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

**TO:** DCO Curtis Han, D11NR  
**Cc:** District Board and Staff  
**DATE:** October, 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**

Elections for flotilla 10-02 officers will be on the 21<sup>th</sup> of October. James Stevens is the incoming FC and Mike Brady is the incoming VFC.

- **Flotilla 10-03**

Division Elections: DVCDR is Mike Rafatti and VCDR is Chris Bennett. Congratulations to the new leadership. Email was sent requesting volunteers for SO's

Any time you are doing Auxiliary activities especially without orders, you need to notify the FC, FSO. or Division Staff member when you leave and when you have returned. It is a safety issue.

Disenrollments: We disenrolled 3 members leaving us with 9 members and 2 waiting on paperwork.

COW: Will be December 16<sup>th</sup> 1000- 1400 Modesto Veterans Center. Awards for the Flotilla will be presented there. Any officers not previously sworn in will be sworn in at that time.

The next meeting will be November 8<sup>th</sup> at 1930, Stockton Sailing Club. The December Meeting will be cancelled due to the COW.

Monica Eaton is the incoming FC and Joseph Chavoen is the incoming VFC for the year of 2024.

- **Flotilla 10-05**

One new member being processed.

Most of the members are looking at positions to get involved with as there has been an influx of new members.

Elections will be held on October the 25<sup>th</sup> at the monthly meeting. Elected officer's positions are covered for the year 2024.

Donald Pierce said that he would run for VFC and that James Torrence is running for FC. Martin Ouelette has contacted Steve Harrison at CG station Rio Vista to become coms. Marty has had experience as CG coms before.

- **Flotilla 10-06**

Mr. Rollins is still getting on his feet. Rod Rollins is running for FC and Howard Ratzlaff is running for VFC.

### SO Reports;

- SO-CM (communications) Mike Rafatti,  
Nothing new reported.
- SO-CS (communication services) Mike Bradey,  
Nothing new reported.
- SO-DV (diversity) Marion Stevens,  
Nothing new reported.
- SO-FN (finance) Kenneth McSheehy,
- SO-HR (H/R) Tom Witt,  
There is 1 new member being processed for flotilla 10-05.
- SO-IS (information services) Kenneth McSheehy,
- SO-MA (materials) Linda Braden,  
Nothing new to report.
- SO-MS (marine safety) Joseph Chavoen,
- SO-MT (member training) Mike Rafatti,  
Getting ready for the new year's needs.
- SO-OP (*operations*) Donald Pierce,  
Nothing new to report for September 2023.
- SO-PA (*Public Affairs*) Rebecca Obrien-Witt
- SO-PB (*Publications*) Chris Bennett  
Nothing reported for September.
- SO-PE (*Public Educations*) Tom Witt  
Nothing new to report.
- SO-SR (secretary) Terri Simmons
- SO-VE (*Vessel Examiners*) Steve Bradon,  
VE's are still being requested but there aren't stickers available to be able to do the examinations. It has been a problem all year. New VE's cannot get VE stickers to complete their quals.

**DCDR Comments:**

All flotillas are going to have elected officers this coming year. Elections will be complete by the end of October, 2023.

Division 10 and flotillas 10-02 and 10-03 will be having their COW's on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at the Stanislaus Veterans Center at 3500 Coffee Rd in Modesto, CA.

Flotillas 10-05 and 10-06 will be having their COW's at the Yosemite Falls Café in Fresno, CA on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December.

The combinations of doing the COW's for the flotillas and Division helps the members sustain a cohesion and fellowship.

I am proud of the membership of Division 10 in their effort to get the Division started in the process of growth and training. We all have had a long time in being stopped from what we all joined the auxiliary to do. The future is now open to us to continue on the road to greater things. The future looks good for the membership and Division.

The Division election resulted in Mike Rafatti being elected as the DCDR, and Chris Bennitt as the new incoming VDCDR for the year of 2024.

The Division is blessed to have members stepping up to all of the elected officers' positions for year 2024.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

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**Goals:**

Member training is essential.

Emphasis on recruiting, retention and re-involvement.

Present training in leadership for future involvement.

Improve member participation and increase membership.