

MINUTES  
US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTRICT 11NR  
BOARD AND STAFF MEETING  
20 November 2010  
Coast Guard Island, Alameda CA

The meeting was called to order at 0930 by DCO Mike Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R and the Coast Guard Ethos was led by Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR called the roll, and DCO Williams declared that a quorum was present. The attendance list is attached to these minutes as Attachment 1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Williams called for approval of the 11 September 2010 minutes.

Motion: Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP moved and Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

DCO Williams called for approval of the 20 October 2010 minutes.

Motion: Curtis Han, DCDR-5 moved and David Law, DCDR-11 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

CDR Chareonsuphiphat, assisted by DCO Williams, presented a certificate and plaque for 50 years of service to Jasper Sipes – 5 July 1960 to 5 July 2010. The plaque was accepted by Sarah Burke, daughter of Jasper Sipes, on his behalf.

BUDGET APPROVAL

DCO Williams reported that the proposed 2011 district budget was distributed to the board at the 11 September meeting. DCO Williams invited Fran Fisher, DSO-FN to answer any questions regarding the proposed 2011 budget. There were none.

Motion: Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 moved and Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 seconded that the 2011 budget be adopted as presented. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously adopted.

COMMENTS – DNACO-R

COMO Connell reviewed his career in the Auxiliary and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve. D11N is a special district within the entire Auxiliary. All members should be proud of the work that is done in this district and the accomplishments of its members. COMO Connell commended CDR Chareonsuphiphat for his great leadership and support of the Auxiliary.

## DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Williams called for district board reports as follows:

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file . Kirkwood expressed appreciation to Mark McLaughlin for his service as a QE at Division 1's OPTREX. It was Great success, 39 members from 4 divisions attended. The location was a new venue for the division, but it worked well.

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Report on file . A member of Flotilla 3-5 has become the first member to complete telecommunication operator's qualification. The OPTREX at Brannan Island was a new venture this year and may become an annual event. Division members also participated in the Salmon Festival, and an ABC class is currently in progress.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4 – Report on file . The Division COW went well, and the membership appreciated the district leadership attendance. The Division members provided in Urban Shield support and participated in the VA Days parade.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file . The division participated in Fleet week, with 14 patrols, and 8-10 people participating. Members also assisted with Urban Shield. The division COW will be 18 December 2010.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file . The division COW was held on 14 November 2011. On 21 November members will attend the Sea Cadet award ceremony with Navy League. This partnership with the Navy League has been very beneficial to both associations. There is a new member training class being sponsored by Flotilla 6-10 on 3 December.

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 – Report on file . Members of Flotilla 76 participated in the VA Day Parade in Ogden UT. The division COW will be 29 January 2011.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file . Eureka has been able to elect a FC who lives in the city. Ft Bragg and Flotilla 88-87 combined to do a Thanksgiving dinner at Noyo River. Members of the Samoa Island STN went to Mad River where they honored 8 WWII veterans. Division COW is 11 December.

Denis Eaton VCDR-10 for Rod Rollins, DCDR-10 – Report on file .The division held an OPTREX in October.

David Law, DCDR-11 – Report on file . Boating season is over for this part of the year. The division is still doing some training at STN Tahoe.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file The division recently completed a crew training class. Training will continue with an AUXNAV class beginning in mid-January on Saturdays.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file . Esteban invited all outgoing DCDRs to join the PCA. Membership is open to all DCDRs who have been in office for six months. There will be a PCA meeting today at noon.

Rodney Collins, DCAP-RBS – Collins has been attending divisions' elections and COWs and working on transitioning.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAP-RES – This has been a very successful year in OPTREX's. The Brannan Island OPTREX was very successful, with multiple facilities. DSO's and the ASC have been extremely valuable.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SPT – Report on file . Bob Hendry is doing a great job as ASC. The COW attendance worksheet and the tabletop exercise with SF Vessel Mutual Assistance Plan were both very helpful to attendees. LaChapelle has been liaising with the CA office of emergency service and CG Auxiliary. They should have a plan in place by the flood season.

Angelo Perata, COS – Perata expressed appreciation to Tina Perry of the DIRAUX office for her assistance to the Auxiliary. Perata recently attended a meeting in RADM Castillo's office. The Admiral reiterated his three watchwords: Get the job done. Be safe. Have fun. The district's Elected Officer Academy will have a lot of training for members. Perata expressed appreciation to COMO Connell and DCO Williams for starting the program.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – CDR Chareonsuphiphat recently completed the Senior Leadership Course and a tour of duty with Deep Horizon. He is now attending division COW's. CDR Chareonsuphiphat commended the work of Auxiliary members. He also commended DCO Williams and COMO Connell for the work they've done together.

#### DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Angelo Perata, DCOS called for staff reports and DCO Williams presented tokens of appreciation as follows:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – Report on file . The air squadron is doing well. They have 45 active Auxiliarists: 15 pilots and 30 air crew, observers and trainees. They are flying 10 aircraft: 1 helo, 2 twin and 7 singles. They will be bringing 2 more aircraft on board with 2 new pilots. They fly about 6 missions/week. Two are offshore and the rest are along the coastline. Olsen flew Blue Angel pilot #7 to map out their course for Fleet Week. Randy Parent is attending a safety training workshop at McClellan.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file . Price acknowledged Robert Firehock for his work during Fleet Week. The HF program and the TSOPQS are moving along. Rescue 21 discussions are ongoing on how it affects the Auxiliary.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file . OPS normal. At the back table are copies of requirements to complete before asking for a QE. The upcoming PCA Fair will offer a Boat Crew class. The district had 18 QE events this year, with 126 sign-offs.

Sue Fry, DSO-MS – Report on file . Auxiliarists did carry digital radios for the Urban Shield project. There are tabletop exercises where Auxiliarists have been invited to observe, and have been invited to participate in several of them. This is good for us learn what is going on in our areas. Fry is available to assist in MS training wherever needed.

James Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file . As of today we have completed 99% of the aids assigned to us. We have had 86 people who completed 919 ATONs and bridges. We are the best NS crew in the nation. We only have 6 aids to complete, and they will be done by the end of the year. There will be an aid verifier courser at next PCA Fair.

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA – Everyone is on the PA team. All should be aware of how we are representing Team Coast Guard, whatever we are doing, in and out of uniform. This is the time of year to do planning. Some PA events take a lot of work. It's not too soon to begin thinking about NSBW. Make sure you get your division coordinator for NSBW appointed. Have every member in the district participate. This is the key to good PA.

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – Report on file . During 2010 the district had a total of 930 youth graduates and 716 adult graduates. These numbers are down from prior years. There is a new paddle craft course. Some 2011 courses are beginning to be listed on the web.

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV – Report on file . This year the district reported 2000 PV's, which represents a continued improvement over the past 5 years.

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE – Report on file . The district has done over 10,000 VSC's this year. A new ADSO-VE will be Jim Goff. We did meet objectives, which is a new plateau. VE recognitions have been given to the DCDR's to take back. 2011 VSC decals are at ANSC, and should be available within the next few weeks. There will also be paddle craft VSC-A decals. Release of a new VSC manual has been pushed back and will be rewritten.

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Report on file . Wetzel recognized the CS officers in flotillas, divisions and district. D11N is the only district in the nation with every flotilla and division on the web. Tom Komandina, ADSO-CS is working to create an on-line store for district. He will be photographing all items. The store will contain, photos, shopping cart and verification. EXCOM has given approval to proceed, and the store will be up and running in January-February.

Richard Thomas, DSO-HS – Report on file . Next month's report will reflect actual member enrollment. Overall we may be down 40-50 total membership from the beginning of the year. Thomas acknowledged COMO Ramsey for extra work she has been doing personally contacting members who are being disenrolled.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – The CG has a security protocol of changing passwords every 90 days. This is now being enforced in AUXDATA. When you open AUXDATA, a window will tell you when your password expires. Renew your password before the expiration date or it will be gone.

Steve Johnson, DSO-MA – Report on file . Dave Talton will be the new DSO-MA.

COMO Michael Maddox, DSO-MT – COMO Maddox is reviewing the changes for AUXOP courses to see if any members might qualify under the new requirements. COMO Maddox is also working on how to get additional required training to some of the outlying areas of the district.

George Knies, DSO-PB – Absent.

Bob Hendry, ASC – Report on file . CAPT Stowe is the new Captain of the Port. She is involving the Auxiliary. Dave Talton and Jeff Price as deputies are working with Hendry. Hendry was able to provide volunteer Auxiliarists as engineers and IT specialists after a Coast Guard request. CAPT Stowe is interested in attending some of the division meetings.

