



**Date:** January 2022  
**From:** Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs  
**Thru:** Bruce Martin, DCAPT- Prevention  
**To:** Commodore Dean McFarren  
**Subject:** All Activities report from December 2021

**Doug Manifold – Deputy ADSO – PA**

From the Deputy Corner:

Great news - The AUXPA-12 organizers and staff continue to expect that there will be a number of opportunities to hold AUX-12 classes in 2022. So, keep a close lookout for what is coming. In the meantime, everyone is encouraged to make use of the great online resources to research and review the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary Public Affairs policies and procedures.

And, if you, or anyone you know is interested in Public Affairs Staff Officer training and a PA staff officer assignment you should work on completing AUX 20, 22, 23, 26, and the ICS 100 programs online. Do keep in mind that the current directive from the National staff does require all members attending C-School programs to be vaccinated for COVID.

As always, those Members who do attend the AUX-12 program are fully expected to complete, As a minimum, the PA 3 Specialist certification program within one (1) year of competing the AUX-12 program.

**D11N PA Qualifications**

**PA - 1:** Roger Bazeley, Vladimir Bukhankov, Jerry Edelen, Doug Manifold, John-Michael Zimmerle

**PA – 2:** Jane D. Smith

**PA - 3:** Bernard Brown, Jimmin Chang, Gail Giacomini, Michael Goldberg, Steven Hill, Jim Losi, Michael Mitchell, Bob Schabert, Wally Smith, & Winnie Zhou

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**Division 1 – Tiffany Townsend – SO-PA**

TIBURON, Calif. — U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12 of Sausalito-Tiburon held its annual Change of Watch ceremony on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at Paradise Beach Park. (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by Roger Bazeley)

Awards for exceptional service in 2021 were presented by Flotilla Commander Pete Gorenberg. Cassandra Mani was recognized with the Excellence in the Auxiliary award for Operations, for outstanding boat crew participation with the greatest number of surface patrol hours for the year. Alfonso Faustino was recognized with the Spirit of the Auxiliary Award, in recognition of devotion to service and for being the driving force behind the development of the Flotilla 12 communications network. Tiffany Townsend was recognized with the Excellence in the Auxiliary award for Service, in recognition of numerous contributions to Team Coast Guard missions. Community volunteer Jane Clark was recognized with the Flotilla Commander's Award, for exceptional creative contributions and selfless support of Flotilla 12 while producing monthly newsletter communications. Without Ms. Clark, Flotilla certainly would not be so well connected and informed.

All flotilla staff officers who served in 2021 were awarded with the Flotilla 12 challenge coin and appointed and elected officers for 2022 were given the oath of office by Vice Division Commander Terry Blanchard.

Closing Comments were delivered by newly elected Flotilla Commander Tiffany Townsend, with a message focusing on the spirit of volunteerism and the meaning of service.

The meeting was adjourned and flotilla members and guests were invited to enjoy a barbecue picnic and games in the park. Many thanks to John Foley and his wife Trudy for bringing some excellent chili to enjoy during a cold winter picnic, and for managing the grill. Many thanks also to all our members and volunteers who support Team Coast Guard missions through service in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.



**FC Pete Gorenberg presents the Excellence in the Auxiliary Award for Operations to Cassie Mani for the most Flotilla 12 surface operational hours in 2021.**



**FC Pete Gorenberg presents Alfonso Faustino the Spirit of the Auxiliary Award for enthusiastic service to the Flotilla in 2021.**



**VCDR Terry Blanchard gives incoming Flotilla 12 FC Tiffany Townsend the oath of office.**



**John Foley manned the grill and wife Trudy made an excellent chili.**



**Lilli Ferguson and Alfonso Faustino observe the ceremony.**



**From left: Flotilla 12 members Pete Gorenberg, Maria Goodavage, Kayla Kunze, Sean Harvey, Jim Whipple, Lilli Ferguson, Tiffany Townsend, Kam Shadan, Alfonso Faustino, Steve Straw, John Foley, Cassie Mani, VCDR Terry Blanchard, Bob Golden.**

SAN FRANCISCO — Santa Claus gave his reindeer the day off, arriving by MH-65 Dolphin helicopter at U.S. Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco for the annual family holiday party on Saturday, December 4, 2021. Mr. Claus granted Christmas wishes by presenting a gift specially selected for each child. Promoting the spirit of joy is just one way Coast Guard Auxiliarists support Coast Guard missions. (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by David Beltran)

Taking place in an open airport hangar, local COVID-19 health and safety guidelines were followed for the environmental conditions. Both Santa and Mrs. Claus are fully vaccinated and boosted.



