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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
District 11 Northern Region**  
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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, 21 January 2023 1500 PST  
Base Alameda & Webinar

**Call to Order:** 1500 hours by DCO Curtis Han

Commodore Han welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance by:** Commodore Wally Smith

**Roll Call:** By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Christina Jones; COMO Curtis Han, DCO; Jim Losi, DCOS; COMO Dean McFarren, IPDCO; COMO Dale Fajardo, DCAPT; Chuck Cobery, DCAPT; Randy McCormick, DCAPT; Don Anderson, DCDR; Eddie Lam, DCDR; Bob Bain, DCDR; Bill Hale, DCDR; Thomas Witt, DCDR; Georgie Scheuerman, DCDR; Mike Thompson, P-PCA

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Guests: (Also See Addendum A.)

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- November 2022: Tom Witt made motion to approve. Jim Losi seconded. Minutes approved.

**District Board & Staff Reports:**

**DCDR 1** Pete Gorenberg – Rpt on File: Pete was excused. Alex Bennett (VCDR) reported on the Div 1 COW. DIV 1's first meeting will be on JAN 25<sup>th</sup>. It will include planning for the Budget, OPTREX, and some PA events. Preliminary discussions underway on Active Duty and Auxiliary missions on the water and with Air Station San Francisco (SF).

**DCDR 3** Don Anderson – Rpt on File: Don reported elections are completed. He also noted the COW went well. Had some PA events late last year including: Veterans Day Event, Wreaths Across America Event, and other events. CA assisted with the Station Rio Vista Christmas event. Also helping Div 5 with PE classes. Recruiting office did outreach to the Auxiliary. A member is helping a Coast Guard (CG) recruiter at Sacramento McClelland Base.

**DCDR 4** Eddie Lam – Rpt on File: Eddie reported on a member coming back from Africa on an Interpreter Mission. Div 4 may have a new member. Currently looking for meeting rooms. Div 4 meeting is next Wednesday.

**DCDR 5** Bob Bain– Rpt on File: Bob reported the division has set up a structure for goals, including succession planning and Smart Goals. Also recognized a member who'd won a recent award.

**DCDR 6** Dave Frisbey – Rpt on File: Dave was excused. Jane Smith (VCDR) reported on Helicopter work. 6-10 & 6-4 did helicopter OPS. Had 4 patrols planned for this month but didn't do them due to weather.

Elections for FCs are done. Div 6 COW was in Nov. Some members are at the Southwest Border. Doing work with Sea Scouts. Sea Scouts still very busy. Div 6 also starting another BS&S class. A member qualified as a Watch Stander.

**DCDR 7** Bill Ross – Rpt on File: Bill was excused. Carl Henning reported for Bill. Carl reported on their COW. He also noted participation in a Veterans Day Parade, a Lighted Boat Parade, and the Wreaths Across America Event. Bear Lake Event is in January. In February is the Utah Boat Show.

**DCDR 8** Bill Hale – Rpt on File: Bill reported that Div 8 had its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Mendocino had Fuel Farm Training for Active Duty Coast Guard personnel. Lake County had Diversity Training. They're currently planning for PA Events.

**DCDR 10** Thomas Witt – Rpt on File: Thomas reported that 10-2's goal is to get all members to AUXOP Status. Continuing growth. 10-3 is rebuilding. 10- 5 & 6 are working together. Boat America class is being conducted in January. They're also engaged with several outside agencies. Also working on Goals.

**DCDR 11** Guy Chism – Rpt on File: Guy was excused. Bryce Leinan reported for Guy. Bryce reported that Cameran & Bill Stolz participated in the Wreaths Across America Event. Currently looking for alternate plans for their Div 11 COW.

**DCDR 12** Georgie Scheuerman – Rpt on File: Georgie reported that Div 12 flotillas are continuing collaboration for various missions (PE, VE, MS, and PA) and fellowship events. Goals are being set for each area and they expect to be quite active in Marine Safety, planning 4 Cleanups because the strong storms have likely left a lot of debris on shorelines.

