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Division 6 – Gold Coast Area

To: DCO Mary Kirkwood, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
Date: MARCH REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2020 ACTIVITIES
Division: 6 – Gold Coast
DCAPT: Randy McCormick
DCDR: Chuck Cobery DCDR

Reports for February 2020 Missions, Events, and Activities

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SO-CS Communication Services Kim Huynh

Updated the Division 6 website "Member Only" section with DCDR's report and added new pictures under "Contact Us" and "What's New".

Assisted the new Monterey website FSO-CS Deb Mathews and successfully turned over the website; Deb is doing a great job.

SO-DV Diversity Tracy Schutz

At the Division meeting I relayed the latest information from Coast Guard Headquarters in relation to diversity and inclusion as a result of my continuing involvement in their diversity and inclusion action plan implementation team. The Coast Guard has identified diversity/inclusion as a major topic of focus. I reached out to all Division

appoint diversity officers and encourage those officers to apply for the NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity.

Goals 2020

Continue to have all units receive the NACO 3 Star award.

Ensure that all units have appointed a DV officer

Have every unit conduct at least one diversity class to staff/members.

"Division Commanders and Shipmates,

The United States Coast Guard has identified Diversity and Inclusion as a number one topic of focus; as well as number one on its agenda and line of effort.

To that end, the Auxiliary has the NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity which can be used to acknowledge and chart our progress in this area.

Last year, D11N received 7 awards which was the most ever by the District. However, this places D11N only 11th out of the 16 Districts nationally.

Commodore Kirkwood would like to improve those numbers and ensure that Diversity and Inclusion are an integral component of District 11N.

To achieve this, I would strongly encourage the appointment of Diversity Officers at all levels.

According to the AuxDirectory as of February 19th, D11N has 10 Divisions with 7 that have appointed Diversity Officers. As of January 10th, only 28 of 49 eligible diversity positions within the District had been filled.

In addition to the NACO Three Star Award, there are numerous PowerPoints related to Diversity and Inclusion, Culture of Respect, New Officer Guidelines that are available on the USCG Auxiliary Diversity Directorate website that can be presented at meetings or to members for additional information on the topics.

Lastly, the Diversity Directorate conducts National Town Hall meetings about once a month to discuss pertinent topics and provide a "how to" primer on filling out the award. Please review the resources on the Diversity Directorate website: [U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary - Diversity](http://www.uscg-auxiliary.org/diversity)

Most of our Flotillas and Divisions are already diverse and inclusive. Tackling the award is a step to both self-reflect on areas of strengths, and address areas where we may need to improve.

It is also a great way to acknowledge the efforts and achievements of our shipmates.

If you have Diversity Officers in your COL who are not applying for the award or teaching classes with the available resources, you may need to ask yourself, "why not and are they right for the position?"

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at any time.

All the very best,

Sincerely,

Tracy Schultz, Ph.D.

ANACO--DVd

DSO--DV

"Assess, Adapt, Achieve

The Division 6 account balance as of February 29, 2020 is **\$5,738**. Division 6 is due to pay the 2020 Annual District Dues bill of \$4,563 in the month of March.

SO-HR Human Resources Thor Rasmussen

Flotilla 6-07, Santa Cruz

FSO-HR: Glen Marshall:

For February we did not have any new recruits, but we did take one of our newest members up to Coast Guard Island to get uniform items and a tour of a Cutter.

SO-MS Marine Safety & Environmental Protection Alexander Urciuoli

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. AUXAIR Bravo Patrol flown by Glen Marshall, 67 and Alex Urciuoli, 64 on Saturday, February 22nd.
2. Marine Dealer Visits (MDVs) were conducted by 64 Members Ray David and Tom Stead.
3. AUXAIR Patrols Eight total patrols flown by Flotilla 6-7 members Glen Marshall, Gabrielle Adelman, and Sean Sheehan in February.
4. Santa Cruz Fire Department & Santa Cruz Harbor on safety projects.

DETAILS:

1. AUXAIR Bravo Patrol Division 6 members Glen Marshall, Santa Cruz 67 and Alex Urciuoli, Monterey 64 conducted a Bravo Patrol of Northern CA coast AOR, Saturday, February 22nd. A report was filed with NOAA at the patrol's conclusion.
2. Marine Dealer Visits (MDVs) In February, Ray David Completed 7 MDVs, and also had a training meeting with Will Sumner DSO-MS. In addition, David is seeking to do UPV Exams in Morro Bay. Tom Stead qualified as an MDV and completed one visit on his own. These Morro Bay 64 members are also available for Commercial Fishing Vessel Examinations (CFVEs) and Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examiners (UPVs) arranged upon request.
3. AUXAIR Patrols and training In February, Flotilla 67 members had two operational facilities based in the Division 6 area, a fixed wing Maule M4 and a Robinson R44 helicopter. We have two pilots and one observer working on aircrew (from Monterey 64), and two observer trainees. The patrols flown by our 67 members for February are as follows:
Gabrielle Adelman flew two patrols as pilot and one as a crewmember for three total.
Glen Marshall flew three patrols as pilot and two as a crewmember for five total.
Sean Sheehan flew two patrols as an observer trainee. We flew regular patrols and did some training for aircrew and also worked with an Aux surface vessel for SAR training exercises. All were fun!

4. David Jardin at Flotilla 6-10 reports that he is currently working with the Santa Cruz Fire Department & Santa Cruz Harbor and coordinating with the Santa Cruz Harbor on Marine fire prevention program and demonstration (*more information on this effort in the coming weeks*).

PROJECTS:

Find a replacement person/crew to take over cleaning the USCG Pier in Monterey. Now that Keith Simmons has resigned his membership in the Auxiliary in order to travel and spend more time with his extended family, efforts are underway to find others interested in continuing this fine effort of keeping the pier spotless. (*More information on this in the coming weeks.*)

Division 6 Marine Safety Goals for 2020:

1. A primary goal for the coming year is to continue participating in the activities and events as highlighted in 2019.
2. Along with the above, strengthening contacts and working more closely with other community organizations and agencies in the marine safety area for the Monterey Bay.
3. Have more regular personal contact between the FSO-MS officers of Capitola, Monterey, and Santa Cruz to see what each flotilla in Division 6 is doing in Marine Safety, share ideas, and help each other to achieve both individual Flotilla and Division 6 goals for 2020.

SO-NS Navigation Systems **Bruce Simpson**

During the month of February, I received our annual assignment of bridges and aids to navigation from District. I distributed them appropriately to our qualified aids verifiers, Wally Smith, Brian O'Mara and myself. O'Mara will complete the verifications in Monterey. Wally Smith will complete the ones in Santa Cruz, and I'll do the Moss Landing and Aptos aids.

Also, I completed the verification of the two bridges in Santa Cruz and completed the necessary forms for District.

SO-OP Operations **Mark McLaughlin**

At the Flotilla 6-4 March 10th meeting the One Hour 2020 OPS Seminar will be presented. This seminar is mandatory for all surface operational auxiliarists. All flotilla members are invited to attend for an informational update.

SO-PA Public Affairs **Sonia Foster**

The annual Valentine's Day BBQ took place on Wednesday February 12 at Coast Guard Station Monterey. The event was a big success for the active duty and Auxiliarists. Fun was had by everybody. The food was great. Even the decorations were good. This wonderful event was organized and coordinated by Bobbi Kamil. Heading up the BBQ was Mark McLaughlin. With the help of many Auxiliarists from our flotilla and division the event went off without a hitch. See attached photos.

SO-PE Public Education **Scott Galloway**

Winter/Spring P.E. Classes in Santa Cruz began on Thursday January 8, 2020. Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S), Sailing Skills and Seamanship (SS&S) , and Coastal Navigation (CN) classes will continue until mid-April. Flotilla 67 Members Bruce Krogstad and Marius Landauer have joined the Instructor team for the CN and SS&S classes.

The classes in progress are:

Course: BS&S started on Wednesday Jan 15, 2020, SS&S started on Thursday Jan 16, 2020, 15 weeks, and Coastal Navigation Started on Monday Jan 13, 2020, 14 weeks.

The PE classes are free to all Division 6 Auxiliaries. BS&S and SS&S courses remain an excellent way to move from IQ to BQ status. The Coastal Navigation class teaches both traditional and electric coastal navigation. The locally published textbook, The Accidental Navigator written by Auxiliary Scott Galloway, and its companion workbook written by Auxiliary Ray Burch are used to teach this traditional coastal navigation due to shortcomings in the Weekend Navigator textbook. We engage in plotting cruise problems in class using the Monterey Bay Chart # 18685 utilizing charts and plotting tools owned by the instructor. We also teach electronic navigation including use of GPS, RADAR, depth sounders, VHF Radio, AIS, EPIRB, and other marine electronic devices. We teach use of chart plotting software using an in-class computer laboratory provided by Auxiliary Peter Adams. This course is an excellent way to prepare for the AUXNAV exam.

Division 6 Flotilla Commander Reports for February 2020

Flotilla 6-4 Monterey Alex Urciuoli

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. **Annual Station Monterey Valentine's Day Party 2020**
2. **America Reads 2020.**
3. **AUXAIR Bravo Patrol** Flown on Saturday, February 22nd.

