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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 17 February, 2021 1900 PST
Webinar

Call to Order: 1901 hours by DCO Dean McFarren

Roll Call: By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Paige Keenan, BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson; COMO Dean McFarren, DCO; Curtis Han, DCOS; COMO Mary Kirkwood, IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA; Alan Stanton, DCAPT; Nancy Marion, DCAPT; Bruce Martin, DCAPT; COMO Dale Fajardo, DCDR; Russ Kaiser, DCDR; Michael Brown, DCDR; Lew Derfuss, DCDR; Chuck Cobery, DCDR; Tony Zocchi, DCDR; Phil Mammano, DCDR; Dock Pierce, DCDR; Bryce Leinan, DCDR; Greg Olsen, DCDR; Jim Losi, P-PCA

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Guests: See below in Addendum A.

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- January 2021: Russ Kaiser made motion to approve. Bryce Leinan seconded. Minutes approved.

Swearing-in Ceremony for new District Captain: Nancy Marion

- Prologue by: DCO Dean McFarren
- Pledge by: CDR Paige Keenan

District Board & Staff Reports:

DCDR 1 COMO Dale Fajardo – Rpt on File: Dale congratulated Nancy Marion. Dale reported several members recently received awards. He thanked Jim Losi who provided HR Strategy Training at the Div 1 meeting. Div 1 is trying to improve Fellowship, doing movie nights on Sundays. The division is also working on the Diversity 3 Star Award.

DCDR 3 Russ Kaiser – Rpt on File: Russ congratulated Nancy Marion and thanked Jim Losi for his HR presentation at the Div 3 meeting. Flotillas are working together well, sharing assets and conducting joint training, including ABC, ACN, and Core Training. Currently working on a National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) event for May. Also working on the 3 Star Award.

DCDR 4 Michael Brown – Rpt on File: Michael congratulated Nancy Marion. He noted that Jim Losi would be happy to know that the division has 3 new members. Division 4 OPTREX is scheduled for July 31 at Redwood City. Michael, along with a few other Auxiliary members, signed up for a 5K virtual race to raise money for Coast Guard Mutual Assistance. Several other D11NR leadership told Michael they would also like to sign up for this race.

DCDR 5 Lew Derfuss – Rpt on File: Lew congratulated Nancy Marion and thanked the other candidates who stepped forward to run for the DCAPT office. Lew reported that the division unfortunately lost a long term member, Jim Blackburn. An ABS class is coming up, scheduled to run from the 8th to the 12th of March. Kit Galvin is handling this. Bob Schabert and others are working on a NSBW plan. The division is ready if restrictions are lifted. Lew extended a Shout Out to Mike Brown for supplying PPE. The division is looking to start on-the-water activities next month. COMO McFarren asked members doing PE classes to report this to the PE staff so it can be posted on the Coast Guard Facebook page. This provides wider coverage to attract more students. He also thanked those planning for NSBW, even if it's only virtual events.

DCDR 6 Chuck Cobery – Rpt on File: Chuck congratulated Nancy Marion. He noted the division is currently hampered in surface operations. But the division did conduct a few patrols. Also the Air Squadron is doing some flights. Alex Urciuoli is the division coordinator for NSBW. Also, the division has reached out to Sea Scouts in Santa Cruz.

DCDR 7 Tony Zocchi – Rpt on File: Tony congratulated Nancy Marion. Tony reported there's lots of snow. FCs are working to form COVID bubbles and planning training. The division did a new layout for meetings to make them livelier. They show pictures of officers and staff from their archives. Currently working with Carl Henning in CS to improve the division website. Their OPTREX is scheduled for August 6 & 7. 23 members need requals. The division newsletter came out in February and members enjoyed it. He noted the division recently lost a member who retired.

