



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



**To: DCO Dean McFarren; Curtis Han, DCOS**

**18DEC21**

**From: Michael Brown, Division Commander**

**Division: South Bay**

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Lucky Bag
2. CGI Turkey Trot
3. TCO Class
4. Newsletter

**HIGHLIGHT DETAILS:**

1. Our division held its long-awaited first “Lucky Bag” event on 05 DEC at our in-person meeting location. Several boxes of various uniforms and associated items were laid out for purchase, with all items priced between \$1 to \$5. Members who attended were able to pick up items from Service Dress Blues to tropics to ODUs to combination caps. VCDR Eddie Lam brought coffee and bagels and those combined with seeing members face-to-face for the first time in almost two years was a great morale booster! All proceeds (about \$80) went to the division general fund. The unsold items were given to Division Gold Coast so they can hold their own Lucky Bag event. *See first picture on last page*
2. November 23 at Coast Guard Island turned out to be a warm day, perfect for the base’s 20<sup>th</sup> Annual “Turkey Trot,” a fun 5K run or 1.5-mile walk. Auxiliarists Alan Stanton, Eddie Lam, and Michael Brown represented the Auxiliary among the 24 participants. The race wasn’t geared to best time, but the goal instead was to be the closest to your predicted time to finish. Alan was 5<sup>th</sup> overall at 0:35 seconds under, Eddie was 7<sup>th</sup> at 0:42 seconds over, and Mike was 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:53 under. Our former AUXLO, LT j.g. Sarah Davis came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 0:17 seconds under her predicted time. The next race at CGI will be in March and all Auxiliarists are welcome to participate. *Picture on last page*
3. Alan Stanton, Eddie Lam, and Michael Brown are planning to start up a TCO class in JAN of 2022. We had canceled our previous classes due to the CoVid shutdown. Location will be at our division meeting place, and times and dates TBA.
4. Our division newsletter, the “Year-end Wrap-up Extravaganza” (led by our SO-PB Neil Jarvis) should be published by next week.

**PROJECTS:**

No current projects this last month.

**TEMPORARY PROBLEMS:**

1. Three SO positions remain vacant: NS, DV, and PV.

**AGENCY INTERACTION:**

None currently.

## ADDITIONAL

Division leadership continues to focus on retention, maintaining relevance, and morale-building for 2022. DCDR Michael Brown met with incoming DCDR Eddie Lam and incoming VCDR Kristan Verveniotis online to ensure a smooth transition for next year's leadership. Not only is succession planning early in the year a critical element of developing leadership across all offices, but meetings as described are essential to pass relevant information regarding the membership and issues facing the division and district.

Recruiting efforts continue in all flotillas.

No current social media for December in this division.

Special shout-out to Terry Blanchard (19) in Division Senior for completing our AOR's ATONs this year, as we had many obstacles in getting those done. Thanks again, Terry!

**DIVISION SOUTH BAY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** Leading through proactive mentoring and support, we intend to empower all 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.
- Still looking to recruit ~~Ten~~ **ONE** more new member to meet our 2021 goal. Four people are looking to join currently, including one Sea Scout.
- Always striving to be "*Semper Paratus*"



Lucky Bag event. Members (Flotilla numbers) L-R: Alan Stanton (49), Kevin Quinn (41), Kenneth Bergado (41), Masako Horiuchi (41), Jimmin Chang (48), Eddie Lam (49). *Photo credit: Michael Brown*



Pre-race brief at CGI (L-R: unknown, Michael Brown, LT j.g. Sarah Davis, Alan Stanton, Eddie Lam, LCDR Ruth Sadowitz) *(photo credit: LT j.g. Gabe LaMartina)*

Respectfully Submitted,  
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DCDR Division South Bay