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TO: District Board and Staff

FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV

SUBJECT: Auxair Monthly Report for February 2018.

Auxair continues to fly between four and six missions each week in support of the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary, and our allied agencies. Because of budget concerns and the Continuing Resolutions, we have been limited in our funding and have had to reduce the number of flights for our twin engine aircraft. We will see if this changes with the recent adoption of a two-year budget.

Our Aviation Squadron held its bi-monthly dinner meeting on 30 January at the Holiday Inn, Dublin. We were pleased to have our COMO Wally Smith, Chief of Staff Mary Kirkwood and Division Commander Jane Smith in attendance. They participated in our program and contributed important information for our membership. Our AUXLO from Air Station San Francisco, LTJG Paul Kraft, joined us and presented a program on CRM, which was very appropriate and valuable to our aviators. We are congratulating Paul and his wife as they just had their first baby, a beautiful little girl. Paul is beaming from ear to ear, is obviously very happy, and is checking his calendar to see when he can start her in flight training !! Ron Darcey did an excellent job in organizing this dinner/meeting and also presented important information for us on how to respond to whale entanglement and whale migration assignments.

Two of our aircraft commanders, Glen Marshall and Bob Ackley, just returned from Oklahoma where they attended a required C-School, AUX-18. This program is presented at FAA Headquarters and covers spatial disorientation, hypoxia, water egress and survival along with other related safety subjects. This is a very important course for our pilots, aircrew, and observers.

Another required aviation C-School is AUX-17, which is a two-day intensive course on CRM (Crew Resource Management), that will be scheduled at our District by National Staff. We expect to have this course sometime in the late summer or early fall.

We are also continuing to assist D11S with their aviation program. We will be sending Rory Neumann, ADSO-AVAircraft inspection and certification, to Southern California to inspect three auxiliary aircraft in the Long Beach and San Diego areas. D11S also needs a Flight Examiner to conduct SAR/STAN Check Rides for their pilots and either we will send one of our FE's to So. Cal. or CDR Evie Lynn will conduct these check rides when she visits D11S in the next few weeks.

Our next Aviation Safety Workshop will be held at CGI on Saturday, 7 April 2018. This will also include a swim test at the pool. This workshop is open to auxiliarists and we need to know who will be attending for planning purposes and to let the galley know how many to expect for lunch.

We are also planning for DTRAIN where we will put on a one-hour presentation on auxair, including our duties and responsibilities along with information on how auxiliarists can participate in the aviation program.

Respectfully submitted,

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