

The Skipper Speaks

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From the Bridge

Meeting Report 12/05/2013

The Flotilla 63 meeting was held on 5Dec2013, at the MCL Cafeteria, Kettering, OH.

The meeting was called to order at 1912. There were 10 members present. Also, there were two visitors who are in the process of applying, Tony Wassom and Jacob Chafins. We were also honored with the presence of COMO Mallison NACO.

Dennis Neufarth led the members in the Pledge to the Flag.

FC shared updates on the health of David Friedman, Lonnie Keen, and Loren Gannon. Dennis also identified the new elected leaders of the other flotillas.

COMO Mallison offered remarks from the national perspective. Next year's budget will likely set at the 2013 level minus 10%. Budget for operations will remain but travel and education budget will not. There will be no budget for C-Schools so there is activity to address providing this level of education via electronic means.

COMO Mallison also advised that the date for end of year will be extended to January 31, 2014, to allow members to have extra time to complete tasks that will keep them out of

REYR. This was done to compensate for the time lost during the government shutdown.

Minutes of the last meeting, as published in *The Skipper Speaks*, were approved.

Finance report for November was reviewed and approved by the members present. Dues were collected from one member.

Staff Reports:

RESPONSE:

Gary Hollenbaugh VFC/FSO-CM reported on the telecommunications activity he is involved in as a civilian that will be of use by the Auxiliary. Gary Branstetter provided an update on the upcoming MARCS radio system. Dennis Neufarth reminded the audience of the TCO-Pro school that is now underway at MSD Cincinnati.

PREVENTION:

Teddy Taylor FSO-MS announced that Lonnie Keen has advanced toward his earning the Marine Safety Ribbon. Bravo Zulu Lonnie.

Tim Welch FSO-PV/VE reported the flotilla fell short of 2013 objectives set for VSCs and MDVs.

LOGISTICS:

Dennis Neufarth FSO-HR/IS/SR reported that Flotilla 63 was currently number in Division 6 in total number of hours reported. He reminded everyone to get their hours in and there was the deadline extension until

31Jan2014. He also reported one new National lead for a new member.

Committee Reports

Teddy Taylor presented the **Meeting Committee** report and recommendations about changes to the flotilla meeting and schedule. All members present were in favor of the recommended changes. FC will address these changes with the rest of the membership before the attachment to the standing rules is changed.

OLD Business

FC held the election of the FC and VFC for 2014. The Nominating Committee presented one member's, Gary Hollenbaugh, letter of intent to run for FC. The FC offered the members in attendance three opportunities to nominate others from the floor. There being no additional nominations, FC instructed the secretary to record one unanimous vote for Gary Hollenbaugh for FC.

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Adjourn

There being no new business, meeting adjourned at 2014.⚓



Figure 1 L to R; Jacob Chafins, Dennis Neufarth, Tony Wassom, Ruth Flory, Bill Kessler, Time Welch, Gary Branstetter



Figure 2 L to R; Wanda Mallison, Galen Siler, COMO Tom Mallison, Gary Hollenbaugh, Connie Siler

Meeting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>MT</u>	<u>Subject</u>
?2Jan2014?	1900		