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To: Commodore Wally Smith

Subject: District Staff Officer – Public Affairs – December / January Activities
February 2018 Report

HIGHLIGHTS:

Division 1: Gail Giacomini – SO-PA, Dale Fajaro – FC, Roger Bazeley – FSO-PA

Division 3: Bob Shabert – SO-PA

Division 4: Jimmin Chang – SO-PA

Division 5: Ingemar Olsson – FSO-PA,

Division 6: Jerry Edelen-64 - DCDR, Mike Badano – Flotilla 6-10 – VCDR & FSO-PA

Division 7: Lana Visser-DCDR - SO-PA

Division 8: Nothing to Report

Division 10: Doug Lazo – Flotilla - 10-5 - FSO-PA

Division 11: Nothing to Report

Division 12: No Report

Honor Guard: Karen Yoder - ADSO Nothing to Report

District 11 Northern: Activities

AUXAIR: Larry Olson – DSO-AV

DSO-PA Report: Jane D. Smith

DETAILS:

Division 1:

Flotilla COW: The Flotilla Change of Watch was held on Wednesday, January 10th 2018, at the monthly meeting. After a dinner served at the Loch Lomond Yacht Club in San Rafael, FC Kevin Luke gave the oath of office to the 2018 staff officers and Division 1 CMR Michael Mitchell to VC Kevin Luke and incoming VFC Roy Falk. Additional photos are on the Flotilla website and Facebook.



Incoming VFC Roy Falk's spouse Carol Ann, with FC Kevin Luke assisting, attach Falk's new elected officer shoulder boards .



FSO-HR Paula Russo and outgoing VFC Emile de Vera receive service awards during Flotilla 1-4 COW FC Kevin Luke.

Flotilla Activities: A Public Affairs and VSC table, planned for January 20th at the San Rafael Yacht Club was cancelled due to the government shut down and will be rescheduled by FSO-VE Greg Catani. Flyers for the upcoming Flotilla 1-4's *Boating Skills and Seamanship* course 06 FEB 18 that will run for 14 weeks will be distributed to Marin's yacht clubs, harbors and marinas and have been announced in the local newspapers and boating community newsletter.

DIVISION ONE CHANGE OF WATCH – JANUARY 2018

Flotilla 19 FC Commodore Dale Fajardo, VFC Dan Swett, and FSO-PA Ernie Khirallah attended the Division One Change of Watch on January 7 at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco. Also in attendance from Flotilla 19 was Michael Mitchell, who took the Oath of Office as Division One Commander for a second consecutive term. Nancy Marion took the Oath of Office of Division One Vice Commander. The Oath of Office was also taken by the full complement of Division One Staff Officers.

Attending from U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Francisco were Sector Commander Captain Anthony Ceraolo and LT Michael Wu. Captain Ceraolo administered the Oaths of Office to the Elected and Appointed Division Officers. He also paid tribute to Auxiliant Linda Vetter, who crossed over the bar in January. Linda served Sector San Francisco and Air Station San Francisco for many years as Coxswain of her own Silver Charm, along with her husband of 43 years, Terry Blanchard, who now takes command of the facility. Captain Ceraolo shared his 7 point Sector San Francisco Strategic Plan, emphasizing such items as natural disaster preparedness, terrorism response, and the ever-present need for boating safety vigilance – notably including the paddling community.

We had some fun with Captain Ceraolo, as DCDR Mitchell presented him with a singing U.S. Coast Guard bear, to assist with recruiting his expected first child in March with his wife Lisa.

District 11 North Chief of Staff Mary Kirkwood provided a compelling overview of 2017 Division One accomplishments and 2018 plans.

FLOTILLA MISSION ACTIVITY

Silver Charm/Coxswain Terry Blanchard conducted Sector San Francisco patrols on January 10 and 17; and at the time of this publication, two more patrols are planned on January 24 and 31.

