

# Flotilla 87 Meeting Minutes, September 24, 2022

**Unit:** 113-08-07, Mendocino County

**Date:** September 24, 2022

**Meeting Start:** 1059 hours via GoToMeeting

**Attendees:**

Helen Mackenzie Morris, FC  
Leon Thomsen

Glenn Funk, VFC  
Madeleine Brink, SR

Lorraine Cheney

**Division Attendees:** None.

**Station Liaison:** None.

**AP Status:** Scott Smith, Jen Lewis

**Guests:**

**Quorum:** was met.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** The previous meeting minutes were moved for approval by Lorraine and seconded by Glenn.

**Station Liaison Report:** None.

## **Flotilla Commander (FC) Report:**

- Fuel farm: everything went well on last Monday morning's fuel recirculation but the doors are still in the same poor condition; the generator started the week before last; the Veeder-Root fluid measuring system we use gave us a reading last Monday of less than 1500 gallons.
- We're cleaning the lens at Pt. Cabrillo Lighthouse next Thursday September 29th at 1300; cleaning crew will consist of Helen, Jen, and Madeleine (on the 3rd floor); Helen would like us to clean the lens and the glass but Steve said that he hasn't found a California-legal polish for the brass yet. Steve reminded Helen that we need to call the Coast Guard on Thursday just before we start cleaning to tell them that we will be down for maintenance.
- Leadership: Helen will not be leading the Flotilla next year so we will probably join Flotilla 88; Steve Nilson suggested that we ask District or Division as to how we can do this; Glenn suggested that we ask Bill Hale, Division Commander.
- Thanksgiving lunch: Helen said that we don't have enough people to cook the dinner; one can order a fully cooked and complete meal from Harvest Market; a discussion followed as to if we can afford it but it was resolved that Glenn would call Chief Melore at the station to find out if they had already planned something. We also discussed if we could afford it if the meal costs about \$30 a dinner and there were 20 people (we can). Helen will call Harvest to see how much each meal would cost. We also need to invite Bill Hale, Division Commander.
- We were checking on our finances and found that, with 14 members, we will need to send a check for \$616 in the spring (\$24 to National, \$15 to Division, and \$5 to District). Moneywise, we don't know about the upcoming COW lunch, if we would have one. Lorraine said that we may join Flotilla 88's COW lunch.

## **Vice Commander (VFC) Report:**

- There is no member training for VSEs as all Vehicle Safety Inspectors are retiring. Helen is the only VS inspector but she is in REYR and needs retraining.

- Glenn is retiring at the end of this year which will leave the fuel farm short handed as Helen can't do it alone. Helen said that we are once again without the necessary people to fill the positions; we have 14 members but we have difficulty meeting a quorum. Glenn said that he offered to train some of the Coast Guard (CG) flight mechanics to take over at the fuel farm. Pt. Arena is the half-way point between San Francisco and McKinleyville and the CG is definitely dedicated to having a fuel farm at Pt. Arena; their helicopters don't have the fuel capacity to make the entire trip.
- There is a complete lack of security at the fuel farm, despite Glenn's repeated reminder about the doors. The hose room, which has a workable door, can easily be broken into by vandals; the other doors have a low priority but the hose room is very important. Glenn was told that we save the CG about half a million dollars with manning the fuel farm. He said that maybe they will close it down and switch to Ukiah for refueling.

**Other Staff Reports:**

- FN: Madeleine sent an update of the Flotilla checking account on Friday. We have 14 members who have paid their dues.

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**Commendations, Awards and Member Recognition:**

**New and Continuing Business:** None.

**Other Business:** None

**Good of Order/Fellowship:**

**Meeting adjourned:** at 1149 hours.

- Leon moved to adjourn and Glenn seconded.

**After Meeting Notes:**

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**Important Future Dates:**

- Next meeting is on September 15th.

**Web Site References**

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=113-08-07>

Flotilla 87 web site

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Madeleine Brink, FSO-SR, 113-08-07