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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
District 11 Northern Region**
Serving Northern California, Nevada, Utah



District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes
Saturday 17 November 2018 0830 PST
CGI

Call to Order: 0830 hours by DCO Wally Smith

Pledge of Allegiance: Mary Kirkwood

Roll Call: By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Paige Keenan, COMO Wally Smith DCO; Mary Kirkwood DCOS; COMO Rich Thomas IPDCO; Dean McFarren, DCAPT; Wil Sumner, DCAPT; Ann Zocchi, DCAPT; Jeffrey Fite, DCDR; Michael Brown, DCDR; Randy McCormick, DCDR; Jerry Edelen, DCDR; Lana Visser, DCDR; Billy Ray, DCDR; Carl Pierce, DCDR; Linda Haynes, DCDR; Virginia Luchetti, DCDR; Mike Thompson, P-PCA

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Guests: Charlie Duncan

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- October 2018: Randy McCormick made motion to approve minutes with one correction. Linda Haynes seconded. Minutes approved.

COMO Smith commented on the recent fires and the losses suffered by many people including members of the Auxiliary.

District Board & Staff Reports:

DCDR 1 Michael Mitchell – Rpt on File: Michael is excused. Nancy Marion (VCDR) had nothing to add to the report.

DCDR 3 Jeffrey Fite– Rpt on File: Jeff had nothing to add to his report.

DCDR 4 Michael Brown– Rpt on File. Michael reports their application for the Coast Guard Academy Admission Partners program is approved.

DCDR 5 Randy McCormick– Rpt on File: Randy recognized all Div 5 membership for meeting all 2018 goals.

DCDR 6 Jerry Edelen– Rpt on File: Jerry reports the Div 6 COW went well. He thanked the D11NR Color Guard and also thanked Michael Brown (Div 4 DCDR) for attending the COW.

DCDR 7 Lana Visser – Rpt on File: Lana had nothing to add. She extended thanks to everyone in Div 7 for their excellent work.

DCDR 8 Carl Pierce– Rpt on File: Carl reported on the upcoming Div 8 COW scheduled on Dec 2.

DCDR 10 Billy Ray – Rpt on File: Billy thanked Div 10 members for their 2018 work.

DCDR 11 Linda Haynes – Rpt on File. Linda thanked Div 11 for their good work in 2018.

DCDR 12 Virginia Luchetti – Rpt on File: Virginia reports the planned Dec 8 Div 12 COW was changed to Feb 2 and then changed to a 2019 COW in Nov 2019. Noted Div 12 reached many 2018 goals and thanked Div 12 members.

PPCA: Mike Thompson – Rpt on File: Mike reports he's spoken to D11NR leadership about reporting ASAP those who cross the bar. Doesn't mind getting many e-mails. Aux Memorial Ceremony will be outside at 11:00 after the D11NR Board Meeting. Thanked those who helped get the Memorial ready for the ceremony. (Mary Kirkwood noted we have some N95 masks for those who need them due to the smoke in the area.)

IPDCO: Rich Thomas: COMO Thomas recognized COMO Collins for his mentorship. He also thanked Mike Lauro for his work.

DIRAUX: CDR Paige Keenan: CDR Keenan reports the end of the Continuing Resolution (CR) is Dec 7. If there's no budget on Dec 8, no auxiliary activities and no uniforms can be used because we would not be covered by insurance. Asked that Aux Members pay attention to the news. GAR 2.0 in-person training not set yet. On-Line GAR 2.0 should be done promptly and is needed before the in-person class. Awards for D-Train – please start submitting now. Orders can only be approved for events up to Dec 7. Order requests need to be in 30 days before an event. Don't send in several months ahead because they may be lost. COMO Smith noted that many people who came to the meeting did not request orders. He emphasized getting requests in at least 30 days before an event. BUT do put in requests now for the PCA Fair in January.

OTO: BOSN4 Doug Leavell: Rpt on File: OTO Leavell is excused.

Mary Kirkwood: DSO Reports:

DCAPT Prevention Ann Zocchi DCAPT– Thanked her team for their work this year. Asked those leaving to mentor incoming DSOs.

Sue Fry DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Sue not present.

Jim Duncan DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Jim thanked Aid Verifiers, Staff Officers and Coxswain who transported Aid Verifiers to NS tasks. 990 bridges and PATONs were completed. COMO Smith and Ann Zocchi thanked Jim for his work and the excellent 2018 outcome.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane reports we're very busy getting people qualified. Reports lately have been small but did get very good reports from some divisions. Classes are coming up at the PCA Fair.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean reports sometime next year a new instructor development course will be available. Expecting changes to 8 hr. ABS Class. Continue using current ABS materials but don't stock up on a lot of the current materials.

Richard Saber DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Richard reports we met our goal this year. Thanked those who contributed. He will not be DSO next year but will continue to work in PV.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike gave COMO Thomas a keepsake. He asked DCDRs to pass out the VE Awards to their members. Linda Haynes thanked Mike for sending out awards early so she could distribute them at the Div 11 COW.

DCAPT Response Dean McFarren DCAPT – Dean thanked those in the Response Staff for their work.

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry reports currently Air Squadron doing mostly flights up and down the coast. Not done a lot in the Delta recently but will start doing more in Delta. Sector asked them to do Whale surveys.

Robert Vanderhyde DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Robert not present. Dean noted there will be COMMS training at the PCA Fair and D-Train. Robert joined later and reported some training on HF. He noted we received positive feedback from CG for our work.

Bill Stolz DSO-OPS - Rpt on File: Bill reports still waiting for GAR 2.0 training. 95 people have done the on line GAR 2.0 training. OPTREX season is finished now and we're beginning to get dates for 2019 OPTREX. Dean asked DCDRs to encourage people to do on line GAR 2.0. COMO Mike Maddox said the video is good and could be done as a group.

Bruce Martin DSO-IM – Rpt on File: Bruce is excused. No activity on COOP. The Everbridge test in Oct for EXCOM went well. Everbridge call done for the fire. 5 of 6 Aux members were accounted for but still waiting on the 6th. Noted an active search is still underway.

DCAPT Support & Planning Wil Sumner DCAPT – Wil thanked the Support staff.

Mart Gardner DSO-CS – Rpt on File: Mart not present. Mike Thompson reported as elected officers come into place, please send in photos in Trops so they're available in Jan. Work also going on for Flotilla names and other things on the Website. Send e-mail to Mart if something doesn't look right.

Tim Kahn DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Tim not present. Wil noted Tim visited with every Division this year.

Linda Haynes DSO-FS – Rpt on File: Linda reports several members working on Air Station SF Holiday Party and for Station Rio Vista. At the PCA Fair will be making spaghetti and meatballs.

Robert Schabert DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Robert reports 1246 members at the beginning of year. We now have 1009. Many new members with less than 2 years are leaving. There are many reasons for leaving and we'll be addressing some of the issues. D11NR has the most people in IQ status. New HR PQS coming this year. DCDRs should have FCs check their flotilla rosters to be sure members who should be off the roster are.

Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Anita not present. She has been very busy.

George Rogers DSO-MA - Rpt on File: George not present.

Curtis Han DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Curtis not present due to set up for the Elected Officer Training.

Andrea Cuppoletti DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Andrea not present. Wil asked members to send in articles.

ASC- SF: COMO Vic Connell: Rpt on File. COMO Connell not present.

ASC- Humboldt: Carl Pierce: Rpt on File. Carl noted he has nothing to add to his report.

Georgie Scheurman DSO-SR – Minutes in. Nothing to add.

Fran Fisher DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Fran not present. David Wright noted the proposed budget is submitted. He encouraged checking rosters to be sure they are correct. At the PCA Fair a finance class will be available. Mary Kirkwood asked DCDRs to encourage people to go to this class.

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP: Joanna not present.

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal not present.

Awards:

- Phil Grove – He will retire at the end of the year. Mary Kirkwood and COMO Smith thanked Phil and presented to him a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on Coastie and other contributions.
- COMO Thomas presented the 2018 Div 10 VSC Award to Mike Lauro. Mary Kirkwood noted that 3 years ago Mike hit a total of 10,000 VSCs.
- Ann Zocchi made a presentation to Jane Smith and Rick Saber for their work as DSOs as they hand over to the incoming 2019 DSOs. She also had presentations for others not present who will step down as DSOs.
- Wil Sumner made a presentation to Curtis Han for his work on MT and Awards.

DCOS Comments - Mary Kirkwood:

- Elected Officer Training: Thanked Curtis Han for organizing the classes. Have about 35 to 40 students. After the Memorial Ceremony and lunch, PCA will meet at noon. At 12:45 Elected Officer Training begins.
- D-Train – 2019: Small group now working on this. Going back to Reno because of the higher costs elsewhere. Div 7 will host in 2019 with Div 11. Plans include a Western Theme for Fun Night and a Dessert Cook-off.
- 2019 Calendar: Calendar is now out.
- PCA Fair: January 12 & 13 is the PCA Fair. Michelle Thompson taking over the PCA Coordinator role. Flier will be out after Thanksgiving. In-person GAR 2.0 class still not settled. At PCA the old TCT and some familiarization on GAR 2.0 will be available.
- CO Conference: The Admiral noted important emphasis on executing successfully, strengthening partnerships, and retention. Training is important for retention. Don't assume you're going to be good because of who you are but because you're practiced.

COMO Corner – Closing Comments - Wally Smith:

- Camp Fire: Largest Fire in the Nation. We were not called out since we're not specifically trained for this. We're standing by for a call. We cannot go out as auxiliaries but can go out as a civilian volunteer.

- Coast Guard Mutual Assistance: Program is important to our NACO Larry King because he experienced assistance when he needed it. He sees this as an important assistance to the regular Coast Guard, Reserve, and the Auxiliary. He asked that we keep CG Mutual Assistance in mind for donations.
- Updates from National: Framework for Risk Management is still underway. Capt. Johnson is working on this. ICS 100 & 700 now on line. When you complete these print the certificate and send it in for recording.
- 2018 numbers: They are good but we haven't met all of our goals. Asked that DCDRs encourage members to get their hours in. The Coast Guard gets a \$15-18 return for every dollar spent on the Auxiliary.

OLD BUS:

- Amend the District Standing Rules, Appendix G, Awards (Wil Sumner, DCAPT): Wil noted the work on the awards sections for Operations, Training Aids (2), and Food Service. Asked for discussion. COMO Smith made a motion to approve and Ann Zocchi seconded for the amendment. Board approved. COMO Smith thanked Wil for all his work on this. Randy McCormick also thanked those who did work on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

- AV Equipment: Mary Kirkwood noted the equipment we've been using has been Denis and Monica Eaton's personal equipment. But now there's a proposal to get District Equipment and keep it at CGI for District use. We now have an equipment list and Mary asked for a motion for "not to exceed \$5000" for District AV Equipment. Bryce Leinan can provide training to use the equipment. After some discussion on the proposal Ann Zocchi made a motion for AV equipment "not to exceed \$5,000". Billy Ray seconded the motion. Board approved.
- 2019 Budget: COMO Smith asked for questions. Mary Kirkwood asked about the purchase for AV equipment in 2018. Linda Haynes had a question about the food service budget. Both got answers to their questions. COMO Smith asked for a motion to approve. Linda Haynes made a motion to approve the submitted 2019 Budget. Wil Sumner seconded the motion. Board approved.

For the Good of the Auxiliary:

- COMO Smith:
 - Has tax exempt forms for those who need them.
 - Has Executive Inn rates that meet government rates. He will send out the group block number people should use for appropriate Aux business.
- Jim Losi noted 2 members Virginia Luchetti and Steven Bustin are now on the Board of Directors for the Auxiliary Association.
- COMO Smith:
 - Noted he feels bitter sweet as he comes to the end of his COMO position. While National membership is down our District has a much lower reduction than National.
 - Proud of our District. In particular our hours reduced less than our membership.
 - He's sure that Mary Kirkwood and Dean McFarren will keep us going.
 - Thanked the District Board and Staff and all members. Thanked all DSOs continuing, leaving, or coming in, and the ASCs and others on Staff and EXCOM.
 - He also extended Special Thanks to the various DIRAUX he's worked with.
 - What's coming: a new EXCOM which he knows will serve us well.
 - He noted he will serve the next two years as DNACO – Pac Area and Operations. This was followed by a Standing Ovation from everyone present.
- Mary Kirkwood thanked COMO Smith. She noted he should expect phone calls.
- Mary Kirkwood asked for help setting up the room for Elected Officer Training.
- Charlie Duncan noted he's retiring but will be helping with Antlers in 2019.

Adjourn: With no further comment or discussion, COMO Smith made a motion to adjourn and Ann Zocchi seconded. DCOS Kirkwood adjourned the meeting at 1005.

Next Meeting: January 12, 2019 1500 PST at CGI

Respectfully Submitted by: Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR

ADDENDUM A: District Board, Staff Officers and Guests Present

DIRAUX: CDR Paige Keenan

COMO Wally Smith DCO

COMO Rich Thomas IPDCO

Chief of Staff Mary Kirkwood

DCAPT Prevention: Dean McFarren

DCAPT Response: Wil Sumner

DCAPT Support & Planning: Ann Zocchi

DCDR 1 –

DCDR 3 – Jeffrey Fite

DCDR 4 – Michael Brown;

DCDR 5 – Randy McCormick

DCDR 6 – Jerry Edelen;

DCDR 7 – Lana Visser

DCDR 8 – Carl Pierce;

DCDR 10 – Billy Ray

DCDR 11 – Linda Haynes;

DCDR 12 – Virginia Luchetti

PCA – Mike Thompson

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AV – Larry Olson

DSO-CM – Robert Vanderhyde

DSO-CS –

DSO-DV –

DSO-FN – Fran Fischer

DSO-HR – Robert Schabert

DSO-IM -

DSO-IS –

DSO-LP –

DSO-MA-

DSO-MS –

DSO-MT – Curtis Han

DSO-NS – Jim Duncan

DSO-OP – Bill Stolz

DSO-PA – Jane Smith

DSO-PB –

DSO-PE – Sean Harvey

DSO-PV – Richard Saber

DSO-SR – Georgie Scheuerman

DSO-VE – Mike Lauro

DSO-FS – Linda Haynes

CRC -

ASC SF:

ASC H: Carl Pierce

Guests: COMO Mike Maddox, COMO Rod Collins, Michelle Thompson, COMO Angelo Perata, Bette Perata, Nancy Marion, David Wright, Charlie Duncan, Steven Johnson, Jim Losi, Jill Weeks, Chester Bartalini, Pamela Berger, Phil Grove, Judy Esteban, Tony Zocchi, Jim Blackburn, BK Barr, Anthony Auriemma, Anthony King, Bill Ross, Sherry Lyn Custance, Bryce Leinan, Paul Custance, Sonia Foster, Chris Johnson, Chris Armbruet, Alan Stanton, Onno VanEikema Hommes