**PPCA:** Mike Thompson – Rpt on File: Mike reported names will be put on the Auxiliary Memorial when weather permits. Alameda Base Beautification can help with the memorial cleaned up. PCA Fair turnout shows 123 signed up. Already talking about the PCA Fair in Sept. Unfortunately 3 members crossed the bar in the last few months. He asked that when a member crosses the bar we let DCDRs know. Then they should let DIRAUX know. Mike then asked for a moment of silence for the 3 members who crossed the bar.

**IPDCO:** COMO Dean McFarren: COMO McFarren reported he has nothing specific to report this month.

**DIRAUX:** CDR Christina Jones: CDR Jones welcomed everyone present. She thanked COMO McFarren for his leadership during his time as DCO. She also thanked the entire staff. Our significant weather events have impacted some members. She noted that Everbridge was used to help us check on members. She thanked Bryce Leinan for his work on Everbridge. She also thanked Doug Kerr for his work to help provide info to the Coast Guard on Air Squadron OPFACs. The new COVID Reconstitution is out – in the next few days our District may have more specifics out for our area. Southwest Border Program continues - about 12 volunteers have been vetted and will be going out. Members are continuing to support this important mission. She noted Request For Forces (RFF) is still active. DIRAUX gets requests every day from Active Duty. Asked that we ask our members to provide support when they have skills that meet the requests. Budget is passed but money hasn't been passed down yet. Money is going to Surface and Air Operations. Once the budget comes down we'll have more flexibility to provide money for more missions. CDR Jones reported for OTO Perez: Looking at the PPE program, trying to locate items and checking the inspections & maintenance. AUXDATA II (AD2) – when a personal vehicle tows a government vehicle it needs an offer for use for the personal vehicle. If you have any questions, please use our Auxiliary Chain of Leadership & Management (COLM) and then go to DIRAUX.

**OTO:** BOSN2 Thomas Perez: BOSN2 Perez was excused.

COMO Han noted the gifts to the District Board. He wanted to be sure District Board Members present got their gifts.

**Jim Losi: DSO Reports:** Jim extended a Bravo Zulu (BZ) to Ann Zocchi for operating AV equipment at this Board & Staff Meeting when Bryce Leinan was called away to a family need.

**DCAPT Prevention** COMO Dale Fajardo DCAPT–

Joseph Chavoen DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Joseph was not present. Jeff Fite reported for Joseph. As of NOV 2022 there are 4580 hours recorded. Last year 6 new members qualified in 2 areas. MS had an online Uninspected Passenger Vessel Course. Also planning classes at Station Rio Vista. In 2022 Morgan Swiggett with other members in the Bay Area removed much garbage and cleaned up non-native species. Also other cleanups were done. He noted Lili Ferguson did excellent succession planning. 34 Commercial Fishing Vessel exams were done.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane reported PA is planning a Zoom Meeting for National Safe Boating Week (NSBW). Jane noted she's received some good reports this month. She also noted there's 3 new PA Staff Officers.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike reported 2022 was a very good year, reaching 188% of the 2022 goal. 50 people did this. Increasing the 2023 goal by 2%. Also trying to increase PV qualified members and those who actually report their PVs.

Michael Hay DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Michael reported on Chart Eliminations - 16 gone last year. Now in last year of the 5 year elimination program. 2500 PATONS in D11 NR & SR. Bridge and PATON sheets will be going out next week. In 2022 6 of 9 divisions were 100% on PATONS and bridges. Working on getting to 100% again in 2023. Hosting a C-School in late July. Michael thanked ADSOs for their work. He also thanked Terry Blanchard for his excellent work.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean reported on a National Award for instructors. We need flotillas to nominate instructors by February. He thanked divisions who have SO-PE. In 2023 there is an Instructor Workshop (WS) but it is not mandatory. PE now has more mission codes available in AD2.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike reported the 2023 decals are out. If you didn't get them, let Mike know.

**DCAPT Response** Chuck Cobery DCAPT –

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry reported James (Skip) Morford crossed the bar. D11NR Air Squadron is working with D11SR to get them going again. Met with Air Station San Francisco (SF) learning about PPE equipment maintenance. Air Squadron dinner will be on Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. Jim Losi will attend. Squadron dinners are every 2 months.

COMO Wally Smith DSO-OP - Rpt on File: Wally asked divisions to get their OPTREX on the scheduled. PPE program: Will drop everyone who hasn't requalified since 2017. Will send list to DCDRs. Then they should find out if the members on the list are boat crew. If not, find out where their PPE is located. Wally noted the New Boat Crew Tasks: There are new handbooks and a new guide. Night qualifications cannot be waived. There are annual tasks – Must get them signed off each year. Night quals required each year. He noted we should be alert doing beach cleanups. There may be rattle snakes on beaches.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Larry reported Desmond Thorsson helpful chasing down open microphones and EPIRBs. Long Beach provided a repeater for Mount Diablo. Will try to install it next month.

Nikolay Zhrebnekov DSO-EM – Rpt on File: Nikolay reported we had a few call outs. There were a few problems with Everbridge and they're working to fix those. He noted he's trying to become a certified ICS Instructor.

John-Michael Zimmerle DSO-AS –Rpt on File: John-Michael reported 2022 was a good year. AD2 shows at the National level 23000 hours were reported. Asked AS officers to report hours. He thanked those helping with AUX Scout. For Aux Scouting he asked FCs and DCDRs to think outside the box.

**DCAPT Support & Planning** Randy McCormick DCAPT – Randy thanked the DSOs.

Carl Henning DSO-CS – Rpt on File: Carl reported the DCO & DCOS pages are updated. Also updated the Aviation page with Doug Kerr. Working with the PCA for the PCA Fair. Also helped with the COMM's website.

Vicki Hudson DSO-CA – Rpt on File: Vicki reported CA has more demand than they can meet from both AUX and Active Duty. Trying to recruit for CA. Goals include needing to increase CA 1. She asked that divisions set a goal of having at least 1 flotilla with a new CA. Also setting a goal to increase reporting hours by CAs. She also noted they need a dedicated space for CA equipment.

Pamela Berger DSO-IS - Rpt not on File: Pamela thanked Tina Perry for getting officers entered. Many new mission codes available for CA and PE. Deadline for entering hours for awards is set. CDR Jones noted hours are reported to the Admiral. Hours affect budgeting. REYR was done on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>. 113 went into REYR. 88 are because of not being up-to-date on Core Training.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann reported that in December we conducted the 1<sup>st</sup> half of Elected Officers Training (EOT). Here at this PCA Fair we're having the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of EOT. Working on D-Train. Asked DSOs to provide a class. Need to get TCT classes provided on the Calendar. C-Schools are available – Let members know about this.

Winnie Zhou DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Winnie reported 2 Items: Encouraged units to review the NACO 3 Star Award and create a collaborative effort for this award. Also support SO-DVs knowing about FEMA IS courses related to Diversity and informing members about the value of these courses.

Louis Sarto DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Lou extended a BZ to Jim Losi for the transition he provided for Lou. He also thanked Tina Perry for her help.

John Brandenburg DSO-MA - Rpt on File: John was excused. Dave Sequeira reported for John. Dave reported on the rolling stock. We have several trailers. Many needed repairs and tires. All are finished except Food Service which needs some items but we ran out of money. Now waiting for the needed money. Also repairing Coasties. ACV needs attention and it's an AUX vehicle. So we need to make a decision on how this is handled.

Roger Bazeley DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Roger reported he brought a few members on board for the Northwind. Will be teaching a class at D-Train.

### **Jim Losi - DCOS**

Morgan Swiggett DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Morgan thanked Fran Fisher for her help. 7025s are now coming in.

Ricardo Moreno INT REL – Rpt on File: Ricardo reported there's a lot of demand for deployments including Africa, Asia, and Alaska. We can't meet the demands. Those who are ready and willing to deploy are sometimes out for 2 months or more. Asked flotillas and divisions to see if they have members with language skills.

