



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



**To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore**

**16 OCT 2020**

**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 Corona 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. Division and Flotilla Elections

**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. We had 7 members in the Division that were evacuated due to fires in our AOR. Fortunately no one lost there home and all have returned home except for one from FL 52 who is still evacuated due to road closures, contaminated water and lack of PG&E power It has come to our attention that he and his wife have been unable to work as a result of this and most probably are now having some financial hardship. Before I even had a chance to respond to the emails, his Flotilla Commander Glenn Hunter and Curtis Han has contacted him and provided link to get help available through CG Mutual Assistance Fund.
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 conducted our Division Election on 1 Oct and successfully utilized Electronic Election Software for one election that had two candidates for VDCDR position. All Flotilla Elections had only one candidate per position requiring only the use of a unanimous conformation vote. Election results are as follows: DCDR Lew Derfuss, VDCDR Ingemar Ollson; FL 51 FC Kenneth Torres, VFC Gregory Gulevich; FL 55 FC Frank Caprone, VFC Jim Mattis; FL57 FC Scott Cassell, VFC Sean Kulpers Election 17 Oct FL 52 FC Glenn Hunter, VFC Eric Paananen; Election 20 Oct, FL 53 FC Kit Galvin, VFC Randy McCormick. **Congratulations to all and Thanks You for accepting positions of leadership!**

All other scheduled activities for 2020 cancelled with the exception of our December 5 COW at TRACEN which we are still hoping to be able to have. We may try to have our luau, and some other activities if conditions and rules from leadership allow.

**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. Finishing elections and selecting staff for 2021 as well as pulling out 2020 goal sheets that we were limited in implementing, reviewing and updating them as may be required for 2021

**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 moving into Phase II, so we can start playing catch up to perform some program activities working towards our 2020 goals.
4. Challenges with AUXDATA II in pulling reports on training status and quals that we were able to get in AUXINFO—I know it is a work in progress

#### **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** One of newly transferred members to FL 53 Alli Belasfsky, obtained her Private Pilot's License last month. As of last week, she has now logged over 100 hours 'Pilot in Command'.