FSO-PA Ernie Khirallah established a plan with Sector San Francisco PAO LT Christen Shih to profile the Sector's activities for publication/presentation – to educate the Auxiliary, media, and boating public on the Sector's vigilant presence.

REMEMBERING LINDA VETTER

A remembrance ceremony for Flotilla 19 veteran Linda Vetter was conducted on January 13 at the PCA Fair on Coast Guard Island, Alameda, California. Commander Air Station San Francisco.

Captain Kent Everingham and Commander Sector San Francisco Captain Anthony Ceraolo attended to pay tribute to Linda's tireless work in support of Coast Guard air and sea operations on her very own Silver Charm. Also in attendance were Director of Auxiliary District 11 North Commander Evelyn Lynn and District 11 North Auxiliary Sector Coordinator San Francisco Vic Connell, who served as Master of Ceremonies for the event. Linda and her mighty contributions to the Coast Guard and Auxiliary will be sadly missed and fondly remembered. Fair Winds and Following Seas,

USCG Auxiliary Members Proctor Cal-Maritime Exams

Each year over 100 Senior Students of the CSU Cal Maritime Academy sit for Exams to complete either the Deck or Engine 3rd Mate License issued by the Coast Guard National Maritime Center.

If students complete each exam successfully, 7 for Deck and 8 for Engine, they may participate in the ringing the bell. That is a celebration done on Friday afternoon after the final course results are posted.

After 4 years of hard work that is a welcome sound.



Left Photo: Sue Fry USCGAUX Proctor; Right Photo: Jim Blackburn USCGAUX Proctor, Lorraine V. Gill, REC Oakland-Course Oversight Auditor; Rich Summers, REC Oakland-Lead Examiner Robyn Christopher is the CSU Maritime Academy Coordinator for USCG Licensing Programs

DIVISION 3:

Flotilla 35

Multiple units participated in the recent International Sportsman Exhibition & Boat Show at CalExpo. Auxiliarists supported the Cal. Dept. of Boating and Waterways and the Dockwalker program as well as sharing information about our Organization including upcoming ABS Boating Class (17 Feb) with the general public. Thanks to all who participated.

We shared a booth that was offered to us by the Cal Dept. of Boating Waterways. A huge BZ to Jim Goff of 113-03-05 who arranged and coordinated this activity.

Flotilla 3-10

Members from 3-10 and FC from 33 participated in December Galt Christmas Night Light Parade in town of Galt, CA

Flotilla 3-10 Members Larry Stanton (FC), Renee Feinberg (FSO-MA), Nathan Fite (FSO-MT, FSO-OP), and Jeff Fite (Division 3 DCDR), Marla J. Moura (VFC, SO-MS, FSO-MS, FSO-PA) participated in two parades in Elk Grove during the month of November 2017. Additionally, Larry Stanton, Renee Feinberg, Don Anderson (FC for FL 33) and Marla J. Moura participated in a Galt Christmas Night Light

parade in the City of Galt in early December. Our mission was to make the USCG Auxiliary visible to the public and to promote boating safety. When appropriate, boating/water safety coloring books were handed out to children along the parade routes.

Flotilla 31

WEST SACRAMENTO FIRE 'CERT' TEAM AND USCG AUXILIARY



USCG Auxiliarist Bob Schabert, Division 3 Public Affairs Officer, with Mike Poe of West Sacramento Fire CERT TEAM

West Sacramento, CA -- Bob Schabert, Flotilla Commander of 113-03-01 and SO-PA for Division 3 met with the West Sacramento Fire Department CERT Team on February 7, 2018 to discuss a joint marketing effort for water safety. It was decided that the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be providing Instructors to teach ABS Classes for the CERT Team at the West Sacramento Fire Station.

The CERT Team will also be partnering with the Auxiliary to promote boating safety and to offer ABS Classes to the public. West Sacramento Fire Station 45 will offer the space for training in their training room.