**Crewmembers of OPFAC Silver Charm: Flotilla 19 FC David Beltran as photo elf, with Tiffany Townsend, Pete Gorenberg and VCDR Terry Blanchard.**

**Division 3 – Rich Celia – SO-PA**



No report submitted

**Division 4 – SO position  
vacant**

No report Submitted

**Division 5 – Jim Matthies –  
SO & FSO-PA -Flt 55**

**FSO PA Report for  
December 2021**

On December 11th members of Flotilla 55 supported The Petaluma Yacht Club and the City of Petaluma by helping out on the Turning Basin Docks as Vessels participated in the City's first lighted boat parade since 2016. This do not only to COVID 19, but to a channel that was severely silted until dredged in 2021. Thank you to all our Volunteers that came out to keep folks safe during this fun event. Member Volunteers included Therese Van Wiele, Steve Kilgarif, Steven Jette, Thomas Nguyen and FC Frank Capurro. Member James Matthies and wife Maria Matthies along with good friends Amber and Jeff Lefebvre as crew participated in the Parade on Wind Spirit, Jim's 71 Ranger 26 fiberglass sloop. There were no mishaps on or off the water reported. And members of Flotilla 55, the PYC and good people of Petaluma enjoyed a spectacular array of festively lit vessels and evening of good cheer and fun.

Skippers share their Christmas and Holiday Spirit by beautifully decorating and lighting their vessels to display for the city of Petaluma December 20th 2021.





**FLOTILLA 55 SONOMA COUNTY Volunteers and Friends**

**Flotilla 55 FC Frank Capurro assist skipper arriving at the Turning Basin**





**Steve Jette Flotilla 55 HR officer stands watch with his eagle eyes on safety and maybe for some future members??**

On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Flotilla 55 officers FSO PV and liaison to Station Bodega Bay John Guaraglia and Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 55

Frank Capurro payed a holiday visit to Station Bodega. They presented a check from Flotilla 55 for the amount of \$150.00 to Senior Chief Ben Corbisiero. The check was donated to the station by Flotilla 55 to support the station with anything they might need for the Holiday Season.

**FC Frank Capurro, Senior Chief Ben Corbisiero and liaison to Station Bodega John Gauraglia Flotilla 55 holiday gift presented to Station Bodega Bay.**

### **Division 6 – Jane D. Smith – DSO-PA2**

Our Change of Watch (COW) was on November 20, 2021 at the Bayonet / Black Horse Restaurant and Golf Course. With a short time to prepare we were able to receive 41 people. Those Included, from Sector San Francisco, were Captain Taylor Lam, Captain Jordan Balduenza, LTJG Sarah Connell. From



Station Monterey we had Commanding Officer, Lt. Matt Peryea and his wife, Ruth, and BM2 Deierling, BM3 Miller and BM3 Stenberg. From Santa Cruz Harbor, Harbor Master Blake Anderson and Harbor Commissioner Holland MacLaurie attended. From our local KSCO Radio, Host of Good Morning Monterey Bay, Rosemary Chalmers came and spoke. Deputy National Commodore Mary Kirkwood, and Distict 11 North Commodore Dean McFarren and Chief of Staff Curtis Han were in attendance.

Division Commander Chuck Cobery put together a great show with past Deputy National Commodore Wally Smith. The event was enjoyed by all.

The COW featured a banquet buffet of top of the line food which was, as always, great! We will be again at the Bayonet/Black Horse Restaurant and Golf Course for our next Change of Watch on November 5, 2022 and all members will be welcomed. We had great speakers, great fellowship and that is what it is about in the Coast Guard Auxiliary!



**Chuck Cobery, IPDCDR now DCapt, starting off the program for our COW**



**Captain Lam swearing in the new Leaders of Division 6 (left to right Dave Frisbey VCDR, Karen Yoder FC-64, Bruce Krogstad FC-6-10 & Como Wally Smith DCDR for Div.6) with Nancy Cobery looking on at the ceremony**



**D11N Commodore Dean McFarren speaking to guests and members**



**Station Monterey's Commanding Officer Lt. Peryea speak to all who came to our COW**



**Chuck Cobery awarding the Semper Gumby award to Flt 64 member, Craig Johnson**



**DCapt Alan Stanton with Commanding Officer of Sector San Francisco, Captain Lam**



**Santa Cruz Harbor Port Director Holland MacLaurie with LTJG Sarah Connell AUXLO, Sector San Francisco and Captain Balduenza, Deputy Commander Sector San Francisco and Flt 64 member Tracy Schultz**



**Ruth Peryea with CO of Station Monterey Lt. Peryea and Santa Cruz Harbor Master Blake Anderson**



Como Wally Smith with Rosemary Chalmers, Host of Good Morning Monterey Bay, local KSCO Radio



Presented by Jane Smith, DSO-PA2, Flotilla 6-10, Division 6

**Division 7 – SO-PA Position Vacant**

No Report Submitted

**Division 8 – Dorothy DeLope – FSO-PA – Flotilla 88**

Nothing Report Submitted

**Division 10 – Rebecca O’Brian-Witt- SO – PA**

Nothing to Report

**Division 11 – Bill Stolz – SO – PA – Flotilla 11-01**

Nothing to Report

**Division 12 - Jim Losi - Public Affairs, PCA President & DSO-HR**

Nothing to Report

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