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District 11 Northern Region**

*Serving Northern California, Nevada, Utah*



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TO: COMO Dean McFarren

CC: DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF  
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FROM: Jim Losi, DSO-HR

RE: **PCA - JUN/JUL 2021**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Member(s) who passed over the bar in 2021:
  - a. [Dan Stora Swett](#) on 14 JAN 2021, Flotilla 113-01-05
  - b. [Jim Dale Blackburn](#) on 7 FEB 2021, Flotilla 113-05-07
  - c. [Lex Byers](#) on 11 FEB 2021, Flotilla 113-01-04
  - d. [K. Sterling Hansen](#) on 5 FEB 2021, Flotilla 113-07-06/Retired 31 DEC 1997
  - e. [Shirley Carmichael Jackson](#) on 7 MAR 2021, Flotilla 113-06-04
  - f. [Hannelore S. Maddox](#) on 18 MAR 2021, Flotilla 113-08-39
  - g. [James Adrian Dragon](#) on 15 April 2021, Flotilla 113-01-07
  - h. [Peter Charles Todebush](#) on 14 June 2021, Flotilla 113-12-91
  - i. [Kenneth Frank Braun](#) (DOD Unknown as of now, however, it was in the calendar year 2014 just never reported)
2. Have begun the design of a temporary display of Aux member names who have crossed the bar in 2019, 2020, and 2021. This temporary display will be available for 19 SEP Aux Memorial Service at CGI.
3. Have begun to interview bronze plaque vendors who will potentially redo the entire Memorial with bronze plaques, a less expensive alternative to the engraving on granite.
4. Planning is in full swing for the Sep PCA Fair with Michelle Thompson planning and organizing a robust two days of training. Georgie Scheuerman has volunteered to lead the design and execution of the Sunday Memorial Service.

### **Projects**

- Planning for September Memorial Presentation

- Affixing of member names on the Memorial
- Updating D11NR Website

### **Future Activities**

- Planning for November Memorial Presentation
- Affixing of member names on the Memorial

### **Challenges**

- Creating a sensible and cost-effective plan for affixing of member names on the Memorial
- Planning for a Fall PCA Fair in a COVID or Post COVID environment

### **Goals and Objectives**

- Create world-class leadership training for D11 members
- Bring the Memorial up to date with member names

**Figure 1 – To be read aloud during May District meeting**

Moment of Silence – James Adrian Dragon,  
i. Flotilla 113-01-07

Let us all as we go forth in our various roles in the District 11 North Auxiliary remembering what our departed members have given us and let us in our own way carry on in uplifting the ideals of our organization in their honor.

Though our best words only approximate the grandeur of their living, the testimony of their dreams, the commitments and ideas will live on in our memories and in our hearts. As long as the Auxiliary lives on, they too will live on. Our love and respect for them will never die and they will always be remembered in our hearts.

Another tear will fall the next time we toll the boats as we notice the empty seat where James Adrian Dragon once sat. But he reminds us that:

I am alive in your memories and dreams when you sleep,  
I will greet you at sunset and with the moon's evening smile,  
I will light your path home every last lonely mile,  
My friends, have no fear, my work was done well,  
In this life I broke the waves and rode the swell,  
I found faith in those that I called my crew.

It is with honor and dignity that we come together during this Wednesday evening and our monthly District meeting to remember our fellow Auxiliarists who have left us during this past year. Let us pause for a moment of silent meditation and remember James in our own special way.

## **Figure 2 - Read aloud during April District meeting**

Moment of Silence - Hannelore Maddox

Words cannot express the tremendous grief our District is experiencing over the loss of Hannelore Maddox this past month. As an Auxiliary community, we are stunned. We mourn the loss of Hannelore, and our deepest sympathies go out to Mike, the Maddox family and their many friends.

**"Crossing the bar"** refers to the death of a mariner. The phrase has its origin in the fact that most rivers and bays develop a sandbar across their entrances, and **"crossing the bar' meant** leaving the safety of the harbor for the unknown."

However, Hannelore's many contributions and memory to all of us in District 11 will remain forever known and remembered. Her voice will forever be remembered as that source of clarity and direction. She selflessly served the members of Division 8 as the voice of comms during the many Antlers OPTREXs over the years as well as serving as a symbol of service to the District. She was symbolic of our core values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. She was what it meant to be an Auxiliairst.

Let us pause for a moment of silent meditation and remember Hannelore in our own special way.

### **Figure 3 – Read aloud during April District meeting**

Our District is experiencing grief over the loss of Peter Charles Todebush who crossed the bar just a few days ago. It is during difficult times like this that our District 11 North Auxiliary community comes together. We mourn the loss of Peter, and our deepest sympathies go out to the Todebush family and their many friends.

Our feelings connect us in inexplicable, yet profound ways. The people we feel strongly about become a part of us, fastened to our hearts. Our memories, thoughts, and emotions are eternally marked by them. This is something that death cannot take from us.

Peter was an aviator and an ardent supporter of our District-wide communications program and apparatus. However, his first love was flying, especially when it came to the Auxiliary. When I first met Peter in 2013 and asked about his Auxiliary interests, he immediately spoke about flying. I remember his quote vividly which I share with you now. “When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.” Peter was quoting Leonardo DaVinci. The quote was printed in his notebook that he carried on his person.

During one of our many conversations, I referred to Peter as a pilot. His retort was swift and as follows: I paraphrase... “Let’s get one thing straight. There’s a big difference between a pilot and an aviator. One is a technician; the other is an artist in love with flight.”

Let us pause for a moment of silent meditation and remember Peter in our own special and private way.