



## DSO-MA REPORT

Date: April 15, 2022

To: COMO Dean McFarren,  
Curtis Han, District Chief of Staff  
Bruce Martin, DCAPT-Support  
District 11N Board and Staff

From: Jerry B. Edelen, DSO-MA

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

PLEASE ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOUR PERSONNEL TO:

- a. ORDER THEIR UNIFORM ITEMS/ ACCESSORIES FROM:  
Our Coast Guard Auxiliary Association on-line store [www.auxcen.com](http://www.auxcen.com). The prices are very reasonable, and a portion of each sale comes back to our District to support our Association.
- b. PLACE THEIR AMAZON ORDERS THROUGH:  
[www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) instead of amazon.com. How does it work? Once you log onto the website, it will ask you which 501 (c) (3) charity you want to have your donation go to. Just type in "Coast Guard Auxiliary Association". That's all there is to it. In the future, log into [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), and .5% of the total of all purchases you make will automatically go the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association. It won't cost our personnel anything; but it will greatly benefit our Association and, in turn, our District!



## HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Materials Zoom Meeting was conducted.
2. Amazon Smile contribution statement was received.
3. COMO Wally provided vital information to John Brandenburg.
4. District Store was set up at DTrain.
5. District Store sales were impressive.
6. Requests to use our ACV are being received.
7. We are awaiting funds to repair our Coasties.
8. Request for funds to repair Coastie Trailers has been submitted.
9. ADSO-MA Report (John Brandenburg) is included in this report.

## DETAILS:

1. A Zoom Meeting involving the District Materials Team was conducted on March 22nd during which final coordination was made for the Material's Team trip to Reno to support DTrain. The meeting was short; but very productive. Most of the details for the trip had previously been worked out. **A BIG THANK YOU TO ANN ZOCCHI FOR SETTING UP THIS MEETING!**
2. Amazon Smile contribution statement of \$2,138.68 was received from the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association during the latest quarter. While this is a significant amount, we could do much, much better and we all benefit from our CGAUX Association. If you shop on-line, please place your orders through [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and indicate Coast Guard Auxiliary Association as the charity you want to make a donation to. Again, it doesn't cost you anything more. It really is **FREE MONEY!**
3. COMO Wally Smith provided a thumb drive containing all prior documents and templates relating to our Auxiliary Communications Vehicle to our ADSO-MA (Rolling Stock) John Brandenburg. Extremely helpful and will save John a huge amount of time managing the ACV. **THANK YOU, WALLY!!!!**
4. The District Store was set up at DTrain and from all accounts, the District Store was a smashing success. The team that transported the



store and manned the store were Bard Mansager, John Brandenburg, and Dave Sequeira. The store materials were transported to Reno the day before DTrain to ensure the store would be operational when DTrain started. Bard picked up additional Store materials from a previous ADSO-MA early Friday morning and transported these materials to Reno. Previously, John Brandenburg obtained new plastic containers to display small items such as ribbons for purchase. The old containers were broken and were looking pretty ratty. The Materials Team had many obstacles which they overcame very handily. None had set up or worked the District Store before. Several items displayed in the past had no prices. There were issues getting the Square Credit Card reader operational. Bryce Leinen solved this problem very quickly. **THANK YOU, BRYCE, FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT!!** As in the past, sales at the District Store during DTrain consisted of either feast or famine. There were periods where folks were in class and no one bought anything followed by controlled chaos, which the Team handled admirably. I will schedule a follow-up webinar soon with all District Materials SO-MAs and FSO-MAs to get their constructive feedback as to how to make our District Store even more responsive in the future.

5. District Store Sales:

- a. By check: 0.0
- b. By credit card: \$545.50 (15 transactions)
- c. By petty cash: \$458.25
- d. Total: \$1,003.25

6. John Brandenburg is receiving many requests to use our Auxiliary Communications Vehicle to support National Safe Boating Week. Please be aware that this vehicle can only serve one Division at a time and that there are a few basic rules that must be followed:

- a. First come, first served.
- b. Qualified drivers must be available to drive the ACV for insurance purposes and common sense.

7. Our Operations and Training Officer Dustin Finkleson has been very supportive in trying to obtain funds to repair our Coasties and their assigned trailers. Coast Guard funds are tight at present, so John Brandenburg has developed a sequential list of repairs to get these vital



Public Affairs assets fixed. Priority one will be repairing the Coastie Trailers- tires, wheel bearings, etc. so that they are safe to tow.

**THANK YOU, DUSTIN FOR PUSHING FOR FUNDS FOR THIS INITIAL EXPENDITURE!!**

**8. DSO-MA John Brandenburg's Monthly Report:**

Only items that were ordered was stamps and envelopes. Received order in good standings.

ACV: New Freshwater tank was installed on Thursday last week. Had to replace because users turned on heater switch by mistake. Damage was caused by leaving tank heater on without have water in tank. Will instruct PERSONNEL on the proper procedure for using this on-board device. Purchased and replaced broken entry wall heater. Will complete next week. Fresh water heater still not working. Will install new heating element next week

Removing and replacing drinking water fountain. The Heating element and cold water compressor are not working.

