



**Homeland  
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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
District 11 Northern Region**  
*Serving Northern California, Nevada, Utah*



DATE: 4 JUNE 2022

TO: COMO Dean McFarren

CC: DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF  
Rod Collins VP, PCA  
DCOS Curtis Han

FROM: Jim Losi, DSO-HR

RE: **PCA - MAY 2022**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Members who have crossed the bar prior to 2022:
  - a. **Daniel E. Tinney**, #1176488, DOD 15 DEC 2021
  - b. **Frank Braun**, Flotilla 113-05-01, DOD 2 DEC 2020
  - c. **Juanita Martin**, Flotilla 113-08-10, DOD 2020
  
2. Members who have crossed the bar in 2022:
  - a. **Arlan L. Christle**, DOD 8 MAR 2022
  - b. **Carol Ray**, Flotilla 113-10-03, DOD 6 FEB 2022 -Awaiting verification of past service
  - c. **Charles M. Duncan, AKA Charlie Duncan**, Flotilla 113-08-39, DOD - 18 March 2022.
  - d. **Harold Berg**, Flotilla 113-10-05, DOD 23 MAR 2022
  - e. **Varon B. Smith, Jr.**, Flotilla 113-12-01, DOD 10 APR 2022.
  - f. **Palmer O. Wilkins**, Flotilla 113-01-04, DOD 22 MAR 2022.
  
3. The PCA election for President and Vice President will take place on Tuesday, 15 November 2022 @ 1900 the day before the District staff meeting.
  
4. Continue the analysis of the redesign of the Aux Memorial.
  
5. We will offer a PCA Review for all members during the September PCA Fair on 17 & 18 September 2022.

6. Michelle Thompson is in the process of designing the master class schedule for the September PCA Fair. In addition to her master schedule, she is considering adding the following:

1. Core training as always. (Various Instructors)
2. DSO's to put together 45-60 min introductory sessions for their program...or, have a new member class where each DSO comes in and talks directly to new members. (Georgie Scheuerman)
3. Finance Systems and Policy Update (Fran Fisher)
4. New training requirements for aircrew and air observers. (Larry Olson and/or Doug Kerr)
5. CM (Larry Stanton)
6. MS. (Possibly something other than MSAM or MEES that would be relevant to SSF needs...Joseph)
7. UPV Class. (Michael Mitchell)
8. Working With Active Duty - A Primer. (Losi and MC BASE ALAMEDA)
9. PCA Review (Losi & Mike Mitchell)
10. Mentoring (Rod Collins)
11. Leadership at the Deck Plate Level (TBD)

### **Projects**

- Planning for September 2022 PCA Fair
- Affixing of member names on the Memorial
- Updating D11NR Website - PCA portal

### **Future Activities**

- Planning for September 2022 PCA Fair

### **Challenges**

- Creating a sensible and cost-effective plan for affixing member names on the Memorial
- Planning for a Fall PCA Fair in a COVID or Post COVID environment

### **Goals and Objectives**

- Create world-class leadership training for D11 members
- Bring the Memorial up to date with member names

**Figure 1 - MOS - Charlie Duncan**

Let us all, as we go forth in our various roles in the District 11 North Auxiliary, remember what our departed members have given us and let us in our own way carry on in uplifting the ideals of our organization.

Though our best words only approximate the grandeur of their living, the testimony of their dreams, commitments and ideas will live on in our memories and in our hearts. As long as the Auxiliary lives on, they will live on. Our love and respect for them will never die and they will always be remembered in our hearts. Being in the Auxiliary, we never want to hear that one of our brothers and sisters crossed the bar.

Another tear will fall the next time we gather at the Antlers' OPTREX and we toll the boats as we notice the empty seats where Charlie Duncan once sat. We will miss him at the annual Antlers OPTREX where he was a guiding force for so many years.

It is with honor and dignity that we come together during this rare and much valued face-to-face board and staff meeting to remember Palmer Wilkins and our fellow Auxiliarists who have left us during this past year. Let us pause for a moment of silent meditation and remember him in our own special way.

## **Figure 2 - MOS Palmer O. Wilkins**

Every time we learn of a D11NR Auxiliary Member who has crossed the bar, we are begotten with sadness and a sense of loss. It is a natural part of the human condition. However, if we during our Auxiliary careers serve alongside a member who has crossed the bar, we are given the gift of learning, teamwork, and fraternity. Those sets of feelings are the balance to the sadness of missing that member. It is those sets of feelings that we hold in our hearts and minds and makes us better Auxiliarists.

Being an Auxiliarist is both special and a privilege. Being a part of such a team allows us to grow in skills and character while serving the boating public, our active-duty shipmates as well as our country. Palmer Wilkins has crossed the bar after 56 years of serving as an Auxiliary member in Flotilla 01-04. His service to the Auxiliary cause and mission has been a lesson and an inspiration to us all.

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