



**Date:** September 2021  
**From:** Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs  
**Thru:** Alan Stanton, DCAPT- Prevention  
**To:** Commodore Dean McFarren  
**Subject:** Activities from August 2021

## **Doug Manifold – Deputy ADSO – PA**

### **From the Deputy's Corner:**

Sadly, the plans to hold an AUX-12 Public Affairs Training program in Orlando, Florida, in August, prior to NACON were cancelled due to COVID. We are proud to report that two members of D11NR were approved to attend this great training event. The AUXPA-12 organizers and staff are hopeful that there will be another opportunity to hold a class soon. In the meantime, everyone is encouraged to make use of the great online resources to research and review the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary Public Affairs policies and procedures.

And, if you, or anyone you know is interested in Public Affairs Staff Officer training and a PA staff officer assignment you should work on completing AUX 20, 22,23, 26, and the ICS 100 programs online.

As always, those Members who do attend the AUX-12 program are strongly expected to complete the PA 3 Specialist certification program within one (1) year of competing the AUX-12 program.

Social Media - As the use of Social Media (SM) expands, the National Leadership has recognized that not everything being posted on Auxiliary SM sites meets the Coast Guard and/or Auxiliary SM policies and rules. The National Leadership has suggested that all SM postings be vetted by flotilla, division and district leadership and the DSO-PA prior to being posted. In keeping with the D11NR policy, all proposed articles, which does include SM postings, are to be reviewed and approved by the COLM and DIRAUX, prior to being released, and in recognition of the need for timely posting of SM information, a 24 to 48-hour review process is imperative. It is recognized that this will require flotilla, division and district leadership to develop systems that support their member's use of SM.

As District Commodores are ultimately responsible for what is posted on the SM sites within their District, it will ultimately fall on Commodores to always assure compliance with Coast Guard and Auxiliary SM policies, with the assistance and input of Division and Flotilla Commanders, their respective PAOs, and the DSO-PA.

District 11NR Division Commanders are expected to include a report of ongoing Social Media (SM) activities in the Flotillas in their AOR and in their Divisions, in their monthly reports to the District Leadership. The District Leadership has expressed strong interest in all Social Media activity. Division Commanders are expected to report any Division or Flotilla Facebook, or other Social Media activity to the District Leadership monthly report. If there is no SM activity in your Division, report “No SM activity in the Division.” This tells the Leadership that Division Commanders are following the SM process and that there is no SM activity in their AOR.

**D11N PA Qualifications**

**PA - 1:** Roger Bazeley, Vladimir Bukhankov, Jerry Edelen, Doug Manifold, John-Michael Zimmerle

**PA – 2:** Jane D. Smith

**PA - 3:** Bernard Brown, Jimmin Chang, Gail Giacomini, Michael Goldberg, Steven Hill, Jim Losi, Michael Mitchell, Bob Schabert, Wally Smith, & Winnie Zhou

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**Division 1 – Tiffany Townsend – SO-PA**

Nothing to report

**Division 1 – Roger Bazeley – ADSO-PA (Photography)**

Nothing to report about members

**Division 3 – Rich Celia – SO-PA**

No report submitted

**Division 4 –**

No Report Submitted

**Division 5 – Jim Matthies – FSO-PA -Flt 55**

Coast Guard Day Celebration at Petaluma

TRACEN 2021

Includes Classic Car Show and Corn Hole Competition

On August 6th Flotilla 55 participated in Coast Guard Day at TRACEN Petaluma. The event was held from 1100 – 1500 hrs.

What a really nice event the Coast Guard put on for their personnel and their families. It was a 50th Anniversary

Celebration at TRACEN and these Coasties really know how to have a good time.

Activities included a really cool classic car show. Lots of game booths, a climbing wall, trampolines, a corn hole competition, good food, drinks, and a classic rock band to go with the classic car show.



### Tommy Nguyen Flotilla 55

Flotilla 55 PA booth was filled with usual boater safety information, educational games and coloring books for the children, a marlin spike station, which was well used by old and new Coasties alike. Coxswain Wil Sumner brought his 17 ft. Facility Sea Scum fully fitted with her operations gear and PPE aboard. The booth was staffed by Flotilla 55 members Thomas Nguyen, also a full-time guard on the base, and James Matthies.

There were also AUX Chefs from D11NR there working in the cafeteria cooking lunch for the Coast Guard. Aux Chef, Gary Murray, from Flotilla 55 came by our PA booth to say hello and check out all the outside activities.



Classic Car Show getting started  
competition was a big hit!

Corn toss

## **Division 6 – Michael Goldberg – FSO-PA – Flt 67**

### **Division 6 Coast Guard Birthday Party BBQ Held on August 07, 2021 At Station Monterey**

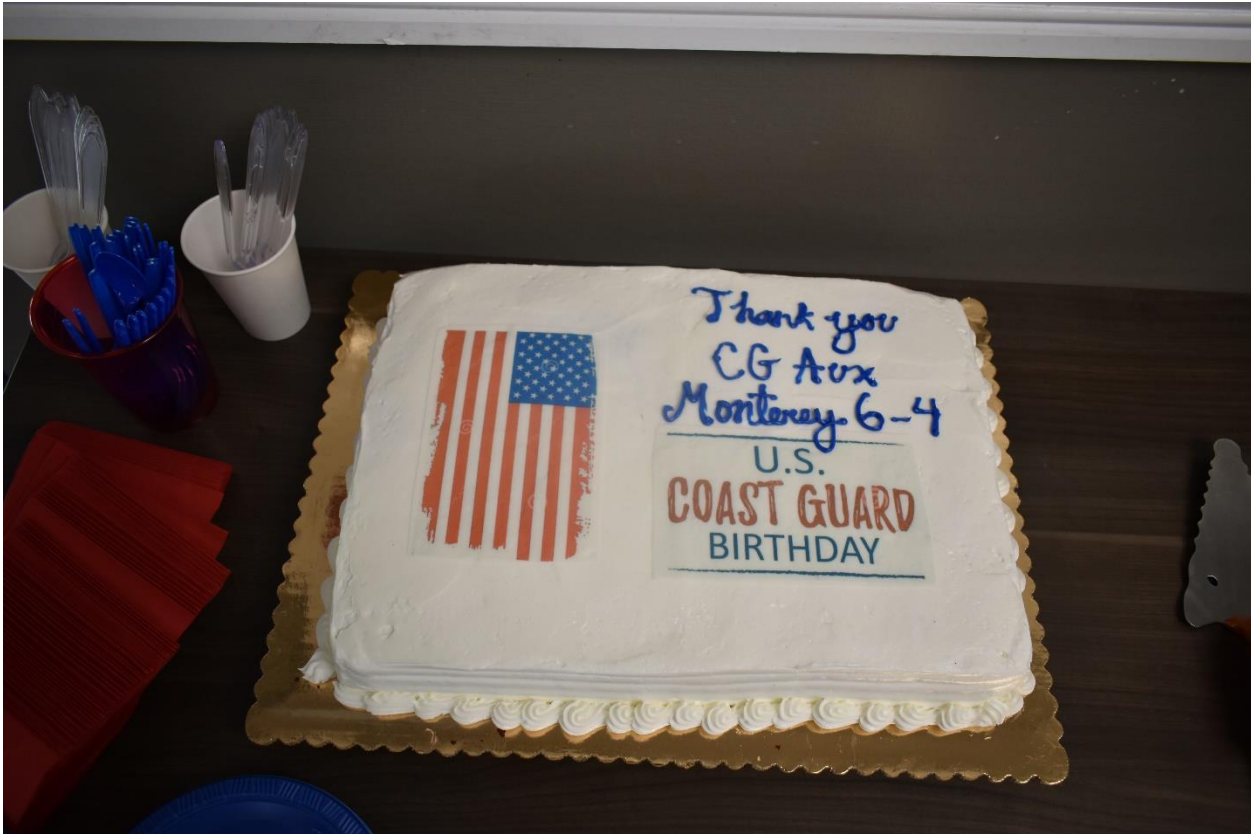
On August 07, 2021, a BBQ was held at Coast Guard Station Monterey to celebrate the 231st birthday of the US Coast Guard. The party was hosted by Monterey Flotilla 06-04 with help from the Santa Cruz flotillas. Active duty and their families along with Auxiliarists had an incredible meal supervised by Bobbi Kamil with Mark McLaughlin doing the grilling of the main course meats. Lots of work was done by all Auxiliarist involved with all aspects of setup meal preparation, decorations and setup. There were fun games and a jump house for the kids. The turnout of station personal was good. Fun and fellowship was had by all.



