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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
District 11 Northern Region**
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District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 19 July 2023 1900 PDT
Webinar

Call to Order: 1900 hours by DCOS Jim Losi

Roll Call: By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: BOSN2 Thomas Perez; Jim Losi, DCOS; COMO Dean McFarren, IPDCO; COMO Dale Fajardo, DCAPT; Chuck Cobery, DCAPT; Randy McCormick, DCAPT; Pete Gorenberg, DCDR; Don Anderson, DCDR; Eddie Lam, DCDR; Bill Ross, DCDR; Bill Hale, DCDR; Thomas Witt, DCDR; Guy Chism, 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:

- June 2023: Bill Hale made motion to approve. Tom Witt seconded. Minutes approved.

District Board & Staff Reports:

DCDR 1 Pete Gorenberg – Rpt on File: Pete reported on summer activities. DIV 1 OPEX training is coming up with Nancy Marion coordinating this event. Surface OPS continuing with MOM and NS work. Public Education includes BAC, Nav, and BS&S.

DCDR 3 Don Anderson – Rpt on File: Don gave a shout out to Jeff Fite for his work doing paddle craft PE. Don coordinated a 5 day BS&S class for the Sea Cadets. He thanked the instructors. A planned SAREX was scheduled with 27 members signed up, 4 AUX vessels, and one AUX air craft. 3 AUX crafts had to withdraw and they had to cancel the event. It will be rescheduled.

DCDR 4 Eddie Lam – Rpt on File: Eddie reported they continue doing PVs and VSCs. OPS has slowed due to summer vacations. But they do have good mentorship going.

DCDR 5 Bob Bain– Rpt on File: Bob was not present.

DCDR 6 Dave Frisbey – Rpt on File: Dave was excused and Jane Smith (VCDR) reported for Dave. There have been 2 Monterey Bay Helo OPS. Also DIV 6 had a mini OPTREX.

DCDR 7 Bill Ross – Rpt on File: Bill reported that Paul Custance was using a Comms vehicle. He saw a boat in trouble and called for help. Pioneer Day is coming – with a Radio Guard and VSCs. The DIV 7 OPTREX is coming in August.

DCDR 8 Bill Hale – Rpt on File: Bill reported Mendocino is doing Fuel Farm support. Crescent City had a second life jacket giveaway. Redding is doing Kayak events. Goal: Core Training – 2 flotillas are at 100% and another is at 92%.

DCDR 10 Thomas Witt – Rpt on File: Thomas reported getting new membership in. They're working on training for new members. Now looking for Letters Of Intent (LOI) s for elections.

DCDR 11 Guy Chism – Rpt on File: Guy reported the DIV 11 OPTREX will be in August on Lake Tahoe.

DCDR 12 Georgie Scheuerman – Rpt on File: Georgie reported on the 24 June Beach clean Up at Coast Guard Island (CGI) which went very well and had members from several divisions. She also reported on preparations for Elections.

PPCA: Mike Thompson – Rpt on File: Mike was not present. Jim Losi reported on the team preparing for the PCA Fair in September. It will be on 16 & 17 Sept and the AUX Memorial Ceremony will also be conducted on that weekend.

IPDCO: COMO Dean McFarren: COMO McFarren reported that he's working with DIV 7. He noted things are looking good.

DIRAUX: CDR Christina Jones: CDR Jones was excused.

OTO: BOSN2 Thomas Perez: BOSN2 Perez reported the DIRAUX office is now open. Budget: If you have an approved patrol but don't conduct it, you should cancel it in the AUXDATA II (AD2) system. Assignment to Duty should be submitted for missions. He also extended thanks to everyone for our work.

Jim Losi: DSO Reports:

DCAPT Prevention COMO Dale Fajardo DCAPT– Dale noted his appreciation for the work of so many supporting our mini D-Train.

Joseph Chavoen DSO-MS – Rpt on File. Joseph reported MS has been extremely busy. They conducted the annual MS training at Station Rio Vista. Going to do a road trip. In particular will be going to Tahoe in August to help members getting their PQS done. He noted that Jeff Fite and Morgan Swiggett have been doing a great job on a number of items.

Jane Smith DSO-PA - Rpt on File: Jane thanked those who've sent in PA reports. On AUG 5th there will be a Coast Guard celebration in Monterey.

Mike Thompson DSO-PV - Rpt on File: Mike was not present. PV is going well.

Michael Hay DSO-NS - Rpt on File: Michael reported that National is in C-School season for NS. They'll be hosting a C-School in Alameda at end of month on CGI. Bridges are at almost 100 %. PATONS are up to 25%. He feels the SAREX is good for coxswains. He noted that bridge discrepancies we report do show up in the Local Notice To Mariners.

