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District 11 Northern Region**
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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 17 March, 2021 1900 PDT
Webinar

Call to Order: 1905 hours by DCO Dean McFarren

Roll Call: By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Paige Keenan; 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; Tony Zocchi, DCDR; Phil Mammano, DCDR; Dock Pierce, DCDR; Greg Olsen, DCDR; Jim Losi, P-PCA

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Guests: See Addendum A.

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- February 2021: Russ Kaiser made motion to approve. Phil Mammano seconded. Minutes approved.

District Board & Staff Reports:

DCDR 1 COMO Dale Fajardo – Rpt on File: Dale reported Surface Operations started with some Silver Charm patrols. Doing some Virtual Boat Crew sign offs. Div 1 plans to have some Check Rides in April and then an OPTREX in Oct. Also now doing some planning for National Safe Boating Week (NSBW). 2 flotillas were approved for the 3 Star Award. Also the Division qualified for the 3 Star Award. Dale said he'd be happy to help others with 3 Star Award applications.

DCDR 3 Russ Kaiser – Rpt on File: Russ reported working on NSBW. They're also working on an Air Show coming up at Mather Field. Aug 14th is the date for their OPTREX. The division is currently conducting Mandated Training and the Weekend Navigator.

DCDR 4 Michael Brown – Rpt on File: Michael reported on 1 highlight. He sent out a division-wide email encouraging members to turn in hours. This resulted in many hours being reported.

DCDR 5 Lew Derfuss – Rpt on File: Lew reported working on 3 Star Award applications. They're continuing to engage members and encouraging Training. Lew extended a Bravo Zulu to flotilla 5-3 conducting a Boat Safety Class. He thanked instructors who conducted the class. Lew also extended a Bravo Zulu to Wil Sumner for a class he conducted. Patrols are active on the water and members are also doing NS work. Lew extended a Bravo Zulu to Wade MacAdam (SO-AS) who completed a Seabadge Course. Bob Schabert is handling NSBW, looking at various events. He noted it looks like things will be virtual. One of the biggest challenges is the limit of 3 VEs per day. This limits things during NSBW. CDR Keenan noted this limit is set by Head Quarters.

DCDR 6 Chuck Cobery – Rpt on File: Chuck was excused. Alan Stanton reported for Chuck. Alan noted Air Patrols are going. The division has a member who completed ABS and now planning physician qualifications to assist the Coast Guard. Alan noted COMO Smith is doing patrols and doing training classes online. Sadly Alan noted the news that on March 7th Shirley Johnson crossed the bar.

DCDR 7 Tony Zocchi – Rpt on File: Tony reported the division is getting excited about summer coming when activities can be done. Flotillas are working towards goals, doing PPE checks, and getting ready for summer. Doing meetings to put together plans for Bubbles. Working on Div website showing Aug 6 & 7 for their OPTREX. 22

members need requals and some may get a few done earlier than the OPTREX. The Div Newsletter is popular with division members, being useful to both FCs and members.

DCDR 8 Phil Mammano – Rpt on File: Phil reported Vivian Matuk was at a recent Division meeting. She shows great enthusiasm for her work. Phil noted the division updated its bank account and the 7025 was accepted. Currently doing monthly Core Training sessions. Thanked Sue Fry for the AP report she recently distributed. Working on getting people to BQ Status, also continuing maintaining the fuel farm and lighthouse, restarting Boat Crew training, and getting bubbles set up. Also working with Humboldt Bay. The Cutter Durango decommissioning was done virtually. A Virtual Boat Show was covered by 8-39. Currently planning for NSBW.

DCDR 10 Dock Pierce – Rpt on File: Dock reported things are improving. Trying to get flotillas going. Members are taking advantage of online training. Getting bubbles going and VSCs are going ahead. Lake levels are low but many boats are out. Local authorities are looking for the Auxiliary to be on the Lakes to help. Delta patrols are going. Currently working on 7025s. The division is trying to keep everyone involved and morale is improving. Working with Sea Scouts with some potential members coming from this. Also working on goals for the division. OTO Finkelson was at a division meeting. He made a good presentation and Dock thanked him for that.

DCDR 11 Bryce Leinan – Rpt on File: Bryce was excused. Bruce Martin reported for Bryce. Bruce reported finishing up 11-04 disestablishment. The division lost 5 members but the Reno flotilla has 4 new member's paperwork in process.

DCDR 12 Greg Olsen – Rpt on File: Greg reported on scheduling the Division 12 OPTREX, pushing out another week in October to the 15th and 16th to be sure it doesn't overlap with Fleet Week if it goes forward this year. Facility Servant has been active every weekend in February and March, preparing members for requals and new quals in April. They've also been working with Silver Charm. 2 members reached 1 year in the Auxiliary and are now serving as staff officers.

PPCA: Jim Losi – Rpt on File: Jim Losi reported 1) Remembered Dan Sweat who passed the bar. 2) Jim had nothing else to report at this time.

IPDCO: Mary Kirkwood: COMO Kirkwood noted she had nothing to report this month.

DIRAUX: CDR Paige Keenan: CDR Keenan gave her report as a combined report with the OTO who was excused this month. She noted the CDC has new COVID guidance. We're waiting to see how the Coast Guard interprets this for the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. She noted that DIRAUX has been able to get some Auxiliary volunteers back in the office. She noted they were glad to have them back. The OTO Chronicle was out in mid-February. It was sent to operations people. It was noted that Communications Training should not be done on Channel 16. For this we should use 81, 82, or 83. Radio checks can be done on channel 9. Also noted – we should never say Mayday in training communications. Also, new guidelines for requesting patrols are out.

OTO: BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson: OTO Finkelson was excused. His report was noted above by CDR Keenan.

Curtis Han: DSO Reports: Curtis reminded everyone to send in reports one week before the meeting.

DCAPT Prevention Alan Stanton DCAPT–

Wil Sumner DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Wil reported on a boat that ran aground. MS had a Zoom meeting with FSOs and SOs. Completed the training schedule for spring and early summer. Online classes are scheduled in March and April. Mike Mitchell and Wil are working with National on UPV and Commercial Fishing Vessel classes.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane reported that for NSBW everything is going to be virtual according to National Auxiliary. Social Media: There is a social media guideline on the PA website. Another manual is now available. Currently getting ideas for virtual NSBW efforts.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike reported we're now able to do PVs and are not limited to 3 per day. Can do non-contact PV and there is no limit. Have been getting reporting in AUXDATA II (AD2). This is very good.

Michael Hay DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Michael reported verifications are at 32% on bridges and PATONS are going ahead. NOAA is getting rid of paper charts starting with Lake Tahoe. Members are assisting with DPW.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean reported Flotilla 1-2 received a request for an ABS course. 1-2 may need some ABS materials. Let Sean know if you have any. Sean noted online is fully available for us to use for PE.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike reported he has nothing to add, except he noted his goals are on his VE website.

DCAPT Response Nancy Marion DCAPT – Nancy thanked the response team for taking time having discussions with her.

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry was excused. Nancy reported Air has additional facilities now ready for missions and they're expecting more to be ready soon. Also, getting air crew ready. Doug Kerr is providing some training.

COMO Wally Smith DSO-OP - Rpt on File: Wally reported on where forms can be found. Patrols are underway with some 2 boat patrols. Some Monday night Boat Crew trainings have been made available. He thanked BK Barr who has been posting the power points. On March 29th Boat Crew training on PATONs and ATONs will be conducted. Wally's PCA presentation is also posted. Quick links include the Bubble Request Form and Assignment to Duty. New High Risk Assessment Form is also on the D11NR website. Wally thanked our OTO, Gary Kaplan, and Paul Verveniotis for their help. Currently working on setting up requals, and new quals.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Larry reported we now have a presence on an HF radio net. Several members checking on this each week. A call two weeks ago with an AUX Air Patrol provided some training exercises. Larry also reported that they may do some workshops on radio direction finding.

Vinicino Mata DSO-EM – Rpt on File: Vinicino reported a group participated in an AUX Emergency Management activity. Ramping up to participate in a San Francisco (SF) Earthquake Simulation. Doing an Everbridge test this Saturday at about noon. Targeting EXCOM and DCDRs.

