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From: Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs
Thru: Ann Zocchi, DCAPT- Prevention

To: Commodore Wally Smith

Subject: District Staff Officer – Public Affairs – May/June Activities

July 2018 Report

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

Division 1: Gail Giacomini - SO-PA

**Division 3:** No Report

**Division 4:** Jimmin Chang – SO-PA

**Division 5:** Ingemar Olsson – SO-PA, Wil Sumner – District Captain

**Division 6**: Jerry Edelen - DCDR, Michael Badano – VCDR, FSO-PA, Jane Smith - 6-10,

DSO-PA

**Division 7:** No Report

**Division 8:** Nothing to Report

**Division 10:** Doug Lazo – Flotilla - 10-5 - FSO-PA, Karl Keller – 10-3

Division 11: SO-Bryce Leinan
Division 12: Nothing to Report
Honor Guard: Nothing to Report
District 11 Northern: Activities
AUXAIR: Nothing to Report
Color Guard: Nothing to Report
DSO-PA Report: Jane D. Smith

# **Details:**

# **Division 1: May and June Activities**

NSBW proclamation templates were distributed to all of the Division flotillas and appointments made with major cities in Marin: Novato, San Rafael and Sausalito and the County Board of Supervisors.





Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Michael Mitchel accepted a NSBW proclamation from Marin County Board of Supervisor Supervisors at their 0900 meeting. Supervisor Damon Connolly, District 1, San Rafael, presented the proclamation. On the same day at the 1800 meeting of the Novato City Council, Mayor Josh Fryday gave a NSBW proclamation to Flotilla 1-4 member Steve Bustin. Both Auxiliarists remarked on the CG Aux's role in Recreational Boating and Marine Safety. USCG Auxiliary photos by SO-PA Gail Giacomini.

Slide-Share Roger Bazeley Editor-PA <a href="https://www.slideshare.net/Roger\_Bazeley/bravo-zulu-2018-q1-">https://www.slideshare.net/Roger\_Bazeley/bravo-zulu-2018-q1-</a>

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May 1st, 2018- Gary Kaplan aboard Coast Guard facility "Aspen." Shoreside. Photos by Roger Bazeley.

**Recap from April: SILVER CHARM** Coxswain Terry Blanchard and fellow District 11 Auxiliarists conducted 6 Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco support patrols aboard *Silver Charm*. **AIR STATION RESERVE BUILDING RENOVATION** Flotilla 19 has taken on a restoration project at the Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco, to create a Historical Archive in the Reserve Building. The

redesigning and restoring of the quarterdeck is led by Auxiliarists Dan Swett, Michael Mitchell, and Maura Bailey.

**AIR STATION VISIT** Ten plus Flotilla 19 Auxiliarists participated in a tour and fellowship with the Active Duty team of the of Coast Guard Air Station in San Francisco for the Flotilla's April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thanks to Terry Blanchard who organized the visit and to FC Dale Fajardo who provided lunch.





Flotilla 1-09 Auxiliarist with helo and Auxiliarist Porter Teegarden with "flat Stanley" puppet tour CG Air Station San Francisco. CG Auxiliary photos by Ernest Khirallah.



**OUTSTANDING DIVISION AWARD** Commodore Dale Fajardo presented Division 1 Commander Michael Mitchell and Vice Commander Nancy Marion with the 2017 Outstanding Division Award at **April 14** meeting.

**OPENING DAY AT PILLAR POINT** Ernie Khirallah, Dan Swett, Cheryl Warner, and Tina Kuehne exhibited at Pillar Point in Half Moon Bay on Opening Day on **April 21** from 8 am to 12 noon. Cheryl conducted VSCs. (Photos previously submitted).

PACIFIC SAIL & POWER BOAT SHOW Ernie Khirallah represented Flotilla 19 in staffing the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways' (DBW) Boating Clean and Green Program Booth on April 22 at the Pacific Sail & Power Boat Show. Members of DBW, US Power Squadron, and the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (DBW's Clean Vessel Act Education Program) also staffed the booth and conducted face-to-face boater education about clean and safe boating practices and distributed information about the CA Boater Card, the 2018 Recreational Boater Kits, the San Francisco Bay Area and Delta clean boating, sewage pump out maps and invasive species information.

**JUNE RECAP3**. Optrex Divisions 1 and 12 at Richmond Marina Yacht Club (photo links below) Linda Pfeiffer:6/22 https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pdnwypgkg2jjavu/AAAiBA9vrWUPYtG30jVijIXja?dl=0

Photo Link to 6/22-23 days by Stephen Busch Division 12 Optrex-22JUN18 Action photos of training!!



Richmond, CA- CG Division 1 and 12 Auxiliary members during maneuvers break at the June 23 Optrex.



Members of both Division 1 and 12 preparing for departure during the OPTREX day



Richmond, CA- USCG Auxiliary Divisions 1 and 12 members prepare for afternoon training at June 23-24 Optrex held at Richmond Marina Yacht Club.



San Rafael, CA – Flotilla 1-4 members enjoy fellowship before the Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the Loch Lomond Yacht Club. Top: Left: Peter Shamray and Mary Kirkwood. Bottom: Right: Carol Paz, Nancy Marion and Paula Russo.



