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DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
DATE: NOV. REPORT FOR SEPT, OCT 2019 ACTIVITIES
DIVISION: 10---San Joaquin Valley
DCDR (acting): Donald Pierce

Highlights:

- OPTREX Lake Don Pedro
- Election for 2020
- Change of Watch
- Flotillas
- Projects

DETAILS:

- **OPTREX dates: Sept 27-29 (QE Saturday Sept 28th)**

Location: Lake Don Pedro, Blue Oak Recreation Area

OTO, W2 Dustin Finkelson worked with training attendees and listened to concerns. One suggestion was to have an OTO Newsletter. The end result was the OTO CHRONICAL. First edition was excellent.

Requal Cox'n: 2

Requal Crew: 2

Initial Crew: 1

- **DIVISION 10 ELECTIONS at OPTREX: Donald Pierce DCDR, Bill Boersma VDCDR.**
- **CHANGE OF WATCH: 26 October 2019**, at the Ratzlaff Ranch in the Sanger area. Sector San Francisco CDR Rivera, DIRAUX CDR Keenan, District 11N Dean McFarren DCOS and Jerry Edlen DCAPT, San Joaquin Sheriff Deputy Jose Aleman were guests. Weather, Food and Fellowship was Excellent. Horses and Dogs were not a problem.
- **MODESTO FLOTILLA 10-02**
 1. CORE AND RM TRAINING DOING VERY WELL
 2. SALMON FESTIVAL
 3. ELECTION: Linda Bradon Flotilla Commander, Steve Bradon Vice Flotilla Commander.
 4. Mike Rafatti as a new RM Facilitator, conducted an excellent class for the RM Refresher 4 hour class, 12 people attended.
- **STOCKTON FLOTILLA 10-03:**

Stockton show the quality of their participation at Division 10 Change of Watch, some of the Awards were very close but they took home Most Outstanding Flotilla, Karl Keller

Operations, Anthony Leonardi Program Visits, Karl Keller Instructor, Karl Keller Vessel Examiner, Nick Patterson Division Auxiliariist of the Year. Billy Ray Commanders Award for Leadership Excellence. ABS classes are scheduled in Nov and a Toy Drive for the Gold Side Rio Vista members. The Flotilla has been in communication with Sea Scout Ship 2, Modesto for a year and is in process of working under the newly approved MOA. Training, Boating Safety Classes and a beneficial relationship will result.

- **FRESNO FLOTILLA 10-05:**

The Flotilla is undergoing many changes, caused by retirements and serious illness. They are

slowly increasing their VSCs. The FRESNO VETERAN'S PARADE is moving into the final stages of planning. Steve Pitts is bringing together other Agencies with Boats to display in the Parade.

- **KAWEAH FLOTILLA 10-06:**

Election: Howard Ratzlaff FC, Richard Myers VFC

New Officer Training and Flotilla Staff development

COW, 7 December 2019, 0900hrs Marie Calendar's Mooney Blvd /Hwy 198 Visalia

Training new Crew, Instructors and TCOs.

Working hard for D-TRAIN 2021, OPTREX and COW. 2020

PROJECTS

- FACILITY REPAIRS and UPGRADE
- OPEX AND OPTREX
- COMMITTEES
- D-TRAIN 2020, 2021
- SEA SCOUTS, establish relation with Ships in the Division working with the new DSO-AS

CHALLENGES/OBSTICLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

Attrition/Attrition/ Recruitment and Education

AGENCY INTERACTION:

Each Flotilla AOR has different environments which teams them up with: GOLD SIDE, many COUNTY SHERIFF DEPTs, Bureau of Land Management, USACE, CA PARKS AND RECREATION, FISH AND WILDLIFE

GOALS OF DIVISION 10:

- FLOTILLAS TO WORK AS A TEAM
- RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION
- MORE INSTRUCTORS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION
- MORE FACILITIES, COX'N AND CREW
- STRONGER EFFORT FOR VSCs and PROGRAM VISITS
- REPORTS ARE OUR FRIEND

END OF REPORT