John-Michael Zimmerle DSO-AS –Rpt on File: John-Michael reported scouting activity is starting to pick up especially in CA. A lot of activity in the SF Bay Area. John-Michael did a Shout Out to a deputy who's been making contacts with flotillas and Sea Scout Ships. Getting more and more reports from Sea Scouts who are excited to work with the Auxiliary. Paul Custance and John-Michael did a presentation. If we need help with outreach, we can contact John. Nationally about 250 new Aux members have come from Sea Scouts.

DCAPT Support & Planning Bruce Martin DCAPT –

BK Barr DSO-CS – Rpt on File: BK was excused. Bruce noted there are a variety of projects underway.

Linda Haynes DSO-FS – Rpt on File: Linda was not present.

Robert Aston DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Robert was excused. Bruce noted IS is working on AUXDATA II (AD2). Lots of training is going on.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann thanked Sue Fry for her report on AP Status members. She noted we need to check if they are current members. TCT Refresher for 2021 is now available. Looking at scheduling the webinar for this workshop. The calendar will have multiple sessions. Members will be scheduled when they put their name in. Many competencies require this workshop annually. 2021 OPS Workshop scheduled in April. AUX Air Workshop will also be on the calendar. A 3 month calendar is coming out. Will be updating it as needed. Ann thanked COMO Maddox for the Advanced Coastal Navigation class. C-Schools have an updated calendar. They're available but members need to fill out paperwork and have it approved. COMO Kirkwood noted the OPS Workshop is updated for Surface and Air for 2021. Should download the current slides available now online.

OPEN DSO-DV – : This position is open. Let COMO McFarren know who might be a good candidate.

Jim Losi DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Jim reported he presented the Recruiting Tool to 6 divisions. Also did 2 flotillas. Planning two independent recruiting events working with 2 flotillas. Need flotillas to volunteer for this. Currently we have 1128 members, only 4 below our end of 2020 number. Div and flotillas are doing a good job and must continue working on this. Jim thanked Ann Zocchi for her help.

Jerry Edelen DSO-MA - Rpt on File: Jerry reported the District MA website is online. He thanked BK Barr. National Safe Boating email to FSO-MA and SO-MA has info on how to get free materials for NSBW. Currently searching for district materials to get it recorded.

Greg Schaefer DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Greg not present. Bruce noted the current issue of Northwind is on the website. Also looking for articles.

Curtis Han - DCOS

Fran Fisher DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Fran was excused. Curtis noted 2 divisions have paid dues. Others must pay dues or they won't have a vote next month. Some Finance reports are overdue.

Ricardo Moreno INT REL – Rpt on File: Ricardo reported that about a month ago there was a need for Vietnamese interpreters for the Coast Guard. This continues to be a need.

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

ASC- SF: Sue Fry: Rpt on File: Sue reminded members that Sector SF is in Phase 1 not Phase 2. This limits some things.

ASC- Humboldt: Bill Hale: Rpt on File: Bill was excused. Curtis noted Fuel Farm is being maintained. Sector Humboldt is working on keeping the AUX vessel. COMO McFarren noted the Durango Ceremony is available online.

DCO McFarren: DSO Reports:

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP: Joanna has nothing to report.

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal not present.

Leadership Reports:

DCOS – Curtis Han:

- D11 Request for Forces Update: Sent out email requesting members to update skills online. 60 items are on the request. So far 20 requests are closed and possibly 10 more. Still have about 28 items open. Most closed requests were things we did before COVID. Currently looking for vessels for air drops and Helo work. Currently requesting watch standers. Will be sending DCDRs a spreadsheet to get it fully filled out.
- Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM): Curtis showed a slide with an org chart for our D11NR COLM. Strongly encouraging DSOs to use the flow shown for communications. DSO reports should be reported as usual. DCAPTs should be communicated with first and then go to our DCOS. Some special issues requiring privacy may go through a narrow communication path to maintain privacy. Curtis will send out the slide.

