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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
District 11 Northern Region**

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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes

Saturday 15 Nov 2014 0830 PST

Coast Guard Island

**Call to Order:** 0840 hours by DCO Rod Collins

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Roll Call:** By Maryanne Collins. Present were: CDR Curtis Sumrock; CWO2 Matt James; COMO Rod Collins DCO; Richard Thomas DCOS; COMO Angelo Perata IPDCO; Wally Smith, DCAPT; Richard Celia DCDR; Carl Pierce DCDR; Judy Estaban DCDR; Thomas Sarnicola DCDR; Sean Sheehan DCDR; Mike Thompson DCDR; Thomas O'Connor DCDR; Monica Eaton VCDR; Leon Borden DCDR; Gregory Fonzeno DCDR; Mary Kirkwood; A quorum was present to conduct business.

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

**Introduction of Guests:** COMO Rod Collins introduced Sector San Francisco Liaison, BOSN Langsley who spoke about the relationships with the Auxiliary and the type and amount of assistance given by Auxiliary members. He also mentioned if anything is needed to just ask. CDR Sumrock reiterated the Chain of Leadership, Order Issuer of Authority, should go through the ASC and Sector Liaison.

**District Board & Staff Reports:**

**DCDR 1** Richard Celia – Report on file: In his report highlighted in red, Coast Guard and Auxiliary at Fleet Week, we are the same team. Introduced guests Diana Serchia VCDR and Nancy Marion SO-FN.

**DCDR 3** Carl Pierce – Report on file: Division COW will be 13 Dec. Introduced guests Dean McFarren DCDRe, Skip Conley VCDRe, and Wayne Pero FCE.

**DCDR 4** Judy Estaban – Report on file: Judy introduced guests Bill Tsai DCDRe, Derek Lyon-McKeil VCDRe, and Chris Johnson FC. Three members reached 15 year in the Auxiliary. Had a 'Leaf Laying Ceremony at Palo Alto VA.

**DCDR 5** Thomas Sarnicola – Report on file: Introduced guest William Honeycutt Jr VFCE. Their COW will be 07 Dec. in Vallejo.

**DCDR 6** Sean Sheehan – Report not on file: Introduced Jane Smith DCDRe and Jerry Edelen VCDRe. COW was last weekend and everyone had a great time. Ralph Neal was presented an award commemorating his 50 years in the Auxiliary. He is a retired Marine who joined the Auxiliary in 1964, was a Pilot and is still an Instructor and Coxswain. The Division Christmas is coming up.

**DCDR 7** Michael Thompson – Report on File: Introduced guests present COMO Mike Williams, Ann Zocchi DCDRe, Paul Custance VCDRe, Paul Brown FC, Chris Krogh VFC, Barry Duke FC, Danny Evans VFC, Tony Zocchi FC, Carl Henning VFC, and Doug Bosen VFC. They had a great turnout at the Veterans Day Parade which was a very successful event. It is getting cold now and time to do training.

**DCDR 8** Thomas O'Connor – Report on file: Reported that elected staff remained the same with 1 exception.

**DCDR 10** Rod Rollins – Report on file: Monica Eaton reported for Rod Rollins. The Auxiliary was the Grand Marshall for the Parade which was the largest west of the Mississippi. The parade was covered on 3 Networks, had 10 thousand participants. Captain Westfall served as the Liaison for the Gold side. The COW will be 14 Dec.

**DCDR 11** Leon Borden DCDR– Report on file: The Department of Wildlife was awarded Best Boating Administrator for 2014.

**DCDR 12** Gregory Fonzeno – Report on file: Wish to thank the OTO for attending their meeting and giving an excellent presentation.

**PPCA:** Mary Kirkwood – Report not on file: Report will be in by end of weekend. The election for PCA President and Vice President will be held after the Memorial today. The Spring PCA Fair will be on 17 – 18 January 2015. The Flyer will go out this week. The Fall PCA Fair is not scheduled yet. Wish to Invite all to the Memorial Service at 1100 honoring those members departed in 2013 and 2014. Special thanks to Roger Haynes, Simone Adair, the Bagpiper, and Valley Christian School Choir for their participation in the Memorial Service.

**IPDCO:** Angelo Perata: National Statistics show 4.2 million hours in manpower. Over 80 thousand of those hours in D11N. Remind all to look at the Quarterly Newsletter on the D11N website. The Newsletter has great information for DCDR's to share with members. Wearable and Throwable. Future life jackets will be labeled for child...etc.

**DIRAUX:** CDR Curtis Sumrock recognized and thanked Mary Kirkwood for all she has done for the PCA. Thanks to the elected officers past and present. It is a big commitment and responsibility. There is always a need for succession and leadership. Currently members in AP status will not be issued an ID card, member number or PPE until cleared through SECCEN. It can take up to 9 months. Currently looking at options. EXCOM idea will entail a waiting period of 90 days, FC to endorse, each individual member's ability to come out of probation based on their level of involvement and attending meetings. DIRAUX was given extra funds and ordered projectors and computers to be kept in inventory. If you have a need for them just put in a request. Linda Haynes will conduct an inventory of the Food Service trailer today. It is to be set up as a mobile kitchen and is outfitted with the best equipment to service Auxiliary functions.

