



Date: October 2018
From: Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs
Thru: Ann Zocchi, DCAPT- Prevention
To: Commodore Wally Smith
Subject: District Staff Officer – Public Affairs – September Activities
October 2018 Report

HIGHLIGHTS:

Division 1: Gail Giacomini – SO-PA, Al Coddington – FSO-PA -12, Roger Bazeley – FSO-PA -17, Ernie Khirallah – FSO-PA - 19
Division 3: Nothing to Report
Division 4: Jimmin Chang – SO-PA
Division 5: Wil Sumner - DCAPT
Division 6: Michael Goldberg – FSO-PA - 64, Sean Sheehan – FC – 67, Jane Smith, acting FSO-PA - 6-10
Division 7: No Report
Division 8: No Report
Division 10: Doug Lazo – Flotilla - 10-5
Division 11: No Report
Division 12: No Report
District 11 Northern: Activities
AUXAIR: Larry Olson – DSO-Air
Color Guard:
Nothing to Report
DSO-PA Report: Jane D. Smith
Nothing to Report

Details:

Division 1:

Flotilla 12: No report filed. Oral report- Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/AuxGoldenGate/>

Flotilla 14: Oral Report from FSO-PA Al Coddington at August meeting in minutes.

- Al asked for assistance in PA recruiting of PE class participants and
- Shared his Marin Sea Scout leader experiences

Flotilla 17: Report on file

- Bravo Zulu Q3 NewsMAG 2018 (Link: https://www.slideshare.net/Roger_Bazeley/bravo-zulu-2018-q3-newsmag-uscgauxf17-rogerbazeleypublishrmb) prepared for October release and distribution with various articles, stories and photographs of USCG and USCG Auxiliary and international CG Organization activities.



- Richmond, CA – A “Rosie the Riveter” museum tour was arranged by docent and Flotilla 1-7 Auxiliary member Simone Adair (2nd from left in photo of Flotilla 1-7 members and Division 1 guests September 1, 2018, at the near-by “Assemble” restaurant, during a pre-tour lunch).
- Famed 93-year-old National park ranger and author Betty Reid Soskin was the tour speaker (see photo in Bravo Zulu Q3 NewsMAG 2018).

Flotilla 1-9: Report on file

- Terry Blanchard continues to conduct Silver Charm patrols to support helo OPS and Station SF. In September, Silver Charm will conduct patrols on 3 Wednesdays: 12, 19, and 26. Interested OPS trainees or prospective boat crew contact Terry at: vettterblanchard@gmail.com I assisted producing a District 8 promotional video (link: <https://tinyurl.com/CGAUXPROMO> - for those who wish to view it again) which was distributed nationally to Auxiliarists in August.

Division 3:

No Report

Division 4

SAN JOSE, Calif. – Silicon Valley Flotilla 49 and San Jose Flotilla 41 held their monthly meetings jointly on 5 September 2018 at the Silicon Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, in San Jose, Calif.



Shown below, member of Flotilla 49, Onno Vaneikemahommes (on the left) received his Auxiliary Sustained Service Award certificate and medal from Flotilla 49, Derek Lyon-McKeil, FC on the right.



SAN JOSE, Calif. – Booth was set up at the East Side Union High School District’s annual College Night on 24 September 2018, for recruiting USCG Academy cadets and Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) candidates. Over 2,000 students and their families from 27 high schools in the East Side Union, Gilroy Unified, San Jose Unified, Morgan Hill Unified, Milpitas Unified, Campbell Union and Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union School Districts attended the event.



Division 4’s Booth at East Side High School annual College Night

SAN JOSE, Calif. – The monthly Division 4 meeting was held in the Silicon Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross building on 26 September, 2018.



Shown below, Division 4 Commander, Michael Brown (on the left), presented Flotilla 43, a certificate of Special Congressional Recognition in recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the community, signed by Congresswoman Anna Eshoo of California's 18th Congressional District. Accepted on behalf of Flotilla 43 was Bill Tsai, current Flotilla Commander (in the center). COMO Wally Smith Jr., District 11NR Commodore (on the right) assisted in the presentation.