DCDR 8 Phil Mammano – Rpt on File: Phil extended congratulations to Nancy Marion. He reported they had their February division meeting and were joined by Curtis Han and Jim Losi who talked about recruiting. No OPTREX this year – Antlers has been cancelled. Phil had good news in recruiting with several new member's paperwork in progress. Now working on COVID bubbles for surface operations.

DCDR 10 Dock Pierce – Rpt on File: Dock congratulated Nancy Marion. He reported they've had some patrols and PVs. PE is still small. Now members are asking for Assignment to Duty. With the Blood-Borne Pathogens class now online this really helps. Working on NSBW plans, including real or virtual events. Sea Scouts: Division will do some sailing instructions and do some recruiting. Dock noted that Jim Losi made an HR presentation and had a good discussion.

DCDR 11 Bryce Leinan – Rpt on File: Bryce extended congratulations to Nancy Marion. He reported that some 11-04 members were transferring to 11-01. Bryce extended a Shout Out to Bruce Martin and Alan Stanton for their assistance with the actions needed for 11-04. He also extended KUDOS to 11-03 for having some new members coming in. Everyone is working on getting things going.

DCDR 12 Greg Olsen – Rpt on File: Greg added to the chorus congratulating Nancy Marion. He reported on awards, including one presented to him, Greg Olsen, for work he completed at National. This transferred the Boats and Kids Program originally developed in D11NR to a National Program. Greg reported that the Kraken COVID bubble has been active in the last few months, working on preparations for requals and new quals. Unfortunately, for NSBW, a big event, the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival has been cancelled. We typically do this event every year. 12-91 will try to get proclamations for NSBW as they have over the last few years.

PPCA: Jim Losi – Rpt on File: Jim reported he will do 2 things each report. 1) Honoring members who've passed the bar. This month he conducted a short tribute to Jim Blackburn. 2) Business Items: PCA did a debrief on the PCA Fair. They did a survey and learned a few things to help them do it better next time. Jim thanked Admirals Kelly and Allen for their participation in this event. He noted that Admiral Allen wants to be invited to more Aux events. He also noted that COMO McFarren sent notes to both Admirals. COMO McFarren thanked Jim for his help with the letters to the Admirals.

IPDCO: Mary Kirkwood: COMO Kirkwood reported she had nothing as IPDCO. She did report on some items at the National Level. This weekend the National Committee of the Whole will meet on Friday, 2/19 via U-tube. On Saturday, 2/20, the National Board Meeting will be on U-tube. The Coast Guard Commandant and Vice Commandant will be there on Saturday, along with other senior Coast Guard Officers. Capt. Johnson is retiring in the next few months. A new Director of the Auxiliary will be coming in soon. OPS Workshops are coming out - Communications and Surface Operations Workshops are approved and the Air OPS Workshop is being reviewed and is about to be approved.

DIRAUX: CDR Paige Keenan: CDR Keenan reported DIRAUX office personnel are still teleworking. Sometimes DIRAUX misses some items because email is working slowly. They are getting some Aux members into the office to help. She asked that we let DIRAUX know if something is missed. CDC has put out information on people who've received 2 vaccine shots. They don't need to quarantine but should self monitor. No COVID policy has been changed in the Coast Guard or the Auxiliary. BSX sent out a revised Reconstitution document. District Command expects that masks in public will be needed for a while. DIRAUX doesn't need info that you've received the vaccine. They will not be keeping records on vaccines. Lew Derfuss asked about Phase 3. Is it being worked on?

CDR Keenan said we're still in Phase 2 and will be so, while COVID is still active. Restrictions are remaining the same at this time. VSCs are still under the continuing COVID limitations. CDR Keenan did say that it will be a little quicker getting a Phase 3 plan approved when it's ready. Wil Sumner asked whether more missions could be approved when many members of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary are vaccinated. CDR Keenan said it's up to the Coast Guard Unit Commanders to decide, using proper risk assessments.