Left San Rafael, CA - Coast Guard Auxiliary Lilli Ferguson of Flotilla 1-2, Sausalito, and (Right) Air member and presenter Glenn Marshall, Flotilla 67, Santa Cruz, gave presentations on Waterway Watch and Auxiliary Air at Flotilla 1-4's monthly dinner meeting held at Loch Lomond Yacht Club.

## Flotilla 1-7 Meetings





Berkeley, CA-Alessia and Simone Adair, with Cynthia Dragon and spouse enjoy May dinner Flotilla 1-07 meeting at Spanger's Seafood Restaurant in April.



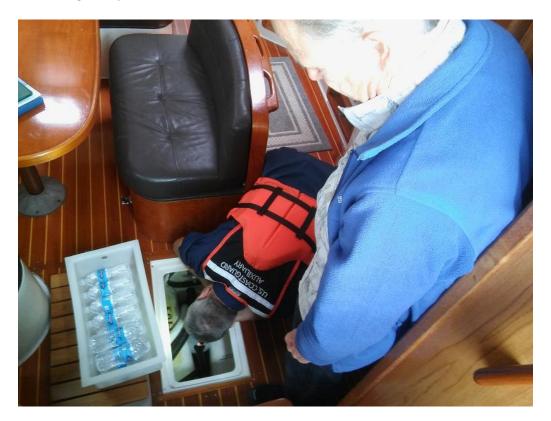
Members Glen and Arlene Huber (in photo center) returned from Caribbean 2 years Sailing WAHOO a 40'Laguna 40 catamaran after buying new house near Norfolk, Virginia after moving from S.F. They will stay long distance Flotilla Members until they transfer to a new East Coast home.

# **Division 4**

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. – The 80<sup>th</sup> Annual South Bay Opening Day was held on 5 May 2018, at the Port of Redwood City. As shown below, CAPT Patrick Nelson, Sector San Francisco Deputy Commander, who was the Grand Marshal this year, gave his remarks, before the boat parade and blessing of the fleet.



Vessel examiners conducted Vessel Safety Checks at the Redwood City public launch ramp and at the Sequoia Yacht Club docks. Shown below was Michael Brown, Division 4 Commander, inspecting the bilge of a sailing vessel, during a safety exam. A booth was also set up in front of the Flotilla 46 radio tower for distribution of Recreational Boating Safety information to those who attended the event.





SAN FRANCISCO – Auxiliary Food Services members prepared appetizers for the "Flight Suit Formal" held at Air Station San Francisco hanger in commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of rotary flight. Participating Auxiliarists shown below from left to right are Nancy and Tommy Holtzman, Linda Hayes, Jim Losi, Michele Gibson, Richard Garcia, and John Goley. Chester Bartilini not shown. Assortment of gourmet hors d'oeuvres from chicken, egg and tuna salads to cheese and fresh fruits were served. In the last photo below, lead AUX-FS Michele Gibson posted with CAPT Kent Everingham, Commanding Officer of Air Station San Francisco, wearing his flight Suit formal attire.





REDWOOD CITY, Calif. – Division 4 continued their boat crew academy training on 12 May 2018. Shown below, Kristan Verveniotis, Division Operations Staff Officer was reviewing on-shore boat crew materials with crew candidates, Peter Daniels and Eric Wassmann of Flotilla 43 and 46. Auxiliary facilities Search Engine (coxswain Paul Verveniotis) and Maverick (coxswain Dave Naumann) conducted on-the-water training evolutions. (Coast Guard Auxiliary Photo by Jimmin Chang.)



REDWOOD CITY, Calif. – North American Safe Boating Campaign, formerly National Safe Boating Week, was 19 – 25 May, this year. Press release was sent out to print and broadcast media: San Jose Mercury News, KTVU Fox 2, KRON NBC 4, KPIX CBS 5, KGO ABC 7, KGO AM-810, and KCBS AM-740. Chinese version of the press release was also sent to Sing Tao Daily, World Journal, KTSF 26.1, Sky Link 4.2, and Sing Tao Radio (Cantonese AM-1400 and Mandarin FM-96.1).

Boating safety booth was set up at the Redwood City launch ramp on 19 May 2018. Vessel Examiner, Paul Verveniotis, Flotilla 46 Commander, was conducting safety check on a kayak, as shown below. Another boating safety booth and Vessel Safety Check station was set up at the Alviso launch ramp in San Jose, Calif. on 26 May 2018. (Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by Kristan Verveniotis.)





SANTA CRUZ, Calif. – Flotilla 49 member, Judy Esteban documented North American Safe Boating Campaign activities on 19 May 2018, at Santa Cruz Harbor. Boating safety booths were set up in the parking lot next to

the public launch ramp at the San Cruz harbor. On-the-water training evolutions were conducted on Auxiliary facilities as well.

Shown below, Michael Brown, Division 4 Commander was doing radio communications watch. Alan Stanton, Vice Division 4 Commander, in Santa Cruz AOR, was preparing to receive a heaving line about to be casted to him on another auxiliary facility.





