



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



To: DCO Dean McFarren; Curtis Han, DCOS

14JUL21

From: Michael Brown, Division Commander

Division: South Bay

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. TCO class
2. Coast Guard JOOD Awarded
3. In-person meeting

HIGHLIGHT DETAILS:

1. District Captain Alan Stanton and I are putting together a Telecommunications Officer course to be held at the Redwood City "tower" during the last weekend in July.
2. The Coast Guard Junior Officer Of the Day certification was awarded to Eddie Lam, our division Vice-Commander. Eddie had worked for several years at CG Air Station San Francisco as a Watchstander and had completed the PQSs for JOOD but had never received recognition by the Auxiliary until recently. Congratulations Eddie, and Bravo Zulu to you!
3. We are looking forward to conducting our first in-person division meeting in August.

PROJECTS:

Redwood City "tower" facility upgrades continue with several members from various flotillas putting time in working over a weekend two weeks ago. Tasks included removing old shelving, scraping old paint and priming for new paint, throwing out outdated materials, and general cleanup and organization of the facility. Our goal is to modernize the facility and use it for more division-wide events and classes, introduce a radio facility capability, as well as presenting an updated appearance to the port and general public. BZ to Flotilla Redwood City (46) Flotilla Commander Steve Guttman for leading positive change!

TEMPORARY PROBLEMS:

1. Offering assistance to members to get out of AP status. Several members have yet to get to IQ or BQ levels.
2. Three SO positions remain vacant: NS, DV, and PV.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

None at this time.

ADDITIONAL

Division leadership continues to focus on retention, maintaining relevance, and morale-building for 2021. Recruiting efforts continue in all flotillas. Division goals to be reviewed and revised at our next meeting.

DIVISION SOUTH BAY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: Leading through proactive mentoring and support, we intend to empower all of our shipmates. Our vision: Never be satisfied with standards.

- Bring 100% of existing members in AP status into IQ or BQ by mid-year, reinforcing retention
- Emphasize the reporting of all hours
- Qualify Two new Vessel Examiners
- ~~OPTREX to be held at Port of Redwood City 31JUL21~~ **CANCELLED**
- Increase the number of patrols out of our port at Redwood City
- Encourage members to try new offices outside their comfort zones
- Increase participation in mission areas that are currently staffed and build interest/awareness of mission areas not considered before.
- Continue our close partnering with Division Gold Coast in surface operations and overall activities
- Bring in ~~Ten~~ Six more new members
- Always striving to be "*Semper Paratus*"

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Brown

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