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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 16 November, 2022 1900 PST
Webinar

Call to Order: 1905 hours by DCO Dean McFarren

COMO McFarren thanked those present. He noted there would be no YouTube tonight. But the meeting is being recorded. Make sure D11NR members know about the recording of the District meeting.

Roll Call: By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Christina Jones; BOSN2 Thomas Perez; COMO Dean McFarren, DCO; COMO Mary Kirkwood, IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA; Bruce Martin, DCAPT; Alan Stanton, DCAPT; Chuck Cobery, DCAPT; Don Anderson, DCDR; Eddie Lam, DCDR; Randy McCormick, DCDR; COMO Wally Smith, DCDR; Tony Zocchi, DCDR; Thomas Witt, DCDR; Georgie Scheuerman, DCDR;

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Guests: (Also See Addendum A.)

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- October 2022: Randy McCormick made motion to approve amended minutes. Tom Witt seconded. Minutes approved.

District Board & Staff Reports:

DCDR 1 COMO Dale Fajardo – Rpt on File: Dale was excused. Nancy Marion reported for Dale. Nancy reported elections were completed except for one flotilla having elections tonight. For Surface OPS at Fleet Week (FW) 14 Div 1 members participated. She extended a Bravo Zulu (BZ) to Terry Blanchard for his work on FW. She also acknowledged efforts at the Mavericks Event (Lou Sarto was POC) where they gave away over 100 PFD. This event had over 1000 people present.

DCDR 3 Don Anderson – Rpt on File: Don gave a Shout Out to Div 5 for their participation in the Iron Man Triathlon Event at the Sacramento River. There were over 3000 participants. Don also noted all elections were done except for one flotilla with elections in DEC. Both the current DCDR & VCDR were reelected. Had a Holiday Event and had a Veterans Day Event. He extended a BZ to Jim Goff for receiving an award from State Parks for 14 years serving as a Dockwalker. Coast Guard has a recruiting office in Sacramento at McClelland. They're asking for Aux help. Div 3 COW is scheduled for 14 JAN 2023.

DCDR 4 Eddie Lam – Rpt on File: Eddie reported on one update. 4 out of 5 flotillas have completed elections. Div 4 conducted their COW on 6 NOV. Eddie noted that Jerrold Redford completed 55 years in the AUX. Eddie noted one challenge. A lot of members not actively participating. Now looking to get members more active and willing to run for election.

DCDR 5 Randy McCormick– Rpt on File: Randy reported on a Holiday Party and noted their continuing to teach classes. Committee work is underway. Focusing on 6 items. Member Survey Committee did a survey of members about coming out of COVID-19 and 36% responded. Highlights included: 91 % of members said there were items that interested them, there's some frustration with AUXDATA II (AD2), and members want more social events. Focusing next year on activities in flotillas. COMO McFarren encouraged others to do surveys.

DCDR 6 COMO Wally Smith – Rpt on File: Wally reported Helicopter support continuing twice per month. AUX Scout Program is very active using OPFAC Pearls. The AUX Scouts group recently went from 6 to 30 members. Flotilla 6-10 picked up 7 new members through the scouts. Div 6 COW is this Saturday. Santa Cruz Harbor Lighted Parade is coming and needs some help.

DCDR 7 Tony Zocchi – Rpt on File: Tony reported elections are almost done, one left to complete. Div 7 engaged in PA events training with Boy Scouts. Other events include working with 4th graders using a vessel and the Auxiliary Comms Trailer. There are some Sea Scouts events as well.

DCDR 8 John Felton – Rpt not on File: John was not present.

DCDR 10 Thomas Witt – Rpt on File: Thomas reported all flotilla elections set up for 2023. Div 10 COW was last Sunday. Division disenrollments all sent in. Encouraged all members to recruit. Have 2 new members coming in. Reminded all members we are all HR people doing recruiting.

DCDR 11 Bryce Leinan – Rpt on File: Bryce was excused. Bruce Martin reported for Bryce. Snow now present. Completing flotilla elections. He also noted things will slow down because of the season.

DCDR 12 Georgie Scheuerman – Rpt on File: Georgie reported all elections are complete. Div 12 COW is scheduled for 10 DEC. Currently doing 2023 Planning with emphasis on joint activities in the division.

COMO McFarren thanked all members looking for new ideas for missions.

PPCA: Jim Losi – Rpt on File: Jim Losi was not present. It was noted that Mike Thompson was elected PCA President. Nancy Marion was elected PCA Vice President. It was also noted that unfortunately some members passed the bar this month. A Moment of Silence was held to honor these members who will be missed.

IPDCO: COMO Mary Kirkwood: COMO Kirkwood reported on National Items. In particular she encouraged members to look at C-Schools scheduled at N-Train. Now is the time to look at the schedule and put in requests for one of the C-Schools.

COMO McFarren thanked COMO Kirkwood for her service to D11NR.

DIRAUX: CDR Christina Jones: CDR Jones thanked all elected and staff officers for their work. She noted she was encouraged by the reports. For newly elected she looks forward to working with them and she's here to support us. We will have limited staffing in DIRAUX during the Holidays. Next week the office is closed due to other activities. Budget: Still have the Continuing Resolution into December. Only \$14 K for all D11. Surface funds are split between north & south. Prioritizing missions but will look at requests on a case by case basis. Don't want to ask members to do non-reimbursable missions. But still request orders.

OTO: BOSN2 Thomas Perez: BOSN2 Perez thanked members who he's interacted with. He noted he's learned a lot. He's sending out info on PPE to wear. Liked the survey that was done. Looking at inspection sheets for PPE, especially for OPTREX. He also noted - Do reach out to him if you need help.

Curtis Han: DSO Reports: Curtis was excused. Tonight COMO McFarren will be handling items for Curtis.

DCAPT Prevention Bruce Martin DCAPT–

Joseph Chavoen DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Joseph reported on work being done with Active Duty Coast Guard. He noted MS has accomplished all goals for Training. He thanked his predecessors for their support. Thanked Jeff Fite and Morgan Swiggett for their work. He also thanked Anita Farnholtz and Curtis Han for their great assistance. Highlighted opportunities working with Sector.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane complimented those who sent in reports. She mentioned several members who submitted good reports and pictures.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike reported PV met goals at 122%. He also noted Div 5 is off the charts with over 800 PVs.

Michael Hay DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Michael reported updates. He noted 6 divisions were good for bridges. He thanked ADSOs who kept things going. He noted there will be a National NS C-School in August.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean reported a correction. There are 100 out of 135 instructors who have sufficient hours in AD2 to maintain their competency. Members can get this completed. They just need to reach out to Sean for assistance.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike reported he has nothing to add to his report. He did note VE had a good year breaking the 2000 level this year. He thanked all of the VEs.

DCAPT Response Alan Stanton DCAPT –

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

COMO Wally Smith DSO-OP - Rpt on File: Wally reported we had great support for FW. New numbers for QE Check Rides still shows we have 56 members needing check rides. Asked that Divisions check who will not continue in Surface OPS. Wally also asked that we start setting a date for OPTREX in 2023.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Larry thanked all our TCOs for their work this year. He also noted the Diablo Repeater is being worked on to get it reliable.

Vinicio Mata DSO-EM – Rpt on File: Vinicio reported things have been steady with not too many issues.

John-Michael Zimmerle DSO-AS –Rpt not on File: John-Michael was not present.

DCAPT Support & Planning Chuck Cobery DCAPT –

Carl Henning DSO-CS – Rpt on File: Carl reported on progress making changes to the Aviation page. Also the MT-3 Form is being handled.

Linda Haynes DSO-CA – Rpt on File: Linda reported that after 16 years she's stepping down as DSO-CA. Currently getting requests from almost every Active Duty facility in D11NR.

Pamela Berger DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Pamela reported the 7007 forms are due to DIRAUX by December 20th. They should go to DIRAUX and your IS officer. Make sure staff are qualified. C-School AUX 10 will be at N-Train. AUX10 Virtual starts in Feb. Encourage IS officers to attend. Greg Oshel and Adam Kovalevsky have completed the class

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann reported working on Elected Officers Training (EOT) class. Make sure you send election results to Ann. Part 1 of EOT will be in Dec online and Part 2 will be in-person in Jan at the PCA Fair. Ann also noted C-Schools' Calendar is out but they continue to add classes so it's good to check each month.

Steven Hilt DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Steven was excused. He's currently serving at the Southwest Border as is ADSO-DV Winnie Zhou.

Jim Losi DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Jim was excused. Lou Sarto reported for Jim. Lou thanked Nancy Marion and Jane Smith for their help with the Mavericks Event. The POC for Active Duty wrote a note saying they

appreciated the Auxiliary help at Mavericks. Many new members coming in and are in the < 60 years group.

Jerry Edelen DSO-MA - Rpt on File: Jerry reported they'll be doing an inventory for the District Store. Thanked the MA Team ADSOs for their support. John Brandenburg moves up to DSO-MA in 2023. Jerry thanked and extended a BZ to Fran Fisher and Bryce Leinan for their help.

Roger Bazeley DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Roger reported doing final proofing for the next issue of Northwind. Currently building a team. Let Roger know about activities. He's always looking for other contributions.

Curtis Han - DCOS

Fran Fisher DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Fran reported 3 divisions have outstanding dues. Reminded everyone that the new 7025 form should be used. She thanked everyone who worked with her over the last 25 years.

Ricardo Moreno INT REL – Rpt on File: Ricardo reported that we're very busy doing work with several missions. Do not have enough interpreters. Need Russian, Mandarin, and Vietnamese. Interpreters needed on Cutters.

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

ASC- SF: Sue Fry: Rpt on File: Sue reported things are busy as usual. Galley has some needs from CAs. At the Nov 9 inspection/photoshoot/cookout 14 D11NR members attended.

ASC- Humboldt: Bill Hale: Rpt on File: Bill reported there's a member Glenn Funk getting ready to retire. Sector Humboldt offered him a ride in a helicopter as a retirement gift.

DCO McFarren: DSO Reports:

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP: Joanna was not present. COMO McFarren noted any contracts for COWs should be sent to Joanna for review and approval. If planning for any changes to Flotilla or Division Standing Rules, they should go to Joanna for review and approval.

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal was not present.

Leadership Reports:

DCOS – Curtis Han:

i. D11 Request for Forces Update

1. 71 requests up-to-date. Total of 44 requests closed; 7 in progress; 18 remain open. Will look at these again.
2. USCGC Waesche, in-port IT support. In touch with CDR Max Jenny and CDR Chris Klein (XO) – Fred Black; still pending communication
3. USCGC Polar Star – Virginia Luchetti in process of being vetted by CG Health; PHS/CG Health working hard to get this through. Possible chance that she may be flown to Seattle for training/orientation; may or may not make the cruise this year, possibly next time.
4. Base Alameda D11 dpw – personnel to draft/edit LNM, broadcast Notice to Mariners, light ATON work, one day a week (Mondays); identified Eddie Lam. He is following up with POC

ii. Risk Management Initial Training and Refresher Training Reports

1. Initial RM Training – As of November, 2022, 6 members are non-compliant
2. As of November 9, 2022, RM Refresher Training – 11 members have expired and 12 expiring before end of 2022.

iii. Core Training:

1. As of November 9, 2022, 63% of membership are compliant for core training. 666 of 1063 members are compliant. National average is 66%. Ranked fourth of five Districts in PACAREA.

iv. AP/IQ Status: As of Nov 1, 2022

1. 103 members in AP status; 77 members in IQ status. AUXOP – we currently have 175 members (16.4%) with AX/AX2 designation. 3 members attained AUXOP status since last month

DCO – Dean McFarren:

i. Approval for relocating ACV onto Base Alameda

1. We have received approval to move the ACV onto Base Alameda.
2. This will have a significant safety/security benefit
3. OTO Perez and ME1 Troup have worked out a location in the overflow parking area across the street from building 3 (base security) and near the base exchange
4. Unfortunately, there is no shore-power available at that location however ME1 will continue to search to see if the base can accommodate us.

ii. Time Reports for 2022

1. Please submit your time reports for 2022
2. This information is extremely valuable not only to the Auxiliary but to the Coast Guard as well.
3. We are an actual Coast Guard budget line item and the amount of money allocated to them (for us) is based on the time we provide in ADII.
4. If you cannot enter your own time in ADII, please fill out the on-line 7029 report on our District webpage OR even write it out long-hand and send it to your FSO-IS to input.
5. I cannot stress the importance of this. An email will be coming out from COMO McFarren to all hands on this. Please promote it, talk about it every chance you get.

iii. Membership Status:

1. As of 03NOV, our membership remains at 1050. That is down 23 members from 1073 at the end of 2021, or a 2.19% decrease in membership.
2. We've attracted 116 new members this year however we've also lost 139 (which includes 11 members passing away). We are trending at 11% new-member run rate which slightly behind at our District recruiting goal of 12-14%. Given that we will have additional 7035's processes at the end of the year, it doesn't look to be enough to provide a stable membership metric going into 2023 even though we have several people in the pipeline.
3. Additionally, we have seen a decline in membership in 17 (47%) of our 36 flotillas (5-7 not included in stats) and 4 of our 10 divisions year to date. A majority of those units seeing a decline are flotillas have not brought in any new members this year.
4. This is not a sustainable situation as our membership continues to grow older. Without that infusion of new blood, our Flotillas may grow old and wither on the vine much like Flotilla 05-07.
5. Seeing as the Coast Guard's needs are shifting and the Auxiliary is offering so many more opportunities to serve, we should really be looking at HOW we recruit and WHO we are targeting. Additionally, continue focusing on recruiting younger members that can be productive for many years going forward.

OLD BUSINESS: (COMO McFarren)

a. Auxiliary Southwest Border Assistance

1. As the SWB Assistance program winds down, I just want to say thank you to the members that stepped up and volunteered to serve a segment of society that is less fortunate than us. We had 29 members answer the call and 13 of those members were deployed at one time or another throughout the year. This is what the Coast Guard Auxiliary is all about!!!!

b. Changes of Watch Scheduling

1. Thank you to all Divisions for communicating their dates for their COW's.
2. Also, DCDR's, please start putting together a page of items you would like to have called out and recognized by the Sector representative. Please include Total volunteer and Program Hours, Special Events, and those persons that you believe should be recognized for their contributions this year.

c. Vote on budget for 2023 – Curtis

1. Curtis communicated the draft budget for 2023 last month to the District voting body (EXCOM, DCDR's, PPCA) and there has not been any changes to the draft. Additionally, we have not heard from any of the voting members with questions or concerns.
2. COMO McFarren asked if any Board Member would like to make a motion to accept the 2023 District budget as written. Georgie Scheuerman made a motion and COMO Wally Smith seconded. Approved.

d. Elected Officers Training - Curtis

1. Virtual/online training scheduled for Thursday December 8th at 18:00 PST.
2. In-person session – January PCA weekend, 1/21-22 2023
3. Please forward all elected officers' names to Ann Zocchi, DSO-MT as soon as Flotilla/Division elections are completed. Again, we're inviting FC's, VFC's, and DCDR's, VDCDR's as this information should be known by all.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. National Gap Analysis