Georgie Scheuerman DSO-SR – Minutes in. Guests are asked to sign in. Georgie noted she had nothing to add.

**State Liaisons:** Mike Williams reported on Utah. Received a new guide. Also he contacted Doug Leavell.

**ASC- SF:** Sue Fry: Rpt on File: Sue was not in the room but at the DIRAUX office.

**ASC- Humboldt:** Bill Hale: Rpt on File: Bill noted the Lighthouse at Point Arena is not working properly.

## **DCO Curtis Han: DSO Reports:**

COMO Han asked us to send in Goals.

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP: Joanna not present. Nothing to report.

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal not present. Nothing to report.

## **Leadership Reports:**

### **DCOS – Jim Losi:**

#### **i. D11 Request for Forces Update**

1. 74 requests up-to-date. 46 requests closed; 7 in progress; 17 remain open.
2. Recent requests – PACAREA Historian Support; looking for assistance at CGI. Light office work, one morning or day a week. One member volunteered, in process of communicating with POC David Rosen
3. PACAREA – Interpreter support for upcoming US-Canada-Mexico maritime security conference 31JAN-02FEB. Ricardo Moreno identified interpreter, and is currently working with POC for TDY orders
4. LANTAREA Cutter Forces – request for Auxiliarist interpreter - meet CGC SPENCER in Africa ISO their deployment. AUX Jimmin Chang deployed.

#### **ii. Risk Management Initial Training and Refresher Training Reports**

1. Initial RM Training – As of December, 2022, 6 members are non-compliant (certification requirement; none for Office position)
2. As of December, 2022, RM Refresher Training – 186 of 194 members needing Refresher Training are current. 7 members have expired.

#### **iii. Core Training:**

1. As of January 5, 2023, 60% of membership (592 of 986 members) are compliant. National average is 65%.

#### **iv. Membership Status & AP/IQ Status: As of Nov 1, 2022**

1. 980 as of 17JAN2023
2. In 2022 we experienced attrition but we did get many new members. 2 reasons members left – COVID-19 & Aging Out.
3. 81 members in AP status; 68 members in IQ status.
4. AUXOP – we currently have 174 members (17.6%) with AX/AX2 designation. National average is 16.1%

### **Jim noted 2 other items:**

- One important tool to inspire members is working with Active Duty. There are 83 functions we can participate in with Active Duty.
- Another way to inspire members is the Interpreter Corp. Jimmin Chang described what he did. He was on a Coast Guard Cutter off of Africa.

**DCO – Curtis Han:**

- i. 2022 Activity Summary**
  1. In 2022, total of 130,000 hours was logged by our members. Although we lost nearly 100 members, our mission/activity hours increased by 18%. **THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THIS ORGANIZATION AND TO OUR DISTRICT. BRAVO ZULU**
  
- ii. EXTENSION TO AUX-SOP-004(A) 04 Sep 20 - ELECTION OF UNIT OFFICERS THROUGH THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MEANS:**
  1. Chief Director of Auxiliary has granted an extension to AUX-SOP-004(A) for all CY 2023 elections effective immediately. The need for future extension shall be determined by the Chief Director of Auxiliary.
  
- iii. National Gap Analysis**
  1. Gap Analysis survey/spreadsheet was received late November, giving us less than a month to complete the Phase I of the project. There was a delay in training for all the POCs for the projects, due to technical difficulties of webinar platform. By the time second training session was provided, we had 2-3 weeks left to complete.
  2. Survey was pre-populated with the information from our D11N RFF spreadsheet and provided to the Sectors and D11/PAC. Received by 12/19/22, and complete surveys were forwarded to National.
  3. Extended deadline to 1/20/23
  
- iv. Meeting Platforms**
  1. Go To Meeting (GTM) deactivated as of 20JAN; one on 30JAN
  2. 3 New Zoom Accounts created, well underway
    - Zoom 1 – D11N, RESPONSE, DIV 1, 5, 10, ASOC
    - Zoom 2 – D11N, PREVENTION, DIV 4, 6, 7, 12
    - Zoom 3 – D11N, SUPPORT, DIV 3, 8, 11
  
