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TO: COMO Mary Kirkwood, DCO
FROM: COMO Vic Connell, ASC SF
RE: ASC-SF OCT District B&S Report

- Festivities for the 37th annual Fleet Week included the traditional variety of events, ship tours and static displays from several branches of the Armed Services and Partner Agencies.

Ships visiting for Fleet Week were led by the San Francisco Fire Department's fire boat, followed by the vessels from the Navy, Coast Guard and Royal Australian Navy. This year Coast Guard Cutter Steadfast, a 210-foot medium-endurance cutter visiting from Astoria, Oregon and the Terrell Horne, a 154-foot fast response cutter from Los Angeles participated in the Parade of Ships Opening Ceremony. Many of the ships participating docked at the Embarcadero and were open for public tours.

The air show featured the Navy Parachute team, the civilian Patriots Jet Team, the USAF F-35 Demo Team and of course the Blue Angels. Additional Coast Guard assets participating in this year's Fleet Week events included Coast Guard Cutters George Cobb, Pike, Tern, Sockeye, Hawksbill and Dorado; Maritime Safety and Security Team San Francisco; and Stations San Francisco, Rio Vista, Vallejo, Golden Gate and Monterey.

Auxiliary vessel crews and Auxiliary communications officers supported CG and FAA activities on the water, while other Auxiliarists provided on shore support for the tours of ships and public affairs events.

D11N Auxiliarists also volunteered as public safety officers on board CGC COBB and our AUXFS supported the lunch on COBB provided for the many guests on board for the four days of guest rides.

- This is my final report as ASC SF. My time as ASC has been interesting and often challenging – SF is a very busy Sector. During the years that I have been privileged to hold this office, I have been proud of the high level of support the Auxiliary has provided to so many Sector SF missions. I saw my primary role as facilitating communications between Sector Leadership and the Auxiliary...often this was a “moving target” as

Active Duty Staff assignments change regularly. The Auxiliary has been an important component to Sector missions, providing continuity and local area knowledge as Sector staff changes occurred.

In recent years, high visibility Auxiliary missions have been our annual support to Fleet Week, the America's Cup Races, "Helo Ops" with AIRSTA SF and countless other event safety patrols for SF Bay Area events.

For many years, our SF Bay Area Patrol Coordinators Linda Vetter and Terry Blanchard have done a remarkable job coordinating support to Sector SF events.

And many other Auxiliarists too numerous to mention have also contributed. Bravo Zulu to all of the D11N Auxiliarists who have provided and will continue to provide a high level of support to Sector SF.