1. National is initiating the 2022-23 gap analysis with all Sectors across the nation.
2. This effort is to ascertain what Aux resources are needed by the Active Duty
3. This effort is directly in line with our RFF program. We plan to pre-populate the national spreadsheet and send to our ASC's and AUC's with the expectation that they have a forward looking conversation with their sector / station contacts.
4. Curtis will be leading the D11N effort as he is our current Request for Forces lead and is closest to this work.
5. Data collection 10NOV through 20DEC.
6. As our ASC'S/AUC'S have monthly conversations, we hope that this effort legitimizes our program even more

For the Good of the Auxiliary:

1. Sector San Francisco Team Day – 09NOV

- a. We had ~15 aux members brave the commute traffic to YBI from as far away as the central valley with James Stephens coming all the way from Modesto
- b. Great fun, our members represented well, and many pictures taken. The food, provided by the Chiefs mess was good but wasn't quite up to our Aux-CA standards though.
- c. Due to possible inclement weather, ODU's were the UOD. CAPT Lam didn't want the crew traipsing around the grass parade area in our Bravo's. It was truly great to be in a relaxed atmosphere.
- d. We had a chance to tour the command center and Vessel Tracking Center and also met with CDR Rasmussen, lead of the Emergency Management and Force Readiness team who graciously sat down with us and discussed what her division does and how we might be able to assist going forward, along with members of the Prevention staff as well.
- e. I'd like to thank our ASC Sue Fry and our AUXLO's LT Kenney and ENS Jankelow for coordinating the day, supporting us, and assisting with making the day fun and enjoyable.

2. This is our last District Board & Staff meeting of 2022

- a. As is our tradition here in 11N, this is the last meeting of the year.
- b. We don't expect any reports from you next month... unless you want to.
- c. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the January meeting and at any upcoming Changes of Watch.

COMO McFarren thanked everyone and he was thanked by many of those present.

Adjourn: With no further comment or discussion, DCO McFarren adjourned the meeting at 2105.

Next Meeting: January 21, 2023 at 1500 PST, CGI & Webinar

Respectfully Submitted by: Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR

ADDENDUM A: District Board, Staff Officers and Guests Present

DIRAUX: CDR Christina Jones

DIRAUX: BOSN2 Thomas Perez

COMO Dean McFarren DCO

COMO Mary Kirkwood IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA

Chief of Staff:

DCAPT Prevention: Bruce Martin

DCAPT Response: Alan Stanton

DCAPT Support & Planning: Chuck Cobery

DCCR 1 –

DCCR 3 – Don Anderson

DCCR 4 – Eddie Lam;

DCCR 5 – Randy McCormick

DCCR 6 – COMO Wally Smith;

DCCR 7 – Tony Zocchi

DCCR 8 –

DCCR 10 – Thomas Witt

DCCR 11 –

DCCR 12 – Georgie Scheuerman

P-PCA –

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AS –
DSO-AV – Larry Olson
DSO-CA – Linda Haynes
DSO-CM – Larry Stanton
DSO-CS – Carl Henning
DSO-DV –
DSO-EM – Vinicio Mata
DSO-FN – Fran Fisher
DSO-HR –
DSO-IS – Pamela Berger
DSO-LP –
DSO-MA – Jerry Edelen
DSO-MS – Joseph Chavoen
DSO-MT – Ann Zocchi
DSO-NS – Michael Hay
DSO-OP – COMO Wally Smith
DSO-PA – Jane Smith
DSO-PB – Roger Bazeley
DSO-PE – Sean Harvey
DSO-PV – Mike Thompson
DSO-SR – Georgie Scheuerman
DSO-VE – Mike Lauro
CRC -
ASC SF: Sue Fry
ASC H: Bill Hale
Int Rel – Ricardo Moreno

Guests: Louis Sarto, Michael Brown, Nancy Marion, John Hardin, Guy D. Chism