Schabert said, *"We will be taking with program across the River to the Sacramento County side and duplicating our efforts with the Sacramento CERT Team and the 1.5 million residents in the region".*

This year, CERT will be participating in 113-03-01's NSBW event on the Sacramento River along with all of the other First Responders.

Division 4:

SAN JOSE, Calif – The January monthly Division 4 meeting was held in the Silicon Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross building on January 24, 2018.



In the photo below, back row from right, Alan Stanton, VCDR, Michael Brown, DCDR, B.K. Barr, SO-IS, Bill Tsai, IP-DCDR, and Onno Vaneikemahommes, Flotilla 49 member congratulated Judy Esteban SO-MT (front in white scrub), for completing her requirements to be an AUXOP member.



SAN FRANCISCO – USCG Air Station San Francisco personnel had their Christmas party at their hanger on December 15, 2017. Auxiliary Food Service member, Michele Gibson, of Flotilla 46, coordinated a catered meal, of garden salad, chicken with herbs and mushrooms, beff tenderloin with horseradish cream sauce, Yukon gold potatoes with garlic, mushroom-sausage strudel and coffee. Desserts included mini cream puffs, chocolate mousse cake and mini lemon meringue bars were served, as shown in the picture below.



PLEASANTON, Calif – Coast Guard Auxiliary District 11 Northern Region honor guard participated in the 21st Annual Tri Valley Veteran’s Day parade held on November 5, 2017 along Main Street in downtown Pleasanton, California. Kathleen Boyle, of Flotilla 46 in Redwood City, was marching in formation as a member of the Color Guard. She was the third member from the right in the photo.



DIVISION 5:
Nothing to Report

Division 6:

December 3rd – Division Members

Lighted Boat Parade Follow-up: Division 6 supported the Annual Santa Cruz Harbor Lighted Boat Parade. Over 6,000 visitors descended on the Santa Cruz Harbor to watch dozens of boats, all lit up, playing Christmas music and cruising back and forth in the harbor. In the past, so many folks showed up to watch, that their combined weight collapsed one of the docks and some were injured due to excessive drinking and falling off the walls. The Santa Cruz Harbor Master asked us to control access to the 17 docks so that they would not be overloaded, and to provide communications and back-up medical support. This is the first year in many years, that there were no incidents of any kind. To say the Santa Cruz Harbor Master was pleased would be an understatement. Her office forwarded us a Thank You note from one of the boat owners. It read in part:

"...observing the Coast Guard Officers present, I was very impressed with the kind and thoughtful professionalism exuded without being in any way individually controlling or power mongering. Visitors were treated with respect and gentle guidance when needed. No incidents with loud challenges or unruliness happened."

January 27th and 28th, Team Coast Guard (CG Station Monterey Active Duty Personnel and Division 6) participated in Whale Fest at the entrance to the main Tourist Wharf in Monterey.



Over 15 thousand residents and tourists attended this celebration of Ocean Stewardship during the two-day event. Team Coast Guard Monterey was truly presented as a team. The Active Duty 29-foot RBS was present during both days as a static display with visitors encouraged to go onboard for a tour and briefing. The 47-foot Motor Lifeboat was also present, next to the Tourist Wharf offering visitors an onboard tour. Division 6 Auxiliarists were present at an information booth next to the 29' RBS interacting with the many visitors and an Auxiliary Facility crewed by Coxswain Steve McCann, and crew of Tracy Schultz and Rob Kay even made an appearance on Sunday. Participating from the Active Duty were: BM1 Graziano, Seaman Moeller and Seaman Hipes, BM2 George Pesson, BM3 Jacob Wilson, BM2 Ian Bomvotd, and Seaman Roberts. Station BMC Phillip Dewalt stopped by for awhile to offer his support.. Also participating from CG Station Monterey were the crew of the 47' Motor Life Boat. Participating from Division 6 COMO Wally Smith, DSO-PA Jane Smith, FC Craig Johnson, Mike Goldberg, Lynn May, Rob Jackson, Tony Budlong, Karen Yoder, VDCDR Mike Badano, FC Tammera Badano, Alex Urciuli, John Ittelson, Bobbi Kamil, and Keith Simmons. Especially heartwarming was Coastie's interaction with the numerous children (and their parents). Both Craig Johnson and Alex Urcioli did outstanding jobs acting as Coastie's "brain".