Hopefully, next week we will have everything up and running on the ACV.

**DISTRICT MATERIALS TEAM- UPDATED:**

According to AUXOFFICER, our District 11N Materials Team consists of the personnel listed in the following table. This table is being updated as new personnel are appointed. Please provide me with any changes/ updated information you might have.

| Position                              | Name                | Confirmed? |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| DSO-MA                                | Jerry Edelen        | Yes        |
| Deputy DSO-MA                         | Bard Mansager       | Yes        |
| ADSO-MA<br>(Rolling Stock<br>Manager) | John<br>Brandenburg | Yes        |
| ADSO-MA                               | Dave Sequeira       | Yes        |



| <b>Division</b> | <b>SO-MAs</b>             |     |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----|
| Div 1           | John Fortner              | Yes |
| Div 3           | Jeff Fite                 | Yes |
| Div 4           | Trish Votta               | Yes |
| Div 5           | Ronald Nathan             | Yes |
| Div 6           | Craig Johnson<br>(Acting) |     |
| Div 7           | William<br>Rouleau        | Yes |
| Div 8           | Donald<br>Cromwell        | Yes |
| Div 10          | Billy Ray                 | Yes |
| Div 11          | Guy Chism                 | Yes |
| Div 12          | DCDR Greg<br>Olsen        | Yes |

**CHALLENGES/ OBSTACLES (2022): (Progress being made is in bold)**

1. Overcoming the restrictions incurred due to the Covid Lockdown. **Lockdown is slowly being lifted and the District Store was operational during DTrain!**
2. Obtaining Coast Guard funding to repair and maintain our ACV and Coasties. **OTO Dustin Finkleson is obtaining Coast Guard funds to fix our Coastie Trailers.**
3. Returning to full operational support of our District due to the mixed vaccination status of our District Material Team. **District Materials Team drove on and successfully supported DTrain by operating our District Store.**

**AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. There was no monthly National Materials Web Meeting this last month.



## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, 2022: (Progress being made is underlined)

1. Have Fun, Enjoy the work! 😊 **Ongoing!**
2. Encourage the National Materials Team to hold quarterly webinars and participate in all of them.
3. Hold District Materials Team Webinars quarterly with all SO-MA's and FSO-MAs and assist the SO-MAs with any problems they might have.  
**A quarterly webinar will be scheduled for the April-May timeframe.**
4. Repair all 4 Coasties to full operational condition once Coast Guard Funds become available and ensure they remain fully operational.  
**(Awaiting Funding).**
5. Make necessary repairs on the Auxiliary Communications Vehicle when Coast Guard funds become available and institute/ maintain a reservation program for its use. **(On-going and Awaiting Additional Funding).**
6. Provide Materials Store support for our District Past Commander's Conferences and DTrain. **Done for DTrain!!**
7. Provide any other Materials support required by our District Commodore and/or Chief of Staff.
8. Make our District Store even more relevant by asking District MA Personnel what they would like to see stocked; and purchase those items.
9. Continue to train SO-MA's so that they can support their divisions to the fullest.
10. Use the Materials Team to assist in Recruiting and Retention by encouraging the use of and providing to the Divisions effective advertising materials.
11. Maintain a Materials list on-line of shared Division Material so that Divisions may borrow Material from each other
12. Construct and maintain a complete inventory of District Store items.
13. Create a succession plan for smooth transition of the District MA staff.



14. Institute ACV and Coastie Training after DTrain.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

*Reminder, if you serve in an elected position in the Auxiliary, you CANNOT also serve in either a Materials or Finance Staff Position!*

**DIVISION SO-MA RECEIVED REPORTS THIS LAST MONTH:**

Division SO-MAs are encouraged to submit their monthly reports for inclusion in our District MA Report to inform EXCOM and other staff officers of your activities. It is also valuable for SO-MAs and FSO-MAs to read this section to see what their Materials shipmates are doing and to get some great ideas for their own organizations!

**Division 1 (SO-MA John Clarke Fortier)**

I. MATERIALS ORDERS PLACED AND FULFILLED: Report attached II. PPE PROGRAM • Physical PPE inspections are authorized, following certain protocols and procedures. • Virtual PPE inspections are authorized 1. PPE INSPECTIONS PERFORMED IN REPORTING PERIOD: KIRKWOOD – IN PERSON PAZ - IN PERSON BENNETT – IN PERSON LAMAS-BABBINI – IN PERSON SARTO – VIRTUAL 2. NEW PPE ISSUED IN REPORTING PERIOD: NONE 3. PPE DUE FOR INSPECTION IN APRIL 2022 (see also item 4.): ARMBRUST  
Page 2 4. PPE OVERDUE FOR INSPECTION AND REMOVED FROM SERVICE: BERKOV CODDINGTON GRAHAM LUKE MARION MILLER • Monthly self-testing of PLBs has been resumed. Reminders have been sent to PLB custodians. 5. PLBs ISSUED IN REPORTING PERIOD: BUSTIN – replacement PLB SHAMRAY – replacement PLB 6. EXPIRED PLBs RECEIVED IN REPORTING PERIOD: SHAMRAY 7. OTHER: Members' PPE inventory and maintenance logs continue to be entered into AUXDATAII. Members whose PPE information has been entered into AD2 will receive an advisory to that effect, with instructions for verifying the entries. Paper logs will continue to be maintained until entries to AD2 are completed.



