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MEMORANDUM

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To: COMO Dean McFarren
District Commodore, D11NR

Subj: DIVISION 1 REPORT: APRIL 2022

Highlights:

1. OPTREX
2. NSBW
3. NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity
4. Flotilla Leadership Changes
5. AUXDATA II

Details:

1. **OPTREX.**
 - The Division 1 OPTREX has been approved by Station San Francisco. Event planning is underway, will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, and is listed in the D11NR Calendar:
 - Saturday 09JUL22: Training Day
 - Saturday 16JUL22: QE Check Rides only
 - Three local OPFACs are committed to provide event support:
 - *Silver Charm*, Coxswain: Terry Blanchard
 - *Servant*, Coxswain: Jim Losi
 - *Seahorse*, Coxswain: Peter Shamray
 - Carol Paz (SO-CM) has reserved the ACV (Auxiliary Communications Vehicle) to provide OPCOM for the OPFACs and TCO communications training for both days
 - A formal Registration form will be circulated to all members as the event draws closer.
2. **NSBW.** Lilli Ferguson is the Division 1 NSBW Chair. Each flotilla has been contacted and asked to send information about all activities leading up to NSBW.
3. **NACO Three Star Award for Excellence and Inclusion in Diversity.** After the submission of the March division report, Division 1 received a congratulatory notice (and positive feedback) from the ANACO-DVd that its application for the subject award was reviewed, accepted, and will be presented at NACON to Division 1 and all Division 1 flotillas: Flotilla 12, Flotilla 14, Flotilla 17, and Flotilla 19. Deep appreciation and gratitude to Division 1 board and staff leadership (VCDR, FCs and SO-DV) and our D11NR DSO-DV and ADSO-DV (Steven Hilt and Winnie Zhou) for their collaborative efforts that ensured successful outcome on this endeavor! At the request of the DSO-PB,

the SO-DV (Nancy Peterson) and DCDR submitted an article for publication in *Northwind*.

4. **Flotilla Leadership Changes.** Due to external/personal commitments, the flotilla commanders for Flotillas 17 and 19 had to step down. Efforts to hold interim elections to fill these positions are underway.
5. **AUXDATA II.** Division leadership continues 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. OPTREX.
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. Completed.
2. Provide training opportunities based on need.
3. Rotate members into training patrols for OPTREX preparation and to build underway hour. In addition, provide training opportunities for current crew members and initial qualification candidates.
4. Increase interaction, communication, shared events, and training between flotillas.
5. Increase AUXDATA II reporting of member hours.
6. Improve member recruitment and retention.

Challenges and Opportunities:

1. Reduce membership attrition while emphasizing recruiting opportunities.
2. Threat from COVID variants may limit activities in the future. Will continue to leverage remote meeting capabilities as needed.
3. Monthly division meetings will ensure good lines of communication across division flotillas.

Photographs:

On 23 MAR 2022 *Silver Charm* supported the retirement of an AST1.
Photos courtesy of AUX Terry Blanchard



On 06 APR 2022, *Silver Charm* participated in helo ops and encountered heavy icebreaker USCGC *Polar Star* (WAGB-10). Photos taken by AUX Louis Sarto.



Silver Charm crew on 06 APR 2022 included (L to R): AUX Alex Bennett, AUX Terry Blanchard, and AUX Michael Mitchell.



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