs article in regards to this event.

6. **ABS Classes:** July 12<sup>th</sup> Flotilla 7-6 held an ABS Class at Hill Air Force Base at the Log Cabin. Three attended and graduated. July 20<sup>th</sup> Flotilla 7-3 held a Boating Safety Class, they had 9 students, 8 of them are from a Sea Scout ship from Pocatello, Idaho. They come down to Lehi Utah to take the ABS class and all graduated.
7. **Division 7 elections** will be September 26, letters of intent to run for elected office will need to be submitted by July 26<sup>th</sup>. The Election Committee Chairman will be Mike Thompson.

### **CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES**

- 1 We need more new membership.
1. We need to keep our current membership active.
2. We need to activate the inactive members through fellowship actives.
3. We need to qualify more boat crew members!

### **Upcoming dates:**

1. OPTREX will be August 17<sup>th</sup> at Jordanelle Reservoir
2. August 17<sup>th</sup> at Willard Bay in the evening will be a fireworks display which is a large event and Flotilla 7-6 will be covering this event.
3. August 23<sup>rd</sup> Flotilla 7-6 will teach a Boating Safety Course at Hill Air Force Base.
4. August 24<sup>th</sup> Flotilla 7-3 ABS class will be taught at Cabela's in Lehi. Utah

Note: Please check out the Flotilla's photo galleries in our Division, they have a number of wonderful photos. There are far too many to put on this report.

End of report.