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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
DIVISION 10 COMMANDER'S REPORT
District 11 North

TO: DCO Curtis Han, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
DATE: September, 2023 ACTIVITIES REPORT
DIVISION: 10 - San Joaquin Valley
DCDR: Thomas Witt

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Flotilla 10-02 Modesto, Chris Bennett
- Flotilla 10-03 Stockton, Monica Eaton
- Flotilla 10-05 Fresno, Donald Pierce
- Flotilla 10-06 Kaweah, Rod Rollins

DETAILS:

- **Flotilla 10-02**
 1. Our July Flotilla meeting was a Fellowship meeting and it was at the Modesto Nuts Baseball game. It was fun and 2 of our newer members showed up.
 2. One of our new members David Barboza, officially got signed off as an Auxiliary Chaplain is transferring to the newly created National Auxiliary Chaplain Flotilla.
 3. Myself, Robert Gleason and James Stephens did a Flag dedication ceremony at St. Stanislaus Catholic School, in Modesto.
- **Flotilla 10-03**
Membership is a slow growth task.
- **Flotilla 10-05**
 1. CONTACTING ALL MEMBERS CHECKING STATUS AND GOALS
 - **MARTIN OUELLETTE** WORKING ON TCO, INSTRUCTOR, PV, MARINE SAFETY. COMPLETED VE.
 - **JAMES TORRANCE:** COMPLETED INSTRUCTOR, AUXOPS AWARD, VESSEL EXAMINER, PROGRAM VISTOR, CERTIFIED AS INTERPETOR IN GERMAN. COMPLETED PROGRAM VISITOR, WORKING ON ATON VARIFIER, SHOWING INTEREST IN MARINE SAFETY. STEPPING UP TO BE FLOTILLA COMMANDER.
 - **JOHN FERRETTI:** DUTIES AS VFC, VSC, ORGANIZING EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS TO US NAVAL SEA CADETS, ASSISTING IN RECRUITING FOR COAST GUARD.
 - **STEVE PITTS:** STILL RECOVERING AND BECOMING HEALTHY. BECAME CURRENT IN CT REFRESHING VSC, PV AND STAFF OFFICER POSITION. HE IS DOING MUCH BETTER AND REBUILDING PHYSICALLY
 - **DONALD PIERCE:** MENTORING MEMBERS. TRYING TO BE FC, TRAINING MARLINSPIKE TO RANGER BOAT CREWS, ORGANIZING PA EVENTS. BECOMING VFC.

- **SANTIAGO SINSUAN:** RECEIVED AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP, BECAME AUXILIARY MEMBER WORKING ON INTERPRETER, BOAT CREW, VE
- **SIMON ELMAN:** ASSISTING RED CROSS WITH WEATHER RELATED EVACUATIONS AND STILL WORKING ON AUX CERTIFICATIONS VE, PV, INSTRUCTOR.
- **RAMON FLORES:** BECAME AP, WORKING ON CT. INTERESTED IN SPANISH INTERPRETER, INSTRUCTOR, VESSEL EXAMINER AND BOATCREW.
- **ERIC LADENHEIM:** AP STATUS, INTERESTED IN INSTRUCTOR, INTERPRETOR, BOATCREW.
- **GAO DOWNS:** BEING PROCESSED, NEW MEMBER

EVENTS:

- PATROLS MILLERTON LAKE LABOR DAY FRI, SAT, SUN, MON. GOOD PATROLS MANY UW HOURS. MON ROLLINS BROKE HIS LEG, IN REHAB 6 MORE WEEKS.
- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, SANGER, PA WITH COAST GUARD RECRUITING
- BOATING SAFETY CLASS, UNIVERSITY HIGH

UPDATES:

- THERE ARE NEW MEMBERS FOR FRESNO AND VISALIA AND LEADERS STEPPING-UP, 2023 IS LOOKING BETTER, **2024 FRAGILE**
- **Flotilla 10-06**
Flotilla has been doing as many patrols as possible to keep members current for their qualifications, and be ready for next year's **OPTREX**.
Flotilla 10-05 and 10-06 will be combining COWs on the 2nd of December. Location will be at the Yosemite Falls Café in Fresno at 5123 N. Blackstone Ave from 10:00 to 14:00. Patrolled Labor Day weekend, I fell and broke my left femur.

