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A View from the Bridge

November is the time that squadron, district and national commanders take stock and submit recommendations for members to receive a Merit Mark for their contributions to the squadron for the year. Merit Marks are how members are "paid" for their service since we are a volunteer organization and don't receive a salary. It is a common recognition, consistent throughout our organization; receiving a merit mark is an honor, especially since you can only receive one per year. There are several major milestones for merit marks that are of a distinctive nature—receiving the 5th, 25th and 50th. If things go as expected, our squadron will have members that will reach of these recognition levels this year, a significant achievement.

I have been looking back at the year, at all the events and activities we have done, and I am amazed at the sheer number or them, and the number of members that have helped to make all these things possible. A huge note of thanks to all.

And guess what – we still have a few things to go before putting this squadron year in the record books. Plan to come to our November membership meeting, the December Christmas Party, our annual meeting in January when elections for next year will take place, and the Change of Watch. Mark your calendars for each of these events – you don't want to miss them. Stay tuned to email and *Side Lights* issues for all the details.

Cdr Marvin Chaney, Jr SN

FALL BAR-B-QUE

We held our annual fall bar-b-que on Saturday October 29 that raises money for the maintenance of Merit Mark Point and honors P/C T. K. Moore. Twenty-five people attended a great event; monies raised are still being tallied. It was a fabulous fall day perfect for the event. Thanks to the commander for tending the fire, Bo Ibach and JJ Rodgers for preparing and cooking the "q", Hank Bateman for making the baked beans, Pat Rodgers for making the coleslaw, and the commander and Dan Bartell for chopping and pulling the "q". Pat Rodgers, Barbara Bartell and Mary Chaney served up the food. Thanks to all members who brought great appetizers and desserts; none of us went hungry. Left over "q" was sold in take home boxes; the remainder was donated to the Dorothy Days Soup Kitchen in Rock Hill.

Jack Moore and Brevard Myers used the day to perform some much-needed dock repair; things are getting ship-shape to close out the year.

Enjoy several snapshots from the event.



Picture by P/C William G. Granger, P-IN More Pictures on Page 3

7 NOVEMBER 2022 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next membership meeting will be 7 November 2022. We will meet at John's Family Restaurant, 2002 Westinghouse Blvd in Charlotte. Come at 1800 (6 PM) for dinner; our meeting will begin at 1900 (7 PM). Coming closer to 6PM will help the kitchen if you plan to eat dinner. Our own Bo Ibach will present the program on a Marine Habitat program.

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"SIDE LIGHTS" is published monthly* for the members of the Charlotte Power Squadron. The deadline for articles is the Friday before the third Monday of each month. Articles may be given, mailed or emailed to P/C John A. King, II AP before the deadline. Electronic versions of your articles are preferred and can be accepted at email address: (* July and August are combined as a summer issue, January and February are combined as a winter issue.)

The opinions expressed in the articles of this publication are those of the writers and are not necessarily those of the Charlotte Power Squadron or the United States Power squadrons.

As we travel through this time, please watch your e-mails and check the Calendar of events on the website for updates

Calender of Events

Education, Civic Service, Friendship & Fun

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENT UPDATES

NRD means "No Rain Date"

November 2022

7 Membership Mtg – John's Family Rest – 1800 2000

21 ExCom – Trio-Charlotte – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting

25 Side Lights Articles Due – Bridge Message (Education)
December 2022

5 No Membership Mtg

Sqn Christmas Party – Reflection Point – 1600 1900

23 Side Lights Articles Due – Bridge Message (Incoming CDR)

January 2023

Annual Mtg – John's Family Rest – 1800 2000

D27 Winter Training – Carry, NC – 0800 - 1600

16 ExCom - Trio-Charlotte - 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting

28 COW - Sonesta Charlotte - 1700 - 2000

February 2023

No Membership Mtg

20 ExCom - TBA

24 Side Lights Articles Due – Bridge Message (Treasurer)

19-26 National Annual Meeting - Orlando, FL

* Meeting Location Addresses

Jocks & Jills – 4109 S. Stream Blvd. Charlotte, NC John's Family Restaurant - 2002 Westinghouse Blvd. Charlotte, NC

Lake Wylie Marina – 310 Blucher Circle Lake Wylie, SC Merit Mark Point (MMP) – (Squadron Lk Wylie, SC property)

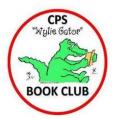
See Roster, Pg A17 for directions

Red Fez Club – 16600 Red Fez Club Road Charlotte

Reflection Pointe Club House – 1305 Reflection Pointe Blvd. Belmont, NC

Sonesta Charlotte – 5700 Westpark Dr. Charlotte, NC Trio-Charlotte – 10709 McMullen Crk Prkwy, Charlotte, NC

Notice!! Locations are subject to change! Any location revisions and/ or meeting date revisions will be either published in the *Side Lights* or sent to you by email.



2022 Wylie Gator Book Club Date and Time TBA

CPS FUNDRAISING NEWS 2022

Thanks to everyone who participated in our "50/50" Fundraiser at our membership meetings on August 29 and October 3. We once again sold raffle tickets for a "kitty" (with the winner keeping half and the other half being donated to the Squadron).

The winner for August was Pat Hakanson and the winner for October was Mary Chaney. Congratulations Pat & Mary! Please plan to join in the fun at the November membership meeting to be held on November 7, 2022, at John's Family Restaurant.

We still have plenty of Auto Bell gift cards for sale. The cost is \$20.00 per card and our squadron gets \$10.00 for each card sold. Everyone loves a clean car!! These make great gifts and stocking stuffers for Christmas! Please see me at our next meeting or activity to purchase yours. Thank you for your support.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the November membership meeting!

P/D/C Paula F. Stewart, AP Fundraising Chair



P/Lt/C Samuel Sanford, JN Receives his 50 Years Membership Certificate and Pin Photo by: P/C Brevard S. Myers, Jr, SN-ACN

At the recent D27 Fall Council / Conference, our member Sam Sanford was recognized for achieving 50 years of membership in USPS. Congratulations!!!!

Pictures from the BBQ



P/Stf/C Charles R. Ibach, III, SN-ACN Photo by P/C Henry (Hank) W. Bateman, JN



Ooky Spooky Desert – Yummy Photo by P/C William G. Granger, P-IN



Photo by Cdr. Marvin Chaney, Jr, SN



Happy November Birthdays

Ms. Maria V. Camacho Mr. Douglas L. Carlson, AP P/Lt/C Mary D. Chaney, JN Mr. David K. Cruse, S Lt George W. Davis, AP P/C William G. Granger, P Mr. John R. L. Johnson, III, P Mr. Marin M. Luebbers P/C John P. Moore, Jr, AP-IN P/R/C Donald P. Osmond, N

CHECK OUT THE 2022-2023 ONLINE CALENDAR



The Calendar for the 2022-2023 squadron year was approved at the Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting on February 21. We have an ACTION-PACKED year planned!! It is constantly being updated – the latest update just last week. Check out the calendar posted on the squadron's website at:

https://www.usps.org/localusps/charlotte.

Mark your own calendars to make sure you don't miss one of the great events we have planned. