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District 11 Northern Region**
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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 19 May, 2021 1900 PDT
Webinar

Call to Order: 1902 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: Listed below in Addendum A.

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- April 2021: Lew Derfuss made motion to approve. Russ Kaiser seconded. Minutes approved.

District Board & Staff Reports:

DCDR 1 COMO Dale Fajardo – Rpt on File: Dale reported working on National Safe Boating Week (NSBW). Currently focusing on virtual events and doing surface OPS. Also did some virtual Crew Training. Servant & Silver Charm have done some patrols together. Div1 OPTREX in scheduled for Oct 1 & 2. Also, In addition to Division 1, all of the division's four flotillas (Flotilla 12, Flotilla 14, Flotilla 17, and Flotilla 19) completed the required activities for the NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity. In addition, they received confirmation from D-DIR's Deputy Assistant National Commodore (ANACO-DVd) that they would receive the award. BZ to All!

DCDR 3 Russ Kaiser – Rpt on File: Russ reported SO-NS has 15 of 15 Bridges completed and 14 of 32 PATONs. Currently talking about in-person meetings. Doing some in-person events for NSBW with an event this weekend.

DCDR 4 Michael Brown – Rpt on File: Michael reported he had nothing to add to his report.

DCDR 5 Lew Derfuss – Rpt on File: Lew reported Div 5 received many awards this past month. Working with 5-1 and 5-5 for 3 Star Awards and working on others as well. In Phase 3 the annual Luau at Lew's place in July is being planned. Lew asked whether the 3 per /day limit for VEs is still in place. He noted they're looking to get that released.

DCDR 6 Chuck Cobery – Rpt on File: Chuck reported they've been busy. Will be holding an NSBW event live. Have many materials to distribute. Had both surface & air patrols. One vessel worked with a Coast Guard (CG) vessel doing signoffs for CG personnel. Looking at conducting summer and fall in-person Safe Boating classes. There will be a Change Of Command at Station Monterey. Greg Olsen noted that he's had some very positive interactions with the new CO at Monterey.

DCDR 7 Tony Zocchi – Rpt on File: Tony noted that he had reported last month about vessels that had been loaned to the division from the state. Two of the four vessels were recalled by the state. Tony happily reported

that Bryce Leinan gave them a call and reported a Division 11 flotilla will be loaning a vessel to Division 7. Tony thanked Div 11 for their help. COMO McFarren extended a Bravo Zulu to Bryce and Division 11.

DCDR 8 Phil Mammano – Rpt on File: Phil reported things have been getting back to normal. Now doing PVs, VEs and a patrol recently. 100% of aid verifiers have completed all assigned bridges and PATONS.

DCDR 10 Dock Pierce – Rpt on File: Dock noted the many awards received by members of Div 10.

DCDR 11 Bryce Leinan – Rpt on File: Bryce reported they're sending a boat to Utah for use this summer. Received approval from SeaTow Association to set up for life jacket giveaway. Major July 4th events have been cancelled in South Lake Tahoe. Looking to have an in-person meeting.

DCDR 12 Greg Olsen – Rpt on File: Greg reported on the quals and requals accomplished by Servant and Silver Charm. Division has made progress against PE goals. He also noted that the member of the month in 12-01 Anna Stevens has already completed 20 VEs this year.

PPCA: Jim Losi – Rpt on File: Jim Losi conducted a moment of silence for a member of 1-7, James Adrian Dragon, who's crossed the bar.

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

DIRAUX: CDR Paige Keenan: CDR Keenan reported Coast Guard Island (CGI) is now open to Auxiliarists with the exception of the pool and gym. DIRAUX office is available by appointment only, encouraging members to send emails to get items handled by DIRAUX. Asked members to have patience with DIRAUX. While there's not a big transfer season in our region this year D11SR does have many changes coming. An All Coast Guard Message went out for vaccinated CG personnel. They don't need a mask on CGI or on CG vessels. This communication was directed to Coast Guard personnel not to Auxiliary at this time. Will be putting out new info on what to do with masks if you are a vaccinated Aux member. Greg Olsen asked if we need to carry proof of Vaccination. CDR Keenan said there's no need for proof on CG bases. But we should always have a mask with us in case it is needed. Bryce Leinan asked about real ID requirements at CG bases. CDR Keenan said she would look into this. Jane Smith noted Santa Cruz County does not have a requirement for masks outside.

OTO: BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson: OTO Finkelson reported on PLBs. He would like a six month alert if PLBs are coming to the end of their life time. This gives DIRAUX time to get the needed PLBs. They're now not issuing a PLB to facilities for trainees. Trainees will get a PLB registered to them. If a PLB is expired but still functioning, they cannot be used. Get a new PLB when your current PLB is coming up to its expiration date. 2070s are coming in. OTO asked that we please get them in early so there's time to approve them. Assignment to Duty: If the OTO says he's got all the paperwork he needs, he does not need any new paperwork unless your COVID Risk Assessment changes or local COVID protocols change. AUXDATA II (AD 2): The 11NR folder exists in AD2 where there are many useful reports. There are folders for Admin, PATONS, Training, Awards, Surface and Air OPS, etc. VSCs: If it's a no contact VE there is no limit, such as doing a number vessels (a fleet) in a location where no contact with individuals is required. CDR Keenan also noted that for RBS VEs with no contact there are also no limits.

