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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
District 11 Northern Region**

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District 11NR Electronic Board Meeting Minutes
15, January 2014 1900 PDT

Call to Order: 1902 hours by DCO Rod Collins

Roll Call: By DCO Collins. DIRAUX: CDR Curtis Sumrock

COMO Rod Collins; Richard Thomas DCOS; COMO Angelo Perata IPDCO/DNACO

Prevention: Wally Smith DCAPT; Response: William Stolz DCAPT; Support & Planning: Simone Adair DCAPT; Richard Celia DCDR; Carl Pierce; Judy Estaban; Sean Sheehan; Michael Thompson; Thomas O'Connor DCDR; Rod Rollins DCDR; Leon Borden DCDR; Gregory Fonzeno DCDR;

COMO Vic Connell ASC; PCA: Mary Kirkwood

A quorum was present electronically to conduct business. Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

DCO Report to Board: Rod will have an update after attending N-Train 29-31 Jan. The DCOS and 3 DSO's will also be attending. National requests an exit survey for members who leave. Letter & instructions to follow.

Communication through the chain of command is there to help.

District Board Reports:

DCDR 1 Richard Celia – Report on file: Funeral services for Herbert Golenpaul. A FL 14 member since 1982, will be this Friday. He will be missed. The Division COW will be 05 January 2014. The regular meeting will be at YBI on 22 January. FL 12 & 15 received the NACO Diversity Award.

DCDR 3 Carl Pierce – Report on file: All 5 Flotillas completed their COW. Activities were light in November & December. Division 3 is hosting D-Train 2014 with many volunteers. FLT 33 has scheduled BS&S and NAV classes. Asked if the ID problem is fixed and DIRAUX replied yes. Amended his report to say CAPT Nash and Bill Stolz attended the COW.

DCDR 4 Judy Estaban – Report not on file, to be submitted: COW held 12 January, was well attended. All "SO" positions except 2 are filled. First meeting is scheduled for 22 January 2014.

DCDR 4 Judy Estaban– Report on file: He attended all Flotilla COW's. FL 51 has 2 students attend COW.

DCDR 6 Sean Sheehan – Report on file: "New Member" & "TCT" training event scheduled for 25 January at Harbor meeting room. Whale Fest 25-26 January in Monterey will have Coastie & Otter. OPTREX hosted by FL 6-10 will be 2 – 3 August. Division hopes to gain 2 new Facilities.

DCDR 7 Michael Thompson – Report on File: COW January 12th was well attended. Not much happening due to weather. They are gearing up with training and events. Boat Show will be in February and hope to generate new members. Looks to be a good year for recruitment.

DCDR 8 Thomas O'Connor – Report on file: FL 88 is OK for the facility offered. Crescent City had successful COW. They are waiting for paperwork to get the "Shark"

DCDR 10 Rod Rollins – Report on file: The OTO attended their COW on 12 January. Division meetings will be 4th Tuesday of the month. Last Flotilla COW will be next Saturday in Modesto.

DCDR 11 Leon Borden – Report on file: Will be meeting with Sta. Tahoe to discuss what they would like the Auxiliary to do. Very positive the Station is willing to work with the Auxiliary. Familiarization Patrols, training, and SAR with CG, AUX and local law enforcement will be the focus.

DCDR 12 Gregory Fonzeno – Report on file: FL 12-03 planning BS&S class for Feb & Mar. OTO James attended FL 12-91 meeting. CDR Sumrock attended the DIV COW in December. Dave Montgomery a 15 year member of 12-3

PCA Mary Kirkwood – Report on file: Good registration for PCA Fair in February. If interested in SR/Treasurer of PCA let her know. Need an instructor for AUXWEA. Let her know if anyone interested. First PCA meeting will be at D-Train. Next PCA Fair 16-17 August.

DCAPT Prevention Wally Smith – Report on file: Called for comments from DSO’s in attendance. Jerry Edelen DSO-PA all doing a great job. Wally is looking forward to working with the group, stating that Prevention is all the more important this year especially due to budget constraints.

DCAPT Response William Stolz – Report on file: Called for comments from DSO’s in attendance. Gail Ramsey DSO-OPS reports great participation and OPS normal. Bill is getting to know the Divisions and enjoys working with DIV 3 in preparation for D-Train. Had visitors from Australia who commented Auxiliary in U.S. is very fortunate to have standardization. Their PWC has been inspected and is a Facility now.

DCAPT Support & Planning Simone Adair – Report on file: Called for comments from DSO’s in attendance. Tim Kahn DSO-Diversity, report on file, has a class scheduled for PCA & D-Train. Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS, remind all deadline for IS hours is 24 January for N-Train. Reports for Awards will be run on 27 January. Jimmin Chang DSO-CS asks leadership to remind members to have ‘strong’ passwords to protect emails and AUX network. Mary Kirkwood DSO-MT reports a Nat’l MT meeting today; Discussion offering mandatory training for those members without email; Revision of AUX-OP courses will be updated at D-Train. Ann Zocchi DSO-HR had Nat’l HR call last night. Letter to go out to FC’s re: members leaving. Reminder to FC’s that HR deadlines must be met. An HR webinar is scheduled for next week all DSO-HR’s and FC’s are invited to attend. Steve Salmon asked DCO to propose revision to District By-Laws for Awards. Needs to be approved by the Board. DCO to discuss offline with Steve and have ready for February meeting. Simone thanked everyone for all the great COW’s. She submitted an article to “Northwind”. She asked if anyone did not receive sample TDY request for D-Train to contact her. Also remind FC’s to send in their ANSC 7007 forms. Simone gave a special Thank You to Steve Salmon for all his hard work in preparing Awards for this year.

IPDCO Angelo Perata: Remind all to look over “Auxiliarist of the Year” Award in the AUXMAN 11-16 due 18 February 2014. “Rescue at Sea” Award due 01 February. This year will be the 75th Anniversary of The Coast Guard Auxiliary established 23 June 1939. Reminder that Members should be getting the “Guardian” and “Waves” newsletters. New “Suddenly In Command” on E-Directory. Reminder to have members update their “Skills Bank” profile. Looking forward to N-Train.

DIRAUX CDR Curtis Sumrock: It is wonderful to see how things are done in the Auxiliary when DSO’s submit their Goals in reports. The ID Card machine is up and running. Jim Blackburn is running it and has about 75 back logged and asks you coordinate a visit to DIRAUX for ID Cards. Accolades to Steve Salmon for his work in the Awards process. Remind all that 15 February is deadline for awards to DIRAUX for D-Train. An Awards Training PowerPoint was updated by COMO Harry Jacobs of D11S. Give a big “Shout Out” to OTO, who is on the road, doing a great job spending 3 days this week with Auxiliarists. DIRAUX has published procedures for “PPE” equipment issued to members. There is a process so please let them know ahead of time. The PPE Binder is issued to the FSO-MA so please have them pass it along to new FSO-MA’s. The Pheifer Award is coming up so please check the OPS summary. The PACAREA meeting today addressed the draught across all Districts: When performing missions please take into account there are more hazards to Navigation, underway hazards on lakes, public facing the same hazards. Please go slow and do things in a calculated manner. There is a process for the Auxiliary, to follow up the chain, when supporting civilian events like ‘swimming events’ before you commit to them. Consolidation of D11N and D11S is supposed to take place the summer of 2015. Some enlisted billets will be lost. Want to keep Auxiliary intact and separate and minimize impact on the Auxiliary. Regarding Sequestration the CG does want to support the Auxiliary. It must follow the ‘Rules of the Land’ that Officials and Lawmakers pass. Remember there is honor in being in an organization that abides by the rules.

ASC COMO Victor Connell: From Sector, AUXLO LT JG Leahey will be sending out criteria for the Pheifer Award to Stations & Auxiliary in next couple of weeks. There are interesting Auxiliary OPS going on such as raising a tugboat in the Estuary and Sacramento & San Francisco Fireworks. Great reports. AUX Air is out weekly. Sector is tweaking some of the PPE policy to be out this summer.

Discussion:

Division & Officer’s Reports

ANSC Forms. Rod asked that DCDR's contact their FC's regarding the change. Division and Flotilla ANSC 7007 have not all been turned in. DCAPT's please follow up. Unit ANSC 7025 due 31 January and delinquent 01 March 2014. Submit to ADSO-FN. CG Manual states DIRAUX is to review the 7025's.

DSO-SR position still open, refer any candidates to Rich Thomas.

DIRAUX for D11N & D11S to combine in 2015.

D-TRAIN: Mary Kirkwood is doing a fantastic job along with Phil Sanchez. Orders and TDY to be completed and back to Tina by 01 February. DCAPT's to contact their staff. DIRAUX offered to have Vanpools available running from Station to Sacramento. DCDR's please contact FC's to find out how many members might be interested and report back to DCAPT. Carl Pierce asked if Vanpools to/from Airport could be arranged.

D-TRAIN: Phil Sanchez reports D-Train on schedule with 69 of 100 rooms already booked. Hotel may extend no. of rooms at original price so get you reservations in. Registration due to Mary Smith by 01 March 2014. The Hotel is very cooperative and everything is running smoothly. A glitch in the Flyer for Friday Night Event should be "Casual Attire, Civilian Attire" not Evening Attire.

Rich Thomas reports there will not be a raffle this year but a Silent Auction. He request 1 nice item be provided by each Division and in by 01 February.

COMO Ramsey reports updated Flyer for Friday Night Attire is on the Website with an "All Hands" bulletin out. Phil added Friday event will be on the 15th Floor of Hyatt Regency overlooking the city of Sacramento. Tables and chairs will be set up with snacks available and Lounge Show music. Angelo mentioned ADMR Schultz gave a class at D11S D-TRAIN that was very effective.

DISTRICT STORE: Has a new ADSO George Rogers. He plans to do a webinar for DSO-MA's. Doing inventory. Hopefully will be up and running soon. He is looking forward to serving in this capacity.

RECOMMENDATION at N-TRAIN: Rod Collins said an announcement was made that all "C Schools" were not going to be funded for 2014 across the Nation. He said some C Schools are very important to future leadership such as ASOC & AMLOC. He outlined a proposal to be presented at N-TRAIN for the Auxiliary to fund C-Schools. The proposal put forth would be an investment to Nat'l of \$5.00 per member. This recommendation if passed would have to be approved by CHDIRAUX. Rod asked for questions and input from the Board.

Carl asked if IS class could be funded because of shortage in District. Leon said was a good idea giving a stable source of funding. Rich Celia asked when would take effect if passes. Rod said possibly May/June if passes. Judy asked who chooses the classes, by need, where held and who goes. Rod replied would be administered by CG Association, immediate need, central location, and back to Districts for likely candidates. Committee put together possible classes and rank them for need. Mike Thompson would not be in favor, asked if we have that kind of cash and how would Nat'l use it. It is a dues thing? Would it be District guaranteed? Rod replied the money goes to the Assoc. said "for the good of Aux." as the whole vs. individual. COMO Perata, of 12 C Schools only one taught by Aux. Must take the class for Certification by CG. It would be a one-time shot. COMO Maddox said AMLOC can be done at District level. ASCO cannot. Wally said he attended ASOC with 25 DCAPT and 3 COMO. It was invaluable stating that some of the attendees will be our future Board. He expressed appreciation for the open discussion. Sean Sheehan said the AMLOC was the best training and excellent immersion. We should do anything we can to advance training and not let it slip away. Mary Kirkwood asked if funds can be used appropriately possibly bring an Instructor to District would be more economical. Ann Zocchi said very unique, possible 6 month review with a yearly review if meeting requirements. Could it be stopped and what would happen with the funds not used. Jimmin Chang expressed concern how it would be received by members and is there an alternate means of delivery. COMO Ramsey asked if Webinars were mentioned with the need to build at ground level. Rod replied Classes like IS are mandated by Coast Guard, are not a webinar now and the Active Duty sets the training.

DCO Collins feeling is, in theory he likes the recommendation but it is not written well and leaves many unanswered questions. Needs more discussion at National level, administered correctly and benefit to our District. Good idea but until we have nut and bolts would like a committee to answer all questions. He called for a consensus from the Board to take to N-TRAIN. The Board was in favor of the idea but only as a "Fact Finding" discussion at National level with their concerns being discussed before any further action is taken.

Final Comments:

Wally mentioned Dockwalker Webinar 23 January at 1900 for DCDR. Simone asked DCDR & FC to ask members to update District website with correct information. COMO Maddox added that Email list for distribution needs to be updated also. Mike Thompson asked about TCT 4hr/8hr. COMO Maddox said he is designated a facilitator. Mary Kirkwood said she has list of who is authorized instructor. CDR Sumrock said contact DIRAUX, Anita has list of IS facilitators. COMO Ramsey asked that 7007 forms be sent to DIRAUX so information can be put into AUXDATA. COMO Collins thanked everyone for their input and wished all a happy new year.

Adjourn: There being no further comment or discussion, DCO Collins adjourned the meeting at 2117.

Next Meeting: 15 February 2014 - 1000 hours, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA

Respectfully Submitted by: Maryanne Collins

ADDENDUM A: District Board, Staff Officers, Guests Present

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DIV 11 - Leon Borden DCDR

DIV 12 - Gregory Fonzeno dcd

COMO Victor Connell ASC

PCA - Mary Kirkwood;

DSO's in Attendance:

Jimmin Chang DSO-CS; Tim Kahn DSO-Diversity; Ann Zocchi DSO-HR; Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS;

Mary Kirkwood DSO-MT; COMO Gail Ramsey DSO-OP; Jerry Edelen DSO-PA;

Guests:

COMO Mike Maddox ADSO-CS-MT; COMO Steve Salmon; Phil Sanchez; Maryanne Collins