

Dept. of Homeland Security
US Coast Guard Auxiliary
Flotilla 070-12-06 East Cooper
Auxiliary – Record of Unit Meeting

Unit Number: 070-12-06

Location: Sea School, 624 B Marina Dr., Charleston, SC 29492 (Daniel Island)

Date: 26 January, 2023

Time: 1900

Type of Meeting: Regular Business

The meeting was held in person and electronically via Zoom and was called to order by FC John Swink at 1900, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation by Dr. Phil Poole.

Officers present: FC John Swink, VFC Dawn Gallapis, FSO-CM Rhett Meyers, FSO-FN, PA Justo Torres, FSO-MA John Frassanito, FSO-SR Kathy Pascale, FSO-PE, MT Susan White, FSO-IS, HR Joe Ego, FSO-PV, VE Bob Gerber, FSO-PB Mike Pascale

Members present: David Desplaces, Phil Poole, Bill Garvey, Walter Runck, Chad Rogers

Total attendance: 16 present, QUORUM was met.

Guests Present: ENS David Holland (Guest Speaker), DCDR William Hayes, Edaliz Jorge, Amber Condra, Kenny Condra, Dik Kushdilian, Braden Kushdilian, Wilfredo Rios

Training: None

A motion was made by Susan White, seconded by Joe Ego, to approve the November minutes. The motion was approved.

FC Announcements:

Welcome and thank you to all guests and prospective members in attendance.

- DCDR William Hayes, presiding over Change of Watch
- ENS David Holland, Guest Speaker
- Edaliz Jorge, Ombudsman for CGC Calhoun
- Amber Condra, former active duty Coast Guard
- Kenny Condra, former active duty Marine Corp.
- Braden Kushdilian, Junior at West Ashley HS, seeking appointment to USCG Academy
- Dik Kushdilian, Braden's proud father

- Wilfredo Rios, former police officer, AUX application in process.

Budget for 2023 – Justo Torres presented the 2023 Budget. Same as last year with a few exceptions. Significant investment in PA to improve public image and increased expectations for PE. Budget revision was sent to everyone, dues expenditures has been revised to show \$2,040. Motion was made to approve budget. Budget was approved.

Introduction of ENS Dave Holland, AUXLO (AUX Liaison Officer). Mr. Holland gave an overview of his background, explained his role as AUXLO. Has been AUXLO about a year. Unique opportunities for AUX Culinary, Watchstanding, Recruiting.

Change of Watch:

DCDR William Hayes presided over Change of Watch and administered the Pledge for Elected and Appointed Leaders to FC John Swink and VFC Dawn Gallapis.

DCDR William Hayes administered the Pledge for Elected and Appointed Leaders to: FSO-CM Rhett Meyers, FSO-FN, PA Justo Torres, FSO-MA, NS John Frassanito, FSO-SR Kathy Pascale, FSO-PE, MT Susan White, FSO-IS, HR Joe Ego, FSO-PV, VE Bob Gerber, FSO-PB Mike Pascale, FSO-OP John Swink, and FSO CS, MS Dawn Gallapis.

VFC Announcements:

Thank you to all FSOs who participated in helping the Flotilla in 2022. Please get reports in by the 10th of the month, it would be most appreciated.

Staff Reports:

Dawn Gallapis MS, OP:

Marine Safety- Active duty is receptive to getting MS going. Big expansion in CHS.

OP: One official surface OP in 2022. Heading in right direction. John Swink will be taking over operations. Good opportunity for those already boat crew qualified.

Walter Runck: CM, HR, MT: Full reports in newsletter, no amendments.

John Frassanito: M, NS: Full reports in newsletter, no amendments other than ongoing equipment storage issue.

Bob Gerber: VE, PE: Full report in newsletter, no amendments.

Susan White: PE, MT:

PE: Blood-borne Pathogen Awareness is a mandatory course for anyone with orders for a patrol mission or certification as a culinary assistant. BBP is an online course.

Boating Skills and Seamanship starts 1 February, (7 sessions) at Susan White's home.

18 February First Boating America class will take place at Daniel Island Library and classes continue every 3rd Sat of the month.

MT: VE requires a yearly qualification.

TCO workshop/ Operations workshop is this Saturday, 28 January, 1230 at the Brass Buckle Station Charleston

Operations, Risk Management, TCO and CS are available online.

Self attestation forms should be sent to IS officer.

Makes sense to combine with Flotilla 12-8 for Boat Crew training. Classroom sessions and water sessions will take place each Sunday through mid May. Every crew or coxswain are required to get hours in.

Risk Management will be held on 9 March, in-person training. Introductory training online.

Justo Torres: FN, PA: Full report in newsletter. Dues expenditures has been revised to show \$2,040.

Scott Heisler: DV: Not present

Mike Pascale: PB: No amendments to newsletter. Thanks to Mike Young for very helpful guidance in handing over the newsletter. Would like to include a calendar feature in future newsletters – please send any events you would like listed.

John Swink: Thank you Bill Garvey for a great job over the years and bringing your skills to a national level. Thanks also to Mike Young for producing great newsletters over the years.

Old Business: None

New Business: Are there sufficient funds to rent a storage unit for the Flotilla? Currently we are using two members' garages for storage. Renting storage space would be a strain on the budget. We need to look at the budget and decide what makes sense.

Walter would like to have a few people come over and help sort supplies/inventory.

Counterterrorism Conference open to key partners in the Charleston area. Will be held 22-24 February. Looking for partners to participate, vetting process.

Division meeting this Saturday, 28 January

Announcement from John Holmes, Commodore, District 7 regarding Delegation of EX OFFICIO Voting Status 1 January 2023 through 31 December 2023. (See Appendix I)

Awards:

Joe Ego: Fourth Auxiliary Sustained Service Award, which is presented to an Auxiliarist contributing a documented total of 750 volunteer hours of Auxiliary service.

Dr. Poole: The Auxiliary Commendation Medal (Gold Star In Lieu Of A Third) for outstanding achievement while serving as District 7 Aide – Lay Leader from January 2021 to December 2022, demonstrating outstanding administrative skills and exceptional devotion to duty.

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan White and seconded by Joe Ego.
The meeting was adjourned at 2030. Next meeting will take place on 16 February, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by
FSO-SR Kathy Pascale

Appendix I

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
DISTRICT 7**



**Office of the District Commodore
8930 Jonathan Manor Dr.
Orlando, FL 32819**

To: District 7 Division Commanders and Flotilla Commanders

Subject : Delegation of EX OFFICIO Voting status 1 January 2023 Through
31 December 2023

Reference: (a) The Auxiliary Manual , COMDTINST M 16790.1

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4.E.1.b of reference (a) (page 4-21), in my absence at any time during my term of office , I hereby delegate the District Commodore EX OFFICIO voting member status to the Immediate Past District Commodore (IPDCO) , District Chief of Staff (DCOS) , and to any District Captain (DCAPT) , who under certain circumstances may attend Division and Flotilla Voting meetings.

Please Include a copy of this Written Authorization as part of the Minutes of any Division or Flotilla meeting at which the IPDCO, DCOS, or DCAPT exercises this delegation .

Respectfully ,

John Holmes

Commodore D7