



## DSO-MA REPORT

Date: July 12, 2022

To: COMO Dean McFarren,  
Curtis Han, District Chief of Staff  
Chuck Cobery, 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. Auxiliary Communications Vehicle has been repaired!
2. Still waiting for Coastie/ Trailer funding to come through.
3. District- wide Materials Zoom Meeting was held.
4. ACV offer of help received.
5. District Materials ANSC/CG-BSX-11 Inventory List was received and distributed.
6. Stan Feldman notifies us as to our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter rebate distribution
7. Latest update from the Auxiliary National Supply Center was received and distributed.
8. DSO-MA (Rolling Stock) Report.

## DETAILS:

1. Our Auxiliary Communications Vehicle has been repaired! Fran Fisher, DSO-FN had previously notified us that to date we have used \$378 of our \$1,500 ACV budget for fuel and \$1,585 of our \$5,000 ACV budget for repairs. Thus, we were permitted to repair our Auxiliary Communications Vehicle. The funds were used to repair the Turbo problem with the engine. Any additional work in the future, if required, must be pre-authorized. It is important to note that our ADSO-MA (Rolling Stock Manager) John Brandenburg saved our District several thousands of dollars by obtaining several repair quotes for the ACV!! Bravo Zulu, John!!
2. Our District Materials Team is still waiting for the funds to repair the safety defects in the Coastie Trailers and operational defects of our 4 District Coasties to come through. Supposedly, the funds have been approved by the active duty. We are waiting for notification of release of these funds.
3. A District-wide Materials Webinar was held on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 p.m. The agenda for the Webinar along with feedback received (in bold) was:
  - a. What problems you've been having in your Materials position that we can help you with?  
**No problems were raised for discussion.**



b. Our District Store:

(1) How was its operation during D-Train? How could we improve its operation?

**Everyone online was very satisfied with the operation of our District Store at D-Train. No recommendations for improvement were offered.**

(2) What items could we add to the District Store Inventory that would benefit our membership?

**Tilley Hats**

**Challenge Coins**

**Garrison Caps**

(3) What items do we sell that are totally superfluous that we might eliminate?

**Bard Mansager, Deputy Deputy DSO-MA recommended that after a couple of PCAs and DTrains, the items that were not selling at all be offered at a discount to clear out the superfluous merchandise.**

c. An update was provided on the repair of our Coasties.

**Coasties are still red tagged and cannot be used until the dangerous tires and brake components on the trailers are replaced. Funds have been requested and approved for repairs. All we can do now is wait for the funds to come through and begin the repairs.**

d. An update was provided on our Auxiliary Communications Vehicle (ACV) and request procedures.

**The ACV's Check Engine Light came on and we're investigating what caused it. One maintenance firm checked out the vehicle and said the turbocharger was bad and needed to be replaced. Such a replacement would cost around \$6,000. John Brandenburg, ADSO-MA (Rolling Stock Manager) is currently obtaining a second quote.**

e. Participants were asked If they had any other items they would like discussed,

**None were offered**

4. I had a very nice telephone conversation with Linda Bradon and her husband Steve earlier this month. They had read the Minutes of our Materials Webinar and noticed the challenges we faced with the repairs of our ACV and Coasties/ Trailers. Linda and Steve are very mechanically skilled,



especially with diesel engines and brake systems and have offered to help us with any future ACV/ Coastie repairs. Thank you Linda and Steve for your very generous offer!

5. The latest ANSC/CG-BSX-11 Inventory List was received and distributed to all SO-MAs and FSO-MAs.

6. Stan Feldman notified our District as to our 2nd quarter rebate distribution. Fran Fisher, DSO-FN was informed.

7. We received the latest update from the Auxiliary National Supply Center:

NACON 2022 is on the horizon and then come the District, Division and Flotilla elections. We at the AUX CENTER are trying to get a jump start in what items we will need for the fall.

