

MINUTES
US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTRICT 11NR
BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
25 March 2011
Rohnert Park CA

The meeting was called to order at 1400 by DCO Angelo Perata, who introduced the following special guests:

COMO Marie Scholle, DNACO-R
LT James Bell
CWO Curtis Bartell

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Coast Guard Ethos were led by Robert Firehock, VCDR-12.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Perata called for approval of the 15 January and 16 February 2011 minutes.

DCO Perata reported that information provided in January and recorded in the January minutes regarding uniforms is incorrect. The corrected information will be provided during this meeting.

Motion: Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES moved and Curtis Han, DCDR-5 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed/corrected. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

REPORT – DCO ANGELO PERATA:

Form 7029 – COMO Vass, NACO reported at N-Train that we only have 4000 members using this form. Even with the low number of members submitting form 7029 information, 10 million miles and \$2 million of personal expense were reported. We need to encourage all members to use the 7029 so that all of our hours and expenses are recorded. This information can be used to justify funds requests. DCO Perata recognized CDR Chareonsuphiphat, who created the form which more accurately reflects hours donated by the Auxiliary.

ODU Uniforms – DCO Perata displayed examples of three working uniforms and describe how and when they can and cannot be used as follows:

- Working Blues - These are good until 31 December 2012. After that date they are no longer an authorized uniform
- ODU untucked – These can be identified by the logo on right-hand shirt lapel and on the pants. This is the current authorized uniform, and can be worn now.
- ODU tucked – This uniform can be worn as long as it is serviceable. Note that the shirt and pants for the tucked and untucked are NOT interchangeable.
- Shoes with ODU's – Authorized shoes are black boots (don't have to be safety boot). Boat shoes are allowed on vessels only. The only authorized boat shoes are dark brown boat shoes with

brass eyelets. If an Auxiliarist has a health or injury issue requiring a special shoe, a waiver may be obtained by submitting a doctor's request.

RBS and Inland Waters – DCO Perata reported that COMO Vass continues to promote the RBS boating safety programs. We are also being encouraged to move inland. There are 70+ lakes in our district and this is where the majority of the accidents are occurring. We will also be emphasizing paddle sports. National is working on an MOU with the American Canoe Association to assist in educating the paddle sport public.

District Watch Words – Our district watch words are: Partnership, Preparation, Participation, and Proficiency.

District OPEX – DCO Perata reviewed preliminary plans for the District OPEX to be held at Coast Guard Island on 16-17 July. It is planned as a preparation for Fleet Week and the America's Cup. Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES is in charge of putting together the OPEX.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Perata called for district board reports as follows:

Simone Adair, DCDR-1 – Report on file. Adair commended Bob Hendry, Jeff Price and Dave Talton who worked hard on the Tsunami call-out. NSBW events planned in the division. The division's diversity advisor has been promoted to the National Staff. 25 members of the division received commendations for work in various Auxiliary projects.

Edward Kief, DCDR-3 – Report on file. The division will be holding its first Webinar meeting on April 14. Division members voted against having combined COWs for 2011 because of time constraints. They will reconsider this option in 2012.

Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4 – Report on file. Unit financial reports have been completed. VSC's are under way. Several PE classes have been scheduled. There was very good turnout at the Volunteer Fair in Santa Clara.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file. Division members are assisting at local stations, with additional members preparing to be trained. Division members were able to assist during the tsunami event. Two flotillas have started a Coxswain Academy. Division members Mike Marseille and Jim Blackburn are assisting in the DIRAUX office.

Wallace Smith, DCDR-6 – Report on file. During the tsunami event 38% of the members in the division assisted in some way. All told, 50 Auxiliarists participated, logging 400 hours over 9 days. Lesson learned: Keep call-out lists up to date

Lou Carroll, DCDR-7 – Report on file. The division is currently working on the support training with the Utah State boating officers. We are also working with the state on plans for NSBW. The division is currently working on another unique partnership with state. Because of state budget cuts, we have been asked to take over their boating education program. We are currently working on how to take over this program. Division members are stepping up to the plate. We are receiving a 4th boat from Utah State for this year.

Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8 – Report on file. Members of the division helped during the tsunami event for 7 days supporting operations. Flotilla 8-11 members were able to get the CG boat up on land and to safety. Flotillas 8-7 and 8-8 put on a St. Patrick's Day lunch for CG personnel. Division members are already doing VSC's on paddle boats and are planning PE class.

