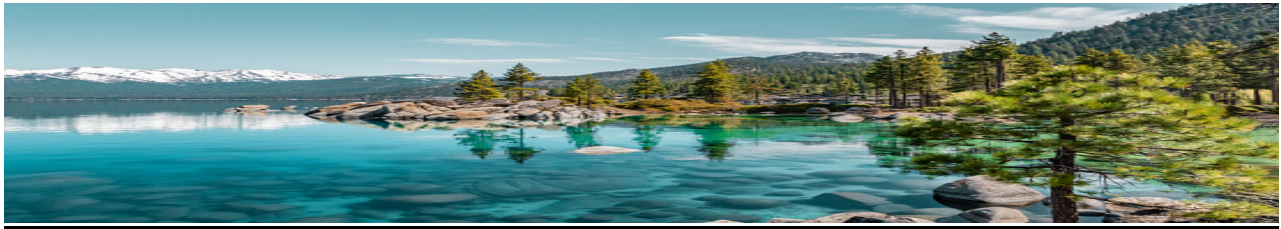




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## SIERRA DIVISION 11 COMMANDER'S REPORT

To: DCO Curtis Han, D11NR  
Cc: District Board and Staff  
Date: October 2023 Report  
DCDR: Guy D. Chism DCDR

### HIGHLIGHTS

1. Continued verification of PATONs in Lake Tahoe.
2. Ongoing Surface Operations
3. Working diligently for New Coxswain, Boat Crew, and Vessel Examiners

## DIVISION ACTIVITIES:

### **RENO FLOTILLA 11-03**

Elections are complete and certified by Division Commander

Congrats to Bryce Lienan 2024 Flotilla Commander

Congrats to Tom Temkin 2023 Flotilla Vice Commander (Provisional)

### **Tahoe Flotilla-11-01**

Elections are complete and certified by Division Commander

Congrats to Cameron Stoltz 2024 Flotilla Commander

Congrats to Dan Powers 2024 Flotilla Vice Commander

### **Comments from Division Commander**

I always like to present the positive activities and issues within the division however sometimes reporting the struggles and hurdles can be of benefit to all.

Sierra Division is unique in its make up of members and talents from that of most flotillas in our district. Combine the diversity with the Northern Nevada way of life and day to day living, we as a group don't generally fit the mold of your average working division within the Aux.

As a group, we are Battle Born. That doesn't always translate well to those outside of our area. But at the risk of making everyone yawn, I am going to quickly share the Nevada personality that undergirds our division. Yes, we have had a really challenging time the past 3 years and have lost many members and over all morale and interest has faltered however, we are battle born and we are used to fighting for everything we have. We have even fought to have an Optrex but have hit unimaginable opposition in every form.



There is a lot of controversy over Nevada's state Motto, "Battle Born" For me, it conjures up feelings that this phrase is about strength, resilience, and courage. I think that captures Sierra Divisions members perfectly.

Nevada has rugged landscapes, harsh conditions, and determined individuals. It's a place where people have had to fight for everything they have. That's precisely what "Battle Born" represents: the strength, resilience, and courage of people everywhere, not just in Nevada.

While the controversy surrounding Nevada's state motto, "Battle Born" is understandable, it still serves as a powerful symbol of strength, resilience and courage that remains relevant today!!!! It's a timeless spirit that inspires us to keep fighting for what we believe in, no matter the odds. The Sierra Division will continue to embrace this motto and all that it stands for and use it to forge a brighter future for ourselves, the Auxiliary and those around us.

We choose 2024 to be a year of full restoration of operational readiness and a beacon to any others struggling that we can overcome the hurdles and operational walls put before us and meet the future head on with our heads held high.

#### PROJECTS/EVENTS

1. Wrapping up Watch Stander Training for three members TBD
2. Performing Two-Boat Training with USCG Station Lake Tahoe TBD
3. Division OPTREX August 25 & 26, 2023. Cancelled

#### GOALS

1. STRIVE HARD to have all units receive the NACO 3-Star award
2. Ensure that all units have appointed a DV Staff Officer
3. Have every unit conduct at least one diversity and inclusion class for its staff/members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Guy Chism, DCDR 11