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TO: Board and Staff  
FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV  
SUBJECT: AuxAir Report for February 2023.

AuxAir was able to conduct five patrols during February in support of the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary and our allied agencies. Another three patrols were cancelled during February because of weather.

Our flight crews encountered problems with our Coast Guard encrypted radios and we found out that the Coast Guard had removed these radios from service as they thought these were surplus and they did not realize that auxair squadrons across the Country were using them for secure communications. Doug Kerr went to work on this situation and after some effort, all of auxair encrypted radios have been placed back into service and all auxair squadrons in the Country are able to have secure communications.

We have been contacted by the Air Force Civil Air Patrol (CAP) requesting auxair to engage in joint SAR exercises with them. We are working with the CAP to see if such joint exercises can be conducted.

It looks like we will finally be able to have our AUX-17 (Crew Resource Management) course on 17-19 March 2023, in the VADM Johnson Training Room. Unfortunately this is the same weekend as our DTRAIN, but it is the time when the aux National instructors can come out to California and when our auxair members are available for this required training. In addition to our D11NR members, we will have auxair members from D11SR attending, along with one aux member from Chicago and one from Corpus Christi, Texas. The auxair member from Texas wants to bring his horse to the class !!

Ron Darcey is planning our next Squadron Dinner/meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, 28 March 2023, at the Holiday Inn, Dublin. All auxiliarists are welcome and RSVP's to Ron are required so the Hotel knows how many to prepare for. The agenda is still being put together.

Adam Kovalevsky continues to do a terrific job in making sure our PPE is inspected and being recorded in AD2. Adam is also working on budget estimates for the PPE we expect to need for the remainder of this FY along with our expected needs for next FY.

Stan Douglas continues to work with our trainees and we will have two new Observers following the required AUX-17 Course on 17-19 March 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Olson