Sonia Foster, of Flotilla 6-10, in Santa Cruz AOR, ready to throw the heaving line from Auxiliary Vessel 219 to 522

MENLO PARK, Calif. – Auxiliary facility Search Engine (coxswain Paul Verveniotis) conducted an ATON Patrol on 20 May 2018, inspecting the Dumbarton Railroad bridge navigation lights. Participating crew members and trainee included Kristan Verveniotis, Jim Higuchi and Greg Mast.





SAN JOSE, Calif. – Division 4's May meeting was held on 23 May 2018, at the Silicon Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross in San Jose, Calif. Vice Division 4 Commander provided the refreshments. Shown below, the frocking ceremony was performed, where Michele Gibson received her division staff officer shoulder boards





Michele Gibson receiving her DSO boards



After the meeting, B. K. Bar, Division Information Services Staff Officer, provided a presentation on Uniform etiquette.

## **Division 5**

#### Flotilla 52:

Napa Flotilla is hosting a boating safety class, ABOUT BOATING SAFELY, on May 26, 2018, during the National Safe Boating Week. Any Auxiliary members (with ID numbers) may join us for the class at no cost. Take care of your CA Boater Card now.

Location: Napa Unified School District IT Building, <u>2400 Kennedy Way, Napa, CA 94558</u> Date/Time: Saturday, May 26, 2018. Class starts promptly at 0830. Door opens at 0800.

#### Flotilla 55:

Flotilla 55, and USCG AUX facility Margarita supported the IRONMAN Sonoma County this past weekend by providing a regatta patrol and safety platform for this event. There were 2100 participants in this full IRONMAN and the swimmers had to swim two laps (2 miles) before heading out on their bikes for phase 2. We attended a pre-briefing at 0430 and were on station by 0600. As this was a full ironman and the number of swimmers needing assistance was around 12, Compare this to a half Ironman where last year there were 41 needing assistance as there were many inexperienced swimmers..

After the event, USCG facility SS Minnow was launched and we conducted two boat training with many of our new trainees (Jeff Tuttle, Frank Capurro, Mark Lewis, John Teague, John Behle). We ended our patrol at 1400 which was an 8 hour patrol for the crew on Margarita, Doug Twitchell, Larry Kubo and Wil Sumner.

Flotilla 55 has had a busy, safe boating month. In addition to the Lake Sonoma Ironman Regatta, our Flotilla started the month in support of the annual Rib Cook off at TraCen training center. This is not only a fun event, but it reminds the gold side just how much we support them in all they do. Heading the cook off where Jeff Tuttle and Steve Jette.

On the 25th of the month was our John Guaraglia doing what he does best. John single handily did PA events at West Marine and Sportsman's Warehouse. These are great events for our Flotilla, not only do we spread boating education, but we let the local boater and outdoorsmen that they have our support whenever they need us. Thanks John, and all our 55 members who donate so much of their time and effort to the Auxiliary.

Always Ready, Frank Capurro 55 FSO-PA

Wil Sumner

US Coast Guard Auxiliary, DCAPT Response

Flotilla 57 is planning to have a booth with information and doing VSCs on Saturday 5/26 from 9:00 - 13:00 at the end of Boating Safety Week at the Martinez Marina launch ramp in collaboration with Martinez Marina Harbormaster Olivia Ortega.

#### **Division 6**

Flotilla 64 and 6-10

 On Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Coast Guard Station BMC Phil Dawalt and Jerry Edelen traveled to the Monterey County Board of Supervisor's Meeting to accept a Proclamation from the Board recognizing May 20-27<sup>th</sup> as National Safe Boating Week.



The Proclamation was read before everyone assembled at the Board Meeting by Board Chair Luis Alejo and filmed.

The video of the presentation can be found at minute 19:30 here:

http://monterey.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\_id=5&clip\_id=3580

2. On May 15th, Division 6 Member, COMO Wally Smith, was interviewed on Rosie Chalmer's Show on KSCO Radio about our Division's plans for National Safe Boating week. Of course, lots of good information was shared and a lot of good humor.





The Proclamation

3. National Safe Boating Week Activity- Coast Guard Station Monterey's Open House is advertised.

https://www.seemonterey.com/event/coast-guard-safe-boating-open-house/6275/

- 4. Team Coast Guard celebrates National Safe Boating Week with an Open House at Coast Guard Station Monterey. All available Coasties participated as did Division 6 Auxiliarists FC Craig Johnson, Jerry Edelen, Alex Urciuoli, Michael Goldberg, Lynn May, Keith Simmons, and Lewis Alexander. The Open House lasted from 1000 to 1400 hours and was followed by a late luncheon in the dining facility...prepared by Auxiliarist Cami Corvin. Cami also served as Watchstander for Coast Guard Station Monterey during the event. The Station's 29' RBS and 47' MLB were available for touring, as was the Cutter Hawksbill. At noon sharp, a Coast Guard Dolphin helicopter arrived on scene and dropped a Rescue Swimmer into the bay off of the Coast Guard Pier...much to the delight of many tourists. The helicopter crew then winched the Rescue Swimmer back on-board. Overall, the event was probably the best ever!
- 5. KSBW TV filmed the Open House and featured it on their nightly broadcast:



KSBW TV filming...