Denis Eaton, DCDR-10 – Report on file. The division is preparing for their upcoming OPTREX.

Leon Borden, DCDR-11 – Report on file. One member of flotilla 11-01 served as a watch stander on the radio during the tsunami. Weather permitting, we will begin two-boat training next month.

Robert Firehock, VCDR-12 – Report on file. The division was on alert as backup during the tsunami. Callout exercise discovered some discrepancies and they are working on correcting them. There will be a Boat Crew Academy OTW beginning in April. We hope to add more new crew members. The RBS programs are beginning, leading to NSBW. Flotilla 12-91 was in the St Patrick's Day parade and festival in Dublin CA, including an Auxiliary facility and one from STN Rio Vista.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file. The February PCA fair had 234 participants and 19 classes. The leadership class was very successful. Thanks to instructors and coordinators. Memorial update – plans are moving forward. We hope to have a shovel in the ground this summer.

CG ETHICS WORKSHOP

CDR Chareonsuphiphat introduced LT James Bell, for a special presentation on Coast Guard ethics. CG ethics is necessary because public service is a public trust.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Rodney Collins, DCOS directed the DCAPT's to call for their staff reports as follows:

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES called for the following staff reports:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – Many flights have been washed out or rained out, but we have been able to do some flights. We were able to fly personnel where needed during the tsunami event. We have also done some ATON flights. Aviation took Sector personnel to Moss Landing for their program.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file. Price thanked Wally Smith for his great work in Santa Cruz. Price is working with Sue Fry in AWW program. Some land mobiles are also handing out AWW material.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file. Sunday morning will be a combination OPS/TCT workshop. Next week members will be able to download the workshop from the web to their flotillas

Dean LaChapelle, DCAP-RES – Report on file. During the tsunami we had our first opportunity to call up the California Emergency Management Agency. Five members were on the team.

This was the first call-out since the program was initiated. The QE annual training session was held this month. It was conducted by CWO Kilburger and COMO Ramsey, and was an excellent program.

Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS called for the following staff reports:

Sue Fry, DSO-MS – Report on file. Commercial fishing vessel examinations will become mandatory, so we need more examiners. There is a program to qualify Auxiliaries to do this. We have a good ADSO for the uninspected passenger program. Training is going on for pollution investigator.

James Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file. All PATONS and bridge reports have been sent out. It is important to get information in as soon as possible. High water records do not include run-off high water, so bridge information can be very important. Check clearance gauges on the bridges, especially in areas with high water.

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA – Kudos and Bravo Zulus for all Auxiliaries who assisted during the tsunami problems in California. This has been an interesting marketing tool. We will have a lot of pictures of the team's participation on display tomorrow. NSW is coming up. McAlwee will be meeting tomorrow with NSW coordinators to share best practices.

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – Report on file. There will be a PE workshop tomorrow afternoon, plus a paddle boat class. There is an information booth regarding memorial.

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV – Report on file. Nothing further to report.

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE – Report on file. Nothing further to report.

Mary Kirkwood, DCAP-RBS – Report on file. An inland lake blitz is scheduled for 4 June. Divisions and flotillas are encouraged to Adopt-a-Lake with safety booth, VSC's, etc. Everyone who does PE classes, VSCs or PV visits, make sure AWW information is given.

Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SPT called for the following reports:

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Report on file. Wetzel described the district email distribution program.

Bob Davison, DSO-HS – Report on file. We currently have 1509 people in district, up 7 from a month ago. 46 are in AP status. Of 59 inquiries, 46 are now in AP status. There is a new system called AAMS (Auxiliary Application Management System), for National to track inquiries.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – Report on file. There is nothing new in IS. COMO McBain handed out trophies to the division for distribution to their members.

Dave Talton, DSO-MA – Report on file. The district on-line store is now functioning. Thanks to Tom Komandina for spearheading this project. More than 600 hours were volunteered by the MA staff to get it completed. We have a number of new products and will have more products coming in. \$5,000 was made at PCA Fair. Talton is monitoring the proposed ODU distribution from UDC and will keep DCDR's apprised when it is ready to go. The plan is that the uniforms will be going from the UDC to National Supply, who will contact DCDR's. They will give one uniform per person.

COMO Michael Maddox, DSO-MT – The test preparation web site has been renewed for two years, so the NavRules class will continue.

Wesley Craig, DSO-PB – Report on file. Nothing further to report. Deadline for **Northwind** articles is 8 April.

Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SPT – Report on file. The prospective members presentation is now on line every Tuesday night 7:00 p.m. on “Go to Web.” There is information on web site on how to do log on. Thanks to Mike Marseille for his assistance to set up this program. Thomas would appreciate feedback on the presentation. The AuxChef program has five new instructors now. There will be information on the AuxChef program tomorrow. There will be emails going out next week to members. In divisions 1, 3 and 5 Thomas has sent out invitations for NSBW proclamations to their counties. He will forward their responses to the DCDR’s.

Collins called for the following staff reports:

Bob Hendry, ASC – Report on file. In mid-February there was a call-out exercise. This gave us a head’s-up in areas where we need to improve. Hendry is updating the district contingency plan to match the national plan. Lessons learned during tsunami event:

- Work is needed on qualifications and lists.
- Need to get more members with ICS quals.
- Need to update non-Aux skills (engineers, photographers, drivers, etc.).
- The Everbridge callout program is now tied into AUXDATA and doesn’t need the administrative work usually required. That will mean that our AUXDATA information must be up-to-date.

We are working on policies for inland waters radio guard. We patrol 28 inland lakes. Those that are under Sector SF have now produced a policies list and some waivers that we may need that are justified in our policy. We will be appointing a Comms Safety Officer.

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file. All of the units have submitted 7025 forms.

Robert Firehock for Joanna Nevesny, DSO-LP – Nothing to report.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR – Nothing to report

Neil Nevesny, CRC – Absent

Steven Perez, DA – Report on file. DSO-DV is new the title for DDA.

Larry Olsen for DFSO – The DFSO is preparing for the flight safety workshop in April.

Rodney Collins, DCOS – COMO Vass has given the following instructions regarding the national participatory agreements with Sea Cadets and Scouts. Auxiliary units need to contact their district legal staff for approval before you have any activities, in order to avoid any liability issues.

DCO Perata called for the following EXCOM reports:

COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO – Divisions are encouraged to coordinate activities and requirements for the lakes you are involved with. We are working on the appointment of a surface safety officer for and getting land mobiles for inland waters.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – CDR Chareonsuphiphat has been serving as Acting Division Chief, for CAPT Maguire. CDR Chareonsuphiphat commended Auxiliarists for their coordination during the tsunami event. Safety is a very important in District 11. There may be a District Safety Officer for surface operation. There are currently 3 state boats, maybe 4, in Utah; 6 boats in Napa County and perhaps one in Whiskeytown. That is potentially 11 boats of other agencies that we can use. Roger Haynes is commended for his work on the Auxiliary memorial. COMO Vic Connell is working as Auxiliary liaison for the America's Cup. RADM Castillo will be briefing us on that in the next few weeks. Commercial vessels are a big issue coming up. CWO Kilburger has spent a lot of time working on the awards that will be given at D-Train.

CWO2 Danny Kilburger, OTO – CWO Kilburger recognized importance of awards. We have new personnel in the office and will be getting a new DIRAUX this summer. The work of Auxiliary volunteers in the office has been invaluable. We still don't have a budget from congress. We're on the 6th continuing resolution. Regarding SAMA, it has been changing a lot lately on how we will receiving funding (especially next year). There will be some ways to identify how much is being spent on surface and on air, now that they are all in one pot. Make sure you get your information in as quickly as possible in order to your reimbursement. Sector will not be doing contract fuel companies next year for Fleet Week. QE training was very productive.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

CDR Chareonsuphiphat, assisted by DCO Angelo Perata and COMO Marie Scholle, DNACO-R presented the following awards:

- Recruiting Service Award, with 42 recruits – Bill Dotson
- Coast Guard Auxiliary Commendation Medal – COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS
- Coast Guard Auxiliary Commendation Medal – Jim Duncan, DSO-NA
- Coast Guard Auxiliary Commendation Medal – Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Rescue 21 Update – DCO Perata reported that Sector is working on smoothing out the wrinkles.

NSBW – A lot of flotillas and divisions have been turning in their plans. Kirkwood has sent out a form to guide people on how to put on an NSBW event. She will have a meeting with NSBW coordinators and McAlwee tomorrow. They are also planning to have an award for the team that has best plan.

America's Cup – COMO Vic Connell reported that he will have an update with a video presentation during tomorrow's opening ceremony. Planning with Sector SF is still in preliminary staging. As of now we have not been tasked for any specific request for our services.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1640.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is a Webinar Meeting on 20 April 2011 at 1700 PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR