



DSO-MA THIRD REPORT FOR 2023

Date: March 12, 2023

To: COMO Curtis Han
Jim Losi, District Chief of Staff
Randy McCormick, DCAPT-Support
District 11N Board and Staff

From: John Brandenburg, 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. 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 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, 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. District Store Getting Ready for D-Train.
2. Get accurate inventory on issued Yellow Bags. Instructed all Division MA's to work with Flotilla MA's to get reports to me ASAP.
3. Progress is still on-going fixing all District Robot Coasties & Trailers, Food Service Trailer and Two Communications Trailers.

DETAILS:

1. The District is gearing up for D-Train this Month. Dave Sequeira and I have been approved for orders to pick-up District Store currently being stored at Coast Guard Island at Alameda and transport to D-Train. Our assignments are to set-up, manned, tear-down and transport District Store items back to Alameda. I sent out a joint email to all Division MA's asking for their suggestions on Store items to have on hand for purchase. To date, none of the Division MA's have responded. Sent request to purchase items for District. Most of the items were approved and will receive shipment next week.
2. Progress is still being made on fixing all of the District Robot Coasties and Food Service and Communication Trailers. We are still trying to obtain active-duty funds to complete repair the remaining trailers. Currently, we have two proposals waiting funding for new batteries for the two Communications trailers and new bearing for the Food Service trailer. Additional funds will be needed to repair and purchase items for the Communications trailer currently being stored in Fallen Nevada.

DISTRICT MATERIALS TEAM- CORRECTIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING MADE FOR 2023:



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 John with any changes/ updated information you might have.

Position	Name	Confirmed?
DSO-MA	John Brandenburg	Yes
Deputy DSO-MA	Dave Sequeira	Yes
DSO-MA (Rolling Stock Manager)	John Brandenburg	Yes
ADSO-MA	Open	No
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Division	SO-MAs	
Div 1	John Fortner	Yes
Div 3	Jeff Fite	Yes
Div 4	Peter Slawson	Yes
Div 5	Ronald Nathan	Yes
Div 6	Jerry Edelen	Yes
Div 7	Frank Boice	Yes
Div 8	Donald Cromwell	No
Div 10	Linda Bradon	Yes
Div 11	Peter Rast	Yes
Div 12	TBA	No

CHALLENGES/ OBSTACLES (2023): (Final Progress made is in bold)

1. Overcoming any remaining restrictions to be incurred due to Covid.
2. Obtaining Coast Guard funding to repair and maintain our ACV and Coasties. **Coast Guard funds have been released to fix all safety issues on our Coastie Trailers. More funds will be required in the near future to get them all back into fully functional condition.**
3. Working getting actuate report on issued “Yellow Bags”.



AGENCY INTERACTION:

There is constant communication with Stan Feldman of AUXCEN.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, 2023: (Progress made is in bold.)

1. Have Fun, Enjoy the work!
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.
4. Repair all 4 Coasties and the Food Service Trailer to full operational condition once Coast Guard Funds become available and ensure they remain fully operational.
5. Make necessary repairs on the Auxiliary Communications Vehicle when Coast Guard funds become available and institute/ maintain a reservation program for its use
6. Provide Materials Store support for our District Past Commander's Conferences and 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.
Create a succession plan for smooth transition of the District MA staff.
10. Institute ACV and Coastie Training after PCA.

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!

District Rolling Stock Mangers report:

- **Auxiliary Communications Vehicle (ACV):**

The ACV wasn't schedule for any events for the first three months of the new calendar year. The monthly inspection was completed for January and February. The PM work needs to be done soon. Will contact two facilities for price proposal for the work needed. Will get approval before work is performed. Will need to take this unit on its monthly two-hour drive to assure reliability of this unit. Received estimate for service and required work in the amount of \$3,900.00. Still waiting for second estimate.

- **Four Coastie Trailers: (On-going)**

Three of the Coastie trailers have been repaired using DIRAUX and personnel funds. The fourth Coastie trailer requires additional repairs to the wiring and install new brake light unit. DIRAUX funds covered majority of the repairs, However, personnel funds were used to complete additional repairs needed. However, due to limited funds, members Dave Sequeira and John Brandenburg used personnel funds to complete needed repairs for this trailer.

- **Four Coastie Robots: (On-going)**

Received parts order by DIRAUX to repair and refurbishment the four (4) Robot Coasties, Due to limited DIRAUX funds, the parts received



will repair and refurbish two robots Coasties, leaving two 80% repaired. Dave and myself will use old parts to try and get the other two robots operational. However, some of the features will not be functional.

- **Food Service Trailer: (On-going)**

This trailer is awaiting additional funds from DIRAUX to complete this trailer. Waiting funds to replace the bearing assembly. Personnel funds were use to replace running lights and repairs on the trailer frame.

- **Two Communications Trailers:**

The Communications Trailer #1 stored at Sacramento Air Station is currently at the members residence in Fallen Nevada. This trailer is currently out-of-service. I will be requesting funds to replace the air condition unit, brakes, wiring, frame repairs, safety items and batteries. Sent proposal to two vendors. Waiting for quotes.

I will request Larry Stanton to have this trailer moved from its current location to Coast Guard Island to complete inspection of this trailer.

The Communications Trailer #2 stored at members residence in Utah is operational to support communications mission requirements. Some repairs are needed to the exterior of this trailer. Will request funds after receiving list from member.

Note: New Batteries for both Communications Trailers have been requested and price proposal were sent to DIRAUX for funds.

Divisions Reports

Division 1 (John Fortner)

Highlights 1. FSO-MA reports 2. PPE issuance and inspections 3. Retrieval of PPE sets from REYR members Details 1. FSO-MA reports: a. Flotilla 12: no report received. b. Flotilla 14: report received – copy attached c. Flotilla 17: no report received d. Flotilla 19: no report received. 2. PPE issuance and inspections: Flotilla 14 reports no new PPE sets issued; two PPE sets inspected by FSO-MA during reporting period. 3. Retrieval of PPE sets from REYR members: Flotilla 14 reports one Out-Of-Service PPE set was turned in and delivered to DIRAUX. Projects 1. Assist Division FCs, FSO-MAs and FSO-OPs in establishing and maintaining a uniform PPE inspection log and record-keeping system. 2. Retrieve Out-Of-Service PPE sets from members not participating in operations.

Division 3 (Jeff Fite)

Working on “Yellow Bag” reports.

Division 4 (SO-MA Trish Votta)



Summary:

Flotilla 4-1:

*Vessel Exam and Postal materials were ordered in Jan.2023.

Flotilla 4-3:

1-Ordered and received 100 Calif ABC books for PA use.

2-Supplied Calif ABC books to FSO-PA.

3- Took inventory and need to order additional PA stuff.

Flotilla 4-6:

*Program Visitor display boxes were requested by VFC Jonathan Goodart, and were ordered in Jan.2023 by the SO-MA Denver Driberg.

Flotilla 4-8:

*No materials ordered in Jan.2023.

Flotilla 4-9:

*No materials ordered in Jan.2023.

Division 5 (SO-MA Ronald Nathan)

Nothing to report

Division 6 (DSO Jerry Edelen)

Nothing to report

Division 7 (DSO Frank Boice)

No significant activity for last month.

Division 8 (FSO-MA Donald Cromwell)

Nothing to report

Division 10 (SO-MA Linda Bradon)

Nothing to report

Division 11 (SO-MA Nathan Jeffrey)

Nothing to report

Division 12 (FSO-MA Laurie Kerr)



Respectfully submitted,

John Brandenburg

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