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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
District 11 Northern Region**  
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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes  
Friday 25 March, 2022 1400 PDT  
D-Train, Sparks, NV

**Call to Order:** 1411 hours by DCO Dean McFarren

**Pledge of Allegiance by:** COMO Dean McFarren

COMO McFarren thanked everyone present in person and online for attending the Board & Staff Meeting.

**Roll Call:** By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Paige Keenan, BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson; COMO Dean McFarren, DCO; Curtis Han, DCOS; Alan Stanton, DCAPT; Chuck Cobery, DCAPT; COMO Dale Fajardo, DCDR; Don Anderson, DCDR; COMO Wally Smith, DCDR; Tony Zocchi, DCDR; John Felton, DCDR; Thomas Witt, DCDR; Bryce Leinan, DCDR; Georgie Scheuerman, DCDR; Jim Losi, P-PCA

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Guests: See Addendum A below.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- February 2022: Bryce Leinan made motion to approve. John Felton seconded. Minutes approved.

**District Board & Staff Reports:**

**DCDR 1** COMO Dale Fajardo – Rpt on File: Dale reported 3 highlights: National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) support for events at Station Golden Gate & Treasure Island, Div 1 OPTREX on July 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, and NACON 3 Star Award approved for the division & 4 flotillas. Dale noted he's willing to share what was done for the 3 Star Award to help other units. COMO McFarren thanked Div 1 for their operational activities, the 3 Star Award efforts, and for helping others.

**DCDR 3** Don Anderson – Rpt on File: Don reported that Coxswain John Hardin & his crew received the Meritorious Team Commendation Award. Currently working with Divisions 5 and 10. NSBW: Some activities are planned. Sacramento River Cats will have a box for Coast Guard on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**DCDR 4** Eddie Lam – Rpt on File: Eddie was excused. Michael Brown (IPDCDR) reported for Eddie. Michael reported on one highlight: Div 4 is trying Cross Flotilla Mentoring and it seems to be working. (Cross flotilla mentoring has mentors working with new members not in their own flotilla when the new member's interests or other circumstances are a good match with an experienced member in another flotilla.)

**DCDR 5** Randy McCormick– Rpt on File: Randy was excused. Robert Schabert reported for Randy. He noted that the division is working on more efficient meetings with success. 5-3 has 2 new members and is working with Napa County Sheriffs. Also members are working with Station Bodega Bay. 35 students were in a recent Safe Boating class.

**DCDR 6** COMO Wally Smith – Rpt on File: Wally reported on the MOU with Sea Scouts. He also noted that Div 6 is working with Sea Scouts using a donated boat from Bob Gallup. The Sea Scout group is doubling in size. This resulted in 6 new AUX members. They're also doing training with the Sea Scouts. Picked up a new member from the Virginia Military Institute. Also got another 2 new members via other sources. This represents outstanding recruiting efforts.

**DCDR 7** Tony Zocchi – Rpt on File: Tony reported flotillas are active. Flotilla 7-3 conducted a BAC class with both adult and youth students. 7-8 worked on a Be Safe Utah Expo Event, putting on a water safety presentation at this event. Water level is a concern, unfortunately starting with 10% less water than last year. Hill Air Force Base is running an air show and asked the Auxiliary to be present with Water Safety information.

**DCDR 8** John Felton – Rpt on File: John reported on the 4 flotillas. Currently working on building maintenance. They have 2 boats underway and are doing the Antlers OPTREX. Continuing to maintain the Fuel Station. They're also working to get more crew and coxswain qualified.

**DCDR 10** Thomas Witt – Rpt on File: Thomas reported Flotillas 10-2 & 5 have new members coming in. Currently working with Sea Scouts. Their goals are to get facilities out on the water, do PE, and increase membership.

**DCDR 11** Bryce Leinan – Rpt not on File: Bryce noted that his reported is not on file due to preparations for D-Train. Some members participated in the Polar Bear Plunge event. They are starting to get activities going.

**DCDR 12** Georgie Scheuerman – Rpt on File: Georgie reported members from both flotillas are participating in multiple events together. And they have an outside agency City of Berkeley with which we're working on a Beach Cleanup scheduled for May 7th. More information will be distributed about this event.

**PPCA:** Jim Losi – Rpt on File: Jim Losi conducted a moment of silence for a member who crossed the bar. PCA will have elections in the fall. COMO Rod Collins and Jim will put together an election committee. They already have 2 members willing to run for office.

**IPDCO:** COMO Mary Kirkwood: COMO Kirkwood was excused since she's attending N-Train. COMO Smith filled in for Mary. He attended N-Train and reported on a few topics: Active Duty wants to expand health care and chaplains, and Investigative Services needs more people. Cyber Security, AI research and training also need more help. A COVID Waiver is in the works for religious or medical reasons.

**DIRAUX:** CDR Paige Keenan: CDR Keenan reported that we're still under COVID restrictions. She noted she's looking forward to more AUX out on the water and asked that we please help those who need to fill out forms required for missions. The DIRAUX Office will be here at D-Train to do IDs and provide help with the travel order system. She noted we're still working to get the finance system going. Her relief (CDR Christina Jones) is coming June 10<sup>th</sup>. COMO McFarren thanked CDR Keenan for her service. CDR Keenan also noted that Request For Forces (RFF) looks good. It's growing and Active Duty appreciates it. She thanked us for our work while she's been DIRAUX.

**OTO:** BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson: OTO Finkelson reported on the QE Meeting which was very good. He encouraged members to read the DSO-OPS report. He noted we'll keep mini-OPTREX but they must be approved. He also noted Jim Losi will be a QE. Our OTO Finkelson will be moving to Freeport TX. His relief

has been identified and will be coming in soon. BOSN2 Finkelson thanked the Auxiliary and noted that he feels bitter sweet about moving to a new opportunity.

COMO McFarren noted we're losing many Active Duty who've been working with us. This includes CDR Keenan, BOSN2 Finkelson, and ADM Penoyer.

**Curtis Han: DSO Reports:** Curtis thanked DSO attending in person and online.

**DCAPT Prevention** Bruce Martin DCAPT– Bruce was excused.

Joseph Chavoen DSO-MS – Rpt on File: Joseph extended a Thank You to both CDR Keenan and BOSN2 Finkelson. Joseph noted it's been a very busy early part of the year. Now have some new ADSOs. And have gotten awards out for 2021. The Commercial Vessel Program is moving ahead. MS now has a training calendar in place.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane also thanked CDR Keenan & BOSN2 Finkelson. She noted reports are going well. Things are slow in the early part of the year. There is a C-School scheduled for May 20-22.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike was excused. Curtis Han noted a highlight that PV doubled over the last month. He asked divisions to get SO-PV in place and encourage their PVs to report their visits in AD2.

Michael Hay DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Michael reported on the 50 Bridges and 795 PATONS that have been assigned. Some inspections are coming in already. The new 7054 Form is in place and he asked that we please use it. He noted that we now have 11 trainees. If any members are interested in NS, they should contact Michael. He noted 2 C-Schools are scheduled in June and August. Michael completed his report thanking CDR Keenan and BOSN2 Finkelson.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean noted a press release recently reported that during the Pandemic many new boaters are out on the water. Many people are taking online boat classes. This can continue through this year and virtual PE offerings are likely to continue past this year. He noted there's a class available on virtual PE.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike reported he passed out VSC awards and is looking for ADSOs.

**DCAPT Response** Alan Stanton DCAPT –

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry was excused. Ron Darcey reported for Larry. He noted the Aux Air Squadron has been operational since Nov. with 5 planes as facilities. Also started Ground School in November. 12 students are in program at this time. Have 4 aircraft prospects. Ron described a patrol where they spotted an entangled whale. At the Mar 29<sup>th</sup> Squadron Dinner they will have a NOAA speaker who will talk about whales. He also noted the Abandoned Vessels Program will get going again.

COMO Wally Smith DSO-OP - Rpt on File: Wally reported we're operating. Antlers is on. Antlers location is for food, Whiskeytown will be the On the Water location. He noted the Finance System is slow with thousands in back payments. This has top priority to be fixed. Wally thanked BOSN2 Finkelson for his work and thanked CDR Keenan for her support.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Larry reported working on the Diablo Repeater replacement. There are 3 new TCOs. A late April exercise is being planned.

Vinicio Mata DSO-EM – Rpt on File: Vinicio was excused since he's attending N-Train. Alan noted that on Saturday (2 APR) there will be an All Hands Everbridge Test. DCDRs were asked to let members know. There will be an Introduction to Everbridge class Saturday. Bryce Leinan asked members to check their addresses in AD2. Need a street address to effectively use Everbridge.

John-Michael Zimmerle DSO-AS –Rpt on File: John-Michael reported on why we do Sea Scout activities. It's to build relationships with Sea Scouts, share experiences, and grow successions – recruiting for Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. 3 Sea Scouts have been appointed to the Academy. Asked that Aux Units please

appoint AS officers. If units have scouting activity going, please let John-Michael know. Asked HR to let them know whether a new member is a Sea Scout. Over 16,000 hours have been logged with Sea Scouts. AUXSCOUT 1 is used in AD2 for reporting activities with Sea Scouts. Sea Scouts can be trained and serve for everything except Pilot, Observer, Boat Crew & Coxswain. John-Michael thanked CDR Keenan and BOSN2 Finkelson for their help with the Sea Scouts.

#### **DCAPT Support & Planning** Chuck Cobery DCAPT –

Carl Henning DSO-CS – Rpt on File: Carl reported they've updated the MS webpage and some others.

Linda Haynes DSO-CA – Rpt on File: Linda reported getting a lot more calls and doing more work for the Coast Guard. She also noted there are many changes at National with a new PQS. Linda's working to get CAs all qualified. CAs are currently preparing for several events.

Pam Berger DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Pam was excused. Anita Farnholtz reported for Pam. Anita noted that if anyone needs a report from AD2, let Pam know and she will help. Anita will also help.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann reported classes are prepared for Saturday. She thanked everyone who is teaching. Many webinars are going on. Will be offering an online TCT Workshop. Will also offer online Core Training. Core Training is also being offered Saturday afternoon.

Steven Hilt DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Steven was excused. Nancy Peterson reported for Steven. She noted a National Town Hall meeting every third Monday of the month. Outreach is underway to Chinese Community in San Francisco and Bay Area Disabled Sailors. Currently trying to add depth to the DV efforts and looking for SO-DVs.

Jim Losi DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Jim reported he looks at HR flow each week. In 80 days so far this year we have 29 new members. This is more than the last 4 years combined. He will present an HR class on Saturday. Jim pointed out the New Member Launch Guide from Div 1.

Jerry Edelen DSO-MA - Rpt on File: Jerry was excused. Notable items related to the ACV and Coasties were reported. ACV is up and running. Coasties and Culinary Trailers are on a safety stand-down due to the condition of the trailers. Need funding to fix these trailers.

Greg Schaefer DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Greg was excused. We're being asked for articles.

#### **Curtis Han - DCOS**

Fran Fisher DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Fran was excused. Curtis noted audits are temporarily on hold through the Pandemic. Looking for ADSOs who could later move to DSO. Annual dues were paid to National. Dues have been paid by Divisions.

Ricardo Moreno INT REL – Rpt on File: Ricardo was excused. Curtis reported on the All Hands Meeting for the Interpreter Corp. on Mar 12<sup>th</sup>. He noted we still need interpreters.

Georgie Scheuerman DSO-SR – Minutes in. Georgie noted she had nothing to add. Asked members present who are not on the Board and Staff to sign in so we have an accurate attendance record.

**ASC- SF:** Sue Fry: Rpt on File: Sue was excused. Curtis noted the Harbor Safety Meetings continue. Many high level Active Duty attended COWs and both AUXLO also attended our COWs. Coast Guard is looking for Auxiliarists who can help with Wills and Financial tools.

**ASC- Humboldt:** Bill Hale: Rpt on File: Bill was excused. Curtis noted that much of Bill's report was included in Div 8's report.

#### **DCO McFarren: DSO Reports:**

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP: Joanna reported she has nothing of consequence to report. Just some small items. She noted that she & Neal will be answering questions at a session on Saturday.

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal reported there are no significant items.

Curtis asked that DCDRs and DCAPTS review webpages to find fixes that are needed.

### **Leadership Reports:**

#### **DCOS – Curtis Han:**

##### **Request For Forces:**

- 64 total, 40 are closed.
- Encouraged members to update skill banks and be current in Core Training (CT) and Risk Management (RM).

