



DSO-MA Seventh REPORT FOR 2023

Date: July 31, 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.

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. District Store will request to purchase more items to be purchased by Members.
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. Progress is continuing 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	Vivian McBride	Yes
ADSO-MA	Chase VanDerveer	Yes
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. Wearing of Masks optional.
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. Institute ACV and Coastie Training after PCA
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.

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 is parked back on Coast Guard Island. The amount of \$450.00 was paid to the repair shop for inspection work. No service or corrective work was authorized at this shop. The future of this vehicle will be conducted by upper management and a decision will be made to either keep or dispose of this unit.
- **Four Coastie Trailers: (On-going)**
Three of the Coastie trailers and COASTIEs have been repaired and operational. The fourth Coastie trailer still requiring additional repairs.



The COASTIE assigned to this fourth trailer still needs to be updated and repaired. for this trailer.

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

Three of the Robots have been completed and operational for use. The fourth Robot still needs to be updated with new parts and serviced. DIRAUX has on order in process waiting for funds. DIRAUX has been very supported with funding repairing these robots.

- **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 resistance 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

Highlights 1. FSO-MA reports 2. PPE issuance, inspection and retrieval 3. Projects – PPE inventory Details 1. FSO-MA (materials ordered) reports: Flotilla 12: No report received Flotilla 14: No materials orders placed Flotilla 17: Report received – no activity reported. Flotilla 19: No report received 2. PPE issuance, inspection and retrieval: Flotilla 12: No report received. PPE maintenance log updated and current. Flotilla 14: Two sets of PPE issued. No PPE set inspections conducted. PPE maintenance log updated and current. Flotilla 17: Report received – PPE inventory efforts continuing. Flotilla 19: No report received Projects 3. District-wide inventory of PPE: OTO Perez has initiated a District-wide inventory of PPE to be completed by 31 July 2023. Inventory-count forms have been



sent to FCs for entry by individual operational members and return to DIRAUX. Returned inventory information is being entered into AUXDATA II. To date, approximately 60% of PPE inventory has been processed.

Division 3 (Jeff Fite)

Highlights:

Division 3: Keep updated with relevant information.

Flotilla 3-1: No Report

Flotilla 3-3: No Report

Flotilla 3-5: Greg Van Koersel, Received and delivered 3 sets of PPE for Flotilla members. Made arrangements to exchange one set for proper size. Took possession of PPE surrendered by Johan Lai.

Flotilla 3-10: Joseph Heap, Ordered materials for Program Visits

Details:

- n/a

Projects

- Coastie #3 and trailer remain fully out-of-service
- Trailer repair & refurbishment: underway
- Coastie repair & refurbishment: awaiting word

Future Activities

- N/A

Challenges

- No Report from Flotilla 3-1

Agency Interactions:

- N/A

Goals and Objectives

- Continue looking for improvement and stability.

Division 03 Inventory

• Division 03 Flag and storage container; held by FLT 3-10; \$1

• PA display banners, one large and two small, with storage cases; held by Richard Celia; \$1500

• COBY 40" Flat Screen TV, Serial # 2082051-0001625, held by John Hardin, \$50 • ViewSonic projector, model PJ551D, Serial # QUC080909927, held by John Hardin, \$50



- Accolade Duet ELPSC80 projection screen, held by John Hardin, \$100
- 10 x 10' Popup shade awning with "US COAST GUARD" markings, held by John Hardin, \$50
- Life Vests (not recorded on 7025):
 - 2 x Type I offshore, adult
 - 2 x Type II Near-shore, adult
 - 1 x Type II Near-shore, youth
 - 1 x Type II Near-shore, child
- 8 x Rain Gear, various sizes (not recorded on 7025)

Division 4 (SO-MA Trish Votta

Summary:

Flotilla 41 – Vessel Exam and Postal materials ordered in Jun.2023.

Flotilla 43 – Distributed Federal regulations booklet to FSO-PA

Flotilla Activity:

Flotilla 41:

*Vessel Exam and Postal materials ordered in Jun.2023.

Flotilla 43:

*Distributed Federal regulations booklet to FSO-PA

Flotilla 46:

*No materials ordered in Jun.2023.

Flotilla 48:

*No materials ordered in Jun.2023.

Flotilla 49:

*No report received.

Division 5 (SO-MA Ronald Nathan)

Nothing to report

Division 6 (DSO Jerry Edelen) HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Awaiting final disposition of District 6 Coastie.
2. Division Materials Storeroom is partially cleaned.



DETAILS:

1. John Brandenburg has completed working on our Division 6 Coastie at Coast Guard Island. I've heard from an indirect source that Division 6 may not receive this Coastie back due to the local storage area being exposed to a high amount of corrosive salt air. Awaiting final decision.
2. On Saturday, August 5th, just before the CG Station picnic, I was able to go to our Division 6 Materials Storeroom at Coast Guard Station Monterey and make a dent in cleaning out this "rats nest". There was such an accumulation of obsolete literature and uniform items as to make even walking into the storeroom very difficult. I did make a dent. I filled a huge heavy duty black trash bag with obsolete literature and straightened up the storeroom where now, anyone entering the area can easily move around. The job is not complete yet. I estimate there are still 3 garbage bags of junk to get rid of before the room truly is in good shape. Stay tuned!

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

4. Overcoming any remaining restrictions incurred due to Covid. **Activities are back to normal.**
5. We have not yet received the Division 6 Coastie back from Coast Guard Island yet. **Awaiting confirmation of status.**

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. None at this time.

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

10. Have Fun, Enjoy the work! **Ongoing!**
11. Get our Division Coastie back to Coast Guard Station Monterey so we can, once again, use it for PA Events. **Awaiting final status.**



12. Provide Materials support required by our Division/ Flotilla Commanders
13. Clean up our Storeroom at Coast Guard Station, Monterey.
Ongoing, began this month.
14. Train FSO-MAs so that they can support their flotillas to the fullest.
6. Create a succession plan for smooth transition of the Division/ FSO MA staff.

Flotilla 6-7: Kim Huynh (408) 230-5593 wind_wave_sail@yahoo.com

Awaiting Receipt

Flotilla 6-10: Eva Jardin (831) 750-0217 evaajardin@gmail.com

No Materials activity this last month!

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Flotilla 6-10: Eva Jardin (831) 750-0217 evaajardin@gmail.com

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)
Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

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