CG Station Executive Officer LT Cate Giguere was featured prominently during the coverage:

http://www.ksbw.com/article/coast-guard-station-monterey-stresses-boating-safety/20761684



The Information/
Public Affairs Booths



Seeing eye to eye with Coastie Interacting with the Public (Photos by Mike Goldberg)



**Coast Guard Boat Tours!** 



USCG Station Monterey 29' RBS



USCG Station Monterey 47' MLB



USS Coast Guard Cutter Hawksbill open for Visiting!



Rescue Swimmer being dropped (photo by Keith Simmons)



The NSBW Luncheon Spread Keith Simmons is first in line!



Of Course, a Cake!

6. Division 6 mans PAVE booths at Santa Cruz Harbor on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.







**Prepping for the Public** 



**Interacting with the Public** 

7. Also, on May 19<sup>th</sup>, Lewis Alexander stationed himself at the Monterey Harbor Boat Ramp and conducted Vessel Safety Checks.



8. Coxswain Steve McCann conducted a Marine Safety Patrol during CG Station Open House on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Acting as crew for Steve were Tracy Schultz and Rob Jackson. Rumor has it Steve approached the Celebrity Cruise Ship and offered to conduct a Vehicle Safety Check!!

May 2018 PA efforts for Flotilla 67:

1) Promotion of June 2nd Auxiliary course About Boating Safely on flotilla 67 Facebook page.

- 2) In accordance with Flotilla 67's Diversity Plan, promoted Coast Guard's Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month via Facebook
- 3) Tailored a new Coast Guard produced PSA for use during NSBW. By adapting it and tailoring it with local contact information, we were able to get it into the Santa Cruz Community TV's PSA rotation for NSBW. A Facebook version was also placed on flotilla's page.
- 4) Placed NSBW message slides on S.C. Community TV's community calendar that were both broadcast and rotated on station's website.
- 5) Distributed press release (attached) regarding Award presented to Kim Huynh to Santa Cruz Sentinel, Watsonville Register- Pajaronoian, Monterey Herald, KION TV, KSBW TV, & Patch. One confirmed Hit-Santa Cruz Sentinel ran story on May 20th. One email request for further information from KSBW-unknown if they ran with story. Scan of Sentinel attached.
- 6) A short video made to celebrate Flotilla 67's 56th birthday was shared to a Santa Cruz History Facebook page and was viewed by more the 1200 individuals, gaining increased public awareness of the Auxiliary in the region.
- 7) Memorial Day weekend life vest wear video tailored with local contact information created and released to Facebook.

Narrative submission: SANTA CRUZ--At the May 2018 meeting of Flotilla 67 members and guests gathered to celebrate the flotilla's 56th anniversary of the flotilla's founding. The meeting space was transformed into a museum displaying plaques, photos and memorabilia showcasing the flotilla's history. All were treated to a custom cake made by Mallory Sheehan, 67's FC Sean Sheehan's daughter.

During the meeting, the flotilla gathered to watch videos featuring photos of early years of Flotilla 67. Also members were able to view newly discovered color images of the Flotilla's involvement in the grand opening of the Santa Cruz Harbor in 1964.

Commodore Wally Smith and Jerry Edelen, Div 6 Division Commander, were on hand to present awards to Flotilla 67 members. Jerry Edelen presented members with the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Award (with Operational device) as part of Division 6 being honored with the award. Individual members were recognized that evening also. Glen Marshall was presented with a certificate certifying him as an Auxiliary Flight Examiner. Peter Kyryl was presented with a District 11nr award for second place in Program Visitor performance in 2017. Kim Huynh was presented the Commandant's Auxiliary Letter of Commendation Ribbon for her efforts as an English / Vietnamese interpreter in the aftermath of hurricane HARVEY.



Como Wally Smith, Kim Hyunh Flotilla 67 and Jerry Edelen DCDR, Division 6

## Flotilla 6-10

## **Flotilla Meeting**

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 Silver Charm May 16th.

Wally Smith, Tammera Badano and Mike Badano patrolling on Silver Charm on San Francisco Bay. Assisting the helicopter with hoist operator sign offs. It is always a great day on the bay. Amazing training opportunity with the flight crew and Terry Blanchard, the owner/coxswain of Silver Charm.







Mike Badano dances on deck...



Tammera and Michael with an inbound



Tammera poised to receive the trail line



Mike taking in the basket. helicopter for training



Tammera taking in the trail line



Basket is on the deck, signaling that we are ready to have it retrieved

# **Preparing for National Safe Boating Week**

Como Wally Smith, Jane Smith, DSO-PA and Sonia Foster, Member of Flotilla 6-10 assembling a photo board to be used at the National Safe Boating event at the Santa Cruz harbor. Who says we don't have fun in the Auxiliary.







## **National Safe Boating Week.**

National Safe Boating Week is a unified effort across the nation to get the message about safely boating out to the Nation. Your flotilla 6-10 had a booth set up at the Santa Cruz Harbor May 19 and 20 as well as having our patrol vessel C.R.A.F.T. Moment on the water. We had the opportunity to conduct Vessel Safety Exams as well as distribute information for the upcoming Boating Safety Course and other boating safety information. The Monterey 29 came out on May 20 to support the event. Harbor patrol had a life jacket exchange booth and Vessel Assist had a membership drive booth as well. It was a great weekend.





FC, T Badano with the Monterey crew.

