



Date: February 2020
From: Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs
Thru: Randy McCormick, DCAPT- Prevention
To: Commodore Mary Kirkwood
Subject: District Staff Officer – Public Affairs – January Activities
February 2018 Report

HIGHLIGHTS:

District 11 NR Public Affairs Specialists -

We are very proud to report that there are now twelve Certified Public Affairs Specialists in District 11NR, and we have several more members who are completing the PA PQS process and who will become Certified shortly.

Our current list of Certified PA Specialists includes the following twelve members -

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| Roger Bazeley, | Richard Brown, | Vladimir Bukhankov, | Jimmin Chang, |
| Jerry Edelen, | Michael Goldberg, | Jim Losi, | Doug Manifold, |
| Bob Schabert, | Jane Smith, | Wally Smith, | John-Michael Zimmerle. |

Congratulations to all those members who have worked so very hard to become Certified PA Specialists.

Keeping within the ongoing trend all around the Auxiliary to bring a higher level of professionalism to all staff officer positions, including Public Affairs Staff Officers, Division Commanders can use this list when selecting Division PA Staff Officers, share the list with Flotilla Commanders who are appointing FSO-PAs, and, especially, to confirm that all members in their Divisions and Flotillas who are wearing the PA Specialist ribbon are actually Certified PA Specialist - and that only Certified Members are wearing the PA Specialist ribbon.

- Division 1:** Diana Serchia, SO-PA. Report filed by Gail Giacomini, ADSO-PA
- Division 3:** Richard Celia, SO-PA. Report filed by Russ Kaiser, DCDR - Partnered with CA Boating & Waterways at the International Sportsman’s Expo at Cal Expo. Active Planning for National Safe Boating Week (NSBW).
- Division 4:** No Division Public Affairs Staff Officer - No Report
- Division 5:** Christen Peterson, SO-PA
- Division 6:** Sonia Foster, SO-PA. Report filed by Michael Goldberg – FSO-PA - 64
- Division 7:** Lana Visser – SO-PA – Bear Lake Monster Winterfest
- Division 8:** William Hale, SO-PA - No Report
- Division 10:** Rebecca Obrienwitt, SO-PA - No Report
- Division 11:** Bryce Leinan, SO-PA - No Report
- Division 12:** Wan-Yu Zhou, SO-PA – No Report

District 11 Northern Activities:
AUXAIR: Larry Olson – DSO-Air
Color Guard: Nothing to Report

Details:

Division 1:

After the January 18th District Board Meeting on Coast Guard Island, I photographed Bay Area Coastie custodians John B Brandenburg and David J. Sequeira with Coastie and its trailer. John B asked his garage to give Coastie a new bright blue paint job, which they did, gratis! They found the model number under the “hood,” and plan to ship this top part of Coastie to the Utah manufacturer for new parts and refurbishing, so the eyes will again blink, wink and turn. I am awaiting the four other area Coasties’ model numbers, photos and trailer inventories to arrive.



Flotilla 113-01-04 Central Marin, had their Change of Watch at Loch Lomond Yacht Club on January 8th with incoming Flotilla Commander Christen Ambrust receiving new shoulder

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boards from his wife Grace (above-left).



Above, VFC Jerel Berkov and (below):

The Flotilla Staff Officers oath of office was supervised by the new Commander, Christen Ambrust. Flotilla staff officers giving their oath of office at the Change of Watch were, right



right to left): FVC Jerel Berkov, FSO-PA Al Coddington, FSO-FN and FSO-NS Paula Russo, FSO-MT Nancy Marion, FSO-OPS Steven Bustin, FSO-IS-Robert Aston and FSO-SR Kenneth Louis.

(Not present: FSO-CS Kevin Luke, FSO-MA Alex Bennet, FSO-CM Carol Paz, FSO-PE Mary Kirkwood and FSO-VE Greg Catani).



The Flotilla awarded Gail Giacomini an "Unsung Hero of the Year" plaque (for Flotilla 1-4 PA related activities – see left)

Division 4: No Report

Division 5: Report from Flotilla 57:

- At the Flotilla 5-7 meeting on January 28, 2020 Mary Kirkwood, COMO D11N presented the 50 years of service award to member Michael Hendershot who joined the Flotilla in 1969. The event was attended by Lew Derfuss, DIV 5 DCDR as well as Michael's wife Mary and daughter. Here are some images from the event. We would like to promote this through local news and seek guidance on how best to message to the press.