SO, Reports;

- SO-CM (communications) Mike Rafatti,
Nothing reported
- SO-CS (communication services) Mike Bradey,
Division web site up to date.
- SO-DV (diversity) Marion Stevens,
Reported monthly diversity events for each month.
- SO-FN (finance) Kenneth McSheehy,
- SO-HR (Human Services) Donald Pierce,
All request for membership has been processed and paperwork being processed. One new member is already AP.
Change of SO-HR form #7006 sent into District.
- SO-IS (information services) Kenneth McSheehy,
- SO-MA (materials) Linda Braden,
Nothing to report.
- SO-MS (marine safety) Joseph Chavoen,
All goals for the fiscal year 2023 have been met and classes being done at the September 13, 2023 PCA weekend.
- SO-MT (member training) Mike Rafatti,

Have conducted OP and RM classes for those that needed to get them done to stay qualified for the crew/coxswain classifications.

- SO-OP (*operations*) Donald Pierce,
OPTREX was canceled due to funding.

FLOTILLA REPORTS:

1. **MODESTO:** SPRING CREW TRAINING AND PATROLS, MANDEVILLE AND DON PEDRO FIRE WORKS PATROL. WORKSHOPS, YEARLY STANDARD REQUIREMENTS. MOM PATROL ON DELTA.
2. **FRESNO AND VISALIA:** PATROLS LAKE MILLERTON ASSISTING SHERIFF AND PARK RANGERS, WORKSHOPS AND YEARLY STANDARD REQUIREMENTS. LABOR DAY PATROLS (4 DAYS). MISHAPE MONDAY AFTER PATROL ON LAND. PROPERLY REPORTED.
3. **STOCKTON:** NOTHING REPORTED
4. **CREW/COX'N:** TRAINEES ARE BEING INCLUDED WITH ALL OPERATION ACTIVITES. NEW STANDARD REQUIREMENTS BEING USED TO READY EVERYONE FOR QUALITY AND CERTIFICATIONS.
FACILITIES: 3 FACILITIES FOR THE DIVISION ARE AVAILABLE, BEING KEEP READY. 2 ON PATROL

- SO-PA (*Public Affairs*) Rebecca Obrien-Witt

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Division 10 Flotillas came together for the city of Sanger National Night Out on August 11th, and the Coast Guard recruiter currently manning the recruitment office in Fresno joined us as well, and he was popular with the young men and women interested in the armed services. This event was very well attended by the Sanger residents, who were clearly enjoying themselves going around to the various booths of first responder and other community agencies with demonstrations of motorcycles, K-9 officers, various types of equipment, and even a "Dunk a Cop" who was the newest member of that police department and a really good sport about repeatedly landing in the water.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The next scheduled PA event for 10-02 is the Salmon Festival at Knights Ferry on November 11, 2023. That is obviously Veteran's Day as well, so we will have to see how and when events for veterans are scheduled so that we can do as many of those as possible. Plans are advancing well for the Fill the Boat event in December.

- SO-PB (*Publications*) Chris Bennett
- SO-PE (*Public Educations*) Tom Witt
Giving membership Boat America classes for BQ classifications.
- SO-SR (*secretary*) Terri Simmons
- SO-VE (*Vessel Examiners*) Steve Bradon

DCDR Comments:

- Flotillas 10-05 and 10-06 have established the 2nd of December as their combined COW date to get the coming year off to a good start.

Location for the COW will be at the Yosemite Falls Café in Fresno at 5123 N. Blackstone Ave from 10:00 to 14:00.

- Flotilla 10-02 and 10-03 have agreed to combine their COW with the Division date of the 16th of December. Together these coupling up of the COW's saves a multitude of planning logistics and also acts as a fellowship function for all involved.

The location for the COW for the Division, flotilla 10-02 and 10-03 will be held at the Stanislaus Veterans Center, 3500 Coffee Rd, Modesto, CA.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Goals:

Emphasis on recruiting, retention and re-involvement.

Present training in leadership for future involvement.

Improve member participation and increase membership.