OTO: BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson: OTO Finkelson extended a Happy Fat Tuesday wish to everyone. He congratulated Nancy Marion. He will send reports to DCAPTs and DCDRs tomorrow. He reminded everyone that unless it's requested and approved, don't assume a mission can be conducted. Abandoned vessels are not a primary mission. We should not be doing ABV patrols. He thanked Mike Brown for his work on PPE. If people have old items, ask for new PPE. For questions on Assignment to Duty and other related items, communicate with OTO Finkelson. He noted that a number of members are doing great work in AUXDATA II. If you need help, contact the OTO. He noted that 103 approved/completed missions are recorded in AUXDATA II from Nov to today. This is excellent. He extended a Bravo Zulu to everyone who've embraced the work and are conducting missions. Lew Derfuss asked about PLBs being replaced. What should members do with old ones? OTO Finkelson instructed us to send them back to him at DIRAUX. Wil Sumner noted that Abandoned Vessels can be done as a secondary item on a patrol but should not be a primary reason for a patrol.

Curtis Han: DSO Reports: Curtis tanked DSOs for their reports.

DCAPT Prevention Alan Stanton DCAPT-

Wil Sumner DSO-MS - Rpt not yet on File. Wil reported on some awards. He noted numerous members have received MS awards. He extended KUDOS to D11NR members, as a group they exceeded 812 hours of MS training. Working with National on a Commercial Fishing Vessel Class which is getting ready to be used. Alan Stanton reminded DCDRs about some classes being offered by the State in March. Alan sent info to the DCDRs and asked they send this info to members.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane reported on some PA contests. She described the rules for the contests. Info on this is available on the PA website. NSBW - ADSO for NSBW, Bob Schabert will do a zoom meeting on Feb 25th for Div Coordinators.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike reported we do have the ability to pull reports from AUXDATA II. We have 45 PVs already this year. Asked DCDRs to get SO-PVs working with FSO-PVs to get some PVs going. He noted he has some useful links in his report.

Michael Hay DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Michael reported he's been fairly active doing Bridge and PATON assignments. All materials were prepared and dispersed to SO-NS. He's also been helping with D11SR NS assignments.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE - Rpt on File: Sean reported on the upcoming deadline (FEB 28) for Flotillas to make nominations for the National PE award. Subsequent nominations are then done at the Division level and then at the District level, with the District due date at the end of April.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike was excused. Alan noted that although things have been quiet, 22 VSCs have been done so far. Also we've seen a lot of requests to do VSCs.

DCAPT Response Nancy Marion DCAPT - Nancy thanked everyone for their support. She will be doing outreach.

Larry Olson DSO-AV - Rpt on File: Larry reported they were just contacted by D11SR Aux Air and they need some assistance. D11NR will be providing them with the requested assistance.

COMO Wally Smith DSO-OP - Rpt on File: Wally reported that we're awaiting the new TCT Refresher and then it will be put online. He noted that Air Station San Francisco reached out to Silver Charm to do Helo OPS.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Larry was excused. Robert Vanderhyde reported for Larry. Working to complete the installation of HF radio on the Auxiliary Communications Vehicle (ACV). Planning continues to put together AUX comms capabilities. Will have a meeting in March about HF that might be used by the Coast Guard if they need it. Mount Diablo Repeater still being used by VTS and probably will be for another month. There are 5 District Contingency Stations. A 6th is about to come online. Also working on getting the Mount Tam Repeater going.

Vinicino Mata DSO-EM – Rpt on File: Vinicino was excused. Nikolay Zherebnenkov reported for Vinny. Vinny is getting familiar with his EM duties. Goals include completing a drill and the EM Skills Bank. Also trying to determine if there will be any EM exercise this year. Bryce Leinan also reported on Everbridge work for geocoding of members for emergencies. Also working to get Everbridge updated more quickly.
John-Michael Zimmerle DSO-AS – Rpt not on file: John-Michael was excused.

DCAPT Support & Planning Bruce Martin DCAPT –

BK Barr DSO-CS – Rpt on File: BK reported that Mike Thompson ADSO-CS is doing email and calendaring. Had some problems with times of events not being correct on our online calendars. Have now fixed that. Webinars are now on the electronic calendar.

Linda Haynes DSO-FS – Rpt on File: Linda reported she's trying to review training classes done by FS in our District. National will be sending a questionnaire to our FS members. Linda is working to get them the info they'll need to respond.

Robert Aston DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Robert reported looking at AUXDATA (AD) II reports. With 1135 members, only 181 have filed hours in AD II. This is less than 16%. If we remove IS officers, less than 12% of our District members have logged hours in AD II. District officers are at 50%. Saturday there will be an IS webinar that will be recorded.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann reported the District Training Calendar was sent out. ACN is offered. Will continue to update the calendar. OPS Workshop will be offered. Also, the 2021 TCT Refresher will be offered when it's ready.

Randy McCormick DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Randy was excused. Highlight at this time is that it's time for FSO and SO to submit applications for the 3 Star Award.

Jim Losi DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Jim reported we have 2 people Mary Stephens and Lou Sarto working on HR items. Have an updated HR report which COMO McFarren will cover. So far HR has presented to 4 of 10 divisions. Now getting questions from the divisions he's spoken to. Lou and Jim are designing two central recruiting events.

Jerry Edelen DSO-MA - Rpt on File: Jerry reported going through a reorganization of MA. Conducted a webinar for MA officers. BK put items on the MA website. Currently expanding responsibilities to support AV materials. Thanked some DSOs who've helped Jerry locate materials.

Greg Schaefer DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Greg was excused. Tiffany Townsend reported for Greg. She noted that they've filled some ADSO positions. Thanked those who contributed to the Northwind. Looking for more articles for the next Northwind.

Curtis Han - DCOS

Fran Fisher DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Fran reported she has a new report from Maryanne Collins on 7025s. 32 units have not submitted reports yet. Div 1 has only one report outstanding. Reports are due March 1st. Fran sent dues billing to the Divisions. If Divisions didn't get it, let Fran know. Fran sent the reimbursement form with her report. If members have any questions, they should contact Fran.

Ricardo Moreno INT REL – Rpt on File: Ricardo thanked DSO-IS who provided reports. D11NR has 10% of all AUX interpreters. New goal is to get to even more interpreters in D11NR. We had a National video call for interpreters. A request from National indicates there's a strong need for Vietnamese interpreters for the Coast Guard.

Georgie Scheuerman DSO-SR – Minutes in. Georgie noted she had nothing to add.

ASC- SF: Sue Fry: Rpt on File: Sue reported we're losing the District Master Chief. Update done for accommodations so Silver Charm can do Helo patrols. Sector San Francisco worked hard to get this set up.

ASC- Humboldt: Bill Hale: Rpt on File: Bill reported that 08-07 work at the Fuel Farm continues. Cleaning of the lighthouse also continues. 08-11 indicates Sector Humboldt is working to keep the Aux vessel going. 08-39: Antlers OPTREX is cancelled. Bill noted the decommissioning of the Coast Guard Cutter Durango will be conducted virtually on March 10th. He also noted the Crescent City Coast Guard Station will be closed. Some press releases are coming out soon. Sector Humboldt is using virtual meetings.

DCO McFarren: DSO Reports:

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

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal was not present.

Leadership Reports:

DCOS – Curtis Han:

- D11 Request for Forces Update: Asking members to update skill banks and check their currencies. Putting together a database with DCDRs to get a list of members with certain qualifications. Will use this list with AUCs and liaisons to work with Active Duty Units, matching Auxiliary members with open slots needed by Active Duty Units. Trying to do this by the end of March.
- Curtis noted he was at a Communications Conference Call recently and thought it was a good meeting. Encouraged DSOs to set up a conference call with SOs about once per quarter.
- Please send calendar items to Curtis for approval so they can be put on our calendar.