Michael Brown, DCDR, Bill Tsai, FC of 43, and Commodore Wally Smith



Elections for 2019 officers for Division 4 were held in the September meeting. Shown below, Kristan Verveniotis (left) of Flotilla 46 and Judy Estaban (right) of Flotilla 49 were tallying the votes. The election process was proctored by District 11NR Commodore, Wally Smith, Jr.



Kristan Verveniotis and Judy Estaban

Elected as Division 4 Commander for 2019 was Alan Stanton of Flotilla 49, as shown below on the left. Elected as Division 4 Vice-Commander for 2019 was Paul Verveniotis of Flotilla 46 (right).



After being elected - Alan Stanton, DCDR elect and Paul Verveniotis, VCDR elect

Following military tradition, a frocking ceremony was held immediately after the election where Alan Stanton, the newly elected Division 4 Commander, shown below in the center, was put on the insignia of the higher office, by current Division 4 Commander, Michael Brown (left) and current District 11NR Commodore Wally Smith Jr. (right)



Michael Brown, DCDR, Alan Stanton, DCDR elect, Commodore Wally Smith

Division 5:

Flotilla 55 held a joint PA booth with West Marine at Lk Sonoma Marina over the Labor Day Weekend. Packets of information plus life jackets were handed out to boaters at the Lake Sonoma Marina. During the same weekend, CG AUX Margarita was on patrol and handed out over 24 free ice cream coupons that state "I got caught wearing a life jacket " and redeemable at Cold Stone Ice Cream to families boating on the Lake.

Division 6:

Flotilla 67 Report: Sept 08-09 PCA Fair took place at Coast Guard Island, Alameda. The classes were very educational. The fellowship was great with a good turnout from our flotilla. The big news was that Jerry Edelen was elected as our new District Captain at the District meeting.



JERRY EDELEN RECEIVING CAPTAINS SHOULDER BOARDS AT PCA

Sept 22 Division meeting was held at Coast Guard Station Monterey. Division elections took place along with old and new business that took place in our Division. Ann Zocchi, District Captain, came in from Utah to supervise the Division elections. More details are available on the Division Report.



**ANN ZOCCHI, DCAPT, JERRY EDELEN, DCDR, JANE SMITH, IPDCDR, CRAIG JOHNSON, FC FLOTILLA 64
at the Division 6 Meeting**

PA activities:

1) Continued promotion of Fall boating, sailing, and navigation classes via Facebook and print media. The boosted Facebook post of a course announcement reached over 1600 residents in service area and resulted in 1 inquiry for details via Facebook page, 23 post engagements and 29 clicks. Go to link: <https://www.facebook.com/Flotilla67SantaCruz/photos/a.815011451971721/1153562534783276/?type=3&theater>

Narrative submission:

1) This year Flotilla 67 Santa Cruz hosted the annual Division 6 OPTREX on September 15 at the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor. Members seeking initial and renewal Auxiliary Boat Crew and Coxswain qualifications demonstrated their skills for Qualification Examiners as well as District 11nr OTO CWO4 Lavell.

We were joined by members of Division 4 and this turned out to be a great opportunity for members of both divisions to share fellowship and were able to gain an appreciation of the standardization of surface operations training.

There were three candidates for coxswain and six candidates for boat crew. Twenty-four members total attended as boat crew/coxswain candidates, facility crew/coxswains, or shore support.



Wendy Killingsworth, Flotilla 6-10, left, going through her tasks to requalify as Paul Verveniotis, QE, Division 4, left, sitting, watches and evaluates her performance. Others on board were, Como Wally Smith, Mary Kirkwood, COS, and Jane Smith, DSO-PA

Three facilities took part, all from Div 6 # 219 (Como W. Smith), #522 (Chuck Cobery) and #152 (Mark McLaughlin).

The communications tower Santa Cruz (Ray Burch Memorial Tower), was in operation through the event providing communication support to the surface facilities.



Steve Daley handling the COMMS throughout the OPTREX

Also, in September, three crews, totaling 10 individuals earned the Operational Excellence Award. The purpose of the Operational Excellence Program is to provide Coast Guard Auxiliary boat crews with a challenging opportunity to highlight their proficiency and skills, foster teamwork and encourage fellowship among operational members. It is a non-compulsory method of demonstrating the level of operational excellence that may be achieved by a coxswain/crew team. Please see the photos below.



