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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
District 11 Northern Region**  
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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, 17 May 2023 1900 PDT  
Webinar

**Call to Order:** 1900 hours by DCO Curtis Han

**Roll Call:** By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: BOSN2 Thomas Perez; COMO Curtis Han, DCO; COMO Dale Fajardo, DCAPT; Chuck Cobery, DCAPT; Randy McCormick, DCAPT; Pete Gorenberg, DCDR; Don Anderson, DCDR; Eddie Lam, DCDR; Bob Bain, DCDR; Dave Frisbey, DCDR; Bill Ross, DCDR; Bill Hale, DCDR; Thomas Witt, DCDR; Guy Chism, DCDR; Georgie Scheuerman, DCDR; Mike Thompson, P-PCA

A quorum was present to conduct business.

COMO Han thanked those present for taking the time to attend the Board & Staff Meeting.

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

Guests: (Also See Addendum A.)

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- April 2023: COMO Dale Fajardo made motion to approve. Bill Hale seconded. Minutes approved.

**District Board & Staff Reports:**

**DCDR 1** Pete Gorenberg – Rpt on File: Pete reported on multiple VE, Dockwalker, & other events. One such event was Opening Day on the Bay. OPS Missions – Silver Charm has been busy with training for Active Duty. Also conducted other MT. The PPE Inventory is completed. He also reported on the Water Safety Event at Station Golden Gate.

**DCDR 3** Don Anderson – Rpt on File: Don reported on the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual boating season kickoff at Station Rio Vista. DIV 3 is currently interacting with the Power Squadron. Some of their members were at the DIV 3 Meeting. A recent Boat America Class (BAC) resulted in 17 graduates. He also reported on some other upcoming projects: A BS&S class for the Sea Cadets in Antioch and a July 18<sup>th</sup> Search & Rescue Exercise including AUX Surface & Air OPS.

**DCDR 4** Eddie Lam – Rpt on File: Eddie thanked Divisions 1 & 6 for their help at the Pacific Sail & Power Boat Show. It went well and they may get some new members. He also noted more MT is coming.

**DCDR 5** Bob Bain– Rpt on File: Bob reported he's working to help a flotilla that needs a FSO-FN.

**DCDR 6** Dave Frisbey – Rpt on File: Dave reported Div 6 conducted a BAC and completed a BS&S class with 15 grads. There's been one HELO OP and 4 Surface Patrols. On Saturday they'll have a table at Santa Cruz Harbor for National Safe Boating Week (NSBW). At the Div 6 Meeting COMO Han was present and presented Tracy Schultz with the Gail Ramsey Award.

**DCDR 7** Bill Ross – Rpt on File: Bill reported they've had Div training & planning sessions. Utah Lake 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip had training sessions with over 440 students. Saturday they'll be present at the Utah Lake

paddleboard event. Will have a PA booth and VEs with the Sea Scouts. Photos in the Div 7 report were done by Lana Visser. If anyone needs warning lights, glad to give to someone if they pay shipping.

**DCDR 8** Bill Hale – Rpt on File: Bill reported Mendocino Light House Lens Motor needs to be replaced but lens are cleaned. Doing some lifejacket giveaways. Crescent City working on water safety classes for children.

**DCDR 10** Thomas Witt – Rpt on File: Thomas reported the division is doing well. New people coming in. PA Booths being run and another coming up this weekend. Expecting a lot of kids this weekend. Also working on getting people ready for elected offices next year.

**DCDR 11** Guy Chism – Rpt on File: Guy reported rivers are flowing. Much activity now that things are warming up. Having a gathering and handing out awards to members. Randy McCormick will be present for the presentations.

**DCDR 12** Georgie Scheuerman – Rpt on File: Georgie reported on NSBW activities, including 2 PA Events (San Ramon Art & Wind Festival and San Leandro Cherry Festival), VSC missions, a Shoreline Cleanup, and a NSBW Proclamation from the City of San Ramon.

**PPCA:** Mike Thompson – Rpt on File: Mike reported the Aux Memorial landscaping is scheduled to be revamped on May 31<sup>st</sup> done by the Base. Sept 16 will be the Memorial Ceremony. Mike asked that we get information about members passing the bar to PCA. Paused for a moment of silence for all who have passed this year.

**IPDCO:** COMO Dean McFarren: COMO McFarren was excused.

**DIRAUX:** CDR Christina Jones: CDR Jones was excused.

**OTO:** BOSN2 Thomas Perez: BOSN2 Perez thanked everyone for their work. Funding: Currently have 36% spend down of SAMA. Getting PPE returned to DIRAUX. Asked that we continue getting inventory for PPE. Currency Maintenance is also being worked on. Offer for Use is being worked on and the person doing this is William Shakespeare. BOSN2 Perez asked that we please use the proper Offer for Use Form.