Curtis Han: DSO Reports: Curtis thanked everyone for their reports.

DCAPT Prevention Alan Stanton DCAPT– Alan

Wil Sumner DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Alan noted that Wil received an award for Chart Updating. Wil reported MS Training has accomplished many hours of training and hours with the Coast Guard. 43 vessels inspected as part of Commercial Fishing Examinations. UPV and Commercial Fishing Vessel Training materials sent to National for review and approval.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane reported Michael Mitchell has reached PA 3 level. Kit Galvin is going to school for PA at NACON. NSBW: We should get photos with small captions and send them to Jane. If masks are required where you are, use them. If you're doing an interview, you can report what you've done. Answer questions if you have an answer. Otherwise, tell the interviewer you'll get back to them and get their contact info.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike was excused. Alan noted it's not too late to do a PV blitz for NSBW. Alan also noted Phil Mammano has already done 100 PVs.

Michael Hay DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Michael reported 58% of bridges are completed. The due date is the end of May. Also getting good feedback on reports on discrepant vessels. 24% of PATONs are completed with a due date at the end of September. On the National level the 7054 is being updated and is in for review and approval. There will be a C-School for Nav Systems. If looking for updated charts, ENC charts are the first place to go for the most updated charts.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Alan noted the award Sean received from National. Sean noted under Phase 3 you can get a waiver for in-person classes. Sean’s working on a 4 night class for instructors. Greg Olsen noted that it would be good to alert Divisions that they can organize customized classes using the Auxiliary materials with customized additional material and then get approval from Sean.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike was excused. Alan noted we’re seeing an increase in VEs with Shout Outs to Lisa Curtis 05-03 and Anna Stevens 12-01 for 20 VEs so far this year.

Alan Stanton asked DCDRs to remind members to look at the District Training Calendar for classes. Curtis Han noted that you need to log into the Member Zone to see the District Calendar.

DCAPT Response Nancy Marion DCAPT – Nancy thanked everyone for their reports.

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry noted he had nothing to add to his report.

COMO Wally Smith DSO-OP - Rpt on File: Wally reported there are 3 reports in AD2 that are fresh and list QE Check Rides needed in 2021. He noted the great work by OTO Finkelson to get these reports. Encouraging mini OPTREX with 2 boats. For these you need to get the request to Wally 1 month ahead of the date wanted. Also encouraging regular OPTREX. Wally noted that we shouldn’t list future patrols in communication forms that might be exposed to the public. He also noted that when planning an OPTREX we should look at the required OPTREX paperwork on our website.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Nancy noted Larry received 3 awards at the District Awards Ceremony. Larry reported he’s still trying to get division reports filed. He noted a boating accident in the Delta where we were asked for a Land Mobile but unfortunately we weren’t able to get someone to handle this. He also noted HF testing is being done.

Vinicio Mata DSO-EM – Rpt on File: Vinicio thanked Bryce Leinan for his work on Everbridge. The EM Directorate is setting up to ID members with EM experience who can help.

John-Michael Zimmerle DSO-AS –Rpt on File: John-Michael noted he had nothing to add to his report.

DCAPT Support & Planning Bruce Martin DCAPT –

BK Barr DSO-CS – Rpt on File: BK was excused.

Linda Haynes DSO-FS – Rpt on File: Linda reported that tomorrow there will be a new SOP introduced. The FS title will not be used. Two new titles will be used, one for Coast Guard support and one for Auxiliary support. More to come next month.

Robert Aston DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Robert reported AUX LMS and NTC is now getting entered to AD2. Attestations and workshops must be entered by IS. Robert also encouraged members to enter hours.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann reported the District Calendar is out. It has a link for RM 2.0. She asked DCDRs to let members know about this link. Ann thanked all of the instructors who’ve conducted classes so far this year.

Steven Hilt DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Steven thanked Dock Pierce. Steven worked with Dock’s division on Diversity.

Jim Losi DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Jim reported membership info is in his report. In particular he noted that 43% of volunteer organizations pre COVID are gone and a large fraction of those still around were doing very little during COVID. We’ve had new members coming. We now have 1139 members.

Jerry Edelen DSO-MA - Rpt on File: Jerry reported Bard Mansager is on CG Cutter Healy. Jerry reported on the 1st Nation-wide MA meeting. He noted it was well attended and a good meeting. National will continue these meetings.

