



Date: January 2023
From: Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs
Thru: Dale Fajardo, DCAPT-Prevention
To: Commodore Curtis Han
Subject: Activities Report for December 2023

Doug Manifold – Deputy ADSO
PA National Division Chief of Ethics, Standards & Oral Boards

From the Deputy Corner:
Nothing to Report – More things to come – February 2023

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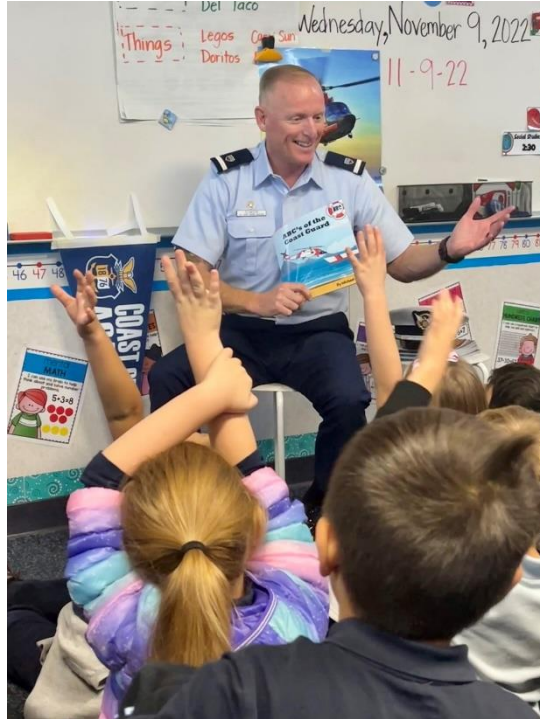
Division 1 – Tiffany Townsend – FSO-FC-1-2, SO-PA
No report submitted

Division 3 – SO-PA – Rich Celia
No report Submitted

Division 4 – Neil Slawson – FSO-PA and FC - Flotilla
November 2022, Auxiliarists Denver Drieberg and Neil Slawson of Division 4 were invited to give a Veteran’s Day presentation to 1st graders in November 2022 at the Krystal School of Science, Math, and Technology.

They taught the children about the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary, and the Coast Guard Academy. They’re never too young to get them excited about being future “Coasties.”

Denver and Neil talked the teacher into getting into the Anti-Exposure Coveralls (AEC), affectionately known as the “Gumby Suit.” The kids got a real kick out of that!



FSO-PA Neil Slawson reads "The ABCs of the Coast Guard" book to the 1st graders of the Krystal School of Science, Math, and Technology



Neil Slawson FSO-PA having fun interacting with the 1st-grades, reading them a story about the Coast Guard.



Denver Driberg, 1st Grade Teacher, and Neil Slawson demonstrate the "Gumby" survival suit ... the kids really enjoyed that!



FSO-PA Neil Slawson and FSO-MT Denver Driberg (Academy Admissions Partner) team up to give out coloring books to the 1st graders of the Krystal School of Science, Math, and Technology.

Division 5 – Jim Matthies–SO-PA/ FSO -5-3

Nothing to report

Division 6 – Jane D. Smith – DSO-PA2

No PA activities to report for December

Division 7 -Tony Zocchi – FSO-PA

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DECEMBER 17,2022

On Saturday the 17, Flotilla 76 supported this year’s Wreaths Across America at Lindquist Mortuaries in Layton Utah. It was a chilling 11 Degrees that morning, There were over 400 Wreaths donated to this location alone and over 3,400 cemeteries at other locations in all 50 states supporting this event.

Last year in 2021 there were over 1,560,000 wreaths placed on Veterans’ graves. The indoor part of the ceremony had a full house of spectators and participants and Veterans.

The Wreath Dedication Ceremony

The Mayor of Layton City Joy Petro Presented the Wreath for the US Coast Guard Dedication Ceremony. There were many Veterans and Boy Scouts who participated in the Ceremony Col. Lance Nussbaum- Chief of Aerospace Medicine Gave a very Inspiring and heartfelt recap of his years of service of helping service members while working in the medical field for over 20 years on and off the battlefield.



Tony and Ann Zocchi with wreaths



Ann Zocchi honoring Veteran



Tony Zocchi honoring Veteran

Division 8 – Dorothy DeLope – FSO-PA

**FLOTILLA 08-08 OF LAKE COUNTY
CHANGE OF WATCH**

On December 11, 2022, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Auxiliary, Flotilla 08-08 of Lake County held their annual Change of Watch for 2023 at Riviera Hills Restaurant in Kelseyville, California.

Officiating at the ceremony was District Captain Wayne Farnholtz. Kevin Kealey accepted the office as Flotilla Commander again for 2023. Arthur Martinez took the oath of Vice-Commander for 2023 and was awarded new shoulder boards indicating his new command. Receiving the Award for Auxiliarist of the Year was Dorothy “Bunny” De Lope, Public Affairs Officer.