From left to right: Como Smith, COS Mary Kirkwood, DSO-PA, Jane Smith, 6-10 Member Sonia Foster, FC T Badano, Onno Vaneikemahommes, Div 4, Tiffany Townsend (Div 1) VCDR Mike Badano Div 6, Peter Gorenberg (Div 1)

# Patrol for the Jay Moriarity Memorial Paddle Board Race June 16th



Preparing to get underway on the 219.



Underway on Patrol Boat 219, great day.



**Paddle Boarder Parents and Kids** 

In June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Annual Battle of Midway Dining-In

Team Coast Guard participated in the Annual
Battle of Midway Dining-In at Hermann Hall at the NavalPostgraduate School. Our Coast Guard Team
occupied two tables amongst many tables with Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines in full attendance.
Participating were: DCDR 6 Jerry Edelen; DSO-PA Jane Smith; DCDR 4 Michael Brown; Tracy Schultz
and his date, Renee; Kitty Hansen; John Tamagi; Sonia Foster; Alex Urciuoli; Lynn May and his bride;
BM Matt McMahon, Gwen "The Hammer" Hammer; and LCDR Williamson. Congressman Jimmy
Panetta was in attendance as were the Mayors from the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove and Del Rey
Oaks. The featured speaker was Lieutenant General Michael A. Rocco, USMC, Deputy Commandant
for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps.

During the evening, several mentions were made by the President of the Mess and Mr. Vice outlining Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines accomplishments during the battle. Noticeably absent was a mention of the Coast Guard until LCDR Andrew Williamson objected with a very vocal "Point of Order". After detailing Douglas Monroe's bravery during WWII, everyone present acknowledged and appreciated Andy's contribution; however, Mr. Vice ordered not only he; but, all Coasties present to the "Punch Bowl" to consume a glass of the alcoholic concoction present. Both active duty Coasties and Auxiliarists dutifully proceeded to the Punch Bowl and proceeded to consume copious amounts of the elixir to the cheers and applause of everyone present. When all glasses were empty, all were required to turn their glasses upside down over their heads to demonstrate the glasses were empty. Great fun, and great inter-service friendly rivalry!

Auxiliarist Ralph Neal was singled out by the President of the Mess during his introductions of VIP's present as a WWII recipient of the Marine Silver Star for Bravery in the Pacific. Everyone applauded heartily, and throughout the night different groups present wanted to have their pictures taken with Ralph. It was heartwarming to say the least. What a great evening!!



CG Table 1 CG Table 2

#### 14 June 2018 - Change of Command, CG Station Monterey

The time-honored tradition of the Change of Command occurred on 14 June at Coast Guard Station Monterey. With CAPT Anthony Ceraolo, Sector SF Commander, presiding, LT Mark Magrino was relieved by LT John Gatti. After being briefed by LT Magrino about the local Auxiliary unit, LT Gatti remarked to Jerry Edelen, DCDR Division 6, that he had never heard of such great support as that provided by the Auxiliary to the Station.



The ceremony, with Monterey Bay in the background. Station Montery Executive Officer LT Cate Guiguere at the podium as emcee.



LTs Magrino & Gatti inspect the crew of Station Monterey.



Auxiliarists Craig Johnson, Tony Budlong, and Lyn May in attendance.



LT Magrino accepting an award from CAPT Ceraolo.
In addition, LT Magrino was promoted to the rank
of Lieutant Commander!



DCDR Jerry Edelen & COMO Wally Smith with ENS Sarah Davis, Sector SF AUXLO. ENS Davis was previously crew at Station Monterey



A reception followed the official ceremony with many active duty with their families along with a great showing by Division 6 Auxiliarists. The fellowship and food were both outstanding.

## **Division 7**

No Report

#### **Division 8**

No Report

#### **Division 10**

10-5 Flotilla On May 2, 2018, 1700-2200Hrs, Douglas Lazo, Flotilla Commander, participated in the 2nd Annual "Patriot Dinner" for Clovis School District High School Graduates. Each year the Clovis School District in conjunction with the Clovis Memorial School District (Clovis Veterans Roundtable group made up of representatives from the various VFW, and military organizations) presents a special dinner for graduation 2018 seniors that have enlisted for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. This year I represented the Coast Guard and had 2 seniors. One senior will be enlisting in the Coast Guard and will be inducted in the later part of August. The other senior was a candidate for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. She was one of the 2,300 applicants for the class of 2022. Only 275 were accepted this coming year. She was not accepted to the incoming class, but will be enlisting in the Coast Guard. Many of the 100+ seniors from the Clovis School District did not apply for enlistment into the Coast Guard due to not making the required minimum requirements. The Coast Guard requires very high armed forces incoming scores, and also college credits. Each year I give out hundreds of Coast Guard recruitment materials to Seniors and various VFW organizations.

On May 11, 2018, 0700-1700Hrs. Douglas Lazo, Flotilla Commander and Steven Pitts, Vice Flotilla Commander participated at the annual Pelco/Schneider Corporation, and Fresno Special Education District Water Safety Day. For the past 5 years this event was held at the Pelco/Schneider Corporation headquarters in Clovis, California. Each year this event has grown that this year the event was held at the Fresno County Fair Grounds, Fresno, California. Over 1800+ Special Education students, administrators, parents and the general public were invited to this event. Flotilla 10-5 Fresno utilized "Coastie" and was a hit with the students in wheel chairs, walkers, physical and mental needs who participated. The flotilla gave out over 2,000 water safety coloring books, personal flotation device handouts, and other materials. A total of 350+ books/tests (California Boating Course) were distributed to adults. Many questions were fielded by Commander Lazo and Pitts, relative to new California Boating Laws. The word is getting out to the general public that by 2025 any of driving a boat in California will have to show that they have taken a boating class, and have in possession the new California Boating Card. Some of the vendors included 3 helicopters from the California Highway Patrol, Fresno Police Department, and Fresno County Sheriffs Office. The event coordinators are already planning for the 2019 and expect to have a projected student population of special education students to number over 2000+.

On May 15, 2018, 0700-1700Hrs. Douglas Lazo, Flotilla Commander, attended a conference "What Ebola taught us preparing for the next emerging Diseases. APIC San Joaquin Valley Chapter 19, Saint Agnes Medical Center Educational Center, Fresno, California. Participants were from FEMA, medical practitioners, Public Health specialists, doctors and nurses. This conference was to update my training with FEMA as a National Defense Executive Reservists. As a specialists in Biological Warfare, and disaster management with FEMA for over 10 years and locally with the Public Health Department - Fresno, California, these type of conferences is required to get the latest updated information. The speakers were from New York, Nebraska, and Fresno, California. The medical practitioners from Directors, nursing staff, and infectious disease specialists gave hands-on discussion on the problems and solutions faced by the 3 initial states handling Ebola

patients. Focus such as high risk infectious Disease patients between hospital levels were discussed, Lessons learned from Ebola front lines included identification, isolation, and information distribution to medical staff. The numerous panel discussion from the various levels of medical staffing, local, state, and Federal levels were excellent especially the breakout sessions for questions and answers sessions. The vendors participating were those who were involved with those hospitals in New York, Nebraska and California handling the first Ebola patients primarily from Africa. The information gleaned from the various levels of local, state and federal levels of medicine practitioners was excellent. Overall, this conference and training specifically addressed the issue of dealing with Ebola and myriads of problems that medical staff had to encounter at local, state, and Federal levels due to the unknowns dealing with Ebola patients. Training conferences specific to Ebola has taught all participants that first responders have to be available and trained should further outbreaks of Ebola occur in the future.

On May 19, 2018, 0700-1600Hrs, Brian Dolan, Auxiliarists from Flotilla 10-5 responded to Lake Millerton, for the annual water safety day hosted by the Lake Millerton Rangers. Over a 500+ participants from the general public comprising of City of Fresno, Clovis, and Fresno County participated at this event. Auxiliarist Dolan gave out materials regards to boating safety, coloring books, and New California Boating Course books/tests. Vendors from the Search and Rescue Fresno/Madera Sheriffs Office, Corps of Engineers, Children's Hospital, etc. participated with handouts and verbal talks on water safety. This is the 2nd year that Flotilla 10-5 Fresno, has participated at this event.

On May 25, 2018, 0700-1600, Douglas Lazo, Flotilla Commander, Steve Pitts, Vice Flotilla Commander, and Brian Dolan, Auxiliarists from Flotilla 10-5 Fresno, participated at Kohl's/Children's Hospital water safety day at Fresno's Chuckansi Park. Over 1500+ students from Fresno County School Districts were in attendance for this water safety day event. Flotilla 10-5 Fresno has participated at this event for 5 years. "Coastie" was the highly for the students. Auxiliarists Pitts/Dolan manned "Coastie" which was exciting for the students. Auxiliarists Lazo, spoke to the students regards to water safety in canals, backyard swimming pools, and the utilization of personal flotation devices. The teachers, parents, and students had many questions regards to water safety issues. Students were given over 1500 coloring books pertaining to water safety. This event was the conclusion of participation by Kohl's corporation as the key sponsor for this event. Children's Hospital is currently looking for a new corporate sponsor for the future water safety event.

#### 10-2 and 10-3 Flotillas

Division Ten had a kick off for Nation Safe Boating Week at Buckley Cove launch ramp. Address 4911 Buckley Cove Way Stockton CA 95219. Members from 10-02 and 10-03 under the leadership of Nick Patterson SO-PV FSO-PV FSO-CS. We came together for the week end to complete JOB#1 (RBS), joining forces with San Joaquin Co Sheriff's Water Group and Stockton Delta Power Squadron. This PA, VE event was very successful with 32 VEs done and a ton of literature handed out. A RV from 10-03 was used as a backdrop and to serve free coffee and cookies. The public seem very receptive to this approach. Many stop by to chat and get the some information. Just having a chance to catch a smile or an understanding of the information made the weekend worth the efforts of our time. Saving lives before they need saving is an awesome feeling to say the least.

During slow periods we worked on some member training with new and younger members in attendance. Teamwork of the Auxiliary Members was outstanding and looking forward to doing more events in our AOR.

In closing standing alone we face many challenges, but working with partners with the same goals can save lives. We have opened the doors to a new horizon with friends and neighbors across the delta. So together we can embrace this idea of common goals to maximize our mission of RBS. Please join in on the next event to make it a greater success. See photos below!