**OTO:** CWO2 Matthew James: Report on File: Thank you for coming out today. Kudos to all attending today there were no uniform infractions noticed. Wishes to thank all the Divisions and Flotillas for their PPE record keeping. D11N is well ahead of other Regions in their PPE program. AOMS changes are driven by policy directives but we shouldn't see any delays because the changes are at the Division and Flotilla level. For damage claims please follow the "Chain of Leadership".

**DCO Report to Board:** COMO Rod Collins was elected DNACO PACAREA. He assumed office on 01 Nov 2014. Rod encourages everyone to read the "New Strategic Plan" on the National website. There are specific items listed with specific time frames and dates. There will be changes coming in RBS with new programs for VE, PE, PV, HR & PA. These changes should be rolling out at N-Train at the end of January.

**DCAPT Prevention** Wally Smith DCAPT- Report on file: Called for comments from DSO's in attendance. Sue Fry DSO-MS - Commercial Fishing Vessel dockside inspections are finished and were very successful. Mandatory exams set up for next year. Very important for Vessel Examiners to be on the lookout for Uninspected Vessels 6 pack Operators that are charging the public. They need to be examined for safety items. Ferry Vessel Audits have seen a slowdown in volunteers. Incident Management is preparing new updates on derelict vessels and air support is requested

Jim Duncan DSO-NS - Report on File: Completed 100% of PATONS. Thank you to all who participated. Aid Verifiers have decreased. There are only 37 Aid Verifiers to do over 800.

Jerry Edelen DSO-PA - Report on File: 5 new graduates for PA. Training requirements evaluated at National.

Roger Haynes DSO-PE - Report on File: PE classes are being taught. A reminder to please list the number of students in each class.

Jim Goff DSO-PV - Report on File: Present online. On January 01 the Power Squadron will be joining the Auxiliary in the program.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Report on File: Introduced Billy Ray as new ADSO-VE. First of month statistics show decrease of 24%. Hope to get back those members in REYR. Please remind your members to get back in the VE Program.

Wally Smith DCAPT - The last two years have been extraordinarily rewarding working with Divisions 1, 7 and 11. Kudos to DIV 7, there are 9 members attending today. Thank you to all the DSO's in Prevention.

**DCAPT Response** William Stolz DCAPT - Report on file: Called for comments from DSO's in attendance.

Larry Olson DSO-AV - Report on File: Safety workshop at Sta. Sacramento. Thanks for continued support.

Mike Williams DSO-CM - Report on File: Individuals with TCO & PQS grandfathered in and working in AUXDATA. 127 in Auxdata working through assets to support. Land mobile orders are non-reimbursable.

Gail Ramsey DSO-OPS - Report on File - Gail asked for feedback on the report. Everything operational is in one report. Special thanks to CWO2 Matt James and to all in Operations.

Bill Stolz DCAPT: Thank you to Larry, Mike, Gail and the Divisions. It has been a pleasure working with them and he's looking forward to next year.

**DCAPT Support & Planning** Simone Adair DCAPT - Report on file: Excused. Rich Thomas called for comments from DSO's in attendance.

Jimmin Chang DSO-CS - Report on File: Remind elected officers to have members check that their current information is in Auxdata. Also that CS Officers need to be IQ or BQ status or special approval is needed.

Tim Kahn DSO-DV – Report on File: The 95<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Parade in Fresno marked first time the Coast Guard served as Grand Marshall with great recognition. Special thanks to those members in FI 10-5 who arranged everything. FL 12 is remarkable in being awarded NACO 3 Star in Diversity. Come a long way and are not done yet. Ann Zocchi DSO-HR – Report on File: All disenrollments turned into DIRAUX. If disenrolled due to non-payment of dues & payment received in the next two weeks, the disenrollment can be pulled back out. If paperwork was sent after Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> there is no guarantee it will be removed from system. After 15 December names should be removed from the Unit's list, please check. Tuesday Nite Live is on calendar for 2015 and will be updated on the website. National advised that no longer have to turn in names of all FC's or Charter info for Unit Streamers. CDR Sumrock asked that requests for last two years be sent by email. They will then send up to National.

Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS - Report on File: Not Present. Reminder to get your hours in.

George Rogers DSO-MA - Report on File: Report by Nancy Marion. Deposits made. Working on embroidery for District jackets.

