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SUBJ: January's District 113, Communication Services (CS) Report

Topic Summary:

1. **Government Shutdown**
2. **New Presentation on Auxiliary Uniforms**
3. **District Email Lists Updated**
4. **DTRAIN CS Class Set**
5. **When an Auxiliary Web Site Does Not Look Right**

Topic Details:

1 Government Shutdown

1.1 During this Government Shutdown, Gerald R. (Randy) Patton, DIR-U sent out the following to all DSO-CS officers. I have forwarded his email to all CS officers in our District asking them to forward as needed.

1.1.1 "There seems to be some confusion amongst the troops on what they can do during the government shutdown. Online/telephone meetings are perfectly acceptable. It's also fine for people to continue to work on their projects from their home/office. I confirmed that this is the case with NACO last week.

If anyone has questions, refer them to the recent L2 message on the shutdown: "Though they may be limited, there are still activities in which we may engage when necessary to the conduct of the business of the Auxiliary. For example, we may take advantage of all of the electronic devices at our disposal to communicate in furtherance of the business of the Auxiliary."

Please have the Directors cascade this down the chain. While we can't get orders or travel to meetings, we can continue to produce reports, conduct surveys, talk to staff and others, and work on IT projects."

2 New Presentation on Auxiliary Uniforms

2.1 There is a new presentation on Auxiliary Uniforms. This is the best I have seen in years. The new pretension will soon replace the one now posted on the District site. If you missed the all-hands email you can view it at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pJ4fUw58idlgEEjIRMzuYIX-2pZFazf/view>

3 District Email Lists Updated

3.1 Mike T. the ePostmaster reports that the District's email system has been updated with 2019 information.

3.2 Mike reminded the Division leadership that they have a group email list at their disposal. Anytime the Unit's elected officers need to email to the unit they can use this group email.

3.2.1 The format for sending out group email is div#@d11nuscgaux.info, replace the "#" with the unit number i.e. div7@d11nuscgaux.info for Division 7 or div10@d11nuscgaux.info for division 10.

3.2.2 Only the Division DCDR and VCDR have rights to use this services.

3.2.3 Keep in mind that this is a distribution lists and will not receive replies from anyone on the list.

4 DTRAIN CS Class Set

4.1 The class that will be offered at DTRAIN have been set. The District DSO-CS will be teaching the following.

4.1.1 Free Apps for the Auxiliaries

4.1.1.1 The cost of software has gone up 34% over the past few years. In order to keep end users coming back most of the big boys have gone to pay as you go to hide the real cost. To keep users coming back Internet roamers are pushed out about how dangerous it is to use free or open source software. In this class, we are going to take an in-depth look at some of the best open source software out there. We will talk about the real risk of using free software and we will expose the truth about using open source software and the inherent shortfalls. This class may save you \$100s of dollars without giving up any ability. You may just discover that open source software can do more for you. This class is a bring your own device (BYOD) if you want to play along, not required. You will need to have either OpenOffice or

LibreOffice pre-loaded. The other free software that we will be looking into is Google Photo, Google Drive and Google Calendar.

4.1.2 Google Photo, More Than Just a Photo Album

4.1.2.1 In this class, we are going to look at what Google Photos offers and what you can do with it. We going to look beyond the unlimited storage and into such things as albums, adding text, and even using Google Photos as a presentation package. We are going to talk about how your unit can build up a library of how-to videos and/or photos. Just how to share albums and allow anyone to upload photos into your album. When you're done with this class you're going to see a new and more powerful way to move, store, share, and even use your photos, videos, and presentations. You will never again attach photos to an email and wonder if it's too big to send. You will know how to make a real-time shared album that others can see and use your photos as you upload them. This class is a bring your own device (BYOD) if you want to play along, not required. You will need to have Google Photos pre-loaded we will not be installing it in class.