DCO – Dean McFarren:

- COMO McFarren extended congratulations and a welcome to our new DCAPT, Nancy Marion. He thanked the other candidates for stepping forward to offer their service to the district. Nancy will work with Divisions 04, 05, and 08.
- OPCOM was held on Saturday, 23 JAN: COMO McFarren hoped members were able to attend. There are many things coming from National. He noted it's important that leadership keep members informed about items coming in.
- D11 Commander's meeting w/RADM Penoyer: Most items already reported by COMO Kirkwood and CDR Keenan.
- Recruitment/Retention, review of HR Membership summary: This item was covered above. COMO McFarren encouraged divisions to invite Jim Losi to their meetings. We now have more members. But we must keep up our efforts to recruit. We need to recruit at about 10% each year to maintain and grow our membership.
- National Meetings: Committee of the Whole Meeting 2/19 at 10:00 PST and National Board Meeting on 2/20 at 10:00 PST: Info noted above. These are good meetings with lots of info for members to learn what's happening at National. There'll also be high level Active Duty speakers.
- NSBW: Please get Div Coordinators going and let Jane Smith know who they are. Be prepared for virtual events.
- District Virtual Training Calendar: This is great. It worked really well last year and we will continue to do this in 2021. Encouraged DSOs to put together a session on their program.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Virtual Awards Ceremony: Planning this for a weekend in late March or early April. No awards for 2020 but will present awards for 2019. Will also recognize members for other accomplishments like AUXOP or those newly qualified in a new program. Please let DCAPT, Curtis Han, or COMO McFarren know if a member has reached a special level or gotten an award.

NEW BUSINESS:

- New BSX COVID-19 Guidance and what that means to D11N: CDR Keenan spoke about this and it's reported above.

For the Good of the Auxiliary:

- COMO McFarren noted he appreciates all members who are getting out and working when they can and those who are working from home.

Adjourn: With no further comment or discussion, Lew Derfuss made a motion to adjourn and Bryce Leinan seconded. Board approved. DCO McFarren adjourned the meeting at 2123.

Next Meeting: March 17, 2021 at 1900 PDT, 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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COMO Dean McFarren DCO
COMO Mary Kirkwood IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA
Chief of Staff Curtis Han
DCAPT Prevention: Alan Stanton
DCAPT Response: Nancy Marion
DCAPT Support & Planning: Bruce Martin
DCDR 1 – COMO Dale Fajardo; DCDR 3 – Russ Kaiser
DCDR 4 – Michael Brown; DCDR 5 – Lew Derfuss
DCDR 6 – Chuck Cobery; DCDR 7 – Tony Zocchi
DCDR 8 – Phil Mammano; DCDR 10 – Dock Pierce
DCDR 11 – Bryce Leinan; DCDR 12 – Greg Olsen
P-PCA – Jim Losi

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AS –
DSO-AV – Larry Olson
DSO-CM –
DSO-CS – BK Barr
DSO-DV –
DSO-EM –
DSO-FN – Fran Fisher
DSO-FS – Linda Haynes
DSO-HR – Jim Losi
DSO-IS – Robert Aston
DSO-LP –
DSO-MA – Jerry Edelen
DSO-MS – Wil Sumner
DSO-MT – Ann Zocchi
DSO-NS – Michael Hay
DSO-OP – COMO Wally Smith
DSO-PA – Jane Smith
DSO-PB –
DSO-PE – Sean Harvey
DSO-PV – Mike Thompson
DSO-SR – Georgie Scheuerman
DSO-VE –
CRC -
ASC SF: Sue Fry
ASC H: Bill Hale
Int Rel – Ricardo Moreno

Guests: COMO Mike Maddox, Pierre Burnier, Anthony King, Jim Duncan, Robert Vanderhyde, Paul Custance, Rob Firehock, Terry Blanchard, Gary Kaplan, Jeff Fite, Tiffany Townsend, Nikolay Zhrebnekov