COMBO Hats & Garrison Hats are still on backorder. Our vendor is supplying the Academy, Cape May and the CGX. We are on the low end of the flagpole. They had problems getting materials and are just now producing. I am looking at sometime in July.

Our flag manufacturer is in the same position, USA manufacturers are now trying to catch up with production after covid stopped much production. They are still having problems with labor and are two to three months behind on orders. Just think, between CGAUX Ensigns, USA flags, Operational flags, Officer pennants & burgees; we carry in inventory 59 different items.

Boat America...Back in May when we were down to 2,000 texts in stock, we ordered 10,000. As many of you know, there has been a change in the fire extinguisher rules and the addition of the engine cutoff switch. In addition, NASBLA, which has to approve the text, has their two cents to add. It would have been nice if our publisher (who also publishes the same book under various State names) would have given us a heads up. This past week we negotiated for a quick publication of 2,500 of the previous print which is still authorized. When they come in, all back orders will be filled.

This information was distributed to District Materials Personnel.

#### **8. ADSO-MA (Rolling Stock Manager) John Brandenburg's Monthly Activities:**

It was through John Brandenburg's tireless efforts that we finally got the ACV repaired. He obtained two repair quotes when the first repair quote seemed high. The second quote was significantly lower! Thus, John ended up saving our District literally thousands of dollars. Bravo Zulu, John!!



## **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 (Rolling Stock Manager)	John 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 (Acting)	
Div 7	TBA	No
Div 8	Donald Cromwell	Yes
Div 10	Linda Bradon	Yes
Div 11	Guy Chism	Yes
Div 12	DCDR Greg 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! We are expecting to set up our District Store during our upcoming PCA.**

2. Obtaining Coast Guard funding to repair and maintain our ACV and Coasties. **Our OTOs are awaiting release of 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:**

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

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, 2022: (Progress being made is in bold.)**

1. Have Fun, Enjoy the work! 😊 **Ongoing!**
2. Encourage the National Materials Team to hold quarterly webinars and participate in all of them. Done! **It is up to them to follow-through.**
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 Materials Team webinar was held on the June 13th.**
4. Repair all 4 Coasties to full operational condition once Coast Guard Funds become available and ensure they remain fully operational. **(Funding approved, awaiting release of funds).**
5. Make necessary repairs on the Auxiliary Communications Vehicle when Coast Guard funds become available and institute/ maintain a reservation program for its use. **(DONE!!!)**
6. Provide Materials Store support for our District Past Commander's Conferences and DTrain. **Done for DTrain!! Planning in progress for PCA.**
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. **DONE!!!**
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. **Several SO-MAs have notified me this is happening.**
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. Done! **A successor DSO-MA and Deputy ADSO-MA for the next two years has been recommended to our Chief of Staff.**
14. Institute ACV and Coastie Training after DTrain. **Currently, a work in progress. Also, the ACV Reservation form is being revised!**

### **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)**

No significant activity this last month



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

### **Highlights:**

Awaiting funds on Coastie trailer & robot repairs/refurbishment

Awaiting Sea Partners trunks

### **Details:**

Pete Hnat, FLT 31, no report

James Stewart, FC-FLT 33, no report

Greg Van Koersel, FLT 35, no report.

Joseph Heap, FLT 3-10, no materials requests.

Funds may be available for the Coastie trailer in MAY, with robot to follow, but—as always—await word before counting unhatched chickens. (June update: no movement.)

### **Projects**

Coastie #3 and trailer remain fully out-of-service

Trailer repair & refurbishment: awaiting word

Coastie repair & refurbishment: awaiting word

### **Future Activities**

- 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





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

Nothing to report this month.

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

Flotilla 5-1: Still having difficulties ordering materials from UANSC, many items are still out of stock. I will keep trying.

Flotilla 5-2 no report

Flotilla 5-3 no report

Flotilla 5-5 nothing new to report

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

Nothing really to report other than Flotilla 64 is well stocked when our Program Visitors wish to get out.

I have nothing new to report on the Coastie 4 refurbish

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

No significant activity for last month.

**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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