



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

MONTH ENDING: 31 OCTOBER 2019

TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood

FROM: DCDR 03 Jeff Fite

### Highlights:

- California Capital Airshow PA Event Oct 3-4
- 80 years of Auxiliary Radio oct 12
- All Flotillas have started to make 2020 plans

### Details:

- Division 3 SO-PA Bob Schabert made contact with the organizers of the California Capital Airshow, held this year on October 3rd & 4th at Mather Field near Sacramento. The Division had its first-ever PA and recruitment event at the Airshow this year, and while the initial booth was modest, Bob and I both spoke with Airshow organizers and were assured we could have a bigger 'footprint' in 2020, capable of supporting static displays of AUX (and possibly active-duty) air and surface facilities.
- A Ham/HF radio event celebrating the 80th anniversary of USCG Auxiliary Radio Operations was held at the station of Flotilla 3-10's FC, Larry Stanton, on October 12th. Several active and retired Auxiliarists—and one representative of a local Ham Radio club—were on hand making radio contact with friends across the country and sharing fellowship at the barbecue lunch.
- In reading the FC reports, I note that all Flotillas in Division 3 are already looking ahead to 2020. Planned activities include a Sportsman's Expo, a regional Boat Show, ABS classes commencing in January (and focusing on the Sea Scouts) plus more throughout the year, classes on Marine Safety & Environmental Protection at two local school districts and quarterly with the American River Parkway Foundation, a Division-wide boat crew academy, and field trips to the Forgotten Warriors Museum in Marysville and to the US Army Corps of Engineers' Bay/Delta Hydrological Model.

### Projects

- Complete assembly of the Photo Op Banner frame

### Future Activities

- 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:

- Sea Scout Ship 1119 *Nebula* with Flotilla 3-10.

### Goals and Objectives

- Implement the recruitment and retention strategies being developed by HR and EXCOM
- Increase the number of surface facilities by 2

- Increase the number of Marine Safety-qualified members by 3
- Advance all members in IQ status to BQ (and scan for 'stuck' AP members)

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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)