- v. COVID-19 Reconstitution Guidance Ver 5**
  1. The temporary restriction that requires all Auxiliarists to be fully vaccinated prior to volunteering for an assignment to duty (ATD), has been suspended
  2. Directors of Auxiliary (DIRAUXs) and Order Issuing Authorities (OIAs) should follow the CDC guidance and recommendations applicable to their AOR's current CDC COVID-19 Community Level.
  3. Auxiliarists, regardless of vaccination status, may apply for and attend mission-critical Auxiliary C-schools. Full COVID-19 vaccination is still required to apply for and attend non-mission-critical C-schools
  
- vi. DTRAIN Update**
  1. Delay in sending out registration due to almost 4 weeks incommunicado with the hotel. Randy McCormick/Bryce Leinan have been trying to get a hold of hotel sales manager and catering/banquet manager. Finally made contact on 1/17/23. Costs have gone up, especially price of food. Randy has been working diligently, negotiating with the banquet managers in trying to keep the cost similar to last years. Registration will be going out, hopefully by end of this weekend. Reserve your hotel rooms. Room giveaway, extended to 1/31/23.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Auxiliary Southwest Border Assistance Update: 12 members vetted.
- 2) Annual Unit Finance Report – 7025 – Send report to Morgan Swiggett.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

**For the Good of the Auxiliary:**

1. Cruise around the Bay: Jim Losi noted there will be another event with lunch on a Cutter and tours. They might also be able to provide a cruise on the Bay.
2. Mike Thompson recognized those who made the PCA Fair happen: Michelle Thompson, Instructors, CAs, other Auxiliaries who helped, and DIRAUX.
3. COMO Mary Kirkwood thanked those present. She's happy to see so many people at the PCA Fair. Active Duty is looking for Auxiliary to help. She noted a new award: an AUX Integration Award for Coast Guard Stations who work well with the Auxiliary. She also noted we need to supplement the Coast Guard Active Duty as a force multiplier.

**Adjourn:** With no further comment or discussion, Jim Losi made a motion to adjourn and COMO Dale Fajardo seconded. Board approved. DCO Han adjourned the meeting at 1726.

**Next Meeting:** February 15, 2023 at 1900 PST, Webinar

Respectfully Submitted by: Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR

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

DIRAUX: CDR Christina Jones

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COMO Curtis Han DCO

COMO Dean McFarren IPDCO

Chief of Staff: Jim Losi

DCAPT Prevention: COMO Dale Fajardo

DCAPT Response: Chuck Cobery

DCAPT Support & Planning: Randy McCormick

DCDR 1 – ;

DCDR 3 – Don Anderson

DCDR 4 – Eddie Lam;

DCDR 5 – Bob Bain

DCDR 6 – ;

DCDR 7 –

DCDR 8 – Bill Hale;

DCDR 10 – Thomas Witt

DCDR 11 – ;

DCDR 12 – Georgie Scheuerman

P-PCA – Mike Thompson

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AS – John-Michael Zimmerle

DSO-AV – Larry Olson  
DSO-CA – Vicki Hudson  
DSO-CM – Larry Stanton  
DSO-CS – Carl Henning  
DSO-DV – Winnie Zhou  
DSO-EM – Nikolay Zherebnenkov  
DSO-FN – Morgan Swiggett  
DSO-HR – Louis Sarto  
DSO-IS – Pamela Berger  
DSO-LP –  
DSO-MA –  
DSO-MS –  
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:  
ASC H: Bill Hale  
Int Rel – Ricardo Moreno

Guests: COMO Mike Maddox, COMO Mary Kirkwood (VNACO), Guy Chism (online, arrived after Board reports were made), Bill Ross (online, arrived after Board reports were made), Denis Eaton, Steve Dolgin, Steven Johnson, Carol Paz, Monica Eaton, Michelle Thompson, Tony Zocchi, Michael Brown, Jimmin Chang, Arnold Gelb, Paul Custance, James Duncan, Lana Visser, Chris Armbrust