



# U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65

## USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 65 Minutes for Monthly Business Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 07, 2016.  
Time: 19:30 hours  
Location: Elks Lodge, 6304 Southwest 78<sup>th</sup> Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.

- I. Call to Order: FC David Neal.
- II. Roll Call: Sign-in sheet circulated.
- III. Presentation of colors: Pledge of Allegiance: Enrique Ventura leads.
- IV. Inspirational message: Moment of silence.
- V. Business meeting: David Neal leads the business meeting.
  - 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: Richard Marino, Jay Baum, Chris De la Reo, Ramon Arcas, and Ricardo Varela.
  - C. Approval of meeting minutes: November 2016 business meeting minutes circulated for consideration. Motion to approve from the floor: First by Enrique Ventura; Second by Maria Armas; motion approved by acclimation.
  - D. Member Welfare: Frank Sullivan said that Fred Jaca is experiencing a major leg injury, but he is healing. Flotilla Member Sonya Blumenthal is experiencing a collarbone injury. Scott Blumenthal reported that John Kleiss is not doing well, but recovery is on the way. Frank Sullivan explained that Alfie Nardi, who has passed away, had a check for membership. A motion by Frank Sullivan was made to return Alfie's check. However, Maria Armas, former Flotilla 65 Commander, explained what happens when a member passes away over a number of years, and for who was active for seven years, that the check can be returned and no motion is needed. Frank can go ahead and send a note with the returned check. Frank makes a Motion to send a card from the Flotilla to Alfie's wife. Motion is in effect with a First by Enrique Ventura, and a Second by Tony Lapicola. All in favor. Motion approved by acclimation.
  - E. Swearing in New Member: Alejandro Aragon is sworn in as a new member.
  - F. Division Meeting Report: Division Christmas Fellowship: There is not a division meeting in November. There will be an awards committee meeting only. Christmas fellowship will be delayed to December, on Tuesday the 13th. Members must show a member ID.

In addition, Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 65, David Neal, will be the Division Staff Officer for Member Training.

VI. Reports:

Flotilla Goals – Review of 2016 goals  
Carol Moppert - Reviews goals from 2016.

- Goal 1 - Expand Member Training
- Goal 2 - Bolster Public Education
- Goal 3 - Build Morale - Flotilla 65, 50th Anniversary
- Goal 4 - Recruitment and Retainment

James Guilmartin made a statement that we are a very active Flotilla. We have many activities on land and on the water. Many chances to get involved. Get involved wherever you can.

We need to make a plan for recruitment and mentoring to recruit and retain new members.

Committee Reports -

- A. Change of Watch 2017: Scheduled for Sunday, January 22nd at Miami Shores Country Club. From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. \$32 per person. If new members want to go, you can wear a uniform, or wear business casual. There is a big buffet, and possibly guests from the Active Duty Coast Guard may attend.

Staff Officer Reports- Distributed with agenda.

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| A. FSO-FN Frank Sullivan    | K. FSO-PA Lubby Navarro     |
| B. FSO-CM Frank Sullivan    | L. FSO-PE Carol Moppert     |
| C. FSO-CS William Ambros    | M. FSO-SR James Guilmartin  |
| D. FSO-HR Bob Hopps         | N. FSO-VE vacant            |
| E. FSO-MA Dan Berger        | O. FSO-AV Steve Cruz        |
| F. FSO-MS James Guilmartin  | P. FSO-PB Enrique Ventura   |
| G. FSO-MT Christopher Cohan | Q. FSO-DV Carol Moppert     |
| H. FSO-PV Scott Blumenthal  | R. FSO-CC Jacquelyn Hartley |
| I. FSO-IS Tony Lapicola     |                             |
| J. FSO-OP Ross Gibson       |                             |

Notes to Staff Officer Reports:

1. Operations - Ross Gibson - no patrols scheduled for flotilla 65 for December.
2. Program Visitations - Scott Blumenthal - Enrique Ventura is a new Program Visitor.
3. Next Business Meeting will be in February.
4. Training - Boat Crew, and Night Operations, by David Neal: Regarding questions about qualifying for night operations, there was a land training session - but no QE. David Neal will hold a Member Training session for Boat Crew, this coming Monday, for Boat Crew Training at the Moose Lodge at 7:00pm.
5. Tony Lapicola reviewed the hours codes on the 7029 form. Code 99C on the Form 7029 is for boating activity or VE's. We are under the U.S. Coast Guard budget. The USCG gets approximately \$28 for each hour we do. Hours are VERY IMPORTANT! Keep track of your time even though you may not have an ID yet. You're hours are

tracked and once you get your ID number, then your data for your contributing hours gets entered into AuxData, helping the Auxiliary and the Active Duty Coast Guard and the budget. The deadline is December 15th for hours to be counted for awards, particularly the Division Awards.

## VII. Old Business

- A. Need for 2017 FSOs: FSO positions open for FSO - Diversity, Public Affairs, Vessel Examiner, and Navigation.
- B. Update member info online: Update your information so that it is correct online. Go into the AuxDirectory, and make sure the information is up to date. If you don't get communications from Auxiliary, it means your email is wrong.
- C. REYR emails: People got emails for REYR for the Mandated Training - if you haven't taken those courses and the FEMA courses. Any course on Auxlearning is automatically entered. But the 100 and 700 FEMA courses are not entered - so Tony must enter that. 39 members have REYR for these training requirements. REYR is for "requirements in year not met."
- D. Submission of all hours and activities for annual awards: Deadline is December 15th.

## VIII. New Business

- A. Change in food for after meeting fellowship: This is tabled. Not discussed.
- B. CPR Cards: Scott Blumenthal, Sonia Blumenthal.
- C. Awards: Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation – William Ambros, Maria Armas, Daniel Berger, Victor Franceschi, Ross Gibson, James Guilmartin, Bob Hopps, Jorge Iglesias, Tony Lapolica, Carol Moppert, David Neal, Frank Sullivan, Henry Sullivan; Auxiliary Membership Service Award – David Neal (5 years), Mel Sandberg (5 years), Eric Jones (15 years).
- D. Comments from the Floor:

Scott Blumenthal - we have an opportunity to have a PWC for the Flotilla. Scott would purchase it for the Flotilla if someone would be responsible for servicing the PWC. No further discussion as to the cost of servicing or maintenance.

Motion to Adjourn. First by Scott Blumenthal; Second by Mel Sandberg. Motion approved by acclamation.

Setting of date for next business meeting: Wednesday, 01 February 2017 at 1930, at Elksodge, 6304 Southwest 78<sup>th</sup> Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.