



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



To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore

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Cc: District Board and Staff

From : Lewis C Derfuss, Division Commander

Division: 5

HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":

1. Continue checking on Health and wellbeing of our members during both the Corina Virus Pandemic and recent local wildfires, as well as efforts to recruit new membership.
2. Encouraged members to file High Risk Assessment forms and look at scheduling authorized Phase 1 missions
3. We are communicating newly received guidance of using electronic election procedures Continue planning for future events and fellowship that we may able to execute once we are out of Corina Virus Pandemic. In the meantime, we continue to promote the excellent Webinar Training being offered.

DETAILS:

1. FC's and VFC's and DCDR continue to regular checks on their membership due to Corona Virus and recent wildfires, advising leadership, if possible, of any affected members. Also forwarded to all members updated information from leadership on help available through CG Mutual Assistance Fund. We continue to recruit a few new members despite restrictions of Covid Virus. Our biggest gain was the approved transfer requests of 6 members from Division 3 to Flotilla 53 and with that we gained a 25-foot AUXFAC and once again have an Aircraft Facility as part of our Flotilla 53 resources. Welcome aboard to all !!!
2. We have discussed plans to accomplish Bridge Surveys that are accessible from land as well as Cat 1 and 2 PATONS. Also encouraged planning by qualified members to do some contactless PV's and virtual VE's. Several mentored exams are being scheduled or have been done.
3. We are reviewing, distributing, and discussing use of electronic election procedures as new guidance is provided. We have set up an election committee of Randy McCormick and Will Sumner to cover administration of Division and Flotilla elections. We had to cancel virtually all scheduled activities for 2020 with the exception of our December 5 COW at TRACEN which we are still hoping to be able to have. We will try to have our luau, and some other activities if conditions and rules from leadership allow. We are also plan to start limited low risk operations shortly our priority will be completing bridge surveys and PATONS that we can do from land, as well as support of Stations Vallejo, Bodega Bay and Rio Vista as authorized but new approved guidance if and when it has been received. All Flotillas and Division have completed Tropical uniform presentations

PROJECTS:

1. We have scheduled Division 5 --2020 COW for 5 Dec, on District calendar and talked with TRACEN Petaluma CMDR Captain Ramassimi and have all the wheels turning with his staff and Aux Food Services to make this an outstanding COW.
2. Wade MacAdam our FSO-CS 53, SO-CS 5 and SO-PB 5 has continued to work on website and social media updates as well as publishing Division 5 Newsletter. He has also stepped up as SO-AS 5 and FSO-AS 53 and encouraging other Flotillas to appoint an FSO-AS This will probably happen in our new 2021 staff as election are forthcoming. Great Job Wade!!

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Corona Virus restrictions and related issues
2. Focus on individual Flotilla strengths and combined and open up and communicate training opportunities among Flotilla's, combining efforts to achieve maximum results
3. Hopefully we will soon have some relaxing of Corvia 19 restrictions so we can start playing catch up to preform program activities working towards our 2020 goals.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. After we get through Corona Virrus Issues we will continue working closely with Sta Vallejo and Station Bodega Bay staff in providing Operational Support with Joint Patrols to support both CG Station and Division Boat Crew Training, Qualification, and Currency by providing AUXFAC's and Crews upon request as well as routine support to AOR in ways to maximize training with limited budgeted funds
2. Our Auxiliary Unit Coordinators at Station Vallejo-, Michael Ungersma, Station Bodega Bay- Wil Sumner, and TRACEN-, Ray VanCleave have were added them to Division Agenda and they keep us updated on any important information.
3. Flotilla 55 member Ray Vancleave continues to work with Security supporting TRACEN.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Most have been previously highlighted in this report: To summarize: Retain, attract, train members. Increase support to CG Missions by use of increased qualified members working toward some focused goals. Have Fun in doing the above and Fellowship. Addressing and working towards breaking down the barriers working against our success. Lead Division 5 to be know as the Premier Division. Strive to win NACO 5 Star award across the Division

PHOTO GALLERY Newest AUXFAC to Flotilla 53 --Owner Bob Schabert

