



**Department of Homeland Security  
United States Coast Guard  
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
District 11NR**

November 16, 2013 Summary of Minutes for MaryAnne

**Date:** November 16, 2013

**Time:** 0838 Hours

**Location:** Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Richard Thomas

**Coast Guard Ethos**

**Roll Call:** See Agenda. Entire Board Present. DCDR-10 Monica Eaton substituted for Phil Grove.

A quorum of the Board was present to conduct business. Some of the Divisions will have new DCDRs: D5 Thomas Sarnicola, D10 Rod Rollins, D11 Leon Borden, and D12 Greg Fonzeno

**Guests present:** Each District Commander announced guests present from their Division during their reports.

**Special Guest** Captain Gregory Stump, Commanding Officer Sector San Francisco: Captain Stump spoke about the CO Conference. The active duty will be experiencing some physical challenges in the coming years. This means the CG will be coming to the Auxiliary asking for help. There definitely will be some billets being cut at the District and Sector level for Auxiliarists. The Navigation team is losing people and will need support. The Stations and the Cutters are spending a lot of time procuring supplies and the CG will need Auxiliarists with skills in bookkeeping and ordering supplies to help.

**Report to Board Rod Collins DCO:** Rod attended Admiral Schulz's CO Conference for D11N and D11S. At the conference Commanders report Station activities. The CG is incurring deep budget cuts yet these cuts will have little effect on the Auxiliary. The CG may be asking for more help from the Auxiliary. We are still under sequestration and be prepared for a possible government shutdown on January 15. The Auxiliary will continue to supplement the Coast Guard. They are asking for Watch Standers. DCDRs ask your members to update their Skills Bank information. D11S is having problems with the drug trade and it is starting to move north into our AOR. The Auxiliary's main mission is still Recreational Boating Safety and there will be no funding cuts in this area. The CG would like us to continue emphasis in RBS activities. The COs were very supportive of the Auxiliary.

**District Board Reports Richard Thomas DCOS:**

**DCDR-1** District 1 members attended the San Rafael Veterans Parade. December 4 will be our final meeting. This meeting will be a potluck dinner to be held at Yerba Buena Island at 1900. All members are invited to join us. Our Change of Watch will be January 5 at Coast Guard Island, Alameda at 1100.

**DCDR-3** AUXAir was very active last month conducting 4 drug missions with the Cutters. Our last meeting of the year was last Thursday evening. Our Change of Watch will be December 1 at the Black Bear Diner in West Sacramento. All members are invited to join us.

**DCDR-4** The Division had 2 events; The VA Parade in San Jose and the VA Palo Alto Event. Our Change of Watch has been changed to Sunday January 12 at Michael's Shoreline in Mountain View. We will be celebrating the 70 year anniversaries of Flotilla 41, 43 and 44. Invitations will be re-issued.

**DCDR-5** Jim's report contains all newly elected officers for 2014 and all Flotilla/Division Change of Watches.

**DCDR-6** All Flotillas worked around the government shut down nicely and were able to hold meetings for elections. Members participated, donned in life jackets, in the shoreline fish cleanup. Ted Johnson 64 passed away. He has been a very active member since 1999.

**DCDR-7** 9 members from Division 7 are with us today, some for their first time. With the snow our facilities have been winterized, our PPE taken out of service and we are now concentrating on book training. Our Change of Watch is being held January 11 and Wally Smith and Rich Thomas will be attending.

**DCDR-8** There will be no Change of Watch for Division 8.

**DCDR-10** Division 10 had their OPTREX just before the shutdown, where 13 members were qualified or re-qualified. Monica would like to thank Gail Ramsey, Chris Han and CWO2 Matt James for coming all the way out to Millerton Lake. Our Change of Watch will be December 14 at Marie Calendars in Fresno.

**DCDR-11** Our Change of Watch was held November 2. Bill would like to thank CDR Sumrok for getting our awards out for the first COW of the season. Bill would also like to thank Ann Zocchi for her help. Members attended the VA Observance in Truckee, CA. The Reno Flotilla has a display boat, Lil' Toot, which they are giving up and offering to other Flotillas.

**DCDR-12** Members participated in the Wheel Chair Regatta. Linda is working with the IS Officer to clear up all REYRs. Linda gave her book report for Our Iceberg is Melting.

**P-PCA** Our Annual Memorial Ceremony is being held today at 1100 at the memorial. Those who passed in 2012 have had their names placed on the memorial. Mary would like to thank Roger Haynes for his work on this event. There will be 45

family members attending. Refreshments will be served following the memorial event. The winter PCA Fair will be held February 8-9 and Mary is working on the brochure. PCA Elections are being held in the Chief's Dining Room at 1145 today. All PCA members are requested to attend.

**DCDR Book Reports:** DCDRs Richard Celia, Carl Pierce, Judy Esteban, Tom O'Connor and Linda Haynes reported on their leadership books.

**IPDCO** Angelo would like to recommend the book March of the Penguins to the incoming Flotilla Commanders. Angelo gave a history of the Auxiliary Memorial. Angelo spoke about the importance of the Newly Elected Leadership Class. Three DSOs will be invited to the January NTRAIN; VE, PA and PE. There is will massive changes in these missions. 2014 is the 75 anniversary of the Auxiliary with a kick off at NTRAIN in January.

**CDR Sumrok** DIRAUX has a small Wi-Fi box that can be borrowed for meetings and trainings. C-Schools will not be funded due to the sequestration. CDR Sumrok is receiving guidance on the currency requirements of the Ferry Vessel Audit program. District active duty is unable to participate in PA events or Auxiliary Change of Watches due to the sequestration. Local active duty can attend at their own cost. CDR Sumrok and CWO2 James will be attending local Change of Watches. AUXTCT Facilitators will be receiving their appointment certificates and are now shown in AUXDATA. CDR Sumrok would like to thank all the Auxiliarists working in the DIRAUX office; Gail Ramsey, Wayne Farnholtz, Anita Farnholtz, Jim Duncan and Jim Blackburn. Also a big thank you to Ann Zocchi DSO-HR who is working closely with the DIRAUX staff.

**CWO2 James** About 300 pieces of equipment have been taken out of service. New gear such as raingear, helmets and gloves will be issued to boat crew. The PPE program is up and running in all but 2 flotillas. We are reminded to keep our records up to date. Division 11 will be issued new cold water PPE. If any other Division have a good reason for cold water PPE please contact me. CWO2 James is available for training sessions.

#### **Staff Reports:**

##### **DCAPT-PN**

On Saturday December 7 the Annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony will be held at 0900-1015 in the Point Welcome Room at CG Island, Alameda. Auxiliarists are welcome to attend. Simone is looking for a DSO-MA. Charlie Duncan is our #1 Dockwalker with 361 visits.

**DSO-MS** AWW hours are not being reported. Report AWW hours to Robert Boo. Ferry Vessel Audit program training is coming up in February.

**DSO-NS** 100% of our tasks are completed for 2013. The Chief of Waterways is pleased. The 2014 Aids Program has started. **DSO-PA** Please have your Division PA send reports to me on major events for our historical archive. The PA website page is being updated.

**DSO-PE** Please let your members know that it is important to complete the paperwork for class student completion. These statistics are reported to the State Waterways Departments. Roger understands there will be major update to the PE program. He will be teaching 2 sessions at DTRAIN and would like SO-PEs and FSO-PEs to attend.

**DSO-PV** Not present due to illness.

**DSO-VE** Mike has contacted National on the VE position on the new California AIS Decal.

##### **DCAPT-R**

Patrols hours are down due to the government shut down. We are supporting Maverick events again this year. Wally thanked the Divisions 1, 7 and 11 for getting their elections done.

**DSO-OP** Gail spoke on the loss of Dorothy Fleisig on November 10. 2014 Operational events should be scheduled now with Dean La Chappell. National has taken notice of the DSO-OP Newsletter, especially the OTO Corner. We may be seeing some of our articles in National publications.

**DSO-CM** Jeff Price excused

**DSO-AV** AUXAir is being called out for Marine Sanctuary violations, by the Cutters for drug boat intervention, crab boat violations, whale watching boat violations, and Delta identifying abandoned boats. We had a very successful aviation workshop at Air Station Sacramento on October 26. Right now we are having a swim test over at the pool for boat crew and aviation people. We attended a multi-agency task force meeting in Sacramento last week on federal and state issues. Our next Aviation Dinner meeting will be November 26 at the Dublin Holiday Inn. Please let us know if you want to attend.

##### **DCAPT-S**

Chris thanked all his staff officers for their work this year.

**DSO-CS** Jimmin encourages leaders to learn the aspects of Communication Services. Leaders can become more familiar by taking courses at the Newly Elected Leadership Workshop, PCA Fair and Dtrain.

**DSO-DV** 19 Students attended the Diversity Class at the PCA Fair. Both the winter PCA Fair and Dtrain will have workshops on Diversity.

**DSO-IS** Please encourage members to report their hours by the end of the year so they do not go into REYR. With the C-Schools closed Anita will have to train IS officers individually.

**DSO-MA** The store is closed. Simone is working with Tom Komadina and conducting an inventory of items. Simone is looking for a DSO-MA and volunteers to help with the store.

**DSO-MT** Mary is working on the PCA Fair and Dtrain schedules. This afternoon and tomorrow will be the Newly Elected Leadership Training. National is looking for AUXOP and specially class Webinar instructors. National is also working on a new member boot camp course. There will be changes in the eTesting proctoring process.

**DSO-HR** Anne is working on disenrollments. Let the Flotillas know that if they are late they will be responsible for the payment of dues.

**DSO-PB** The last release of Northwinds was late October. The next issue will be released in early January. Articles are due no later than the last week of December which will include articles from the EXCOM members.

**Special Staff:**

**DSO-FN** Fran Fisher is excused. Fran has a Webinar scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup>. Fran had all her phone messages deleted and if anyone has left a message please resend.

**DSO-SR** EXCOM is looking for a DSO-SR.

**ASC** Vic has been the ASC for a year now. He requests from DCDRs the names of Watch Standers and other non-operational members working regularly at Sector and the Stations. Auxiliary members will now need access cards to work on the Coast Guard workstations. IDs and Passwords will no longer be accepted to log into the system. No one from Sector will be attending the Change of Watches unless it is on their own time. DCDRs report to Vic if someone from Sector is attending their Change of Watch. National is emphasizing updating the Skills Bank. Vic will be in charge of the Skills Bank project.

**DCOS** Rich is working on Dtrain. Rich is the librarian of the Leadership Library. Rich gave his book report on the book Leadership Confrontation. Rich attends a Webinar each month with all the District Chiefs of Staff. During the shutdown our District was one of the few that continued to be constructive.

**Old Business:**

*Leadership Library:* Rich Thomas is the new librarian. You may check out books. Books can be returned directly at meetings or can be mailed to the librarian.

*District Meeting Webinars:* The District meetings will be broadcasted as a Webinar for all members to attend.

*Dtrain:* Phil Sanchez spoke on the 2014 March Dtrain. It will be at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento. The flyer has been distributed. The Friday Night event will be The Atomic Lounge Show, a singing performance. Mary is close to finalizing the breakout sessions. New sessions will be using computer programs such as PowerPoint and Excel, and the NTrain updates from PA, PE and VE. Sunday will be the OPS Workshop and the Dockwalkers Class. Phil is looking into transportation from the airport. Registration will be released this week. There will be local activities for the spouses/families of members. Volunteers are needed.

**New Business:**

*2014 Budget:* Wall Smith DCAPT-R made a motion to approve the 2014 budget. Richard Celia DCDR-1 seconded the motion. The vote 18 yeah, 0 no. The motion was passed.

*Flotilla Electronic Voting:* Flotillas cannot conduct electronic voting for elections at this time. Standard verbiage for electronic voting may be available for inclusion into Flotilla Standing Rules by next year. If this standard verbiage is added to the Standard Rules it must be approved.

*Quorum Wavier:* There is a Quorum Wavier request form that must be completed and submitted to decrease a Flotilla's quorum from 20% to 15%. This wavier is in effect for only a limited time.

*Auxiliary Memorial:* Simone and Alyssa Adair purchased and planted the area around the Memorial.

**Good of the Auxiliary:** Captain Stump said that the Blue Angeles, the Cutters and Navy Ships will be attending Fleet Week next year.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 1050 hours.

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

**Board Members:** All Board members were present except for Monica Eaton filling in for Phil Grove

**Staff Members:** Sue Fry, James Duncan, Jerry Edelen, Roger Haynes, Mike Lauro, Larry Olson, COMO Gail Ramsey, Jimmin Chang, Tim Kahn, Anita Farnholtz, Mary Kirkwood, Ann Zocchi, Curtis Han, COMO Vic Connell

**Guests:** Phil Sanchez, Robin Stewart, Adam Greer. Paul Custance, Bill Tsai, Tony Zocchi, Bill Green, David Anholm, Michelle Thompson, Lana Visser, Leon Borden, Richard Flamingo, Roy Vandermolen, David Kolinski, Dee Dee Kincaid, Marlene Phifer, Dan Tinney, Cecil Claspell, Dan Fish, Sean Sheehan Gregory Degennaro, Michael Fiamingo