Concord, Calif. - Below is COMO Mary Kirkwood presenting the award to member Michael Hendershot



Division 6: Report from Flotilla 64:

The big event that took place was the Whale Fest celebration that took place on January 25 thru 26 at Custom House Plaza in Monterey, CA. Our flotilla had an informational booth about boating safety and the Auxiliary. Along with the display Coast Guard Station Monterey had a static display of the 29-foot fast response boat which was available for boarding by the general public. The hit of the event was Coastie and Auxtter. They attracted lots of children and their parents to our display. The

following Auxiliarist participated in this fun event, Craig Johnson, Michael Goldberg, John Ittelson, Bobbi Kamil, Brian Babcock, Cecil Claspell, Jerry Edelen and Derrick Clemmons. Pictures at the event Are attached below.



FIGURE 1 DISPLAY AT CUSTOM HOUSE PLAZA



FIGURE 2 VISITORS TO OUR BOOTH



FIGURE 3 VIEW OF SETUP AT PLAZA



FIGURE 4 AXTTER AT COASTIE AT WORK



FIGURE 5 CHILD VISITOR TO COASTIE



FIGURE 6 BOBBI KAMIL DEMONSTRATING COASTIE



FIGURE 7 29RBS STATIC DISPLAY



FIGURE 8 EVEN DOGS LOVE AUXTTER



FIGURE 9 VISITORS TO THE 29 RBS



FIGURE 10 AXTTER AND FRIEND



FIGURE 11 KIDS VISITING COASTIE



FIGURE 12 AXTTER AND FRIEND



FIGURE 13 KIDS WITH AUXTTER

Division 7:

Date: February 2, 2020

To: Jane Smith

From: Lana Visser, SO-PA, Division 113-07 Utah

Subject: Division 7 January Activities PA Report

January 24-26, 2020 - Division 7 supported the Bear Lake Monster Winterfest at Garden City, Utah, with a booth for the Indoor Expo. Bear Lake is one of the lakes Division 7 regularly patrols during the summer boating months, and we feel our participation strengthens our relationship with the community, local government, and Bear Lake State Park personnel. This is our second year participating in Winterfest.

Events include the opportunities to try winter sports, socials, raffles, 5K run/walk race, a Cisco fishing tournament (Cisco are a small fish endemic to Bear Lake that spawn in mid to late January), chili cook-off, the Monster Indoor/Outdoor Expo (location for our safety booth), Cardboard Boat Regatta, and Monster Plunge - both which take place at the Bear Lake State Park Marina.

Our booth at the Monster Indoor Expo venue focused on hypothermia. By far, our most popular demonstration is a fish tank filled with water and ice with coins, bolts, and nuts on the bottom of the tank. Using one hand, participants try to pick up as many coins as they can, or use two hands to try to thread a nut onto its matching bolt while immersed in 32-degree water. They experience that first shock as their hands plunge into the icy water, and then see how difficult coordination becomes as they try to do tasks with their hands. It gives us an opportunity to talk to Expo attendees about cold water exposure and the different effects hypothermia has on a person exposed to cold water temperatures for various lengths of time.

(Children can participate with permission from their parents, and one of our team is a paramedic who can assist if there are any problems. We keep a close eye on the amount of time anyone has their hands in the water and prevent anyone from participating more than once until they have warmed back up).



Division 7 Indoor Expo booth



Lana Visser and Anthony King ready to greet visitors



Ann Zocchi and Gary Mlynarski with the cold-water demonstration tank



Ann Zocchi assists a young patron of the cold-water demonstration while Tony Zocchi talked to dad.



Ann Zocchi and Anthony King getting the cold-water demonstration tank ready for the next participant.

In addition to our booth activities on Friday and Saturday at the Indoor Expo, we also assisted at the Cardboard Boat Regatta held at the Bear Lake State Park Marina Saturday morning. Auxiliaries stood by on the south dock of the launch ramp ready with boat hooks to provide needed assistance to unlucky participants whose cardboard boats were not up to their floating potential and to fish the debris out of the marina.



Anthony King ready to gather up debris.



Gary Mlynarski, Ann Zocchi, and Doug Hammer ready for the Cardboard Boat event.

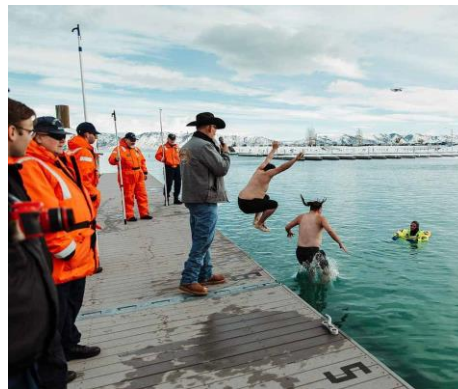


Trouble started early. The canoe was the first casualty, quickly followed by the covered wagon. The Viking proved his superior boat building ability and went on to win the event.