DCO – Dean McFarren:

- State of the Coast Guard Address: Hoped members were able to hear the Commandant's address. His theme is "Stronger Together". COMO McFarren was glad to see our activity shows this theme. We're all trying to work together.
 - The Commandant mentioned the Auxiliary several times, especially the AUX Chaplain (D11NR has 2 and 2 more in the pipeline, but more could be used) and the AUX help with the Coast Guard Cyber program.
 - Sector SF and CAPT Byrd were highlighted for their efforts for the Grand Princess Cruise liner.
 - Coast Guard Diversity and Inclusion Program was mentioned. COMO McFarren extended a Bravo Zulu to Tracy Schultz who is a trainer for the Coast Guard. COMO McFarren noted we need a DSO-DV. Please let him know if there's someone interested.
- Requests for Assignment to Duty: We've seen over a 30% increase in requests (month over month). COMO McFarren thanked members for doing this. He thanked people for being safe while doing the missions. Also thanked members who are comfortable going out and remaining safe. Practical training can occur if a bubble is established for VEs. We're still under Phase 2 guidelines and must go by guidelines and stay safe.
- Sector SF: CAPT. Byrd is setting up a D11N AUX All Hands Call later in March: Currently working on a date. Should get a date set very soon. Trying to get this for a Saturday, March 20th or 27nd. More info coming.
- Membership in AP Status: Looked at the AP Status. A little surprised to see that 31 members who joined in 2020 are still in AP Status and quite a few (21) members from 2019 are also still in AP Status. Asked DCDRs to look at this.
- Using Flotilla Funds for Membership Dues: Received a communication from AUX General Counsel, noting he had heard that some flotillas may have decided to pay for members' dues out of flotilla funds. This was

not specific to D11NR. However, this is not an authorized way to spend the flotilla money. We can't distribute money to individual members. The flotilla money can only be used for the general purposes of the Auxiliary. COMO McFarren will send out an email to DCDRs which they can send to members. Members can gather personal money to help other members. Phil Mammano noted if we don't disenroll members, the flotilla is paying the dues for a member. COMO McFarren emphasized that paperwork should be submitted in a timely fashion. Joanna (DSO-LP) said this is not paying for an individual. It represents a flotilla not handling disenrollment paperwork properly. Some of this was done in 2020 due to the COVID situation. It should not be done again. Joanna noted leadership should ask through their COLM about any items they're considering that are out of the ordinary.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Virtual District Awards Ceremony – Saturday 08MAY @ 10:00: This will cover 2019 awards which are normally presented at D-Train. We'll also recognize members reaching AUXOP Status, new qualified people, and any individual commendations in 2020. This will be similar to D-Train.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Lew Derfuss asked about Newer Manuals for Boat Crew. Asked that they be posted on the website. COMO Smith will look into this.

For the Good of the Auxiliary:

- Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Fundraising Campaign 01-30 APRIL: See ALAUX 007/21 for details. COMO McFarren noted this is a way for us to help Active Duty, Reserve, and AUX. Michael Brown noted the virtual race sends some money to CG Mutual Assistance.
- CA State Parks/Coastal Commission is holding a free virtual training tomorrow, 18MAR @ 10:00. See email sent on 11MAR to sign up. Link on the agenda.
- COMO Smith noted an AUX member was active with Sea Scouts. Santa Cruz Fire Department donated a Boat to the Sea Scouts which was named for that member.

Adjourn: With no further comment or discussion, Lew Derfuss made a motion to adjourn and Michael Brown seconded. Board approved. DCO McFarren adjourned the meeting at 2110.

Next Meeting: April 21, 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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DCDR 4 – Michael Brown; DCDR 5 – Lew Derfuss

DCDR 6 – DCDR 7 – Tony Zocchi

DCDR 8 – Phil Mammano; DCDR 10 – Dock Pierce

DCDR 11 – DCDR 12 – Greg Olsen

P-PCA – Jim Losi

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AS – John-Michael Zimmerle

DSO-AV –

DSO-CM – Larry Stanton

DSO-CS –

DSO-DV – OPEN

DSO-EM – Vinicino Mata

DSO-FN –

DSO-FS –

DSO-HR – Jim Losi

DSO-IS –

DSO-LP – Joanna Leighton-Nevesny

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 – Mike Lauro

CRC -

ASC SF: Sue Fry

ASC H:

Int Rel – Ricardo Moreno

Guests: COMO Mike Maddox, Don Anderson, Jim Duncan, Anthony King, John Hardin, Rob Firehock, Terry Blanchard, Randy McCormick