DETAILS:

1. **Annual Station Monterey Valentine's Day Party 2020** One of the highlights of the year, this party was held on Wednesday, February 12th at Station Monterey. Coordinated by FVC Bobbi Kamil SO-FS extraordinaire, and her wonderful crew. Multiple positive comments about the food and the decorations were made by Station Monterey crew. Once again, a great success!
2. **America Reads 2020** Held at 64 member Karen Yoder's school, New Republic Elementary School in Salinas on February 27th. Members Jerry Edelen, Craig Johnson, Alex Urciuoli and leader, Karen Yoder read about the USCG to enthusiastic and attentive schoolkids.
3. **AUXAIR Bravo Patrol** Division 6 members Glen Marshall, 67 and Alex Urciuoli, 64 conducted a Bravo Patrol of Northern CA coast AOR on February 22nd. As is standard, a report was filed with NOAA at the patrol's conclusion.

PROJECTS:

1. **Ralph Neal memorial/celebration of his life** The service will be held on Saturday, March 14th at 11am at the Old Whaling Station adobe. At the request of Ralph's family, Mark McLaughlin will be one of the speakers at Saturday's memorial. The service will be followed by lunch. The address is 391 Decatur, Monterey. On Sunday, March 15th, in Santa Cruz, AUX patrol vessel *Mei Long* will serve for the burial-at-sea ceremony and scattering Ralph's ashes on the water.
2. **Operations Seminar will be given at the March 10, 2020 Flotilla Meeting** Per Mark McLaughlin, the 2020 OPS Seminar has been released for presentation. All surface operational flotilla members *must* attend the 2020 OPS Seminar before June 2020 to prevent going into REYR. The 2020 OPS Seminar will be presented during the March Flotilla 6-4 meeting. All surface operational members plus all interested members are invited to attend.
3. **AUXAIR Patrols** Division 6 members Glen Marshall, 67 and Alex Urciuoli, 64 should be scheduled to conduct their next AUXAIR Patrol probably in late March.
4. **Find a replacement person/crew to take over cleaning the USCG Pier in Monterey** Now that Keith Simmons has resigned his membership in the Auxiliary in order to travel and spend more time with his extended family, efforts are underway to find others interested in continuing this fine effort of keeping the pier spotless. (*More information in the coming weeks.*)

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

1. **Ralph Neal memorial/celebration of his life** --See Information above.
2. **Upcoming Operations Seminar Slated for March 10, 2020 Flotilla Meeting**--See Information above.
3. **AUXAIR Patrols**--See Information above.
4. **Find a replacement person/crew to take over cleaning the USCG Pier in Monterey**--See Information above.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. **Annual Station Monterey Valentine's Day Party 2020** : One of the highlights of the year, this party was held on Wednesday, February 12th at Station Monterey. Both USCG Active Duty, Auxiliary, and their families participated.
2. **America Reads 2020** Held at 64 member Karen Yoder's school, New Republic Elementary School, in Salinas on February 27th. Auxiliary members interacted with local teachers, school staff and read about the USCG to enthusiastic and attentive schoolkids and their families.
3. **AUXAIR Bravo and Delta Patrols** All AUXAIR patrols are D11NR and Division 6 activities. USCG Air Station San Francisco is the Order Issuing Authority and Sector SF keeps the comms guard of all Auxiliary aviators while on patrol. Standard reports are also filed with NOAA after each Bravo Patrol's conclusion.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. **Recruit, Support, and Maintain new 64 members** Over the past year, Flotilla 64 has seen a number of retirements of long-serving members. In order to keep 64 as vibrant and active as it has been over the past decade, an effort to find new members for whom the USCG Auxiliary would be a "good fit" is a priority.
2. **Train and Support 64's new CS Officer.** Help her in her many duties, and in maintaining the Flotilla Monterey website.
3. **Find a new individual/crew to help keep the USCG Pier clean** After ten years of valuable and dedicated service, Keith Simmons is discontinuing his Auxiliary membership in order to spend more time with his family as well as travel to his beloved Maui. Many thanks!! Aloha Keith!!!
4. **Keep improving the quality of Flotilla 64 meetings** In 2019, there has been a concerted effort by both Flotilla 64 FC and VFC to keep meetings brief and more interesting by including the use of technology and having presenters as often as possible.
5. **Air Observer/Air Crew training** Like in 2019, under Glen Marshall's continuing leadership, get Division 6 pilots and observers trained and qualified so that local aviation assets can be self-sustaining, and can begin to work with local Active Duty personnel and AUX Boat Crews.

Flotilla 6-7 Santa Cruz Sean Sheehan

During February, which is African American history month, we watched a movie at our Flotilla meeting about African Americans overcoming prejudice and excelling in the U.S. Lifesaving Service, a predecessor of the Coast Guard. The movie was excellent and well received by our members.