**Jim Losi: DSO Reports:** (COMO Han handled this because Jim was excused.)

**DCAPT Prevention** COMO Dale Fajardo DCAPT–

Joseph Chavoen DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Joseph reported MS is busy with events and training. Working with CDR Allegretti, trying to help Active Duty. For manpower readiness this must be reviewed and approved by AUX and Active Duty Leadership. Upcoming annual training at Station Rio Vista with MEES and new MESAM program. 2 new programs: new UPVE PQS and MESAM.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane reported we should not put out info to public media that has any timing for missions or full numbers for OPFACs. Complimented everyone for getting things going for NSBW and thanked everyone for their NSBW reports. She asked that we try to get photos at NSBW Events with proper info about the photo event. All items should go up our Chain Of Leadership & Management (COLM). If unit leaders go to PA classes, they don't have to be a PA officer but they can help PA officers and write articles.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike reported he has nothing more to add to his report.

Michael Hay DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Michael reported bridges are being worked on and are due by the end of May. Another C-School will be on the base July 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>. Chart updating for individuals - it's important to get updates online to have a current, accurate chart. Doing a lot more PATONs in some areas. Also doing more agricultural PATONs. There are more requests for PATON checks. Also there are more virtual PATONs online. Lots of changes to technology for PATONs.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean was not present. Dale noted some instructor courses will be offered in June.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike reported he had nothing to add to his report.

**DCAPT Response** Chuck Cobery DCAPT – Chuck

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry reported getting a lot of calls about entangled whales around Half Moon Bay, Santa Cruz, etc.

COMO Wally Smith DSO-OP - Rpt on File: Wally reported major additions to the District OPS Page. Lots of good subjects with links. Some changes to the 7030 codes. This is located at the National websites for forms.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Larry reported there was a TCO course. Now have a training manual for HF program. Members found an activated EPIRB.

Nikolay Zherebnenkov DSO-EM – Rpt on File: Nikolay reported he has nothing more to report. He did note that we should make sure members use sunscreen and hydrate while conducting missions. Always do Risk Management (RM) before, during, and after missions.

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

**DCAPT Support & Planning** Randy McCormick DCAPT – Randy thanked the support staff.

Carl Henning DSO-CS – Rpt on File: Carl reported they had some issues with webserver which caused issue for backups. Updated some webpages for OTO. Posted some items for our DCOS.

John-Michael Zimmerle DSO-CA – Rpt on File: John-Michael reported wanting Request For Forces page for CA. Wants some input on this. Offering CA course to help Active Duty – Dates will be out for online and on-the-job training. He also noted we don't want people to do self deploying. CA should do the right paperwork for missions to get orders. Orders are required to serve Active Duty. DSO-CA must vet all CAs for Assignment to Duty.

Pamela Berger DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Pamela reported there are links to AUXDATA II (AD2) reports for Workshops/Core Training, and TCT. There are instructions in her report on how to get these reports for your unit. Share this with flotillas. She's willing to schedule some training.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann reported that TCT, TCO, and OPS Workshops are going. 5 TCT in May are full. We're helping other districts. Mini-D-Train is coming up. C-Schools are going on. Get STTR submitted for the C-Schools. District Training Calendar is coming out.

Winnie Zhou DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Winnie reported that she had participated in a May Town hall meeting and a Zoom Meeting with National discussing the NACO 3 Star Award. Also there was a meeting with Branch Chiefs in Pac Area.

Louis Sarto DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Lou reported we had a productive April with 35 new auxiliarists in 2023. 8 were from AAMS and the rest from flotillas. Now have 1003 members. Putting together a recruiting chart/dashboard to follow how we're converting leads to members.

John Brandenburg DSO-MA - Rpt on File: John was not present.

Roger Bazeley DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Roger reported PB has been busy the last 60 days looking for stories. Looking at reports and pictures. Finished Version 2 for Northwind. Congratulated Jane Smith for attaining PA-1. Trying to develop a good team for photos in our district. Would like to get photos from AUX Air. Looking for materials from Water Safety Fairs. Putting some training into the Northwind.

**Jim Losi – DCOS** (Jim was excused.)

Morgan Swiggett DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Morgan reported we have not received dues invoicing from National but have sent invoicing to divisions and flotillas.

Ricardo Moreno INT REL – Rpt on File: Ricardo was not present.

COMO Michael Williams DSO-SL – Rpt on File: Michael reported he had nothing to add to his report. CA State person still not appointed.

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

**ASC- SF: Sue Fry:** Rpt on File: Sue reported she has nothing to add to her report. Sector Galley is under pressure and under flux. Would like help from Auxiliary CA.

**ASC- Humboldt: Bill Hale:** Rpt on File: Bill reported he received info on the Change Of Command coming up on the 6th of July at Sector Humboldt.

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

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP: Joanna was not present. COMO Han noted he'd talked with Joanna about cancellation of D-Train. Nugget has not responded back yet.

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal was not present.

