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# Date:September 2023From:Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public AffairsThru:Dale Fajardo, DCAPT-PreventionTo:Commodore Curtis HanSubject:Activities Report August 2023

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#### Division 1 – FSO-PA – Marisa Hoke

No August report submitted

# Division 3 – SO-PA – Richard Celia

Nothing to report.

# Division 5 – FC – Flt 55 & PA- Jim Matthies

Nothing to report.

# **Division 6 – DSO-PA1 – JANE D. SMITH** (PHOTOS BY MICHAEL GOLDBERG – FLT 64, FSO-

PA, AND JANE SMITH FLT 6-10)

# AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> – 233<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Party for Coast Guard Station Monterey

It was quite fun with 11 Auxiliarists from Division 6 helping in food preparation for at least 70 Coast Guard, family, and children. What a great time to share and joining with the Coast Guard Team of Station Monterey for this celebration, headed up by Station Commander, Lt. Matt Peryea.



From Flotilla 64, setting up for the Barbeque are Mark McLaughlin and Peter Gerbino



As lead for this celebration, Bobbie Kamil, CA, Flotilla 64 and friend Renee (non-Auxiliary) helping out to get things organized.



Cooks Mark McLaughlin, SO-OP, Flt. 64, Como Wally Smith, Flt 6-10, and Rob Kay, Flt 64, preparing all the food that needs to be barbequed for the Coasties of Station Monterey.



Coasties from Station Monterey sitting outside in the sunshine enjoying the great food & fellowship.



Coasties with families outside on the patio



233<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Cake



A bounce house and snow cone vehicle were there for Coast Guard & Family



Bobbi Kamil, our CA, and Husband along right side, John Itteleson, and the end of the day! Thanks so much Bobbi!!



Commander Lt. Peryea, his wife, Ruth and young daughter (release for photo of child was given)



Commander of Station Monterey, Lt. Peryea presents to Como Wally Smith an award for our Auxiliary Division 6 for all the work we do with them.

#### **Division 7 – Lana Visser- SOPA**

No report submitted.

# Division 8 – Dorothy DeLope – SO-PA

Nothing to Report.

# Division 11 – DCDR – Bill Stolz (acting PAO)

#### July and August 2023

 On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July we participated in the South Lake Tahoe Independence Day Parade. The weather was great and it brought out a large crowd.



2. During Hot August Nights (The Car Show) we had the pleasure working with the Coast Guard recruiting team that came up from Sacramento. They handed out recruiting materials for active duty and reserves and we handed out auxiliary materials.





Another display for Coast Guard and Auxiliary

No future events are planned for the rest of this year.

#### Division 12 – Jim Losi – COS & PAO

Date: 23 July 2023 OPFAC: #647 Crew: Olsen, Gregory T., Coxswain Losi, James G., Crew Busch, Stephen C., Crew Grave, Jeffrey D., Trainee Coxwain AUX OLSEN successfully engages in his very first SAR case and prosecution as leading the crew of OPFAC SERVANT.

#### One kite surfer saved!

#### MISLE #: 1360833

At approximately 1500, SERVANT received a distress call on channel 16 from a windsurfer in distress at approximately half a mile East of the Golden Gate Bridge even with the center span. At the direction of the order issuing authority, STATION GOLDEN GATE, SERVANT proceeded at the fastest possible speed maintaining safety for the conditions.

At approximately 1503, channel 16 traffic from Blue & Gold Fleet's tour boat GOLDEN BEAR had the windsurfer in sight. SERVANT arrived approximately 5 minutes later to recover the windsurfer.

The windsurfer and his board were brought on board. The windsurfer had suffered equipment failure and lost his wing in the wind and thus had no propulsion to return to shore. He was in good physical condition with no injuries or evident hypothermia. The windsurfer was transported to Saint Francis Yacht Club at 1514 for disembarkation.

Conditions during the rescue: 62 degrees F, WNW winds 23 knots, wind waves 1-3 feet, flood tide.