*AUXILIARISTS HUSKING CORN*



*CRAIG JOHNSON, MARK MCLAUGHLIN, JERRY EDELEN PREPARING BAKED POTATOES*



COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY CAKE



*DIVISION 6 AUXILIARISTS PREPARING FOOD FOR BBQ*



*PICTURED COOKIES OF CG BOAT AND HELO*





*JUMP HOUSE FOR THE KIDS*



*MARK MCLAUGHLIN BBQ PIT MASTER*



*BBQING SUPERVISION AS MARK MCLAUGHLIN CONTINUES COOKING*



*WITH BACK TURNED TO CAMERA, CULINARY ASSISTANT LEAD, BOBBIE KAMIL WITH BBQ SAUSAGE VARIETY ON THE COUNTER*



*JERRY EDELEN AND NANCY COBERY SERVING GREAT FOOD*



*COASTIES AND FAMILIES WAITING IN LINE FOR GREAT FOOD*



*TEAM COAST GUARD ENJOYING A GREAT MEAL TOGETHER OUTDOORS*

**Division 7 – Lana Visser – SO-PA & PB**

No Report Submitted

**Division 8 – Dorothy DeLope – FSO-PA – Flotilla 88**

No Report Submitted

**Division 10 – Rebecca O’Brian-Witt- SO – PA**

Nothing to Report

**Division 11 – Bill Stolz – SO - PA**

Nothing to Report

**Division 12 – Jim Losi – PCA President, DSO-HR & PCA Pres.**

Day:                      **Sunday**

Date: **29 AUG 2021**

Patrol Number: PO-247143

Patrol Mission: PATON Patrol

Crew(s) (8): **OPFAC SERVANT**

Jim Losi - Coxswain

Greg Olsen – Coxswain in Training

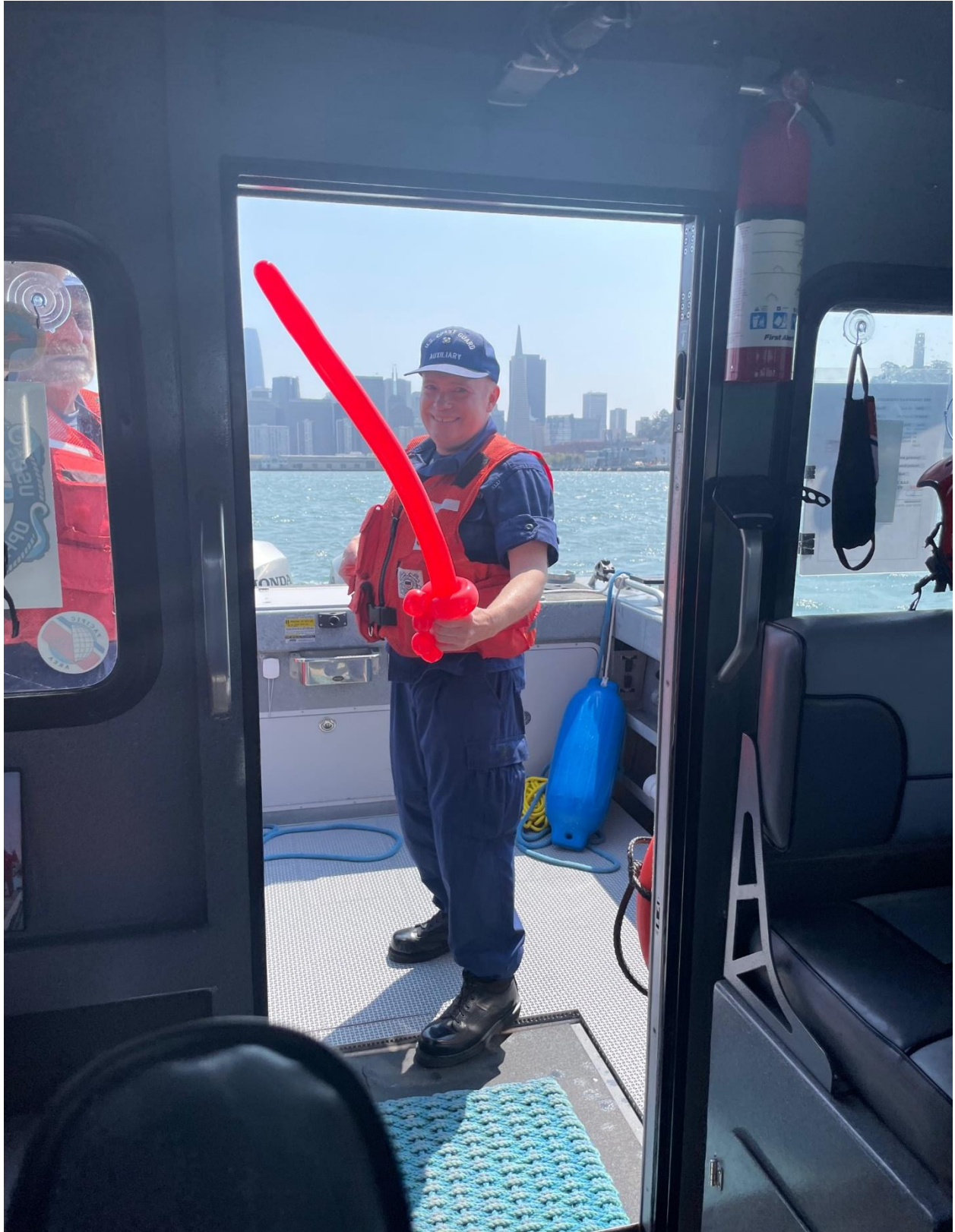
Rob Firehock– Boat Crew

Alex Bennett – Boat Crew

This is a very brief after-action review and/or evaluation of the above-mentioned patrol.

1. This patrol involved a Kite Surfer Safety Patrol for the support of Station Golden Gate – STAGG.
2. After our Pre-Underway Patrol Briefing, the crew of SERVANT prepared to get underway and made our way over to the St. Francis Yacht Club to collect Alex Bennett. On our way over to St Francis Yacht Greg Olsen spotted some debris in the water which ended up being a balloon mad into the shape of a sword. We then made our way over to STAGG for a short visit and check in with OOD Gerry Eaton and BM1 Duffy.
3. This patrol represented the very first patrol Rob Firehock, a member of Flotilla 12-01 served aboard OPFAC SERVANT. Each new person aboard OPFAC SERVANT receives a small gift of appreciation. Rob received the much-coveted KRAKEN water bottle.
4. The sea state was pretty rough with sea swells of from 4' to 5' and wind gusts up to 15 knots.
5. We rescued a person on a wing foil who had lost his wing 1 mile west of Alcatraz. We spotted the PIW and recovered in less than 30 minutes. Greg Olsen spotted the PIW in less than a minute after the SAR call came in. Remarkable!
6. We covered approximately 32 NMs during the patrol.





**GREG OLSEN OF FLOTILLA 12-91 SPOTTED A RED OBJECT IN THE WATER WHICH WE RETRIEVED. IT WAS A BALLOON IN THE SHAPE OF A SWORD**



**ROB FIREHOCK OF FLOTILLA 12-01 TRYING ON FOR FIT ONE OF OUR SAFETY HELMETS ON BOARD DURING OUR PRE UNDERWAY BRIEFING.**



**GREG OLSEN CONDUCTING OUR PRE UNDERWAY BRIEFING WITH ROB FIREHOCK LOOKING ON ATTENTIVELY.**



**ALEX BENNETT OF FLOTILLA 01-04 WITH ROB FIREHOCK AND GREG OLSEN UNDERWAY MAKING WAY TO STAGG.**



**THE FACE OF THE KITE SURFER SAYS IT ALL. HE WAS SO APPRECIATIVE OF THE RESCUE. WE FELT PRETTY GOOD AS WELL...**



**THIS VIEW NEVER GETS OLD. A STERN SHOT RTB ABOARD OPFAC**

**SERVANT IN THE OAKLAND ESTUARY.**

**Very respectfully submitted,  
Jane D. Smith,  
District Staff Officer - Public Affairs**