Jerry Schwartz, Robert A. Davis 10-03, Rene Steinhauer 10-03, Al Manuel and Karl G. Keller FC 10-03

#### Public Education at West Marine in Stockton Ca

Today event was a great success with two Auxiliary members and two boaters from the Stockton area completing the About Boating Safety USCG Auxiliary course. This is a first of many future classes. The next class will be July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am come and explore the world of safe boating. Flotilla 10-03 will be putting extra efforts to teach the public with the help of West Marine. Member of 10-03 worked has a team to teach and set up class room. Thanks to Nick Patterson, Robert J. Davis, Jerrod Lopes and Karl G Keller.

#### **Division 11**

# **No Report**

#### **Division 12**

Flotilla 12-91 worked with City of San Ramon for a NSBW proclamation. FC Greg Olsen went to the City Council meeting Thursday, May 17th.

Flotilla 12-91 participated in the San Ramon Art and Wind Festival May 27 and 28. There was a booth set up all day. The main attraction of the booth is the "clean waters" diorama which tends to attract lots of children.

#### **District Public Affairs**

#### **A VISION NEVER MORE FITTING**

There was a District Board & Staff Meeting held at Coast Guard Island on Saturday 09 June. Never has the AUXILIARY MEMORIAL looked better! It is a tribute to our brothers and sisters who have crossed over the bar. We are proud of OUR Memorial and what it represents. We hope you will spend some time visiting the Memorial and reflect on the dedication and accomplishments of those who have gone before us.



#### **AUXAIR**

FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV

SUBJECT: AuxAir Report for June, 2018.

D11N Aviators:

# May

As you may know, AUXAIR pilots and aircrew are required to take the national CRM course (AUX-17) during the first year of their certification as pilots or aircrew. In the past this course has been given along with spatial disorientation (AUX-18) at Pensacola or at Oklahoma City.

Now, National Aviation Branch has decided to send instructors out to the various AUXAIR squadrons and present this course in the various Districts. This is now a two-day course and it has already been given at several Districts across the Country.

We are currently scheduled to receive the AUX-17 course at CGI on Saturday and Sunday, 3 and 4 November 2018. At this time we need to know who in our D11N Squadron needs this course and who may not require the class, but would like to attend. National wants a minimum of 10 students and a maximum of 20 students. We may be able to get a few reimburseable orders for our members that live out of the area, but this is not certain. The course will go all day on Saturday and at least half a day on Sunday. Students have to complete the entire two-day course in order to get credit. Sometimes, Auxiliarists can stay overnight in the accommodations on CGI, but this will need to be explored further.

I have talked with aviators in other Districts and they say this is an excellent course and that the instructors do an outstanding job of presenting the CRM material.

Please respond to this email, or send me a separate message, and let me know if you want to attend this course. First priority will go to pilots and aircrew who have not had the national AUX-17 class. If spaces are available, we will include observers and other squadron members. Further details and information will be forthcoming as we get closer to November and as we know which squadron members will be attending.

AUXAIR continues to fly about 6 missions each week in support of the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and our allied agencies. We continue to support NOAA and have made flights in support of the Forward Operating Base at Pt. Mugu.

We are also continuing to provide support for AUXAIR in D11S. We are sending our Flight Examiners and Aircraft Inspectors to D11S in order to certify their aircraft and to give their pilots SAR/STAN check rides. We have also provided a Flight Examiner check ride to one of their experienced pilots, who is expected to take over providing check rides to D11S aviation members.

For our squadron, we now have two members that have completed their preliminary duties and have been assigned mentors so they can begin their flight training. We are working with an active duty Coastie assigned to CGI, who is already a licensed pilot and who has recently joined the Auxiliary. He is interested in our AUXAIR program and we are assisting him with the training process. We also have a new Auxiliarists in the Monterey area, who owns an airplane and is currently working on his mandated training and who will soon be starting his flight training. AUXAIR continues to fly between four and six flights each week in support of the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and our allied agencies. At NOAA's request, we are monitoring the CEMEX plant near Moss Landing and are taking photos to show the activities at this facility. We also take photos of the slide on Hwy 1, near Big Sur, but I believe the road is now open.

#### June

In June we had four Auxiliarists begin ground school training for their Observer rating and three of these are now ready to start flight training. Two others have completed the prerequisites and have been assigned mentors. One Auxiliarist, who is also an active duty member, has completed his first FAM flight and is ready to continue with his training. We are a little short on available training flights, but are working to increase these flights.

Our next squadron dinner/meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 31 July, at the Holiday Inn, Dublin. All Auxiliarists are welcome and reservations are required so the Hotel know how many to prepare for. Please make reservations with Ron Darcey, rdarcey@ PacBell.net. Trops are the uniform for our dinners; social hour starts at 1700 and dinner at 1800, with our program following. We anticipate Wil Sumner will attend and provide us with an update on Abandoned & Derelict Vessels (ADV) in the Delta.

