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TO: District Board and Staff
FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV
SUBJECT: AuxAir Report for November 2019.

AuxAir continues to fly four to six missions each week in support of the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary and our allied agencies such as NOAA. We have provided logistics flights to FOB Pt. Mugu and we continue to photograph the CEMEX Plant and the two slides south of Pt. Lobos for NOAA.

We had a very successful Aviation Safety Workshop on Saturday, 09 Nov 2019, at CGI; followed by a swim test at the CG pool. LT Jake Marks, Air Station San Francisco, provided our required Crew Resource Management (CRM) training and did an excellent job, with actual aviation mishaps as examples. In addition to auxiliary members, we had several persons who have expressed an interest in the auxiliary and auxair. We also provided swim tests to aux vessel crew members who require a swim test.

Then, on Tuesday, 12 November 2019, we had our leadership and management staff meeting, followed by our bi-monthly Squadron Dinner/Meeting at the Holiday Inn, Dublin. We were very pleased to have XO CDR Corey Bradock from Air Station San Francisco attend our Dinner and provide information useful to auxair. Our AUXLO LT Adam Scholl was also in attendance and we are very thankful for the help and support Adam has given us.

On Friday, 22 November 2019, the Air Station hosted an Auxiliary Appreciation Day at the Air Station. There were probably 30 to 40 auxiliarists in attendance, representing auxair, Silver Charm, and other aux operations. The Air Station Commanding Officer, CAPT Tom Cooper, welcomed the auxiliarists and thanked us for our service and contributions to the Coast Guard. Following the appreciation ceremony, we were served a wonderful lunch of tacos with all the trimmings, and then sheet cake for dessert. There was a great deal of interaction between the auxiliarists and the regular Coast Guard members of the Air Station, which is very helpful to effective coordination in handling various missions and assignments. We are grateful to CAPT Cooper and his outstanding staff for this appreciation day.

Our training program is continuing and we are bringing new observers, aircrew, and pilots into our auxair squadron.

Respectfully submitted,
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