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A HUGE shout out to Don Anderson, our Division Commander who was awarded the Title of D11NR'S Auxiliarist of the Year. After carefully review, He was selected above all the other candidates, not just for his mission hours but for his genuine leadership, team philosophy, integrity, and his steadfast devotion to Duty that sets him apart from his Shipmates. This is a man who not only looks out for new opportunities to grow the Auxiliary within his Area of Responsibility, but he is a leader who looks for ways to acknowledge and promote the people with whom he interacts. His calm temperament and demeanor, his willingness to get his hands dirty, his faithfulness to the purposes on which our organization is chartered comes through repeatedly. Now, it's one thing to have his peers at D11NR recognize him. I believe a greater gesture would be if each Auxiliarist in Division 3 took a moment to send him a congratulatory text/Email or better yet reach out and call him. I am honored to serve on his Division Staff and even more so to call him my Friend. Bravo Zulus Don. Well done, Sir.



For their unselfish service to and respect for the missions of the USCG, and as a result of their work and efforts on the Southern Border on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security, the USCG, and the USCG-AUX, the Special Operations Ribbon of the USCG, was awarded to Don Anderson, Fred Black and Tommy Holtzman who are authorized to wear it. You are to be commended Gentlemen. Bravo Zulus

COMING EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF DIVISION 113-03

April 29 BOAT AMERICA class Sacramento Marina (contact Don Anderson)

May 20-26 National Safe Boating Week Watch for announcements (contact: Richard Celia)

May 27 RIVERCATS Baseball Salute to the Armed Forces Game Tickets \$25 (Contact Son Anderson or Richard Celia)

"There are no great men, there are only great challenges that ordinary men are forced by circumstances to meet." FADM William F. Halsey

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