On 21 June, we had a good SAR assist case in SF Bay. Doug Kerr, PIC, and Larry Olson, Observer, were returning to Hayward airport at about 1600 following a Bravo patrol, when Sector put out a call about at PIW in the vicinity of Alcatraz, who may have fallen off his kite board. We responded to the area and soon located the PIW between Alcatraz and the GG Bridge. We talked with Sector and were requested to orbit the PIW until a rescue vessel could respond. We did orbit the PIW and soon noticed a CG fast boat approaching the area. We maintained radio communication with the boat (29144) and directed them to the PIW. The crew made the recovery and the last transmission was that a medical evaluation was being conducted.

#### Color Guard 11 District N



The D11NR Color Guard presented the Colors at the San Rafael Pacifics home opener at Albert Park in San Rafael on June 2, 2018, for the third consecutive year. The Pacifics warmly welcome us each year and after the presentation we enjoy a good old fashioned Americana minor league baseball game in a family friendly environment. The Color Guard arrived, as usual, hours early to prepare and stood for over an hour before we marched onto the field. Always a pleasure and honor to do so.



Novato Independence Day Parade has over 100 entries each year. The D11NR Color Guard leads the Coast Guard Pacific Strike Team and multiple AUX flotillas in the parade etc year.



**Color Guard Marching in Parade** 



Chester Bartalini, Steve Bustin, Rick Scheuerman, Michael Mitchell & Georgie Scheuerman

# DISTRICT 11 N/S –Retirement of DIRAUX, Commander Lynn PAC AREA-Change of Command and Retirement of Admiral Midgette DISTRICT 11-Change of Command, Admiral Sokalzuk -SEE BELOW-

#### 25 MAY 2018 - Commander Evelyn Lynn Retires

Our Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX), CDR Evelyn Lynn and her husband CDR Kevin Lynn, retired from the Coast Guard after many years of exemplary service. "Evie", as she preferred to be addressed, was an absolute joy to work with and she will be missed! Evie and Kevin will be relocating to Ventura, CA where she will work for a private aeronautical firm with several rotary and fixed wing aircraft. An informal retirement party was held at the Aeolian Yacht Club in Alameda.



CDRs Evie and Kevin Lynn



ADM Todd Sokalzuk addressing the audience.



Evie is flanked by DCO Wally Smith & DCOS Mary Kirkwood.



CAPT Bill Drelling presenting a very prestigious award to Evie.



Jane Smith, DSO-PA sharing a moment with CDRs Evie & Kevin Lynn (Retired)

We wish CDRs Evie & Kevin Lynn well in their retirement. Evie will be missed for her candor and professionalism ... and her uncensored sense of humor!



COMOs Tom Stoddard, D11S, & Wally Smith, D11N, appreciate the reserved parking at the Yacht Club - NOT!

#### 08 June 2018 - Change of Command, Coast Guard Pacific Area

A formal Change of Command for "PAC AREA" took place on Coast Guard Island. ADM Fred Midgette was relieved by ADM Linda Fagan. The ceremony was impressive to say the least ... as was the 15-gun salute! This was a very special event because it also marked the retirement of ADM Midgette who has served our Nation for nearly forty years. In attendance was the ADM's son who very recently completed boot camp at Cape May, NJ ... continuing the legacy of the Midgette name in the Coast Guard!



The ceremony commencing!



ADM Schultz presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Midgette family. From the left, ADM Midgette, ADM Schultz, Mrs. Mary Midgette, and the Midgette's daughter and son. Truly a Coast Guard family!



BOSN4 Doug Leavell and COMO Wally Smith enjoy the ceremonies on a glorious day on the Island. The backdrop for the ceremonies was two National Defense Cutters in "full dress" truly an impressive and inspiring sight!

#### 28 June 2018 - Change of Command, Coast Guard District 11

Admiral Todd Sokalzuk was relieved of as Commander of Coast Guard District 11. ADM Sokalzuk is moving on as Deputy Commander of the Coast Guard Atlantic East. ADM Sokalzuk's is succeeded by ADM Peter Gautier. The ceremony was presided over by ADM Linda Fagan, newly installed Commander - Pacific Area.



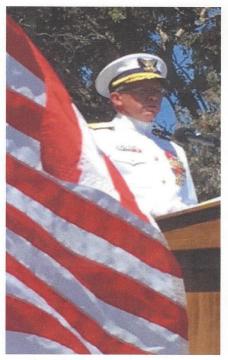
ADMs Fagan, Sokalzuk, & Gautier salute during Opening Ceremonies.



ADM Fagan presenting ADM Sokalzuk with a well deserved award.



COMO Wally Smith, D11N (front center) and COMO Tom Stoddard, D11S (next to COMO Smith) enjoy the ceremonies. The Honor Platoon stands at the back and included Dean McFarren, DCAPT, representing the Auxiliary in the formation.



ADM Sokalzuk addressing the audience.



Post ceremony, CAPT Bill Drelling (left) chats with Dean McFarren, DCAPT, Mary Kirkwood, DCOS, Michael Brown, DCDR, and COMO Wally Smith. Not in photo: Jane Smith, DSO-PA



Our stellar AUX-FS team, led by Linda Haynes, DSO-FS, provided an extraordinary array of culinary delights for the District 11 Change of Command. Compliments were flowing from all in attendance! Great job ... BZ to Linda's team!

Very Respectfully Submitted,
Jane D. Smith, District Staff Officer - Public Affairs