

Rod Collins Commodore
District 11 North Region
United States Coast G Auxiliary
United States Coast Guard Date: 16, Jan. 2013

HIGHLIGHTS

1. COW's
2. Northwind Article
3. OC/OIC Conference
4. N-Train
5. D-Train
6. Board and Staff Report Review
7. ASOC

DETAILS

1. During December and January I attended the majority of COW's throughout the District. I especially want to thank all the fine folks that did so much work on their COW's. It truly was inspiring to meet so many people that I have not met before and see some of our outer areas.
2. Wrote an article for the inaugural issue of the Northwind 2013 issue and thank Past DCAPT Curtis Han for his new position as DSO-PB.
3. Attended an all-day conference at the Ferry Building in San Francisco that was hosted by Captain Stowe and Sector and involved all the station and small boat officers in charge or commanding officers. Commodore Connell and I were the only attendees from the Auxiliary and the meeting was primarily dealing with issues that regular Coast Guard personnel have as well as a section that allowed us to talk about Auxiliary support.
4. Preparing to depart for St. Louis to attend N-Train from January 23rd through the 27th.
5. Working with several different Auxiliary members as well as past DCAPT Mary Kirkwood on preparing for D-Train. In addition I am doing some research as to having a silent auction as well as developing an award for outside organization that would be presented at the awards banquet.
6. I read and reviewed all submitted reports by all the DSO's, Division Commanders, and District Captains. I am amazed at the number of events already taking place in the district and great plans outlined by several of these leaders. I will note that as per the Commodores instructions it is **highly desired [required]** that all reports be submitted one week before the Board and Staff meetings. Especially on my perspective, I have to wait and write my report at the last minute while I wait until all the reports have been input.
7. I have been enrolled in the ASOC program, which is a two year course put on by National for Chiefs of Staff throughout the country. There have been two assignments thus far that have lengthy requirements, both of which I have completed. The first live class will be at N-Train and in May 2013 there will be a one week module for the class at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Ct.

Goals:

To continue to build on the foundations set last year on various programs and to be available for support to anyone in our district.

With kind regards,

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