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District Commodore, D11NR

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Ref: (a) [The Nautical Mile, Vol 1, Issue 8, October 2023](#)

Highlights

1. Veterans Day
2. Operations
3. Division 1 2024 planning

Details

1. **Veterans Day** – Several of our members participated in events throughout the Bay Area. In Marin County, ~9 FL 01-04 members attended and then were invited to march with the color guard for Veterans Day celebrations at the Marin Civic Center. The featured speaker happened to be our own retired FL 01-02 member, Rick Saber. In Alameda, members from FL 01-09 worked with those from FL 12-01 in staffing an Auxiliary PA display for Veterans Day activities aboard the USS Hornet. BZ to Albert Chiu (project lead), along with Patrick Rostrata, Dick Wong, Gary Kaplan and Arne Gelb from 01-09 as well as Richard Gabor from 12-01. Div 1 also wishes to especially thank Div 12 DCDR Georgie Scheuerman and FC Douglas Beckstein FL 12-01, and VFC Adrienne Kuehneman FL 12-01 for their gracious cooperation and efforts in helping our Div 1 members participate outside of our typical AOR. (See PHOTOS below)
1. **Operations** - Silver Charm/Cox Blanchard continues patrols with 7 completed in October (3 Helo-Ops and 4 in support of Fleet Week) and 3 patrols scheduled for November pending budget approval. Our Div 1 2024 OPTREX has been tentatively scheduled by our board to take place July 20 and 27 pending final approval of QE COMO Perata and Sta SF.
2. **Division Wide Planning** - Division 1 has passed their 2024 budget. COW is planned for 27 Jan 2024 at Berkeley YC. All Flotillas have completed their elections for the upcoming year (with single exception of FL 01-09 VFC candidate receiving DIRAUX exemption re: 30 day advance notice rule.)

Projects

1. **YBI Volunteer Clean Up Detail** - SPECIAL THANKS to our Div 1 members: Alex Bennett, Nancy Marion, Lou Sarto, who answered the request of DCOS Jim Losi for help in clean up at YBI in preparation for the APEC Conference. This is just one of many small ways that our Auxiliarists go above and beyond with their acts of volunteerism
2. **Interagency Guests** – Following the Division 1 Sept monthly ZOOM meeting which featured guest speaker Station Officer Andrew Murgatroyd of HMCG Coastal Rescue Team at Llandudno, UK (Wales), we received an invitation in kind for any of our Auxiliarists to visit HMCG in the future
3. **Vessel Safety Checks** - Year-to-date total: Nearly 100 completed this calendar year (final report generation pending).
4. **PPE Tracking** - PPE inventory documentation completed/submitted to DIRAUX
5. **Annual Currency Training/Night Operations** – Most boat crew have completed, although there is discrepancy in this being reflected in AD2 which is in the process of being rectified. OPFAC Seahorse/Cox Shamray planning final patrol(s) prior to year's end (pending budget) to qualify few remaining crew that desire qualification.
6. **AUXDATA II Training:** Ongoing
7. **Division 1 Newsletter** - [The Nautical Mile, Vol 1, Issue 8, September 2023](#)

Challenges and Obstacles

1. Decrease in members desiring to enter into leadership roles, both elected and appointed
2. Decreased member involvement in several core Aux areas
3. Division website revision in need of project lead (with hope to gain traction in 2024)

Goals and Objectives

1. "SMART" goals current standing:
 - A. Public Outreach
 - Water Safety Fair - **Completed** 20 May 2023
 - BS&S Classes - **Completed** 9 March 2023 and more recently 12 Sept -12 Oct
 - Mavericks Surf Festival - currently deferred
 - B. Training
 - OPEX - **Completed** 29 July 2023
 - Night operations & currency maintenance tasks - Ongoing/most completed
 - C. Operations
 - Surface patrols (MOM, Regatta, PATON) as well as Communications - Ongoing.
 - D. Recruitment & Retention
 - NACO 3 Star Award - **Received**, 8 Apr 2023
 - Fellowship - Ongoing. Several Div 1 members met at the Sausalito Boat Show on Saturday, 14 October to view the boats and for a BBQ.
 - Member goals - Ongoing mentor program with several new members completing initial application process.
 - USCG Auxiliary recruitment - Ongoing (current Div 1 members: 167 per AD2 as of Oct 2023, no change since last month)

Photos



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