



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Division 070-17

Space Coast/Central Florida

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TO: DCDR, Division 17, John Holmes

FROM: VCDR, Division 17, Jim Parker

Subject: Monthly Report for February 2017

1) SO – MS, Gary Gunter:

- a. A HAZWOPER 8-hour Class conducted on 15 February 2017 by Prof. Robert C. Miller, MD.
- b. Three UPV candidates have completed preparation for their PQS oral exam.
- c. A MSAM and MEES training class is being set-up. Details will be provided as soon as possible.

2) SO – PA, Jim Nickles:

- a. The details for the 7th Annual Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday Cruise have been released. This annual 2-night cruise with a full day on Grand Bahama Island will depart the Port of Palm Beach, FL on Saturday, 24 June 2017 and return on Monday 26 June 2017. The cruise is open to Auxiliary, Active Duty, friends and family. The cost is \$269.00 per person based on double occupancy, including all port charges, fees, and gratuities. Based on availability (especially suites) so book early. For more details contact Mr. Nickles @ 407-390-9611. To book your cabin, contact Ms. Brigitte Davila, M- F, @ 954-414-1320, Ext. 256 and mention CG Aux Cruise Group. Please be sure and confirm what form of ID/documents you will be required to show to board the ship.
- b. On February 3rd – 5th Flotillas 17-11 and 17-10 manned a PA Exhibit at the Orlando Boat Show held at the Orange County Convention Center. This joint effort made contact with 125+ members of the boating public, discussing boating Safety, Public Education courses, and membership in the Auxiliary.
- c. March 25 and 26 the Flotilla 17-06 manned a PA table at the annual Harbortown Marina Flea Market.
- d. On March 23rd Flotilla 17-11's Honor Guard will be presented the Colors for the Atlanta Braves vs. the Detroit Tigers at Disney's Wide World of Sports.
- e. MR. Bill Giers has volunteered to chair the 2017 NSBW efforts for the Division. Multiple VE and PVs will be conducted and PA exhibits will be placed in many of our partner locations such as West Marine and Shore Marine.

3) SO – VE, Gary Powers:

- a. A VE event was held by 17-11 at the RD Keene Park boat ramp on 25 February 2017. A total of 19 VEs were conducted during the event, and three members were qualified as VEs. Another VE event will be held 8 April 2017 at RD Keene Park, located in W. Orange County. Contact John Bennett, FSO-VE, Flotilla 17-11.

4) SO – OPs, Jack Miller:

- a. Division 17 will be conducting a QE on May 6th at Kelly Park. All candidates for the QE must be qualified and their names submitted to the help desk NLT 6 April.
- b. The last weekend in April a joint Active Duty/Auxiliary joint training exercise will be conducted off-shore. Aux Air assets will also participate and the exercise will be a simulated SAR case.
- c. The TICO Warbird Airshow was held March 10 – 12 in Titusville, FL and featured the USAF Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron as the headliners. The organizers requested the Coast Guard and Auxiliary supply 5 facilities for the 4-days of the show. Division 17 accommodated the request for on the water and ground patrol support.
- d. The port call of the USCG Barque Eagle to Port Canaveral is scheduled for May 31 – June 3. Plans are being coordinated to determine how the Auxiliary will take advantage of this high-priority event.

5) SO – DV, Bill Giers:

- a. Mr. Giers has accepted the responsibility for Chairing Division 17's National Safe Boating Week Planning Committee for 2017. This is the Auxiliary's "Super Bowl" and all Flotillas are recommended to start planning their PA "blitzes" and contacting their local representatives to ensure proclamations and etc. will be done on time. Our goal is to make this the best and most active NSBW campaign we've ever had.
- b. Flotillas are not working toward the 3-Star NACO Diversity award with the same level of effort as other missions. This is an Annual award, the requirements are things most flotillas are doing anyway, and they should be taking maximum advantage in achieving this award.

6) SO – PE, Dan McIntyre:

- a. To date, 112 ABS graduates for the Division, representing a 70% increase over the first quarter 2016 (66 to 112)
- b. Division 17 has 25% of the NE Florida PE graduates with only 18% of the flotillas (112 of 453).
- c. Four of the 5 Division 17 flotillas have their ABS schedules posted on the National website.
- d. ABS class initiatives with the Brevard County Schools continue. ABS class is offered to JROTC classes as part of the recruiting presentation presented.
- e. Continuing to partner with the Sea Scouts to hold ABS classes for that organization.
- f. Having difficulty attracting students to the paddle craft and Suddenly in Command classes.

7) SO-PV, Robert Diccico:

- a. To-date, 193 out of the 2017 goal of 690 (28%) MDVs have been accomplished by the Division. In addition, 2 new PVs were certified in this quarter and 2 new partners were added.
- b. Bob Diccico and Mike Donahue were presented the "Bravo Zulu Award" for their efforts in MDV.

8) SO – NS, Mike Kanis:

- a. Patrols were conducted to check the ATONs and Bridges on the Indian River North and South Sections and the Banana River from the 528 causeway to just North of Palm Bay. All discrepancies have been reported to the station or the ANT.
- b. ANT Ponce Inlet has placed emphasis on verifying PATONs and the St. John River ATONs for Auxiliary Patrols. Several patrols are scheduled to assist the ANT in this effort.
- c. Due to family health issues the direct support which has been provided the ANT has been impacted for the last two months. The support effort by the Auxiliarist is planned to get back on track later in April.
- d. A PQS training class is being planned to recruit additional AVs for the Division. Once the ADSO approves holding the course details will be announced. The ANT is more than willing to support this activity and assist anyway they can.

9) SO – MA, Billy Enfinger:

- a. All material requests have been submitted to ANSC and dispositioned appropriately.
- b. The ADSO has requested a “three-up/three-down” section be added to the monthly MA reports. This is being complied with.

10) SO – IS, Gil Steinfort:

- a. In 17-09 the IS officer has left to take a new employment opportunity out of state. Currently, the FC, a certified IS person, is performing this task.
- b. In both 17-10 and 17-06 qualified, and skilled personnel are stepping up to take over this task in their respective flotillas, but both require C-school in order to qualify. Getting the required personnel into C-School is an issue as there are limited billets and often the STTRs are not approved.
- c. Mr. Fred Bahr of Flotilla 17-11 is currently acting as IS-officer for Flotilla 17-11 and inputting 17-10's data for them.