



**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
Flotilla 11-08 1st District Northern
USCG Station Cape Cod Canal
1 Coast Guard Rd, Sandwich, MA**

Start Time: 1900 hrs. (Zoom)

Uniform: Trops

MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 16, 2023

- Meeting Call to order at 1900.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by FC.
- Moment of Silence for those that have crossed the bar and those currently serving
- Welcome New Members: None
- Introduction of Guest(s): None
- Roll Call – Present: FC, VFC, IPFC, CM, DV, HR, FN, IS, MA, MT, PA, PB, PV, SR, and VE
- Absent: CS (vacant), FN, MS, OP, PE, NS (vacant)

I. A quorum was present at the meeting. A motion was made to accept the November meeting minutes, as disseminated, and seconded. Motion carried.

II. FSO Reports:

DV: COMO Belmore – COMO Belmore referenced the email about Poverty in America that was sent out, as well as MLK Day. There are many individuals that are impoverished and empathy should be shown to those struggling.

FN: Peter Garland – Not present; FC read his report for December. Starting balance was \$8042.44 and the ending was \$7,948,75. The annual audit will be at the Cape Office. COMO Belmore, FC, FSO-FN, T. Broderick and COMO LeBlanc will review the books and bank statements to reconcile the year.

HR: Bob Braunstein – The Flotilla currently has forty members on the official roster. One referral was received from National. Mr. Braunstein thanked the FSO-MT for sending the new member info to the prospective member.

IS: Deb Bryant – Reminder for the AUXCA staff that the new mission codes went into effect on January 1. Required workshops for VE's and CA workshops are available. They need to be completed by June 30, 2023. COMO Belmore advised that Instructors are not required to complete a workshop this year, per ALAUX 002/23, but it is advised to complete. Self-Attestation forms need to be submitted to the Cape Office to avoid going into REYR. Do not send to the FSO-IS or FSO-VE as they cannot input to AUXDATA.

OP and PE: Neal O'Brien - Not present; no report.

PA: Kevin Harris – Email has been sent to ACOE, Sam Gray, to see how we can assist at the visitor center this year. They have many volunteer opportunities available. She has been very supportive of the Flotilla, so we would like to support their endeavors, as well.

This could be a great opportunity for recruitment.

Supplies have been ordered and many delivered. We have received 110 VSC stickers, so let's use them all this year.

- MA and CM: Will Plikaitis – Supplies have been ordered for VEs, PV and PA. Will be reaching out to Joe Bernini, SO-CM and hopes to be able to provide some COMM training this year.
- MS: Cindy Olive – Not Present/Nothing to report.
- VE: Paul Michael Ross – Received an email from DSO-VE, Roy Jerman. New ANSC 7012s and 7012a's are available but hold off on ordering. Reminder to complete the VE workshop and review the uniform guidelines that were sent out.
- VFC and MT: Pat Logan – Training calendar being worked on for the year. What do members want for classes? We tabled this until the end of the meeting, but came up with:
 - Emergency Management and ICS courses (100, 200, 300, 400, 700)
 - Core Training (in-person) BQC 2, and possibly TCT
 - Operational Safety
 - Condensed Boat America Course
 - Communications (radio and how to speak to the public)
 - Boating and Cold Weather First Aid
 - Aviation overview
 - HAZMAT
 - AUXPAD Ashore (free ACA course is online)
 - Culinary
 - Knot Tying (FSO-MS)
 - Tabletop Exercises (need a committee)

There are no dates yet for S-Train or D-Train. Patrick would also like to see more involvement in Instructors. If interested in becoming an Instructor, talk to Patrick or Neal Obrien.

- PB and PV: Tom Broderick – Tom intends to put out a monthly, one-two page newsletter. Quarterly newsletters will be longer, but as with our other endeavors, he would like to see suggestions and/or pictures from members. What do you want to read? Materials for PV have been ordered and received. The Flotilla could use more Program Visitors; we currently have two. If interested, let Tom know. This is a great addition to VE qualifications.

III. Awards:

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to those showing outstanding commitment within the Flotilla and to the Facilities Engineers at Air Station Cape Cod in 2022. Awardees were: Pat McNamara, Paul Llanos, Bob and Natalie Braunstein, Tom Broderick and Neal OBrien and Peter Garland. Certificates were also presented to Will Plikaitis for his time as FSO-PB and Tom Broderick as FSO-PA. The awards were mailed to members. Kudos went out to those volunteering over 500 hours in 2022: COMO Belmore, Pat McNamara, Deb Bryant, Natalie Braunstein and Tom Broderick.

IV. New Business:

We would like to set a day in late April or early May to bring supplies that have been received and the trailer to the Cape Office parking lot. This is for all VEs, PVs, and PA members, but everyone interested is welcome to join in. We will sort the brochures, pamphlets and straighten out the trailer.

Pat McNamara reminded of the Military Awards night in Hyannis on January 28. Steve Wagner, the Division SO-NS will be receiving an award. Pat also mentioned the Great Day for the Gateway, Aviation weekend scheduled for September 22 and 23. The Flotilla will be setting up a tent for PA and recruiting. Anyone interested should contact FSO-PA Kevin Harris or ADSO-AVT Pat McNamara.

COMO Belmore will be out of the country from February 19 through March 31. Her contact will be limited.

Natalie inquired as to this year's August Flotilla outing. The USCG Heritage Museum was the number two pick last summer, so we can consider going there, or possibly to Ned's Point Lighthouse in Mattapoissett. Flotilla 6-3 adopted the lighthouse and provides tours on weekends. Other suggestions are welcome; we have plenty of time for planning.

V. Old Business: None

VI. For Good and Welfare: Motion to adjourn at 1950 hours by Bob Braunstein and seconded by COMO LeBlanc.

ATTENDEES:

COMO Belmore, R. Braunstein, SN Braunstein, T. Broderick, D. Bryant, K. Harris, COMO LeBlanc, T. LeBlanc, P. Logan, P. McNamara, R. Olsen, M. Pell, W. Plikaitis, R. Rantayo, PM Ross and M. Sandorse.

ADJOURNED AT 1950 hours
Next Meeting February 20, 2023

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Submitted by Deb Bryant
FC, FSO-IS and FSO-SR