Sean Harvey DSO-PE – Rpt on File: Sean reported there were 12 students in the instructor class. He noted that Bryce Leinan helped with the Nevada System to help people getting Nevada Boater Cards. Sean also recognized Flotilla 5-2 for completing 4 goals in PE.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Rpt on File: Mike asked DCDRs to remind members that the Auxiliary is RBS-Centric and VSC is part of this. 2005 – 2010 had 325 VEs. Currently we have 129 VEs. Mike is concerned that 25% of VEs have not completed the required VE Work Shop. He asked DCDRs to bring up this topic at division meetings.

DCAPT Response Chuck Cobery DCAPT –

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Rpt on File: Larry was excused.

COMO Wally Smith DSO-OP - Rpt on File: Wally reported the season for quals is running short. He noted that we need to make sure we're training to the new quals and using the current check sheets. He noted he's only getting about 50% of division reports. Check Rides: Let Wally know when a member has a successful check ride.

Larry Stanton DSO-CM - Rpt on File: Larry thanked Alan Stanton for his instructor work. He also recognized other members for their work.

Nikolay Zherebnekov DSO-EM – Rpt on File: Nikolay was excused. Bryce Leinan reported on the Everbridge drill on Monday. We had a 77.1% report ratio. He extended a BZ to those who responded. Reports will be sent to DCDRs. Many members have phone numbers and emails in AD2 that are not good. He also mentioned a report on geo-locating AUX facilities. We need to make sure Lat & Lo for facilities is on file.

John-Michael Zimmerle DSO-AS –Rpt on File: John-Michael reported if you're going to be working with Sea Scouts, you need to complete the required training.

DCAPT Support & Planning Randy McCormick DCAPT –

Carl Henning DSO-CS – Rpt not on File: Carl reported helping Communications for Flotilla 1-9.

John-Michael Zimmerle DSO-CA – Rpt on File: John-Michael reported looking for more CA candidates. They have both on line and in person training. The Coast Guard is tasking us for direct support, especially on cutters. There's an ongoing need at Sector San Francisco.

Pamela Berger DSO-IS - Rpt on File: Pamela reported that the deadline for the required Work Shops (WS) has past. Those who haven't completed them are now in REYR. They must complete the WS, get it recorded in AD2, and request DIRAUX to remove the REYR. AUX10 class just completed in June. We had members from D11 in the class. Encouraged members to sign up. There will be another AUX10 in September.

Ann Zocchi DSO-MT – Rpt on File: Ann thanked the instructors for our mini D-Train. There are some additional classes on line on the District Calendar.

Winnie Zhou DSO-DV – Rpt on File: Winnie reported there was nothing in particular to report this month. But she is helping with the 3 Star NACO Award applications.

Louis Sarto DSO-HR – Rpt on File: Lou was excused. We have a net gain of 19 members. We're working on a new data base which is tracking new members coming into our District.

John Brandenburg DSO-MA - Rpt on File: John was not present. Randy noted that he's working on some trailers. Also revisiting the status of the Auxiliary Communication Vehicle (ACV).

Roger Bazeley DSO-PB – Rpt on File: Roger reported he's available to teach a course at PCA in September. Currently working on Northwind Q3 stories.

Jim Losi - DCOS

Morgan Swiggett DSO-FN – Rpt on File: Morgan reported National dues have been received and sent to National. We're current for Q1 and Q2.

Ricardo Moreno INT REL – Rpt on File: Ricardo was excused. A lot of work is going on. Currently working to get some members pre-approved for Interpreter.

COMO Michael Williams DSO-SL – Michael reported he had nothing in particular to report this month.

Georgie Scheuerman DSO-SR – Minutes in. Georgie noted she had nothing to report. But she did mention a New Form that will be used for Meeting Minutes at all levels in the Auxiliary.

ASC- SF: Sue Fry: Rpt on File: Sue reported she had nothing to add to her report. For the 27th July Family Day at Sector they've asked for some support. There's some CA support. But still could use some more help for this.

ASC- Humboldt: Bill Hale: Rpt on File: Bill reported Sector Humboldt had their Change Of Command. Captain Powers is now in place. He's very supportive of the Auxiliary. He will be going out to the Fuel Farm to see what the condition is there.

DCO Han: DSO Reports:

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

Neal Nevesny - Civil Rights – Neal not present.

Leadership Reports:

DCOS – Jim Losi:

- i. **D11 Request for Forces Update:** Latest request for CA on Cutter is supported.
- ii. **Mini D-Train debrief:** Did a survey. Members liked the mini D-Train. Members really liked the Cutter tours. Overall good response. Everyone liked the K Cup.
- iii. **Vetting new members:** Jim noted that on a recent patrol he discovered that 2 people may not have been properly vetted for their desired roles in the AUX boat crew.

DCO – Curtis Han:

- i. **Membership/RM Refresher/AUXCT status update**
 1. 1003 members as of 7/19/23
 - a. 103 in AP status
 - b. 61 in IQ status
 2. 5 members need completion of ITRM for their certification requirement (VE, IT, TCO, etc.)
 3. RM Refresher – 10 members expired
 4. AUXCT – 62% completion rate; National average is 67%. Two methods of completion—Auxiliary Classroom (Moodle) or Instructor-led
- ii. **DCAPT election/nomination update**
 1. The deadline for the email/letter of intent to run for DCAPT for 2024 was 7/17/23. Nomination is closed. Nomination from the floor is permitted, but requires vetting of the candidate eligibility prior to the day of election.
 2. DCAPT candidates submitted are:
 - a. COMO Dale Fajardo (2nd term)
 - b. Bill Hale (Division 8)
 - c. Michael Brown (Division 4)
 - d. Lew Derfuss (Division 5)
- iii. **Division & Flotilla Elections**
 1. Division and Flotilla elections are also coming around the corner. Please make sure to adhere to the election guidelines and procedures set forth by the Auxiliary Manual. Hopefully, you have identified prospect candidates. Please continue to identify and prepare prospect elected leaders for the following year. Succession planning should begin at the beginning of the year, rather than closer to the times of the election.
 2. Please be sure to notify the Division Commanders and/or District Captains for Flotilla and Division elections respectively.
 3. Also please forward the election results up the Chain of Leadership, so we can invite them to the Elected Officers Training
- iv. **Coast Guard Day @ 8/4**
 1. Base Alameda CO, Captain Leverich sent out an email inviting all to the Coast Guard Day event at CGI. Tickets are available at the base.

- v. **National RFF initiative – COMO Dean McFarren spoke on this.** He thanked Sue Fry and Jim Losi for focusing us on RBS. Also important is Our Co-direction (RFF): ADM Penoyer started this in D11 in 2020. Coast Guard (CG) needs people for both enlisted ranks and officers. So there's a gap today in the CG and we are being asked to help fill the gap across the entire country. Now working on this at the National Level. Our efforts here are working well and several other districts are also using good systems to fill the need. Want to get a process working at the National Level. This is important to the CG. Likely will be online in 2024. More to come.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Auxiliary Communication Vehicle

- vi. At the May B&S meeting, we discussed options regarding the ACV. Annual expenses are incurred in just maintaining the facility. Larry Stanton had contacts with Active Duty units who had an interest in taking over the ACV, including maintenance and repair, plus a benefit of using the facility as needed.
- vii. Jim Losi also brought it up at his ASOC class at the Academy, and there were a few interested parties, specifically COMO Pete Scarmado.
- viii. Other alternate option is to continue to maintain.
- ix. Another option is to transfer the ACV to another organization and use another Comms Trailer we can tow.
- x. Some discussion took place. Randy McCormick made motion to transfer the ACV to another district but we should keep the important equipment that would still be useful to us. Bill Hale seconded. COMO McFarren asked that we be fully informed about what we will keep and this info brought to EXCOM and then brought back to the Board for a vote. Further discussion showed some Board members needed more information. EXCOM will get info to the board for a decision next month. **Motion was tabled until next meeting when we have more information on each option before we consider any option.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **PCA/AUX Memorial:** DIRAUX YN Mike Thomas wants the list of who will attend & who needs orders.
- b. **Bryce Leinan asked about a finance item for equipment. COMO Han said this will be discussed at EXCOM and put on the next agenda.**

For the Good of the Auxiliary:

- No items.

Adjourn: With no further comment or discussion, COMO Dale Fajardo made a motion to adjourn and Jim Losi seconded. Board approved. DCOS Losi adjourned the meeting at 2117.

Next Meeting: August 23, 2023 at 1900 PDT, Webinar

Respectfully Submitted by: Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR

ADDENDUM A: District Board, Staff Officers and Guests Present

DIRAUX:

DIRAUX: BOSN2 Thomas Perez

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 – Pete Gorenberg;

DCDR 3 – Don Anderson

DCDR 4 – Eddie Lam;

DCDR 5 –

DCDR 6 – ;

DCDR 7 – Bill Ross

DCDR 8 – Bill Hale;

DCDR 10 – Thomas Witt

DCDR 11 – Guy Chism;

DCDR 12 – Georgie Scheuerman

P-PCA –

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AS – John-Michael Zimmerle

DSO-AV –

DSO-CA – John-Michael Zimmerle

DSO-CM – Larry Stanton

DSO-CS – Carl Henning

DSO-DV – Winnie Zhou

DSO-EM –

DSO-FN – Morgan Swiggett

DSO-HR –

DSO-IS – Pamela Berger

DSO-LP –

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 – Roger Bazeley

DSO-PE – Sean Harvey

DSO-PV –

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: COMO Mary Kirkwood, Bryce Leinan, Jim Duncan, John Hardin, Neil Slawson, plus 5 other members online