- 1. This SAR case with subsequent kite surfer saved represents the 10<sup>th</sup> successful SAR case with a person saved.
- 2. OPFAC SERVANT refueled early in the patrol.



CIC OLSEN OF FLOTILLA 113-12-91 ON THE WEATHER DECK OF OPFAC SERVANT ASSESSING THE CONDITION OF THE PIW AND THE ASSOCIATED RISK IN COLLECTING THE PIW. THE SEA STATE WAS DIFFICULT WITH WINDS GUSTING TO 20KNTS AND SWELLS FROM 3' TO 6' EVERY 5 SECONDS. PHOTOGRAPH BY STEPHEN BUSCH



FIGURE 1 - KITE SURFER RIDING OPFAC SERVANTS WAKE. PHOTOGRAPH BY STEPHEN BUSCH.



FIGURE 2 - JIM LOSI OF FLOTILLA 113-12-91 ON HELM DUTY WHILE GREG OLSEN OF FLOTILLA 113-12-91 PLOTS A COURSE TO THE NAVIGABLE WATERS NEAR STAGG. PHOTOGRAPH BY STEPHEN BUSCH.

Very respectfully submitted, Jane D. Smith,



**District Staff Officer - Public Affairs 1** 

#### 12 SEPT 2023

TO: DON ANDERSON, DOUG MACPHERSON, JANE SMITH (DSO-PA) FROM: RICHARD CELIA, SO-PA

RE: PA REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

The main event of September was a SAREX that took place in & amp; near CG Station Rio Vista on 7 September. Approximately 30 Auxiliarists interacted with the Gold side at Station Rio Vista in a simulated Search and Recovery Scenario. Pete Gnat of (3-1) created a brilliant and well-thought-out operations book that detailed the mission, the assets, the personnel, the objectives, and the follow-up.

Personnel CAME FROM ALL 4 Flotillas in Div 3 and one from Div 5 and our "ranking" Member was COMO Angelo Perata. Stain OIC Sr Chief Bennet was one of the 3 planners with Pete Gnat and Don Anderson. My role as SO-PA was to capture as much of this event on camera and words as I could.

Articles were left in several areas of the Delta for the Facilities to locate. There were 4 OPFACS and one AIXAIR aircraft that took part afloat and aloft with Larry Stanton (3-10) handled Comms with Jeff Fite (3-10) among all the parties (CG Station RV, Sector SF, the 4 OPFACs, & amp; the one aircraft)

Many "articles" (pre-planted the day before by Don Anderson (DCDR Div 3) and a new member Rod Rodriguez (3-1) were located. BTW Rod is a former Coastie.

During the SAREX, a real emergency was called in. A vessel leaking oil and taking on water, prompted OPFAC Sidekick and the one aircraft to leave the exercise and respond. The blend of the staged event and the challenge of the real time emergency all worked brilliantly. A debrief was held, lunch was served by Darcy Kauer (3-5) and Linda Haynes from the Station Galley. A group photo was taken, and we departed for our homes. The SAREX was a 100% success. More will be held in the coming months.



#### PHOTOS FROM THE SAREX AT CG STATON RIO VISTA

OPERATIONS BOOKLET CREATED BY PETE GNAT



PETE GNAT- FLOTILLA 3-1 CO-COORDINATOR



RUSS KAISER, FLOTILLA 3-1 AIR OBSERVER



**GROUP PHOTO** 



RICHARD CELIA

SO-PA DIV 113-03



OPFAC SIDEKICK LOCATING TARGET



OPFAC SIDEKICK ACQUIRING TARGET



COMO ANGELO PERATA AT DEBRIEF ENS B-530-54 INTER- WORKED WELL B OF THIME - WOR THEAS STANTON STANTON INTER- WOR THEAS

LARRY STANTON (AUX-COMMS DIRECTOR) AT DEBRIEF



**GROUP PHOTO**