Among the invited guests were Elizabeth Larson, Editor and Publisher of Lake County News, and guest speaker William Fox, Program Coordinator of Lake County Water Resources.

The USCG Auxiliary consists of over 30,000 volunteer members throughout our country who provide operational support to the USCG and are dedicated to promoting recreational boating safety.



Special Change of Watch Cake



Wayne Farnholtz administers the Oath of Of Office to FC Kevin Kealey and VFC Art Martinez



**FC Kevin Kealey and outgoing VC Gary Jolley
attach new shoulder boards to VFC Art Martinez**



**Guest Speaker William Fox, Program Coordinator
of Lake County Water Resources**



FC Kevin Kealey presented Wayne Farnholtz and IS Anita Farnholtz with Special Recognition Awards



FSD-PA Dorothy (Bunny) DeLope received the 2022 Auxiliarist of the Year

Division 10 – Doc Pierce – FC -Flotilla 10-5

Division 10 participated in the Veteran's Parades for Sanger and Fresno.

Sanger: A small but very friendly and personal parade. Rebecca O'Brien-Witt (SO-PA DIV 10) and Donald 'Doc' Pierce (Fresno Flotilla 10-05) represented US COAST GUARD and COAST GUARD AUXILIARY. This was the first time we were able to join the Sanger Veteran's Parade, on 5 Nov 2022. Passing the Judge's Stand both were announced and thanked for participating. The Announcer/Organizer stood, thanked, and saluted the Coast Guard as we passed. Our entry was the US Coast Guard Recruiting Office Fresno Van (Adorned with Coast Guard activity pictures). Sarah Wilson CPO of Recruiting Office was very thankful for the Auxiliary being able to drive the Van and assisting the Coast Guard with exposure to the public.

Fresno: The Fresno Veteran's Parade is said to be the largest Veteran's Parade in the United States. The Coast Guard Recruiting Van led the Parade's Division 5 in supporting Veteran Organizations and Government Agencies following, many of whom the Auxiliary closely works with. The Parade had 6 Divisions and 140 entries. Donald 'Doc' Pierce and James Torrance (Fresno Flotilla 10-05) drove the Coast Guard Van. The Coast Guard was cheered many times during the Parade.

Attached are pictures from Sanger and Fresno Veteran's Parades.



2022 FRESNO VETERAN'S PARADE/COAST GUARD RECRUITING VAN DRIVEN BY FLOTILLA 10-05



2022 FRESNO VETERAN'S PARADE/ CG VAN/ DONALD PIERCE, JIM TORRANCE



2022 FRESNO VETERAN'S PARADE/ CG VAN RECRUITING OFFICE



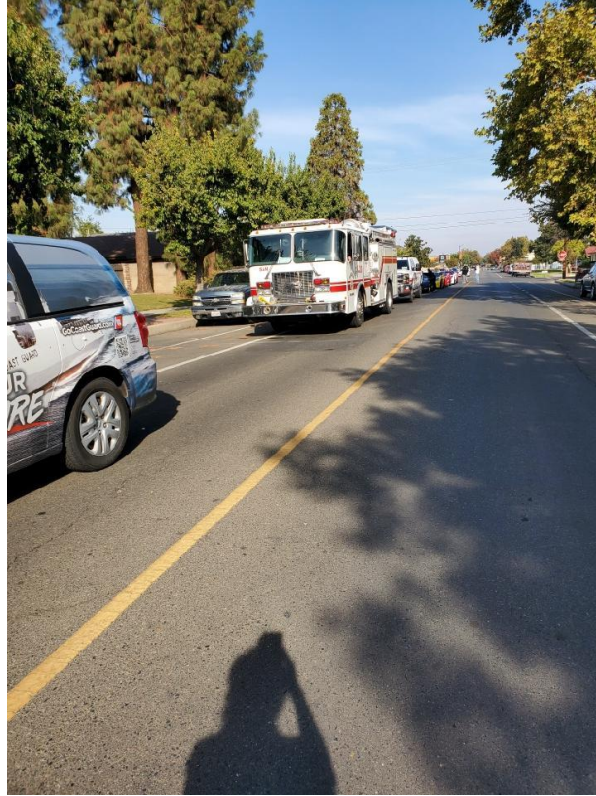
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2022 FRESNO VETERAN'S PARADE, CG RECRUITING VAN/ DONALD PIERCE DRIVING



**SANGER 2022 VETERAN'S PARADE
SHADOW: REBECCA O'BRIEN-WITT**

Division 11 Linda Ravett– SO–PA – Flotilla 11-03

Nothing to Report

Division 12 - Jim Losi

No report submitted

Very respectfully submitted,
Jane D. Smith,



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