



U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
District Eleven North Region
DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT



To: Dean McFarren, Commodore

14 July 2021

Cc: District Board and Staff

From : Lewis C Derfuss, Division Commander

Division: 5

HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":

1. Working with flotilla staff to prepare NACO 3 Star Award Packages
2. Division 5 kicks off fellowship with Division Luau.
3. All Programs resuming within stated guidelines.

DETAILS:

1. Our SO-DV, Randy McCormick, has continued to reach out to flotillas and staff to aid in developing NACO 3 Star Award application packages. We have now submitted and gotten approval of applications from 4 of 5 Flotillas 51, 52, 53 and 55. We have reached our goal is to get at least 4 of 5 Flotillas to submit this year.
2. We had a celebration of the lifting of many of the Covid Restrictions and once again enjoy our cornerstone of Fellowship. had good support from all 5 Flotillas, some Division 3 member and District CG Leadership at the 8th Annual Luau at the Derfuss Ranch in Vacaville despite the 115 degree peak temperatures. Pop ups, fans and lots of cool water and refreshments were provided. Special guest included Captain Taylor Lam, the new Sector Commander for the Post of San Francisco, Mary Kirkwood, Deputy National COMO CG AUX, Dean McFarren COMO District 11N, John Hardin ADSO Operations 11N. About 80 were in attendance. A special thanks goes out to Randy and Lisa McCormick, Kit Galvin and my family members who helped set up BBQ, clean up. Additionally, Bravo Zulu to Jerry Gillgren, Glenn Colburn and Randy for providing authentic live Hawaiian Music and Lisa and Shaina Waller for providing Hula dancing and instruction. The Hawaiian style roast pig and all the sides were outstanding Bravo Zulu to all for your participation!! If you missed this great event---you missed a great event. See the following link for photos provided by Thomas Herbst FL 55 Thanks Thomas <https://kaba-herbst.smugmug.com/2021-Division-5-Luau/n-66RNH5>

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The fat triangle will play a slide show. More photos attached at end of report.

3. We are transitioning to live in-person activities as permitted by Phase 3 Guidelines. This includes Patrols, Boat Crew Training, VE's, PV's, PA events. Division 5 and its Flotilla's will start Hybrid meetings which will include in-person and online components in August as most of us went dark in July. Also, BRAVO ZULU to Wil Sumner who continues to put on a virtual Marine Safety qualification

classes—See Webinar calendar for details. We encourage all members to take advantage of Webinars and live activities. FL 55 and FI 53 continue to have multiple approved patrols including crew and trainees from other flotillas as well as our flotillas, those who are due Requal or are working on initial Quals or just seeking to get your 12- hour minimum underway time please Contact Wil Sumner FL 55 or Lew Derfuss SO-OP 5 and make your needs known. We all are rusty after over a year of no patrol activities, and we need to train to get prepared for QE Check rides. Flotilla 53 members also participated in Fairfield's July 4th Parade organized by FC Kit Galvin See Photos at end of report. Bravo Zulu to all who participated!

PROJECTS:

1. We have scheduled on District calendar--2021 COW for Division 5 for 5 Dec and a Fall OPTREX hosted by FL 55 at Sta Bodega Bay 24-26 Sep. With progress of moving to Phase 3 we are hopeful these events will happen.
2. Members working on updating PPE inspections and completing 2021 Operations workshop and TCT/Risk Management Refreshers
3. We decided to postpone a plan to have a joint BBQ tentatively on Aug 7 with Station Vallejo and Division 5 membership till next year when the new station opens.
4. We are working on preparing members to take on positions of leadership as both elected and appointed staff officers as the election season for 2022 is rapidly approaching.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Time and funding constraints
2. Phase 3 has again given us more flexibility to preform some traditional missions and opportunities to meet in person and socialize. Emphasis on importance of considering Covid vaccinations to further remove restrictions on missions we perform.
3. Emphasis now on OPTREX's, Fall PCA Fair and COWS
4. Training and scheduling 29 required 2021 regualification check rides as well as initial qualification of Coxswains and Boat Crew members.
5. Focus on individual Flotilla strengths and combined and open up and communicate training opportunities among Flotilla's, combining efforts to achieve maximum results.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. Looking forward to again working closely with Sta Vallejo, Sta Rio Vista and Sta Bodega Bay staff in providing Operational Support with Joint Patrols to support both CG Station and Division Boat Crew Training, Qualification, and Currency by providing AUXFAC's and Crews upon request as well as routine support to AOR as allowed.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Most have been previously highlighted in this report: To summarize: Retain, attract, train members. Increase support to CG Missions by use of increased qualified members working toward some focused goals. Have Fun in doing the above and Fellowship. Addressing and working towards breaking down the barriers working against our success. Lead Division 5 to be know as the Premier Division. Strive to win NACO 5 Star award across the Division

PHOTO GALLERY: July 4th Parade Photos:



Randy McCormick's daughter Shaina Waller and grandchildren Leila and Colby on bow of AUXFAC KOKUA II



Bob Schabert, Morgan Curtis, Rhoda Jones, and Randy McCormick with AUXFAC KOKUA II in background



Bob Schabert, Morgan Curtis, Rhoda Jones, and Randy McCormick with AUXFAC KOKUA II in background



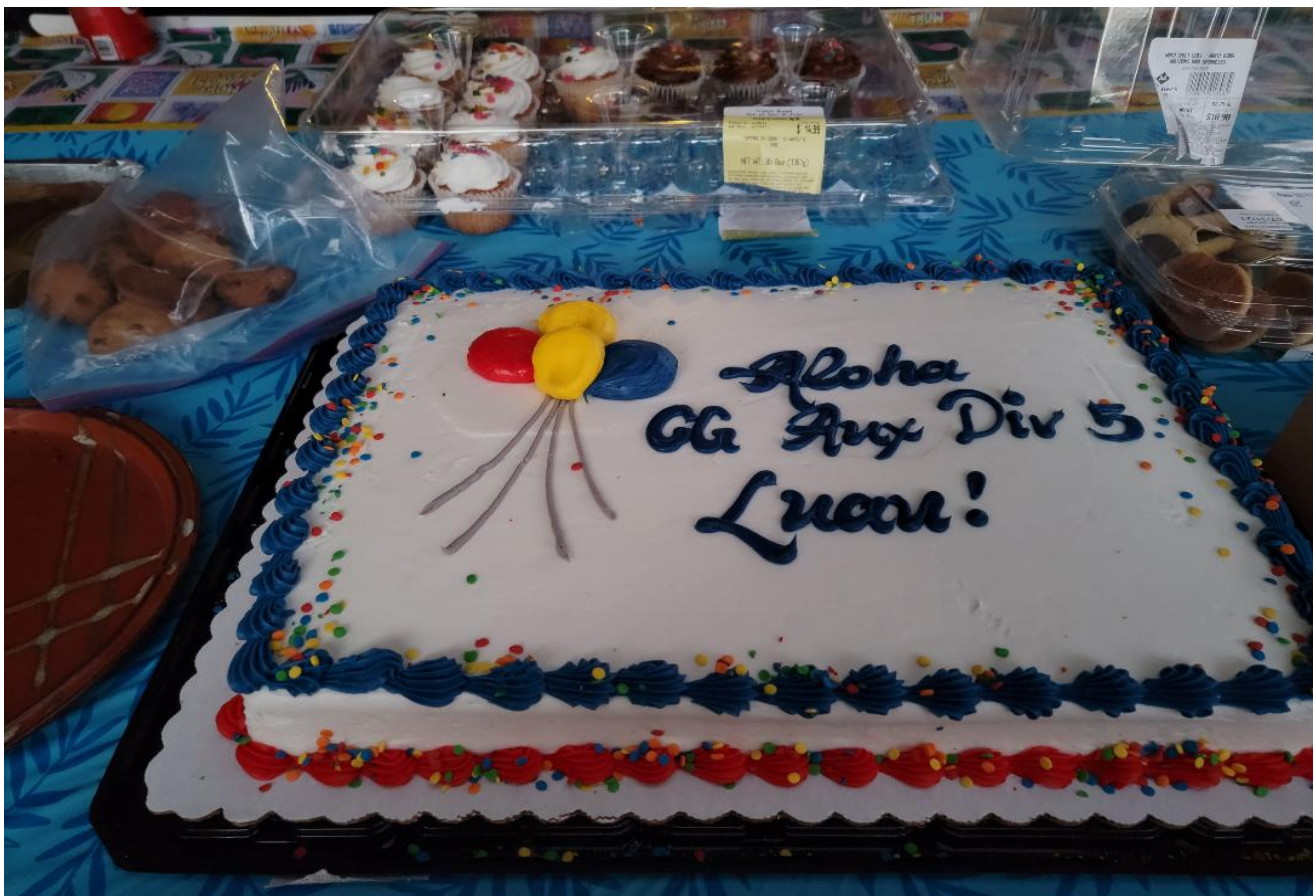
Bob Schabert, Morgan Curtis, Rhoda Jones, and Randy McCormick with COASTIEE Trailer in background



Bob Schabert with COASTIEE Trailer in background



Bob Schabert and, Rhoda Jones, in crew seats of AUXFAC KOKUA II



Luau Cake



Lew Derfuss DCDR 5 and Capt Taylor Lam Commander Sector San Francisco



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Lew Derfuss DCDR 5 and Mary Kirkwood National Deputy COMO



Lew Derfuss DCDR 5 and Dean McFarren COMO District 11NR



Kit Galvin FC 53 and Lew Derfuss DCDR 5



Derfuss Family Emily, Theresa, Monica, Richard, Laura, Lew