



**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 NOVEMBER 21, 2022

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

- I. A quorum was present at the meeting. A motion was made to accept the October meeting minutes, as disseminated, and seconded. Motion carried.
- II. Swear in new member: Ryan Rantayo
Ryan introduced himself. He is attending college in New York, but Sandwich is his home. He was welcomed to the Flotilla.
- III. FSO Reports:

DV: COMO Belmore – No updates on Diversity, but a reminder for Change of Watch (COW) on December 6. Cutoff for reservations/payments is November 27. She also advised that new programs with PQS requirements are being developed. The first is for Cuttermen. This will take about 10 years to complete at 52 hours annually onboard a USCG Cutter. A total of 520 hours is required. The AUXCA positions are being recognized. Members in the District that hold an AUXCA-1 or 2 position were sent badges to be worn on Trops. Congratulations to our chefs, Bob and Natalie Braunstein. There will be a presentation of a 50 year plaque to resident chaplain, Warren Washburn. COMO Belmore will be presenting the award.

- FN: Peter Garland –
For October, there were no incoming funds and an outstanding check to NMLC. The check was sent to their street address, and ultimately returned to Boston, who returned to the FC. The check was resent to their PO Box and they confirmed receipt. The closing October balance is \$7,912.44 that includes the outstanding check. A check for partial year dues of \$28.00 was received, as well. Still coordinating transfer to another bank as Bank of America is declining any of these types of accounts now.
- HR: Bob Braunstein – not present, report: the Flotilla currently has forty members on the official roster. Bob has been in touch with two prospects, and they are reviewing the material he has sent them. He is working with one other prospect from a National referral.

- IS: Deb Bryant – No updates, but the REYR report was sent out to those impacted. One member was able to take Core Training classes with Patrick and Neal and is no longer in REYR. Training reports will be sent before the end of November.
- OP and PE: Neal O'Brien - Not present; no report.
- PA: Tom Broderick – Not present; no report.
- MA and PB: Will Plikaitis – Not Present; no report.
- MS: Cindy Olive – No updates.
- VE & PV: Paul Michael Ross – The Flotilla has conducted 92 VSCs and 37 PVs for 2022.
- VFC and MT: Pat Logan - not present but was able to instruct Core Training with Neal O'Brien on November 13th for three members. Training was held at the Station. Patrick anticipates holding more of these types of sessions after Flotilla meetings in an effort to keep everyone current.

IV. Awards:

Auxiliary Membership Service Awards – Patrick McNamara 10/24/2022
 Natalie Braunstein 11/2/2022
 Gene Mulligan 11/5/2022

Awards were mailed to members.

V. New Business:

- Requirements for appointed officers for training. Emails sent to those impacted (FEMA courses)
- Looking for volunteers for an Audit Committee and a Budget Committee. The Audit Committee will meet in January to reconcile the books for the year. The Budget Committee will review monies spent in various categories in 2022 and make a recommendation.
- Pat McNamara advised that Wreaths Across America is seeking volunteers to lay wreaths at the National Cemetery on December 17. Dress warmly. They are hoping to lay 25,000 wreaths.

VI. Old Business:

- Reminder that we are collecting food/snack items for the active duty staff at the Station. We have three large bags that will be delivered during Thanksgiving week. We will collect items through the Holiday dinner and a second delivery will be made.
- Holiday Gathering – Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 1800 for dinner, games, Ugly Sweater contest and a Yankee swap at Lindsey's Restaurant. A suggested \$10.00 limit on gifts for the swap. Family and friends are welcome to join. Dress is civilian attire. Everyone orders from the menu and pays their own tab.

VII. For Good and Welfare: No meeting in December. For those not attending dinner at Lindsey's, have a very safe and happy holiday. See you next year.

ATTENDEES:

COMO Belmore, D. Bryant, P. Garland, K. Harris, COMO LeBlanc, T. LeBlanc, M. McCarthy, R. McCarthy, P. McNamara, C. Olive, R. Olsen, M. Pell, R. Rantayo, P M Ross and K. Surabian.

ADJOURNED AT 1935 hours
Next Meeting January 16, 2023

WE ARE ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS

Web Site : <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=013-11-08>

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

LAST OF 2022

December 14, 2022	Holiday Gathering at Lindsey's Restaurant, 3138 Cranberry Hwy East Wareham	1800
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Some of the items in bag #1

Bags were delivered on Thanksgiving