### **Leadership Reports:**

**DCOS – Jim Losi:** (Jim was excused.)

#### **I. Request for Forces Update**

- **D11 Admin Office: iPERMS last month;** Jim Losi is volunteering temporarily
- **Lots of requests for CA and Interpreter Corp**
- **Cutter Forces** –recent request from CGC TERN, Darcy Kauer volunteered for June 6-12
- **Thanks to CDR Jones for facilitating the screening/clearance process for the Interpreter Corp**
- **OTO/DCOS/DCO will meet to establish effective and proper communications processes between the CG and AUX** – So both AUX and CG units know what the process is to get and provide assistance.

### **DCO – Curtis Han:**

#### **i. Communications – Chain of Leadership & Management (COLM)**

- **Effective communications and use of COLM need to be practiced.** This is important throughout the Auxiliary not just in our district.
- **District to membership deck level; flow of information/reports**
  - o **DCAPTS/DCDRs to Flotilla leadership and members**
    - Copy to sender, to confirm the information has been forwarded
  - o **Auxiliary to Active Duty**
    - AUC/ASCs
    - D11 and Sector Command
      - Senior Leadership/DIRAUX

#### **ii. Maxim Award – deadline extended**

- Deadline for the awards extended from April 30 to May 31

#### **iii. Mini DTRAIN update**

- **Save the Date/Announcement/Registration sent out past two weeks**
  - o 51 registrants within 2-3 days
  - o Please encourage the members
    - B&S – please register also (door prizes)
  - o **Please bring Raffle Items, if still have them**
    - Will be Door Prizes, instead of Raffles
    - Registered members will receive 5 tickets (3 for non-registered)

- Options: immediately following Awards Ceremony or post winners on screen at 1230 (Gresham)
  - **Captains Lam and Baldueza confirmed; Capt. Lam to speak**
    - Awaiting response from D11
    - Jim Losi submitted tour request times to Cutter Forces
      - 1100 & 1300; members to arrive at pier NLT 1050 & 1250
- iv. **Membership/RM Refresher/AUXCT status update**
- **Membership as of 5/17/2023 – 1003**
  - 99 AP; 174 AX
  - 62% AUXCT
  - 3 members need ITRM
  - RM Refresher: 4 expired; 30 expiring within 6 months
    - Thank you. Keep up the great work.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **National Safe Boating Week:** 2023 NSBW plan was provided by Jane Smith. Lots of activities planned for the week and the month. Thank you to everyone for taking part in the events next week and throughout the month of May.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **a. Auxiliary Communication Vehicle (ACV):**

- **Recent quote was provided by Rolling Stock Manager, John Brandenburg, estimating \$5245 for maintenance and repair.**
  - 2019 - \$5121; 2020 - \$3527; 2021 - \$6253; 2022 - \$3883
- **Had conversation about the ACV during the EXCOM Meeting last night, exploring options: Are we using this ACV? Benefits vs Risks?**
  - continue to own the ACV, which is a financial and insurance liability for the District
  - offer the ACV to another Auxiliary District
  - Active Duty units, who may maintain and for their use.
  - D11NR will save several thousand dollars a year between fuel, maintenance, and insurance.
  - Alternative: Comms Trailer

**COMO Han asked Board to think about this over the next month so we can come to a decision.**

**Guy Chism mentioned a new law in NV.** If caught boating or driving under the influence, it impacts individual's driving license.

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

- Congratulated Jane Smith for attaining PA-1 and Bard Mansager for attaining Cutterman Device.
- Jeff Grave became an Air Observer.
- Those who worked on Southwest Border Mission received a Special Operations Ribbon.
- COMO Han thanked everyone for their work.

**Adjourn:** With no further comment or discussion, Tom Witt made a motion to adjourn and Dave Frisbey seconded. Board approved. DCO Han adjourned the meeting at 2046.

**Next Meeting:** June 17, 2023 at 800 PDT, Coast Guard Island

Respectfully Submitted by: Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR

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

DIRAUX:

DIRAUX: BOSN2 Thomas Perez

COMO Curtis Han DCO

Chief of Staff:

DCAPT Prevention: COMO Dale Fajardo

DCAPT Response: Chuck Cobery

DCAPT Support & Planning: Randy McCormick

DCDR 1 – Pete Gorenberg;

DCDR 3 – Don Anderson

DCDR 4 – Eddie Lam;

DCDR 5 – Bob Bain

DCDR 6 – Dave Frisbey;

DCDR 7 – Bill Ross

DCDR 8 – Bill Hale;

DCDR 10 – Thomas Witt

DCDR 11 – Guy Chism;

DCDR 12 – Georgie Scheuerman

P-PCA – Mike Thompson

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AS – John-Michael Zimmerle

DSO-AV – Larry Olson

DSO-CA – John-Michael Zimmerle

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 – 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 –

DSO-PV – Mike Thompson

DSO-SL – COMO Michael Williams

DSO-SR – Georgie Scheuerman

DSO-VE – Mike Lauro

CRC -

ASC SF: Sue Fry

ASC H: Bill Hale

Int Rel –

Guests: Alex Bennett, Paul Custance, John Hardin, Michael Brown, Nancy Marion, N. Slawson