### **Division 3 (SO-MA Jeff Fite)**

#### Highlights:

- Standing by for John Brandenburg on Coastie trailer & robot repairs/refurbishment
- 55” flat-screen TV donated to Sacramento Yacht Club
- There were no materials requests at the Division level this month.

#### Details:

- Pete Hnat, FLT 31, no report
- Joseph Heap, FLT 33, no report
- Richard Celia, FLT 35, no report
- Larry Stanton, FLT 3-10, no report
- The SONY 55” Flat Screen TV, Serial #5029073, previously donated to the Division by COMO Marilyn McBain, was deemed to be unneeded by the Division. The Sacramento Yacht Club (SYC) has been a valued partner, hosting Flotilla 35 meetings for decades, and Division 3 meetings for years. The TV was offered as an addition to the SYC game room, in the upper story of the clubhouse, and was enthusiastically accepted. Possession was accepted by SYC Past Commodore Russ Kaiser.

#### Projects:

- Coastie #3 and trailer remain fully out-of-service
- Trailer repair & refurbishment: awaiting word
- Coastie repair & refurbishment: awaiting word

#### Future Activities:

- Two new FSO’s to train—and perhaps retraining of the other two is advisable
- Mandated report format needs to be promulgated to all four
- Determine which FSO’s have their own ordering accounts with Division of Boating and Waterways, and obtain one for those in need

#### Challenges:

- Cultivate regular reports from FSO’s





### Agency Interactions:

- None reported

### Goals and Objectives:

- Coastie and trailer back in Service in time for NSBW?
- Coastie and trailer back in service in time for Veteran's Day

### Coastie Events:

- None, pending repairs
- NSBW, Discovery Park, Sacramento 21 MAY 2022 (tentative)
- Veteran's Day parade, Elk Grove, CA 11 NOV 2022 (tentative)

### Inventory:

- Division 03 Flag and storage container; held by FLT 3-10; \$1
- PA display banners, one large and two small, with storage cases; held by Richard Celia; \$1500
- COBY 40" Flat Screen TV, Serial # 2082051-0001625, held by John Hardin, \$50
- ViewSonic projector, model PJ551D, Serial # QUC080909927, held by John Hardin, \$50
- Accolade Duet ELPSC80 projection screen, held by John Hardin, \$100
- 10 x 10 'Popup shade awning with "US COAST GUARD" markings, held by John Hardin, \$50
- Life Vests (not recorded on 7025):
  - 2 x Type I offshore, adult
  - 2 x Type II Near-shore, adult
  - 1 x Type II Near-shore, youth
  - 1 x Type II Near-shore, child
- 8 x Rain Gear, various sizes (not recorded on 7025)

### Custodial Inventory (for use by inland/valley Divisions)

- Coastie #3 and Trailer, stored at STA Rio Vista
- Comms Trailer, stored at STA Rio Vista



**Division 4** (SO-MA Trish Votta)

Nothing to report this month.

**Division 5** (SO-MA Ronald Nathan)

Flotilla 5-1: Continued ordering materials from ANSC and Ca Dept of Boating and Waterways.

Flotilla 5-2: no report

Flotilla 5-3: no report

Flotilla 5-5: Made a point of reminding members attending the February flotilla meeting to inform the MA officer if any supplies or materials are needed for any supported Auxiliary functions.

Flotilla 5-7: no report

**Division 6** (Craig Johnson, performing MA duties)

We still have plenty of materials on hand.

I brought Coastie home a couple of weeks ago to see just where we stand. The last time we used Coastie was Whalefest 2019. At that time, you could drive Coastie but the sound was intermittent. At his most recent check-up, Coastie would still drive but I couldn't get the sound to work at all.

Recently District came and gave Coastie a check-up of sorts. I was told Coastie we be getting a major overhaul and that would include a new sound system.

The trailer was also to have some work; paint, tires, wheel bearings. . .

Coastie is stored in a marine environment which means that metal and electrical components are going to take a hit.

What it comes down to, Coastie is not ready for assignment.



**Division 7 (FSO-MA Donald Moyle)**

Nothing new to report.

**Division 8 (FSO-MA Donald Cromwell)**

Nothing to report

**Division 10 (SO-MA Billy Ray)**

SO-MA Report

10-02 No Report Received

10-03 No Supplies Requested

10-05 No Report Received

10-06 No Report Received

**Division 11 (SO-MA Nathan Jeffrey)**

Other than attending the workshop with the OTO, nothing new to report on my end this month.

**Division 12 (FSO-MA Laurie Kerr)**

Flotilla 12-91: Had a request, and just ordered some of the new VSC forms for our members.

Respectfully submitted,

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