September 3rd, (all Division 6) from left to right, Jerry Edelen, Cecil Claspell, Mark McLaughlin, Tracy Schultz and Rob Kay all received The Operational Excellence Award given by Commodore Wally Smith



September 15th, at the Division 6 OPTREX, from left to right, Curtis Han, Div 5, Michael Brown, DCDR, Div 4, Mary Kirkwood, COS, Div 1 and Jane Smith, DSO-PA, Div 6, earned the Operational Excellence Award.



Guests and Auxiliarists enjoying the get together, milling around and eating the grilled sausages at Glen Marshall's, VFC, Hanger party

2) Flotilla 67 Santa Cruz held a combined flotilla meeting and hangar party at Watsonville Airport. Members of Division who attend were as follows: from Flotilla 67: Debra Brown, Janet Baptista Scott Galloway, Kim Huynh, Peter Kyril, Glen Marshall, VFC, Jim Musbach, Sean Sheehan, FC and Peter Testa. Jerry Edelen, DCDR and Keith Simmons, VCDR elect, from Flotilla 64 also attended. Besides Auxiliarists, friends also joined together for a gathering at the Watsonville airport. Glen Marshall, 67 VFC, hosted the event at his aircraft hangar. A brief meeting was held to pass the word on upcoming events then attendees turned to in fellowship activities. Member Peter Testa treated all to delicious fresh caught fish and took charge of the BBQ, grilling up a variety of locally made sausages. The day was finished off by a showing of Dunkirk, connecting the aviation and boating aspects of that event with today's contributions by membership.

Division 7:

No Report

Division 8

No Report

Division 10

10-5 Fresno Douglas Lazo, FSO-PA See Report

On September 19, 2018, the Central Valley Veterans group had celebrated the 29th Annual Veterans Stand Down" at the Edison Social Hall at 3325 W. Clinton, Fresno, California. Commander Douglas Lazo and Auxiliarist Steve Pitts, was invited to participate at this event. The Coast Guard Auxiliary booth was utilized with various handouts, and the new California Boating Book and test for the boating card. Over a 100

books were distributed to veterans that owned boats or knew of people that had boats. "Coastie" was also present to be on patrol at this event. The coloring books regards to water safety was a hit with the veterans that had children. There was over 400+ veterans attending this event which included many vendors from

legal, food for homeless vets, free haircuts, and clothing for homeless vets. Many representatives from the City and State organizations were present to congratulate the veterans from World War II, Korean, Viet Nam, Iraqi, and Afghanistan conflicts. Guest speakers were Assemblyman Dr. Joaquin Arambula from District 31, and Cameron Porter - Chief of Public Affairs VA Hospital Fresno, California.

On September 22, 2018, the Clovis Veterans Memorial District had a National POW/MIA day honoring those who were POW'S and those men giving the ultimate sacrifice their lives and MISSING IN ACTION. Flotilla Commander Douglas Lazo, Flotilla 10-5 Fresno, California, marched in the Coast Guard Flag for the opening ceremony. Other comments were made by Vern Schmidt, commander of the Ex-Prisoners of War local chapter said "every person being honored gave the three S's-Service, Sacrifice and Survival. Jack Schwartz, who is 103 years old, was honored as the oldest living prisoner of war. He was captured in Guam three days after Pearl Harbor and spent 1,367 days imprisoned by Japanese soldiers. Captain Aaron Raidt, of the Fresno Army Recruiting Company, spoke on honoring those who went missing in action. He said remains from World War II are being identified by DNA in 2018, including Marine Private Alva Jackson, who was on the USS Oklahoma in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. His family was in the audience for this event. Paul Loeffler, who organizes the "honor flights" in Fresno spoke on the courage the POWs showed as they struggled to survive. Over 500 people, veterans and families, were present at this event.

Division 11

No Report

Division 12

No Report

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No Report

AUXAIR

FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV

SUBJECT: AuxAir Report for September Activities, 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 (DFS0) 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 year of 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.

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