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file . Get your year-end reimbursement requests in ASAP.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP – Legal reports are not submitted. Firehock commended his legal team for their work during the past year.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR – Nothing to report.

Neil Nevesny, CRC – One case was referred and it was settled amicably.

Mark Mushet, DA – Absent.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Division COW's – DCO Williams reported that Bob Hendry, ASC is collecting COW information for the gold side attendance assignments. If you haven't already, please give him information on your COW events. Date, time, place and uniform are important for the gold side to know.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Elected Officer Training – COMO Maddox announced that Elected Officer Training will begin at 1300 in this room. At 1700 it will move to Executive Inn (dinner provided). At 1830 a mock flotilla meeting will be conducted. On Sunday training will begin at 0800 in this room and finish up at 1700.

Calendar – DCO Williams announced that the December telephone board meeting is canceled.

Go to Webinar – Dean LaChapelle, reported that he is working with EXCOM to expand this service to division meetings and to training. With our service we can have up to 3 meetings running simultaneously with up to 100 participants. It required a skilled moderator, and each participant needs a USB headset.

D-Train – Phil Sanchez, EP reported that 25-27 March is D-Train weekend at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park. The program format will be the same as last year. Registration forms will be available by mid-December. There is a flyer on line now. Room registration is available via internet or telephone. The district store will be there also. Early sign-ups (by Feb 15) will be entered in a drawing for a room at the hotel.

#### DCO REPORT

DCO Williams recognized Linda Haynes and Denis Eaton for their special service to the district through hospitality, AuxChef and electronic technology. DCO Williams recognized the quality and depth of the people in D11N. The people who make the Auxiliary work are the Flotilla Commanders. Individual members are why we are here.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1115.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is 0930 on 15 January 2011 at Coast Guard Island, Alameda CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

## ATTACHMENT A

### ATTENDANCE LIST DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 20 November 2010

#### DISTRICT BOARD:

DCO Mike Williams	Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4
DCO(e) Angelo Perata, DCOS	Curtis Han, DCDR-5
COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R	Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6
Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS/DCOS(e)	Larry Kelley, DCDR-7
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES	Richard Thomas, DCDR-8/DSO-HR/DCAPT(e)
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP	Denis Eaton, VCDR-10
CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX	David Laws, DCDR-11
CWO2 Danny Kilburger, OTO	Roger Haynes, DCDR-12/DSO-PE
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1/DCAPT(e)	Judy Esteban, P-PCA
Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3	

#### DISTRICT STAFF:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV	COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP
Jeff Price, DSO-CM	Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA
Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS	Phillip Grove, DSO-PV
Frances Fisher, DSO-FN	Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS	Mike Lauro, DSO-VE
Robert Firehock, DSO-LP	Linda Haynes, D-AD/H
Steve Johnson, DSO-MA	Robert Hendry, ASC
Sue Fry, DSO-MS	Neil Nevesny, CRC
COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT	Phil Sanchez, EP
James Duncan, DSO-NS	

#### GUESTS:

Simone Adair, VCDR-1/DCDR-1(e)	Bill Correll, ADSO-PV
Ed Kief, DCDR-3(e)	Robert Nichols, FC-35
Wally Smith, DCDR-6(e)	Linda McCarty, SO-SR-3
Lou Carroll, DCDR-7(e)	Elsie Lam, FC-48
Bruce Rogerson, VCDR-8/DCDR-8(e)	Stu Langs, FL-12-5
Leon Borden, VCDR-11/DCDR-11(e)	Kaethe Langs, FC-12-5(e)
Jim Blackburn, VCDR-5(e)	Jack Rane, FC-12-1
Charles McCarty, VCDR-5(e)	Mike Thompson, FC-72(e)
Dave Young, VCDR-11	Michelle Thompson, SO-SR-7
Jim Goff, ADSO-VE	Marsha Sanchez, FC-55
Dan Tinney, ADSO-MA	Matt Innes, FC-10-2
Bill Kinsey, FL-52	Carl Pierce, FC-39
Wilfred Sumner, ADSO-MS	Don Kirk, FC-73(e)
Joanna Nevesny, ADSO-LP	Dave Nauman, FC-41(e)