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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
District 11 Northern Region**  
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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes  
Saturday 18 January, 2020 1500 PST  
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**Call to Order:** 1500 hours by DCOS Dean McFarren

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Jim Losi

**Roll Call:** By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Paige Keenan, BOSN2 Dustin Finkelston; Dean McFarren, DCOS; COMO Wally Smith, IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA; Jim Losi, DCAPT; Nancy Marion, DCDR; Lew Derfuss, DCDR; Paul Custance, DCDR; Don Pierce, DCDR; Bruce Martin, DCDR; Greg Olsen, DCDR;

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Guests: VADM Linda Fagan, PAC Area

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- November 2019: Lew Derfuss made motion to approve. Paul Custance seconded. Minutes approved.

**VADM Fagan:** VADM Fagan thanked the Auxiliary for the work we do. She described her career and her interactions with the Auxiliary. She noted she was impressed with the diversity of the Auxiliary contributions and commented that “We (the Coast Guard) can’t do this without You (the Auxiliary) and you can’t do it without us. That’s Team Coast Guard.” She was also impressed with the skills and devotion of the Auxiliary and thanked us for our services.

VADM Fagan noted PAC Area is huge and she took some time to discuss the many activities in PAC Area, including work in Antarctica, Eastern and Western Pacific, and close to home in the Bay Area.

VADM Fagan also briefly mentioned the always popular topic of uniforms (ODUs). She noted several different uniforms are being considered and will be discussed this year. Any new uniforms would likely be phased in.

VADM Fagan talked about why she continues her work in the Coast Guard. She said it’s because she likes it, is proud of the Coast Guard, and feels it’s a privilege to give back to the Coast Guard.

Of particular importance to the Auxiliary, she noted that she was in the Coast Guard for 22 years before she really got to know the Auxiliary and she thinks it’s unfortunate that Coast Guard Senior Leadership might not know the Auxiliary very well.

**Presentations:** conducted by VADM Fagan and CDR Keenan.

- USCG Unit Commendation to the Auxiliary for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Auxiliary. (CDR Keenan noted the commendation is not quite ready yet but will be presented soon to Auxiliary members.)
- Jim Duncan: Received the Pac Area Commander Challenge Coin from VADM Fagan for his service to the Auxiliary.

**Break for 10 minutes.**

### **District Board & Staff Reports:**

**DCDR 1** Nancy Marion – Rpt on File: Nancy reported Div 1 has some AUC assignments. She also showed pictures of the Div 1 COW and thanked all who participated.

**DCDR 3** Russ Kaiser – Rpt on File: Russ was excused. Don Anderson (Div 3 VCDR) reported for Russ. Don reported the division did a Holiday Party with Station Rio Vista. He also noted they now have 2 people going to IS C-School. They are working with Sea Scouts with 3 ships in the Sacramento Area.

**DCDR 4** Alan Stanton – Rpt on File. Alan was excused. Michael Brown (Div 4 VCDR) reported for Alan. Michael reported they have 4 new people taking Staff Officer Positions. Currently doing TCO training with Div 6. Academy Admissions efforts are active.

**DCDR 5** Lew Derfuss – Rpt on File: Lew reported January has been busy getting staff organized with some new SOs. They had a well-attended Div meeting, setting goals for 2020. They're focusing on training members and setting good goals. Also working on the 3 Star Award.

**DCDR 6** Chuck Cobery – Rpt on File: Chuck was excused. Cecil Claspell (Div 6 VCDR) was present at the beginning of the meeting, planning to report for Chuck but before he could make his report he had to leave.

**DCDR 7** Paul Custance – Rpt on File: Paul reported on activities coming up. They will set goals at their upcoming meeting. Had some Holiday Parties for Fellowship. Conducted an ABS Class for the Utah Highway Patrol Department of Public Safety Dive Team. He noted they had a good COW. He also noted Div 7 has about 8 members at PCA. Paul noted that unfortunately, 7-2 member David Nelson crossed the bar.

**DCDR 8** Bill Hale – Rpt on File: Bill was excused. Roberto Morfin (Div 8 VCDR) reported for Bill. He noted the 1<sup>st</sup> Div meeting was for setting goals, increasing some goals. They had their COW and are already preparing for the Antlers OPTREX.

**DCDR 10** Don Pierce – Rpt on File: Don reported they had their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and now have committees in place. They'll be increasing some goals. He noted counties in the area are requesting more ABS classes and Fish & Game is also asking for classes.

**DCDR 11** Bruce Martin – Rpt on File. Bruce was on the phone. Bruce reported Div 11 had its COW in Nov. Guests included Coast Guard from Tahoe and from DIRAUX. They did their first dry suit swim yesterday. Div 11 members participated in Wreaths Across America. They're planning their OPTREX with some other agencies, including Station Lake Tahoe.

**DCDR 12** Greg Olsen – Rpt on File. Greg reported Div 12 COW was last weekend and went well. Flotilla 12-91 COW will be next Sunday. Now have Staff Officers in place. Planning to focus on helping flotillas with recruiting and retention, especially writing awards and developing pitches for Auxiliary membership.

**PPCA:** COMO Rod Collins – Rpt on File: COMO Collins was excused.

**IPDCO:** Wally Smith: COMO Smith reported he didn't have a lot to report but did share some items on Operations. He noted we're looking at Safety Culture for all operations, not just on the water. We need focus on procedures and must always think safety. He noted we must raise the bar on Safety.

**DIRAUX:** CDR Paige Keenan: CDR Keenan thanked the Auxiliary for 80 years of service, noting the Coast Guard Unit Commendation for the Auxiliary 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This will come out at about the time of D-Train. She noted the budget is now in place but it hasn't come to our local level yet. AOM is not fully loaded yet. If there's a need for something, let OTO Finkelston know about it. The Coast Guard has put on a travel cap so she asked that we please be conscious of travel costs, noting we should get paperwork in as soon as possible for travel claims.

**OTO:** BOSN2 Dustin Finkelston: OTO Finkelston reported that if AOM orders are cancelled, contact him not the Order Issuing Authority (OIA) s. Also if you haven't gotten paid for something, let him know about it. He noted the OPTREX schedule is now out. He also asked that we please emphasize proper navigation.

**Dean McFarren: DSO Reports:** Dean asked Jim Losi to handle the three reporting areas. Jim noted the Auxiliary Communications Vehicle (ACV) is at PCA and mentioned a team was put together for the ACV (radios and cleanliness). It will be used for recruiting as well as communications. It's already showing it's a nice platform for recruiting. He noted it's available for all Divisions to use and fuel won't be charged to divisions. He also noted

divisions need important events where this will be useful. There are already plans to use the ACV at Fleet Week. Divisions should let Jim or Mike Thompson know about events where the ACV could be useful.

**DCAPT Prevention** Randy McCormick DCAPT– Excused – Jim Losi handled Prevention for Randy (as noted above). Wil Sumner DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Wil reported there are some new SO-MS from divisions. There's been good success with District & Sector. Currently working on Ferry Boat Outreach and getting the PQS set up for this. Got a great report from Sector that Commercial Boat Inspection is helping. Challenge: A formal training class for Commercial Fishing Inspections at the local level.

Jim Duncan DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Jim reports we are keeping 100% completion as our goal. Bridge Surveys are now out and PATONS will be going out soon.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane not present.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean reports we didn't meet 2019 goals but did surpass 2018 goals. Paddle Craft classes increased. We now have some new classes and have 15 to 20 different PE courses. Will be sending out the slide deck on the courses to divisions and then flotillas.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike reports that last year we had a lot of PVs done. Divisions 8 and 12 went way beyond the goals they set. Working to get some new Program Visitors trained. A challenge is getting reports in for PVs.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike noted he had nothing to add to his report. Also he thanked Michelle Thompson for the successful PCA Fair.

**DCAPT Response** Jerry Edelen DCAPT – Jerry excused. Jim Losi handled Response for Jerry (as noted above).

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry had nothing to add.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Larry reported CM supporting VTS with Mount Diablo Repeater. Working on simulating using Channel 16 to help with any losses of Rescue 21.

Virginia Luchetti DSO-OPS - Rpt on File: Virginia reported OPTREX are starting in April at Antlers. She needs to know dates, coordinators, and receive flyers for each OPTREX. Please get info to her sooner than 40 days ahead of the OPTREX. She asked divisions to try for 60 days ahead. She also asked divisions to please help new members get going on Boat Crew.

Bruce Martin DSO-IM – Rpt on File: Bruce reports National has been getting things going. Next Saturday there will be a D11NR All Members Everbridge test. New goal is to get our Sector and District ICS personnel set up.

**DCAPT Support & Planning** Jim Losi DCAPT –

Mart Gardner DSO-CS – Rpt on File: Mart not present. Jim noted some staff changes. BK Barr is taking an ADSO position and there are some other changes. Jim asked that we let Mart know about any issues with websites.

Tracy Schultz DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Tracy reported he had a phone meeting with National. Noted Coast Guard leadership has a great focus on Diversity and Inclusion. The Auxiliary will be included in these efforts for Diversity & Inclusion. Noted 3 Star Award should be a goal for our whole District.

Linda Haynes DSO-FS – Rpt on File: Linda reports there'll be Pot Roast for dinner tonight. She also noted FS had a Holiday Party for Station Rio Vista (Divisions 3, 10, and 12 funded the event).

Robert Schabert DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Robert reports he will offer HR materials and approaches at D-Train. Also working on a PA Event for Volunteer Day.

Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Anita was excused. Jim noted Anita asked we put in hours before the end of the month to get it counted for 2019.

George Rogers DSO-MA - Rpt on File: George was excused. Alfred Wootten reported on and showed the new cover that can be used with ODUs. He also noted MA needs some new ADSOs.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann reports she asked DCDRs to look at reports. She noted elected and staff officers need online RM 2.0 completed. Will have a report next month on the TCT refresher. AUXLAMs C-School is scheduled. Only 1 IS class is scheduled this year. She noted members must send request for C-School through the proper DSO. The DSO then sends the request to DIRAUX. D-Train schedule is being worked on. She asked DSOs to teach a class and let her know about a class they could offer at D-Train.

Andrea Cuppoletti DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Andrea was excused. Jim noted the next Northwind theme will be Fellowship.

David Wright DSO-FN – Rpt on File: David reported he asked reimbursement requests to be in by this next week. 7035s are due January 31<sup>st</sup>. They're overdue March 1<sup>st</sup>. He asked that we please get them in promptly. He also noted he's hosting a finance class on Sunday at PCA.

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

Ricardo Moreno DSO-INT REL – Ricardo reported the District had only 23 Interpreter hours last year compared with 580 hours the year before. The same trend was seen across National. He's putting together some materials to inform District members about the program.

Steven Johnson DSO-AS – Steve reports working on a Sea Scout Ship in the Antioch area. Our current goal is to get members to complete the Youth Protection Training. Asked DCDRs to assign an SO-AS. Another goal is to get one Sea Scout Ship in each division. Also he asked that divisions let him know about interactions with Sea Scouts.

### **DCO Kirkwood: ASC & DSO Reports:**

**ASC- SF:** Sue Fry: Rpt on File. Sue reports she goes to SF Senior Leadership Team Meetings once a month. She can communicate with Sector people for us. She also noted that if we're asking for something from Sector, please go through her with the request.

**ASC- Humboldt:** Carl Pierce: Rpt on File. Carl not present.

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP: Joanna noted she has nothing to report and she's happy about it.

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal reported he had 2 consultations over the last reporting period.

### **Leadership Reports:**

#### **DCOS – Dean McFarren:**

- Noted the Leadership School requests should be reviewed by the DCDR and DCAPT.
- Core Training 5 year refresh is due for many members this year. It's available on Sunday.
- Noted members have to log in to see the calendar. (CDR Keenan also noted this earlier during the CS report.)
- Requested that divisions please check the District Calendar before they put in a request for an OPTREX. Also we want only 1 OPTREX per division.
- Executive Inn charges at the government rate. We should try to use Executive Inn if possible and use the proper codes. Now being charged \$15 per night for parking charge. This is because the City of Oakland is requiring this charge. He noted we're still looking for alternatives that are less expensive.
- D-Train: Hotel website is on our District website along with the registration forms. There's also online registration for D-Train. Dean noted it looks like the Nugget will work well for us.

**DCO – Mary Kirkwood:** Not present. Excused.

#### **OLD BUS:**

- D-Train: see above

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

#### **For the Good of the Auxiliary:**

- None

**Adjourn:** With no further comment or discussion, COMO Smith made a motion to adjourn and Lew Derfuss seconded. Board approved. DCOS Dean McFarren adjourned the meeting at 1719.

**Next Meeting:** February 19, 2020 1900 PST Webinar

Respectfully Submitted by: Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR

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

DIRAUX: CDR Paige Keenan

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DCO: Excused

COMO Wally Smith IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA

Chief of Staff Dean McFarren

DCAPT Prevention:

DCAPT Response:

DCAPT Support & Planning: Jim Losi

DCDR 1 – Nancy Marion; DCDR 3 –

DCDR 4 – DCDR 5 – Lew Derfuss

DCDR 6 – DCDR 7 – Paul Custance

DCDR 8 – DCDR 10 – Don Pierce

DCDR 11 – Bruce Martin; DCDR 12 – Greg Olsen

P-PCA –

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AS – Steven Johnson

DSO-AV – Larry Olson

DSO-CM – Larry Stanton

DSO-CS –

DSO-DV – Tracy Schultz

DSO-FN – David Wright

DSO-FS – Linda Haynes

DSO-HR – Robert Schabert

DSO-IM – Bruce Martin

DSO-IS –

DSO-LP – Joanna Leighton-Nevesny

DSO-MA -

DSO-MS – Wil Sumner

DSO-MT – Ann Zocchi

DSO-NS – Jim Duncan

DSO-OP – Virginia Luchetti

DSO-PA –

DSO-PB –

DSO-PE – Sean Harvey

DSO-PV – Mike Thompson

DSO-SR – Georgie Scheuerman

DSO-VE – Mike Lauro

CRC - Neil Nevesny

ASC SF: Sue Fry

ASC H:

INT REL – Ricardo Moreno

Guests: VADM Linda Fagan, COMO Mike Maddox, COMO Angelo Perata, Chris Waller, Jerry Gilmore, Bill Stolz, Judy Esteban, Alfred Wootten, Tony Zocchi, BK Barr, Jimmin Chang, Michael Hay, Gail Giacomini, Chris Armbrust, Jim Blackburn, Michelle Thompson, Monica Eaton, Denis Eaton, Rick Scheuerman