Mary Kirkwood DSO-MT - Report not on File: Report will be in by weekend. PCA Fair is this weekend. Mandatory Training Courses shows an increase when given in a group setting. New members from last year have until Dec 2015 to complete the courses. All other members have until Dec 2016 to complete the courses. AUXLAMs will be held in Utah probably March or April. Possibly in Alameda in May. Great information and training for members. Instructors need to get orders from National and have 25-30 in the class.

Curtis Hahn DSO-PB – Report on File: Excused. See “Northwind”

Simone Adair DCAPT: Report on File: Excused

**DCOS** Richard Thomas: Report on File: Thank you to Rod for his dedication and time. He has done a tremendous job. Introduced Irene Wetzel. Very happy to see her here today.

**ASC** COMO Vic Connell: Auxiliary Liaison Officer at Sector San Francisco BOSN Langsley has been impressed working with the Auxiliary and is appreciative of all the Auxiliary has done. Ongoing requests for support in land mobile is work in progress. Rescue 21 outages are still ongoing. Contact ASC if in contact with Sector. COW invitation response from Sector can be on short notice.

Rod requested anyone working with Sta. San Francisco to go through ASC. It is not approval but notification. Very important for Senior Leaders to know what is being done. Rod has met with ADM Schultz and ADM Servideo who want to thank the members for all they do.

**DSO-FN:** Fran Fisher – Report on File: Excused: Rod asked everyone to read her report and go over the Budget. There being no discussion the Budget was approved.

**DSO-LP:** Joanna Leighton Nevesny: Report on File

**Meeting Break:** Break at 1012

**Back To Order:** Meeting resumed 1025

**Awards:** CDR Sumrock presented a plaque to Jerry Edelen for Ralph Neal to commemorate Ralph's 50 years of service in the Auxiliary. COMO Vic Connell was given “Letter of Commendation” from 2012-2014 as Health Services Coordinator.

**Old Business:**

D-Train 2015: Phil Sanchez reports registration and hotel reservation will be online on website next week.

Training schedule should be out soon. Want to thank Mary Kirkwood who has done a great job.

**New Business:** Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve June 2014 Minutes called by Leon Borden, seconded by Richard Celia and was passed. Motion to approve September 2014 Minutes by Mike Thompson, seconded by Carl Pierce and was passed.

No December Meeting

**For the Good of the Auxiliary:** None

**Adjourn:** There being no further comment or discussion, DCO Collins adjourned the meeting at 1044.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, 17 January 2015 - Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA. UOD will be Tropical Blue long; Blazer; Appropriate Civilian Attire

Respectfully Submitted by: Maryanne Collins, DSO-SR

**ADDENDUM A: District Board, Staff Officers and Guests Present**

DIRAUX: CDR Curtis Sumrock; OTO Matt James

COMO Rod Collins DCO

COMO Angelo Perata IPDCO

DCAPT Prevention: Wally Smith

DCAPT Response:

DCAPT Support & Planning: Simone Adair

DCDR 1 - Richard Celia;

DCDR 3 - Carl Pierce

DCDR 4 - Judy Estaban;

DCDR 5 - Thomas Sarnicola

DCDR 6 - Sean Sheehan;

DCDR 7 - Michael Thompson

DCDR 8 - Thomas O'Connor;

DCDR 10 - Monica Eaton VDCDR

DCDR 11 - Leon Borden

DCDR 12 - Gregory Fonzeno

PCA - Mary Kirkwood

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AV – Larry Olson

DSO-CM – Michael Williams

DSO-CS – Jimmin Chang

DSO-DV – Tim Kahn

DSO-FN -

DSO-HR – Ann Zocchi

DSO-IS –

DSO-LP – Joanna Leighton-Nevesny

DSO-MA- Nancy Marion ADSO-MA for George Rogers

DSO-MS – Sue Fry

DSO-MT – Mary Kirkwood

DSO-NS – Jim Duncan

DSO-OP, DSO-SL – COMO Gail Ramsey

DSO-PA –

DSO-PB –

DSO-PE – Roger Haynes

DSO-PV –

DSO-SR – Maryanne Collins ADSO-FN

DSO-VE - Mike Lauro

ASC – COMO Vic Connell

CRC - Neil Nevesny

DFSO –

Guests:

Sector Liaison BOSN Langsley, COMO Mike Maddox ADSO-CS-MT, George Williams VFC, Tony Zocchi FCe, Carl Henning VFCe,

Skip Conley VCDR, Michael Mitchell VFC, Chester Bartalini PVFC, Barry Duke FC, Christopher Krogh VFC,

Daniel Evans VFC, Paul Brown FC, Chris Johnson FC, William Honeycutt Jr VFCe, Steve Daley VFC, Paul Custance

VCDRe, Billy Ray ADSO-VE, Linda Haynes D-AD-H/FS, Phil Grove FSO-FN, Wayne Pero VFCe, Douglas Bosen VFC,

Arturo Alvarez Jr FC; Derek Lyon-McKeil VCDRe, Nancy Marion SO-FN, Irene Wetzell