



U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65

USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 65, Miami South Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 02 August 2017
Time: 19:30 hours
Location: Elks Lodge, 6304 Southwest 78th Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.

- I. Call to Order: FC David Neal.
- II. Roll Call: Sign-in sheet to be circulated.
- III. Presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance.
- IV. Inspirational Message.
- V. Business Meeting, led by FC, David Neal:
 - A. Call for additional agenda items. (Members wishing to have items discussed must submit for addition to the agenda.) No additional items.
 - B. Guest introductions: Guest: U.S. Coast Guard Active Duty, Seaman Mohammad Helwani; in the Coast Guard for six months. Mohammad is our Auxiliary Liason.
 - C. Approval of meeting minutes: June 2017 business meeting minutes circulated for consideration. Motion to approve made by Frank Sullivan;, first by Jay Baum, second by Bob Hopps. Approved by acclimation.
 - D. Member welfare: Frank Sullivan spoke about memories and admiration of our Flotilla member Ed Burbank, who passed away last month in July. Items from Ed are here at the meeting and you can make a donation for the items. Donations go to the Flotilla. Frank also mentioned Ernie Sariol, a well-known Auxiliarist from another flotilla, who passed away. In addition, our Flotilla member Ross Gibson is moving to Melbourne, Florida and leaving our Flotilla. Ross will be missed.
 - E. Report from Division – Division 6 Summer Social Cookout – August 12, Matheson Hammock Park, 1100-1500. No fee charged to members and guests. We would like to encourage members to attend.

PPE order for trainees - Approved for some more equipment for trainees. Everyone must have certified equipment and be signed off on the proper approved gear. Coxswains and crews must be equipped first.

Coast Guard Birthday Celebration, Friday, August 4th at Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park, 6503 N Ocean Dr., Dania Beach FL 33004, from 11:00am to 3:00pm with lunch at 12:00 noon. This is near Air Station Ft. Lauderdale and you would need to get a ticket. (Historically, the Coast Guard birthday is from August 4th, 1790 to now the 270th birthday.)

VI. Presentation

- A. "Reporting for Duty" - Carol Moppert. Chapter 5 section J from Coast Guard manual. Doing activities is "assigned to duty." Orders for boat patrol, but not for Vessel Examinations. Refer to section J3. If any accident occurs, be prepared to document assignment to duty. For example, if doing food service, Carol would send email to notify of assignment of duty. Must provide evidence of duty. Must be certified for the activity. See page 5-50. Page 5-54. Must notify FSO's of participation. VSE's must notify. Example - notify FSO-VE if you are going to participate. Driving to and from flotilla meeting is not assignment to duty, it is implicit. Members need to review the Section J - Assignment to duty. Let the FC know that you are participating and let Staff Officer know and document. Also responding to member training, must let FSO-MT know you are attending. Note - if you are on duty and you act outside the scope of your duties, you must be within the scope of assigned duty. You cannot be negligent, coverage would not apply. You must document what you are doing. When we are volunteering, we are benefitting USCG. If you drove the wrong way or had an accident to and from the location, you would not be covered. There have been some mishaps at other divisions.

Committee Reports

- A. Fellowship - We had about 40 people attend event in July. On expenses, we pretty much broke even. Special thanks to Carol Moppert for her planning and set-up efforts.
- B. Recruitment - Bob Hopps - has four new members he's working on helping to join.
- C. Staff Officer Reports - distributed with agenda.
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| A. FSO-FN Frank Sullivan | |
| B. FSO-CM Frank Sullivan | |
| C. FSO-CS William Ambros | K. FSO-PA vacant |
| D. FSO-HR Bob Hopps | L. FSO-PE Carol Moppert |
| E. FSO-MA Dan Berger | M. FSO-SR James Guilmartin |
| F. FSO-MS James Guilmartin | N. FSO-VE vacant |
| G. FSO-MT David Neal | O. FSO-AV Steve Cruz |
| H. FSO-PV Scott Blumenthal | P. FSO-PB Enrique Ventura |
| I. FSO-IS Tony Lapicola | Q. FSO-DV vacant |
| J. FSO-OP Ross Gibson | R. FSO-CC vacant |

James Guilmartin gave a brief report on water issues, and the Lake Okeechobee reservoir, which eventually affects the Florida Bay and Biscayne Bay. Tony Lapicola may have a boat patrol on the 19th on the third weekend.

VII. Old Business

- A. Need for 2017 FSOs: We have positions open, and now FSO Operations is opening up. Ross Gibson gave a review of what he does as FSO-Operations. The Boat Patrol is the third weekend of the month. FSO-OPS coordinates boat patrols, scheduling and crew staffing and also coordinates with Division's needs for patrols and communicates once a month to the Division Operations officer.
- B. Update member info online: Make sure your information is updated.
- C. Flotilla Budget: We cut division dues by \$5.00, so we got a check for approximately \$900 from Division and will slim down the storage unit to save money. Carol Moppert discussed proposed new awards ideas. We have awards for patrols, but we may want to do awards for Vessel Examiners, for example give a certificate for \$20 first place, \$15 for second place. We need to clear if we can do it. There may be a way to do a gift card idea. Idea needs to be checked into. We cannot make a motion on it. We don't know if it's allowable. But it's the idea for more awards for VE's, or Dealer visits. If have any ideas, suggest them.

No other old business.

VIII. New Business

- A. Collection of Annual Dues - \$75.00. Pay to Frank Sullivan. Make check made out to "USCG AUX Flot 65." Can also pay next month. Send it in as soon as you can.
- B. 2018 Flotilla Offices: Vice Flotilla Commander and Flotilla Commander. Flotilla leadership course is required. There is one course online, and another course that is a full day event. The online course does pass the requirement for FC and VFC. For IS position, this requires taking a classroom course, it's not online. Very detailed course. It would be good to have a new qualified IS person.
- C. Awards: Sustained Auxiliary Award - Anthony Lapicola (9th Award); Auxiliary Membership Service Award – Kenneth Robertson (5 Years); Instructor - James Scholz.
- D. Comments from the Floor:

David Neal: For new members who want to take courses, if the new member has paperwork completed, they can start taking courses, but they cannot go on the Coast Guard base. New members can start with the ICS 100 and 700 courses.

Frank mentioned again members can take Ed Burbank items and make a donation to the Flotilla. If not, the items will be taken to Goodwill.

Motion to adjourn made by Roy Hellman; first by Dan Berger, second by Bob Hopps. Motion approved by acclimation.

Setting of date for next business meeting: Wednesday, 06 September 2017 at 1930, [Elks Lodge](#), 6304 Southwest 78th Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.