The busy Recreation Trail on which Whalefest was located



Lynwood May and Robert Jackson manning the PA table.

Flotilla 67

January, 2018 Flotilla 67 continues a poster distribution at Santa Cruz harbor bulletin boards featuring a themed monthly boating safety message. The intention is to have a fresh, timely message up each month to catch boater's eyes.





**67 member, Glen Marshal –ADSO-AUXAIR,
has brought a new AUXAIR Facility to
Division 6.**



Yours truly checking out Glen Marshall Air Facility

Flotilla 6-10

Monthly meeting are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting room. Flotilla members meet at Johnny's Restaurant at 5:30pm prior to the meeting for dinner and fellowship. The fellowship and meeting are an opportunity to interact with members as well as catching up on what is actively happening with the flotilla. Anybody interested in attending is encouraged to come to these events.

Patrolling on the San Francisco Bay on Silver Charm.

Silver Charm is a specially designed Auxiliary facility used to support Air Station San Francisco. Tamera Badano was able to get in some helm time under the watchful eye of Terry Blanchard, owner and coxswain of Silver Charm. After a lunch break at Yerba Buena Island we were fogged out of the remainder of the patrol. A great day on the water with great company. Tamera Badano, Michael Badano, Terry Blanchard and Cheryl Warner.



Checking on the bridge maintenance SF



T Badano at the helm, coxswain training.



The Crew of Silver Charm for the day.

The Division Meeting.

Fellowship lunch after the Division meeting. Great company and conversation. Wally, Jerry, T Badano, Bobbi, John, Michael and myself, Mike Badano.



Patrolling out of Santa Cruz Harbor.

Days on patrol are amazing. They can include active patrolling watching for recreational boating safety concerns, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, Marine Observation Missions, area familiarization patrolling, boat crew training, coxswain training, or Search and Rescue missions. With any luck Patrols are routine and uneventful. January 28 was all of the above.



Chuck Cobery, Judy Estaban, Mike & T Badano & BK Barr



After a great morning of boat crew training, the crews of C.R.A.F.T. Moment and Mei Long enjoying lunch.

DIVISION 7:



December 12, 2017, Division 7 participated in the Wreathes across America program at Fort Douglas Veteran's Cemetery in Salt Lake City, Utah. Barry Duke, U.S. Coast Guard, Retired, and an Auxiliary member of Division 7, Flotilla 03, represented the U.S. Coast Guard during the ceremony. Barry Duke, U.S. Coast Guard, Retired, and an Auxiliary member of Division 7, Flotilla 03, represented the U.S. Coast Guard during the ceremony honoring

our fallen U.S veterans and those who serve. After the ceremony, wreaths were laid on the graves on veterans who have been laid to rest at Fort Douglas Veterans Cemetery by Barry Duke and Chris Krogh from Flotilla 03 and Lana Visser, DCDR. Division 7 has participated in this event several years in the past years.

DIVISION 8:

Nothing to report!

DIVISION 10:

On January 9, 2018, Douglas T. Lazo, FC, for Flotilla 10-5 Fresno,CA. submitted a recommendation for a Bullard High School, Senior Abigail Dolan, for the United States Coast Guard Academy. She is also with her father, Brian; both are currently in the process of becoming a Coast Guardsmen.



Abigail Dolan, Doug Lazo and Abigail's father, Brian

DIVISION 11:

No Report

DIVISION 12:

No Report

Honor Guard:

Nothing to Report

AUXAIR:

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 reported,
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