



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

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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 2 missions
3. Division and Flotilla Staff Selection, Reviewing Goals for 2021, Updating AUXFAC inspections

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.
2. We have discussed plans to accomplish Bridge Surveys that are accessible from land as well as Cat 1 and 2 PATONS. 5 bridges on Napa river have been completed. Also encouraged planning by qualified members to do some contactless PV's and virtual VE's. as well as performing practical's to complete qualification on new VE and PV members
3. We have sworn in 3 of 5 Flotilla FC and VFCs virtually with instructions for FC and VFC to swear in their FSO's when selection completed. File 7007's and start working on 7025's as well as reviewing 2020 Goals and update as required to use as 2021 goals Encouraged AUXFAC owners to get inspections completed—feedback I am getting is that many having issues understanding the new procedures to accomplish this—I hope we don't lose AUXFAC's as a result of frustration with new procedures. **Congratulations to all and Thanks You for accepting positions of leadership!**
4. **We have submitted two members for National Awards. Randy McCormick for Diversity Award and FC Glenn Hunter for the Greanoff Award—Congratulations to both worthy candidates and Thank You to leadership for endorsing and sending these to National for consideration.**
5. **Additionally, we are blessed to add Aviation element once again to our Division and Flotilla with the transfer of Bob Schafer and several others from Division 3. He has also accepted a National appointment on thew PA staff. We also added Wade MacAdam as ADSO for AS, Glen Hunter as Station Vallejo Coordinator, and Randy McCormick as an ADSO DV. Wil Sumner has also accepted a District appointment I believe dealing with Commercial and uninspected passenger vessel inspections. Division 5 is stepping up to be an integral part of various programs at District and National staff**

All other scheduled activities for 2020 cancelled as well as our December 5 COW at TRACEN which we are still hoping to be able to have when restrictions are lifted.

PROJECTS:

1. Get AUXFAC inspections current and resume a few patrols to complete PATON and Bridge Surveys
2. Finishing 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. Start working on 7025's Annual Finance Report.

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 continue relaxing of Corvia 19 restrictions moving into Phase III, so we can start 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 Virus 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, has stepped down and Glenn Hunter FC 52 has stepped up and been appointed as replacement, 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

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