Greg Schaefer DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Greg reported his team is working on the next Northwind. He noted he’s not getting many Division reports.

Curtis Han - DCOS

Fran Fisher DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Fran was excused. Curtis noted all annual dues have been paid. 3rd quarter dues from last year did not go out. Division checks will go out next week.

Ricardo Moreno INT REL – Ricardo reported there's one more interpreter in our District. Asked for an opportunity to talk at Div meetings. He noted the Aux Interpreter Corp has been asked to help at the border.

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

ASC- SF: Sue Fry: Rpt on File: Sue reported it's exciting to get back to YBI and work with the Coast Guard. She's got stickers for kayaks. She's still working with Sector and expects more work for the Auxiliary with Sector SF.

ASC- Humboldt: Bill Hale: Rpt on File: Bill noted Div 8 continues supporting Sector Humboldt, doing work at the fuel farm and Lighthouse. Also doing patrols and NSBW events. They now have a place for the Aux boat. Also they're looking forward to doing helicopter OPS patrols. The Crescent City Flotilla is looking to see if they can use the Coast Guard station located there but must get permission from the city which owns the property.

DCO McFarren: DSO Reports:

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

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal not present.

Leadership Reports:

DCOS – Curtis Han:

- D11 Request for Forces Update: Most watch standers are back to work at stations. Sent note to AUCs to find out about watch standers that have not been recorded. Alameda requested help from Auxiliary members with certain skills. Of particular note – the Coast Guard is looking for a vocalist to sing the National Anthem for Capt. Byrd's retirement.
- Risk Management and Refresher Training in Performance Management: Noted there are monthly reports on a number of items in the system.
- RM 2.0 link is available in Ann Zocchi's report. AUXLMS is loaded to AD2. Members should check a few weeks after taking a class to see if it went into AD2. CDR Keenan noted DIRAUX cannot enter courses from LMS into AD2. It will go automatically but may take some time to get into AD2. If it doesn't show up in a few weeks, get help from the National Help Desk.
- Curtis noted that Joanna Leighton-Nevesny reported that Coastie should be service marked with an SM mark placed on Coastie.
- OTO Finkelson noted that if an Aux Member is qualified at a station, they should get a Designation letter from the command they are serving.

DCO – Dean McFarren:

- Moving back to "Normal": Glad to see more requests for Assignment to Duty. He's pleased that members are stepping forward.
- Member Status: 1139 members – Recruiting is currently just above our 10% goal to maintain and hopefully grow. 12-01 is the leading recruiter with 7 new members.
- NSBW – Starts Saturday 22MAY. Glad to see in-person events. We need to make sure we're using masks appropriately. He also noted Sector SF notices these efforts for NSBW.

OLD BUSINESS:

- District Awards Ceremony – 08May2021: COMO McFarren thanked everyone for their work. The Ceremony went well. We presented many awards for 2019. We'll reinstate awards for 2021. Awards will be presented at our 2022 D-Train at the end of March.
- National Safety Program Update: Alan Stanton noted COMO McFarren sent out an email about filling the District Safety Point of Contact position. He asked DCDRs to look for such members and send resumes of

appropriate members to their District Captain by this Saturday. COMO McFarren noted it's our duty as leaders to help build a greater Safety Culture in the Auxiliary.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sector SF Call Hands 2.0: Capt. Byrd will have a meeting on 19JUN at 1000 PDT.
- Fall PCA Fair along with the September B&S Meeting: This will be an In-Person event if no restrictions are put back in place. We're starting to plan for this event. We may also conduct the AUX Memorial Ceremony in September.
- Bryce Leinan had a request. For meetings with orders he asked if a reminder can be sent out with the proper forms. CDR Keenan said they would do that.
- Jane Smith had one more item for PA. She noted that Photos mean a lot. They are placed on Sector SF's Facebook page.
- Lew Derfuss noted a common thread on loss of facilities happening in several divisions. He said perhaps we should do some outreach on this topic.

For the Good of the Auxiliary:

- CGI now open to the Auxiliary!!! Except pool and gym.

Adjourn: With no further comment or discussion, Bryce Leinan made a motion to adjourn and Russ Kaiser seconded. Board approved. DCO McFarren adjourned the meeting at 2058.

Next Meeting: June 16, 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 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 – John-Michael Zimmerle
DSO-AV – Larry Olson
DSO-CM – Larry Stanton
DSO-CS –
DSO-DV – Steven Hilt
DSO-EM – Vinicio Mata
DSO-FN –

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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 – Greg Schaefer
DSO-PE – Sean Harvey
DSO-PV –
DSO-SR – Georgie Scheuerman
DSO-VE –
CRC -
ASC SF: Sue Fry
ASC H: Bill Hale
Int Rel – Ricardo Moreno

Guests: COMO Mike Maddox, John Hardin, Anthony King, Terry Blanchard, Ingemar Olsson, Bill Boersma, Randy McCormick