

TO: Board and Staff  
FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV  
SUBJECT: AuxAir Report for August 2018.

Remembering Randy Parent: AuxAir members, along with many others in the Auxiliary family, are dealing with the loss of long time Auxiliary member Randy Parent. Randy crossed the bar on 14 August 2018, after battling cancer for the past five years. Randy was an active member of the Auxiliary for many years and was a coxswain as well as an aircraft commander. He served the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary on both the water and in the air. He was responsible for many of us (including me) having joined the Auxiliary over the past 15 to 20 years. Randy served in a number of positions, including as our District Flight Safety Officer for ten years. Randy was a mentor and instructor for most of us in auxair and we will always remember the important lessons he taught us over the years. Randy was a sergeant in the U.S.Army and served in Vietnam. He was the Chief Helicopter Pilot for East Bay Regional Park District Police Department for 25 years and received awards for outstanding performance and service to our community. Randy's final resting place will be at the National Cemetery in Dixon, California.

Our ADSO for training, Glen Marshall, advises us that we now have a newly certified Aircrew member. Glen also says that one trainee in the Monterey Bay area has completed two flights and two other trainees will start flight training this next week. Two other trainees are awaiting their DO clearances and they own aircraft, which will be very welcome additions to our aviation program. Another new trainee in Sacramento has completed his prerequisites and has been assigned a mentor. Several others have requested and received training documents and are working on their Aviation Exam Part A.

Our District Flight Safety Officer, Hal Seibert, is preparing for our fall Safety Workshop to be held on Saturday, 13 October 2018. We will also have our swimming test in the pool on CGI following the Workshop; and this is open to other auxiliarists who may need their swimming test for vessel operations. An auxiliarist wishing to attend either the workshop and/or the swim test, please RSVP to Hal Seibert: s347@aol.com.

Auxair pilots, aircrew, and observers will be attending a two-day AUX-17 (Crew Resource Management) course to be held on CGI later in October. This is a required course for active auxair personnel and the instructors are sent out from National.

We would normally have our next Squadron Dinner/Meeting on September 25th, but due to conflicting activities and the absence of key personnel, we are cancelling this event. We do expect to have our next dinner/meeting on November 27, 2018. We will keep you advised on this as we get closer to November.

Respectfully submitted in memory of our colleague and friend, Randy Parent:

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