##### **CT & RM Status:**

- Curtis is sending out monthly reports on CT & RM.
- Conducted a March 22 refresher. Now have 171 members good out of 180 members.
- CT is at 56% for the district.

##### **AP, IQ and AUXOP Status:**

- 98 in AP.
- 85 in IQ.
- 170 are AUXOP

**National Safety Update:** There was a presentation at N-Train.

#### **DCO – Dean McFarren:**

**CT & RM Status:** COMO McFarren noted we must have CT & RM to do any missions. He asked that we point this out to members. Also once you complete CT or RM it must go into AD2 and DIRAUX must also change your status from REYR or REWK. COMO Dale Fajardo noted you can go into the National Online Testing Site where there is an attestation form.

**Succession Planning:** Encouraged DCDRs & FCs to be doing Succession Planning. Also DSOs need to get ADSOs.

**Membership Status:** COMO McFarren noted we're doing great. At the National level we're doing really well on recruiting versus the last 5 years.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Goal Setting for 2022:** COMO McFarren asked for specific goals, not open ended goals. Asked that we try to dovetail the goals with District & National Strategic Plans.
- **NSBW:** NSBW is coming up in May (21-27). Asked that DCDRs send the NSBW Liaison info to Kit Galvin.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**AWARDS:** COMO McFarren asked that we look at the awards program in Appendix G of the District Standing Rules. Look for ways to recognize members in each area and submit proposals by the end of June.

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

- Fun Night is tonight at 1930. Tony Zocchi and his team have organized this.
- Alan Stanton noted that the last Wednesday of each month the Coast Guard has a fun run. A 5 K Fun Run is coming up and we need some volunteers.

- National Staff Appointments are coming up. If you wish to be considered for a position, you must submit forms for this.
- COMO Smith noted that:
  - AUXLMS is being moved to Moodle. Must print out completion forms since this system will not transfer info to AD2 immediately.
  - Auxiliary & Coast Guard Legal are working on waivers for unvaccinated members.
  - Alternative Work Uniform is now available.
  - C-Schools are coming up.
- There was a short discussion on the quality of uniforms and devices.

**Adjourn:** With no further comment or discussion, Rob Schabert made a motion to adjourn and COMO Smith seconded. Board approved. DCO McFarren adjourned the meeting at 1652.

**Next Meeting:** April 20, 2022 at 1900 PDT, Webinar

Respectfully Submitted by: Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR

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

DIRAUX: CDR Paige Keenan

DIRAUX: BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson

COMO Dean McFarren DCO

Chief of Staff: Curtis Han

DCAPT Prevention:

DCAPT Response: Alan Stanton

DCAPT Support & Planning: Chuck Cobery

DCDR 1 – COMO Dale Fajardo;

DCDR 3 – Don Anderson

DCDR 4 –

DCDR 5 –

DCDR 6 – COMO Wally Smith;

DCDR 7 – Tony Zocchi

DCDR 8 – John Felton;

DCDR 10 – Thomas Witt

DCDR 11 – Bryce Leinan;

DCDR 12 – Georgie Scheuerman

P-PCA – Jim Losi

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AS – John-Michael Zimmerle

DSO-AV –

DSO-CA – Linda Haynes

DSO-CM – Larry Stanton

DSO-CS – Carl Henning

DSO-DV –

DSO-EM –

DSO-FN –

DSO-HR – Jim Losi

DSO-IS –

DSO-LP – Joanna Leighton-Nevesny

DSO-MA –

DSO-MS – Joseph Chavoan

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 –

DSO-SR – Georgie Scheuerman

DSO-VE – Mike Lauro

CRC - Neil Nevesny

ASC SF:

ASC H:

Int Rel –

Guests: COMO Mike Maddox, COMO Vic Connell, COMO Angelo Perata, Bette Perata, Russell Kaiser, Ron Darcey, Nancy Peterson, John Fisher, John Brandenburg, Dave Sequeira, Alexander Bennet, Lewis R. Derfuss, Carol Paz, Robert E. Smith, Anita Farnholtz, Wayne Farnholtz, Paul Custance, Jerry Gilmore, A.J. Thorsson, Michael Reall, Nancy Taylor, Harmen Lyzenga, Robert Schabert, Michael Brown