Flotilla 6-10 Capitola David Frisbey

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Conducted four marine patrols out of Santa Cruz Harbor
2. Received annual assignment of bridges and aids to navigation for qualified ATON verifiers
3. Conducted vessel examinations

DETAILS:

1. On February 29th, Aux Vessel Mei Long participated in a joint ops man overboard scenario with an Aux Air asset from Flotilla 6-7.
2. We received our annual assignment of bridges and aids to navigation for qualified ATON verifiers, which will be verified during scheduled surface patrols.
3. 6-10 Members Wally Smith and Chuck Cobery began conducting vessel safety examinations on request.

PROJECTS:

1. Reserved Auxiliary Communications Vehicle for display at Boating Safety Week in May at the Santa Cruz Harbor.
2. Scheduled Communications course with Alan Stanton for March 21, 2020 at the Santa Cruz Harbor Meeting Room
3. Scheduling Vessel Examiner course with Wally Smith.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

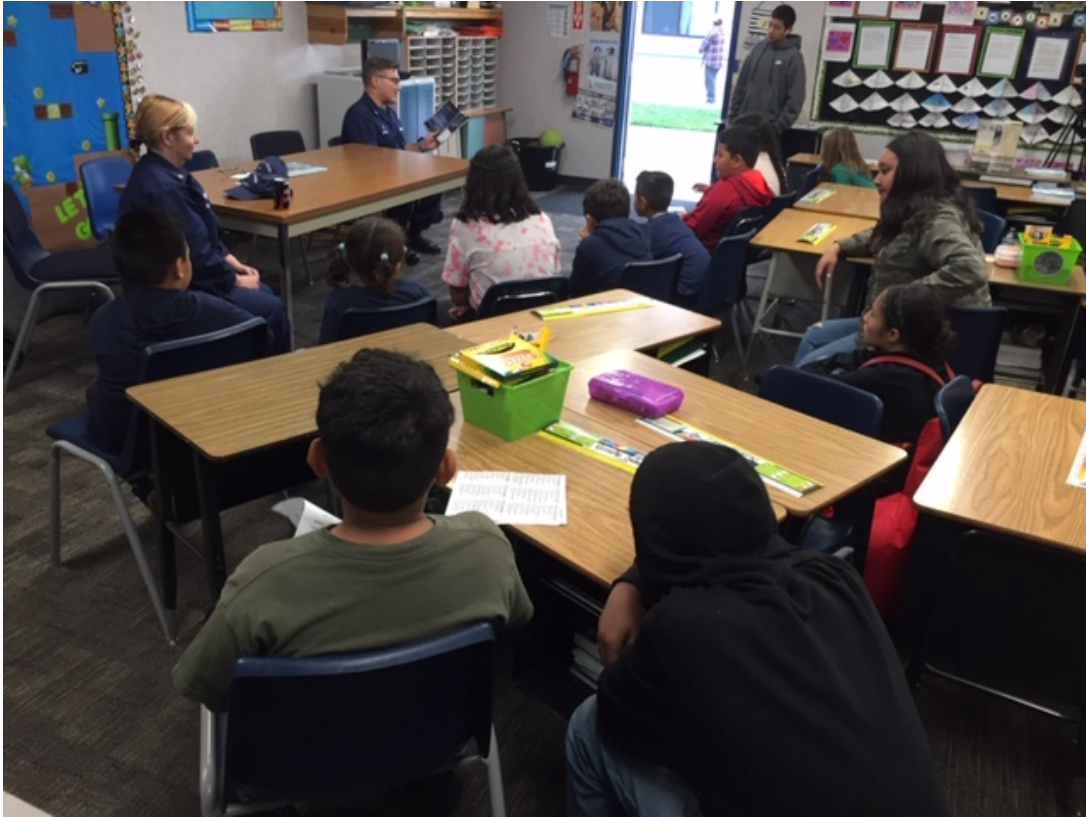
1. Member Retention
2. Member Attendance at meetings
3. Recruitment

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. VFC and SO-MS, David Jardin, is being re-certified in the Dockwalker program (promoting clean boating) through California State Parks. This is his third year.
2. National Vice Commodore Wally Smith, Division 6 DCDR Chuck Cobery, and Division 6 Staff Officer Jane Smith attended the Monterey Bay Maritime Search and Rescue Council meeting on 27 February at the Office of Emergency Services in Salinas, CA.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. Increase opportunities for member involvement through training
2. Increase member participation in established auxiliary events
3. Expand opportunities to work with our counterparts in other flotillas
4. Find new avenues for member recruitment



Division 6



Photographs for
2020

Bobbi Kamil (above) in complete charge of
the Valentine's Day Dinner (below)

February



Karen Yoder and Alex Urciuoli reading to school kids (above).
Bobbi Kamil itching to get on the water! (below)

