



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

Date: Wednesday, April 6th, 2016
Time: 19:30 hours
Location: South Miami Elks Lodge, 6304 SW 78th Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.

- I. Call to Order:** FC David Neal.
- II. Roll Call:** Sign-in sheet circulated to attendees.
- III. Presentation of Colors:** Pledge of allegiance.
- IV. Inspirational Message:** Moment of silence.
- V. Business Meeting:** Conducted 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 submitted.

B. Guest introductions: Introduced by Alfi Nardi - guests Piehan Lee and Bank Lo. Guest from Flotilla 6-10, William Knickerbocker brought a presentation on customs, courtesy and protocols. Also, a thank you to guest Keith Delano for allowing member training at the Moose Lodge. In addition, Coast Guard Station Miami Beach Commander Lt. Michael Cortese attended our meeting.

C. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes: March 2016 Business Meeting Minutes circulated for consideration. Motion to approve - first by Patrick Powell; seconded by Mel Sandberg. Approved by acclimation.

D. Member welfare: Frank Sullivan mentioned that flotilla member Fred Jaca participated in the greeting event of WWII Veterans on the Honor Flight. Fred asked if Dominique Romeo wanted to go, but Dominique didn't feel well and didn't go. In prior Honor Flight events in the past, Roy Hellman has also participated.

E. Division meeting report: There was no formal meeting in March, so no Division Report. Other Division related items: A CPR/AED workshop with a morning and afternoon class is scheduled for Saturday 09, April. Also, volunteers will be needed for a Port of Miami cruise ship exercise in June.

VI. Flotilla Staff Officer Reports: VFC Carol Moppert distributed electronically the summary of staff reports prior to the business meeting.

VII. Activity and Event Updates:

a) Change of Watch Committee - Committee members Enrique Ventura and Roy Hellman are looking into alternatives for locations and providers, such as at another Elks Lodge.

b) Flotilla 65 - 50th Anniversary Event - 50th Anniversary Social Event on July 9th, 2016, at Matheson Hammock Park. We have the pavilion reserved. Food, barbeque style, will be provided by Dixie Ribs. Cost will be \$15 per person. We will supply water. Timing will likely be between 11:00am and 3:00pm. You can bring your own beverages but no glass containers. Preferred method of payment is a check paid to Flotilla 65. Consider bringing outdoor games for activity if you wish.

VIII. Presentations:

a) Presentation About Proper Uniforms - Presented by Carol Moppert. We represent USCG, DHS, the Auxiliary and ourselves. We must wear the uniform properly. See the website www.uscg.mil.uniforms.com for more detailed descriptions and information.

b) Presentation about Courtesy and Protocols - Presented by William Knickerbocker, of Flotilla 6-10. We need to know proper ways to salute, board and exit Coast Guard vessels, saluting the ensign and various formalities around officers in and around Coast Guard bases and active duty. All protocols can be found in the Auxiliary Manual.

c) Presentation by Lieutenant Commander Michael Cortese - Lieutenant Commander Cortese will be leaving Station Miami Beach in June and will be taking on a new command. Change of command is June 3rd. He appreciates Auxiliarists efforts to improve the station. Our Flotilla remodeled the outdoor table used often by the Active Duty. The upcoming PPE requirements are extremely important and proper gear is essential. The Auxiliary is doing same work as USCG, so we must use the right gear. The requirements are getting more stringent in order to save lives. The Coast Guard will likely be funding new proper protection gear. Regarding the approval pending status of new members, due to security and cyber threats, the work for approvals is taking more time so patience is requested. Do your tasks safely. Lieutenant Cortese thanked all the Auxiliary members for our service.

IX. Old Business

A. We need an FSO-VE. Position is open.

X. New Business

A. 2016 Boat Crew Rodeo to be held May 7th. Can post two teams of four people.

B. Station Miami Beach Repairs - our Flotilla remodeled the outdoor table. A special Flotilla 65 logo device was distributed via email. A motion to approve the logo was first moved by Ross Gibson and seconded by Alfi Nardi. Motion approved by acclimation. Maria Armas and Carol Moppert designed and developed the logo device. The design is displayed on the table.

C. The RS&S PPE Equipment survey is due to David Neal by tomorrow, Thursday, April 7th.

D. Operations - Ross Gibson explained that there were two boat patrols in March. For April, no boats are scheduled to go on patrol. Also, the vessel Gruntlayer is no longer an operational facility.

E. Awards: Auxiliary Letter of Commendation - Maria Armas, letter of commendation from the Commandant for performance as Flotilla commander 2014 - 2015. Meritorious service and letter of commendation service award for over 1,500 hours.

The next Flotilla Business Meeting is scheduled for May 4th, 2016, at Elks Lodge, South Miami.

Motion to adjourn - first by Maria Armas, second by Mel Sandberg. Approved by acclimation.

Minutes Recorded by:

James Guilmartin, FSO-Secretary Records, Flotilla 65, Miami South.