After lunch we resumed duties at the marina - this time for the Monster Plunge at the north dock of the launch ramp. Water temperature was around 32.6 degrees. There were over 100 participants willing to voluntarily jump into freezing water - all in the name of supporting a charity (or maybe just crazy). Armed with boat hooks, Auxiliarists manned positions the length of the dock, ready to provide assistance to any jumpers who needed a helping hand getting back to shallow water or the dock. Anthony King and Gary Mlynarski, with the assistance of a skipper of a fishing boat that had just docked, even provided recovery services for one participant who had lost his prescription glasses and another his sunglasses when they jumped. The Auxiliarists were able to find the missing glasses in the crystal-clear water and successfully scooped them into a fishing net provided by the fishing boat skipper - with no scratches from the rocks they were perched on! Lost glasses were returned to their thankful owners; the one who had lost his prescription glasses didn't know if he could have driven home without them.



Auxiliarists from left to right at Bear Lake Winterfest Monster Plunge: Doug Hammer, Ann Zocchi, Tony Zocchi, Lana



Ann Zocchi, Anthony King, Gary Mlynarski and Doug Hammer ready to assist jumpers.



Tony Zocchi with two members of the Garden City Fire Department rescue divers



Ann Zocchi talks to Bear Lake State Park Manager Richard Droesbeke.

We will definitely be supporting this event in future years. We have a lot of fun at the booth at the Indoor

Expo talking to kids and parents, we enjoy the fellowship, and the benefits and exposure we gain from working with the community are worthwhile. We even had some positive feedback from our message at the Indoor Expo. One jump participant found us after the Monster Plunge to let us know that she took our message to heart - she said when she jumped, she remembered to keep her mouth shut so she didn't gasp and inhale water when she hit the water, and when she surfaced she remembered to take a couple seconds to orient

herself before she started to swim towards shore. She thanked us for being part of Winterfest and for talking to her about hypothermia. That is why we do these events!

Respectfully submitted,
Lana Visser
SO-PA

Division 8 - No Report

Division 10 – No Report

Division 11 – No Report

Division 12 – No Report

District Public Affairs

COLOR GUARD DISTRICT 11N - No Report

AUXAIR

AuxAir continues to fly four to six missions a week in support of the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary, and our allied agencies. We are supporting NOAA with regular photo flights over the CEMEX plant at Monterey Bay and conducting photo flights at the two land slide locations south of Carmel. We are also assisting San Francisco Air Station with logistics flights to FOB Pt. Mugu. Next month we expect to start new Delta flights to locate and identify disabled and abandoned vessels for Wil Sumner.

We had a very productive Squadron Dinner/Meeting on 28 January at the Holiday Inn, Dublin. From the Air Station, we had the OPS Boss, CDR Blake McKinney, and our new AUXLO, LT David Lee. Both provided us with updated information on aviation activities and programs. We also had updates on the maintenance and currency of our aircraft; along with a demonstration of the new life rafts and survival vests that are being utilized by our flight crews. As always, we appreciate Ron Darcey organizing and coordinating our bi-monthly dinner meetings.

We are looking forward to DTRAIN coming up in late March and preparing for our AuxAir presentation. This will be a review of how AuxAir supports other units and will illustrate some of our actual cases and assignments. We, also, expect to have a physical display of AuxAir equipment and photos and this is a good recruiting opportunity for auxiliarists who may be interested in joining our aviation program.

We are also very pleased to have a second helicopter join our fleet of aircraft. Gabrielle Adelman is our newest Aircraft Commander, who lives in the Watsonville area, and she brings a Robinson R-44 helicopter to D11N. This is a 4-place helicopter and we look forward to being able to conduct more specialized missions that are particularly suited to the unique abilities of rotorcraft. Our first and longtime helicopter is a two-place, Bell-47, owned and operated by Doug Kerr.

AuxAir is going through an update of our PPE and Peter Todebush, ADSO-AV-PPE, is the lead person for this task. We are now acquiring new survival vests that contain our flotation devices and related survival equipment. We also are receiving new single-person life rafts. The vests and rafts are the same as, or similar to, the survival equipment used by the regular Coast Guard aviators. This is partly a standardization process that is going on nation-wide with other AuxAir squadrons.

Finally, our DFSO-AV, Hal Seibert, is preparing for our next Aviation Safety Workshop, egress training, and swim qualification scheduled for Saturday, 11 April 2020 at CGI. As always, the swim qualification will be open to auxiliarists who need this activity for their boat crew certification.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Olson
DSO-AV

Very respectfully submitted,
Jane D. Smith, District Staff Officer - Public Affairs