

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, D11N  
DISTRICT TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING  
19 May 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1900 PDT by DCO Mike Williams.

PRESENT

DCO Mike Williams	Paul Verveniotes, DCDR-4
Angelo Perata, COS	Curtis Han, DCDR-5
COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R	Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6
Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS	Larry Kelley, DCDR-7
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES	David Law, DCDR-11
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO	Judy Estaban, P-PCA
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1	Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3	

OLD BUSINESS

November Elected Officer Training – DCO Williams announced that new elected officer training for 2011 officers will be held in conjunction with the 20 November District Board and Staff Meeting. The schedule will be as follows:

- 1900 Friday, 19 November – Orientation meeting for 2011 District Board members.
- 1030 Saturday, 20 November – Regular District Board Meeting. Newly-elected officers to attend. Time permitting, new elected officer training may commence.
- 0800 – 1600 Sunday, 21 November – Elected officer training

DCO Williams asked the DCDRs to encourage any of their units which may hold elections after 20 November to consider moving their elections to an earlier date in order to allow their elected officers to attend this training. DCO Williams also reminded the board that any other officers may attend the training, if they desire.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Considerations – DCO Williams reviewed the 2010 budget situation. He reported that the District lost 20% of its budget this year. Currently we have spent about 77% of our available budget. We are continually trying to adjust our spending in order to deliver the best bang for the Auxiliary dollars. CWO Kilburger reported that we're currently OK for PPE's; however the inventory is going down. CWO Kilburger has asked for money specifically for PPE's. DCO Williams reported that CDR Chareonsuphiphat has also been working behind the scenes to try to get some additional funds. Budget consideration was the reason for canceling the on-site meeting in May.

Uniform Issues – DCO Williams reported that there are still challenges regarding the availability of untucked ODU's for Auxiliarists, some of which are related to sizes. When information is available it will be forwarded to the Board.

Radio Procedures – DCO Williams reported that correct radio procedures still seem to be a bit of a challenge. Jeff Price, DSO-CM indicated there are some problems, even with some Auxiliarists who are

working on CG stations. DCO Williams encouraged the DCDR's to ask their CM officers to remind their members of the importance of proper marine radio protocol.

Retirement and COW – Invitations for the retirement and Change of Command for CAPT Cullen and CAPT Gugg have gone out. They have been good supporters of the Auxiliary, and we appreciate the relationship we've had with them in the District.

NASBW Activities – Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS reported that this is our most important activity right now. Collins commended each of the divisions for planning at least one activity, and indicated that most divisions are planning multiple activities. NASBW reports are to be sent to Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA. Make sure your people get their reports in on time. Include lots of pictures. Mike Lauro has now done 10,000 VSCs.

Operational Exercises – Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES reported that there are a number of OPTREX's coming up for members to receive training. Farnholtz encouraged boat crews on patrol to use quiet time as an opportunity to review activities and skills for the crew members. Farnholtz reminded Coxswains to make sure they input the correct information on fuel that is used when requesting reimbursement. Farnholtz also reviewed surface and air patrols being covered on the coast.

District Elections – DCO Williams reported that District elections will be during the 11 September District Board Meeting. The Nominating Committee is: DCO Williams, COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R and CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX. Anyone wishing to run for a district office must submit a letter of intent to DCO Williams no later than 90 days before the date of the election per the District Standing Rules. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted in accordance with the District Standing Rules.

Auxiliary Manual – COMO Connell briefly reviewed the draft copy of Auxiliary Manual currently being finalized. Most chapters are the same. The disciplinary action area has been clarified. Information on CG modernization is included. Changes in national election procedures and reorganization information are also in the manual. It is hoped that the manual will be available in July. They hope to provide a paper copy to each flotilla. For the rest, it will be in CD form.

## REPORTS

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR- 1 – Report on file . Rae Kleinen of Flotilla 12 was named Auxiliarist of the Year. Many Auxiliarists attended and served as tour guides during the commissioning of the *Waesche*. There is a Division OPTREX on June 12. There will be training on June 14 on how to assist wind surfers.

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Report on file . The OPTREX on Clear Lake in April was very successful. NSBW activities are being set up. The division will be pushing RBS activities.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR- 4 – Report on file . NSBW is focus for everyone in the division. There will be at least 5 venues at various lakes. The division is sponsoring training in boat crew and VE's. The division participated in a Golden Guardian exercise with the Port of Redwood City, which was a simulated terrorist attack.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file . The April 24 OPTREX was successful, with 35-40 attended, including active duty. Several members are working on the Trident program. There are a lot of plans for NSBW in several different areas.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file . Surface operations program includes an outrigger event. We are planning several NSBW activities. The local DOD having a booth at safety awareness program, with which we are involved.

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 – Report on file . Division members provided a two-day Boating Officer SAR training session for the State. Two instructors and 7 mentors participated. Members from two flotillas participated in the Pony Express Elementary School Safety Fair, which was directed at children and their parents. During NSBW we plan VSC stations on 4 lakes and reservoirs, plus NSBW kickoff activities with the state at Utah Lake. However bad weather predicted, so we'll need to see how the weather goes.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Excused. Report on file .

Rod Rollins, DCDR-10 – Absent.

David Law, DCDR-11 – Seven members in the division were awarded the CG Meritorious Unit Commendation Award at Tahoe.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Absent. Report on file .

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file . Esteban plans to begin again to work on the memorial.

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS – Collins expressed thanks to everyone for assistance at the *Waesche* commissioning and for all of the planned NSBW activities. Nothing further to report.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES – Farnholtz again emphasized the value of training while on patrol.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP – Excused. Report on file .

Angelo Perata, COS – Perata emphasized the importance of the requirements on flares. We do not do flare demonstrations for the public. Please make sure all of your members are aware of this information.

COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R – Connell will be in Washington DC next week for the Change of Command for our new Commandant and new Vice-Commandant. There will be a one-day flag conference with ADM Brown, the new PacArea Commander. COMO Connell is impressed with his qualities and his support of the Auxiliary.

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO – Kilburger commended the work of Simone Adair at the Coast Guard events on the Island.

FINAL COMMENTS

DCO Williams – Highlighted the Lake Powell boating officer training done by Division 7, and reported that the was State impressed with how well Auxiliary boats are equipped.

The WSBAA Conference is 13-16 June in Park City UT. ADM Castillo will be coming, also COMO Vic Connell, COMO Gail Ramsey and Angelo Perata.

Perata – The district has 1477 members as of April. The Poker Run registration fee of \$20 will be waived if registration is sent in by May 25. Roger Haynes is chairman. The event is a go. July 31 is the date.

DCO Williams – lead by example. Be sure to turn in all of your hours. We need them to justify our funding.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2000 PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR