

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

RANDY PARENT'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE: As I am sure you all know by now, Randy Parent crossed the bar on 14 August 2018. Randy was an active member of the Auxiliary for approximately 30 years and was a coxswain in his early years when he operated his boat in the Delta performing a variety of missions for the Coast Guard and Auxiliary. Later he traded in his boat for an airplane and became an Aircraft Commander. Randy was our District Flight Safety Officer (DFSO) and was well known and respected throughout the Auxiliary.

There will be a celebration of his life on Sunday, 14 October 2018, starting at 1200 and ending about 1500; at Bud Field Aviation, 22005 Skywest Drive, Hayward 94541. This is a large hangar at Hayward Airport, just off Skywest Drive, with parking in front of the hangar. People do not need to go through any locked or controlled gates, but can walk in the front door of the hangar. There will be food, beer and wine served at his celebration.

Randy's wife, Traci, reminds us that Randy did like uniforms, e.g. military, Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary, airline crew, public safety, MVPA convoy; so, if anyone would like to wear a uniform they should feel free to do so. Otherwise, casual attire is always appropriate.

Reservations are not required, but if you plan on attending you can let me know so we can have an idea about the number of persons to expect.

TRAINING AND PERSONNEL: We still have three members waiting for their DO clearances. We have one new member who has started flight training and four others ready to start. We are pleased to have a woman helicopter owner/pilot who has submitted her paperwork to join the Santa Cruz Flotilla and we will be guiding her through the entry process. She is a professional pilot with over 20 years experience and is rated in a variety of aircraft, including jets, sea planes, and helicopters. There are several other members working on their written exams and completing their DO forms.

AVIATION WORKSHOP & SWIM TEST: We will have our next Aviation Safety Workshop at Coast Guard Island on Saturday, 13 October 2018, starting at 0900 and ending in the afternoon. The swim test will follow the Workshop and will be at the pool on CGI. We are happy to accommodate auxiliarists who need a swim test for boat crew qualification. A medical screening certificate is needed in order to take the swim test.

Respectfully submitted,

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