4.1.3 Communications Services (WOW)

4.1.3.1 We have been given special access to the AUX-04 class site and will be using it. Therefore, this will be a hands-on class. The AUX-04 class does not get into Smart Tags, but in this class we will be taking a look into how to use this powerful tool. This maybe a one-time only offer so I encourage all CS officers to join me as we look deep into how WoW works.

4.1.3.2 If you are a CS officer or you want to know more about what the CS team does. This is the class for you. The class is designed to take anyone from beginner to expert as a WOW technician. You will learn how the WoW website actually works. Learn what the pitfalls are and how to work around them. How to use the in-bedded tools to make it work for you. We will cover Smart Tags and how they can make your site work with the users. Get closeup with the WoW site so you will have a better understanding of just what WoW can do for your unit. WoW, the public window to your unit and the information portal of your unit in one place. This class is a bring your own device (BYOD) if you want to play along, not required. We are going to try and get a test WoW site set up for this class, if we can't it will be a look and don't touch. You may work on your own site, but it's not recommended.

5 When an Auxiliary Web Site Does Not Look Right

5.1 If you have not had problems opening an Auxiliary web site you may at some point. Most of the time when you see any loading or opening problems there are some steps you can take before contacting your unit's CS officer.

5.1.1 Check is it just your units site that having problems? See if you can open some other Auxiliary's site. Next, are you the only one having the problem? It maybe something on your own device. Either try the same site from some other device or call someone and have them try the same site. If the other device or person does not have a problem then it's most likely something with your own device. If they do see the same problem it's time to call your CS officer.

ADSO-CS Staff; The District ADSO-CS (ADSO-CS reports are included in the DSO-CS report)

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| ○ Mike Thompson, 7-2 (Deputy, ePostmaster) | ○ Anthony Thorsson, 1-7 (S – Support) |
| ○ BK Barr, 4-6 (Reports & Minutes) | ○ Unassigned , (R – Response) |
| ○ Christopher Ince Jr., 10-6 (DIRAUX, PIO, Members) | ○ Glenna Gardner, 7-2 (Calendars) |
| ○ Dyane Mohr, 1-4 (P – Prevention) | ○ Carl Henning, 7-6 (On-Line Reg., ePostmaster) |

Division and/or Flotilla CS Report Summaries; (Summary of reports received from SO-CS and FSO-CS)

- 1 Division 01, SO-CS Kevin Luke, report received
- 2 -No Division-
- 3 Division 03, SO-CS Ernest Shih, report received.
 - 3.1 The Division and Flotillas all reported “No new development”
- 4 Division 04, SO-CS Ryan Brown, no report received.
- 5 Division 05, Jon Sargent, report received.
 - 5.1 Updated main web page.
 - 5.2 Updated Calendar. Added a link to the next PCA Fair flyer on Jan.12 th & 13 th .
 - 5.3 Updated Div. 5 photo gallery page with link to all current photos.
 - 5.4 Temporarily turned off the Unit Announcement and Public Affairs web pages but left them useable for the incoming SO-CS Wade MacAdam.
 - 5.5 Flotilla 51:
 - 5.5.1 Updated What's New page.
 - 5.5.2 Updated Calendar.
 - 5.6 Flotilla 52:

- 5.6.1 Nothing new to report this month for flotilla 5-2.
- 5.7 Flotilla 53:
 - 5.7.1 Update FB and WOW site as required.
- 5.8 Flotilla 55:
 - 5.8.1 Updated calendar.
 - 5.8.2 Added new photos to the website.
 - 5.8.3 Reviewed job description for FSO-CS with new incoming CS.
- 5.9 Flotilla 57: No CS report; FSO-CS position is open at this time.
- 6 Division 06, SO-CS Scott Galloway, report received
- 7 Division 07, SO-CS Rex Miner, report received
- 8 Division 08, SO-CS [Open Position], no report received
- 9 -No Division-
- 10 Division 10, SO-CS Christopher Ince, report received
- 11 Division 11, SO-CS Thomas Komadina, report received
- 12 Division 12, SO-CS John Bogert, no report received

End of DSO-CS Report
Respectfully submitted,
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