



# Auxiliary Power

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### FROM THE DESK OF THE REAR COMMANDER



**AWARD.** Stf/C Carmen Adame, P, presents the Membership Enhancement Award to D/Lt Marge Desormeau, SN, of the Fort Meyers "C" Belles with R/C Frank Wright, SN.

Special congratulations to members of the "C" Belles Auxiliary from Fort Meyers Squadron, D22. They received the Membership Enhancement Award at the Governing Board Meeting in Little Rock for the greatest increase in membership during the previous year, 14 members, 28.57% increase. Eight other Auxiliaries increased membership during the same period. They are : Mainstays (Main Line, D5), HAPS (Homestead, D8), The Anchors Auxiliary (Fairhope, D15), MAPS (Mobile, D15), Sea Belles (Bellevue, D16), Cape Mates Inc (Cape Coral, D22), Spraymates (Phoenix, D28), Seagals (Columbus, D29). Each of these Auxiliaries received a special Certificate in recognition of their accomplishments.

The meeting in Little Rock was well attended. Our speaker, P/R/C Lewis W. Dance, SN, gave an excellent over-view of

the USPS Leadership Development Program. We have had many requests for a program that would be helpful to our members to assume Leadership positions in the Auxiliaries or even in the Squadrons. The LD Program is available at the District Level and also in many Squadrons. It is fun and allows participants to better understand themselves.

During the past year, two of our most valued and faithful members found it necessary to resign from the Committee. Martha Walker, AP, long time member, Chairperson of our EXPO BOOTH, and responsible for Auxiliaries in D24 and D29, is leaving due to health considerations. Lt/C Ellen Carr, AP, was our Secretary, provider of pictures for our EXPO BOOTH, and responsible for Auxiliaries in D3 and D20. Ellen is now Administrative Officer of Greenwich Bay Squadron, D14. We cannot thank Martha and Ellen enough for their loyalty and service. We all wish them well.

Three new members are joining the Committee this year. They are: D/Lt Mary Lee Mason, P, Miles River (D5), Sheila Wisnieski, Vero Beach (D8), and Sally Lemus, Wyandotte, (D9). We welcome these new members aboard and look forward to working with them.

The meeting in Orlando promises to be a real fun time. Our speaker, D/Lt Mary Rhodes, AP, from D5, will come with a bundle of ideas you can all use. She's a Gourmet Cook, makes Crafts, organizes activities, motivates people, delegates effectively, instills confidence, etc., etc., etc. Mary is a legend in D5 and I know you will enjoy her.

**Frank**

**The Sun Will Be Shining  
AT THE USPS ANNUAL MEETING IN  
THE ROSEN CENTER IN ORLANDO  
Auxiliary Advisory Committee Open Meeting will  
Be Held Friday, 4 January, 1530, in Salon 20**



**SPEAKER.** P/R/C Lewis Dance, SN, is thanked by R/C Frank Wright, SN, for his presentation at the Auxiliary Advisory Committee meeting in Little Rock.

**Minutes of the Auxiliary Advisory  
Committee Meeting  
Fall Governing Board Open Meeting  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
8 September 2001**

R/C Frank Wright, SN, called the meeting to order at 0840.

Stf/C Carmen Adame introduced the committee members and their assignments. All District Liaison Officers and guests that were present introduced themselves.

The minutes of the Spring Meeting in Denver were approved as read. There were no additions or deletions.

Stf/C Adame gave a report on the newsletter that is now on our website. P/R/C Priscilla Clarke, AP, reported on the status of the Auxiliaries. We now have 43 Auxiliaries with a total membership of 1,502. P/R/C Clarke spoke on the 5<sup>th</sup> Youth Poster Contest that is beginning now. Also, she discussed our website.

R/C Wright emphasized how important it is for the auxiliaries to get their annual reports in to us. Also, R/C Wright stated the importance of the District Liaison Officers' help. Since directories are being sent out without the annual reports having been received, we do not know if they are being directed to the right officers in the Auxiliaries.

P/R/C Lewis W. Dance, SN, spoke on the "USPS Leadership Development Program". It was a very informative and enjoyable program.

Stf/C Adame requested photos for the Expo Booth at Orlando, Florida, in January, 2002. Please send any photos on your Auxiliary activities to Carmen at her new address: 5199 Wexford Drive, Viera, FL 32955-6708.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1000.

**Joyce.**

Joyce M. Bruner  
Secretary



## EDITOR'S NOTES

USPS Squadrons without Auxiliaries sometimes question the benefits that forming an Auxiliary would provide. What unique position does an Auxiliary hold in the USPS family?

Auxiliary members support the Squadron in prominent and sometimes subtle ways. They are the ones that the Squadron Commander can call upon to hostess the hospitality room at the District Conference. Decorations for the Christmas party are just a phone call away, Squadron Commander to Auxiliary President: "Help, please!" This support and encouragement includes not only social occasions but the administrative side of the organization: newsletters, telephone committees, member involvement and fund raisers to help with the overhead of Squadron buildings. This is a significant position in the USPS family.

National USPS policy supports Auxiliary formation and continuation. The National Auxiliary Advisory Committee is dedicated to helping in both areas. At the Little Rock Governing Board the open meeting program was devoted to Leadership Training. P/R/C Lewis Dance, SN, presented information, which can help with officer training and recruitment. Auxiliary bridge officers are encouraged to attend the Operations Training classes offered by their squadrons.

P/R/C Priscilla Clarke, AP, has prepared a great report on mentoring of new members. This is available through the National Membership Involvement Committee. Often, a decline in membership and an officer shortage go hand in hand.

In D/22, the Fort Myers 'C-Belles' won the National USPS Membership Enhancement Award for the increase in their membership. D/L/O Marge Desormeau, SN, accepted the award from R/C Frank Wright, SN. Many of the members are both Squadron and Auxiliary members. This is the way to go!!

In the coming year, The National Auxiliary Advisory Committee will continue to further the vision and direction of all Auxiliaries. Education, support, and mentoring of each Auxiliary are the reason we are here. Meet your committee members at the National Expo booth in Orlando. It will be a sweet experience.

**Carmen**

Stf/C Carmen Adame, P

Asst Chairman, Auxiliary Advisory Committee



**Your Auxiliary Advisory  
Committee Wishes You a  
Happy and Safe Christmas  
And Hopes You Will Join Us  
At Orlando in the New Year**