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## MEMORANDUM

  
From: ~~COMO~~ Dale Fajardo  
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To: COMO Dean McFarren  
District Commodore, D11NR

Subj: DIVISION 1 REPORT: OCTOBER 2021

### Highlights:

1. Division 1 OPEX
2. Division Elections
3. HR Development and Recruitment
4. AUXDATA II

### Details:

#### 1. **Division 1 OPEX**

- Division 1 OPEX was successfully held at Station San Francisco on 03OCT21 spearheaded by Nancy Marion (01-04) SO-OP and Alex Bennett (01-04) as the event co-coordinator. The goal of the event was to provide both boat crew underway training and TCO operational time and training.
- The event included members from all four Division 1 flotillas in both training and staff roles, with OPFACs provided by Coxswains Terry Blanchard (01-09) *SILVER CHARM* and Jim Losi (12-91) *SERVANT*.
- Carol Paz (01-04) SO-CM organized the Operational Communications and TCO Training component which included use of the Auxiliary Communications Vehicle (ACV). John Brandenburg, David Sequeira, and Stephen Busch brought the vehicle from CGI and provided setup and facility support for the duration of the event. The ACV was used as primary Communications support for our OPFAC boats during the entire exercise. Several TCOs were able to work the van for needed comms hours and provided training to a number of TCO Trainees during the event.
- The division offers its deep appreciation to all involved including our ASC for Sector SF, Sue Fry (01-07) and AUC for Station SF, Jim Losi (12-91) for their assistance in coordinating this event with Sector SF and Station SF and to Gary Kaplan (01-09) for providing tours of the Station Communications Center as crews rotated between OPFACs.
- With all of the challenges faced and at the end of the day being able deliver a successful training evolution for our members, Division 1 leadership offers deep gratitude and a hearty Bravo Zulu to the whole team!
- Several event photos follow.

2. **Division Elections.** Occurred on 22SEP21. Dale Fajardo and Terry Blanchard were reelected as DCDR and VCDR, respectively.

3. **HR Development and Recruitment.** Continuous efforts across the division to recruit new members are underway.

4. **AUXDATA II.** Division leadership continues to run fun initiatives to motivate all division members to enter their own hours into AUXDATA II as well as encourage members to leverage AUXDATA II to stay ahead of training expiration dates.

Projects:

1. OPEX completed.
2. Develop deeper fellowship and member engagement.
3. Leverage HR development opportunities.
4. Focus on professionalism.
5. Continue to support member training requirements to include AUXCT currency requirements and AUXDATA II competency.

Goals & Objectives:

1. Attain the NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity. Status: Completed for Division 1 and all flotillas in Division 1 have completed this as well.
2. Provide training opportunities based on need. Status: Completed on 03OCT21 at YBI.
3. Increase interaction, communication, shared events, and training between flotillas. Status: Ongoing. Success with various flotillas participating.
4. Increase AUXDATA II reporting of member hours. Status: Ongoing.
5. Improve member recruitment and retention. Status: Ongoing.

Photos:



SILVER CHARM and SERVANT set up for a side tow. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by COMO Mary Kirkwood.





OPFAC SILVER CHARM. From left: Pete Gorenberg, Nancy Peterson, Terry Blanchard, Ken Louie & David Beltran. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Tiffany Townsend.





Tiffany Townsend aboard SERVANT. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Tiffany Townsend



Auxiliary Communications Vehicle (ACV). From left: David Sequeira, Sue Fry, Carol Paz, John Brandenburg, John Farina and Stephen Busch. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by COMO Mary Kirkwood



Renee Thomas and Carol Paz providing communications for the event from the ACV. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Tiffany Townsend





Event Staff: From left COMO Dale Fajardo, Coxswains Jim Losi and Terry Blanchard, Event Co-Coordinator Alex Bennett, ACV Support John Brandenburg, Event Coordinator Nancy Marion, and ACV Support David Sequeira. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Tiffany Townsend



Event participants and crews. From left: COMO Dale Fajardo, Pete Gorenberg, Nancy Peterson, Michael Mitchell, COMO Mary Kirkwood, Terry Blanchard, Nancy Marion, Alex Bennett, Greg Olson, Chris Armbrust, Ken Louie, Jim Whipple, David Sequeira, Larry Seeger, Jim Losi, David Beltran, John Brandenburg & Gary Kaplan. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Tiffany Townsend.

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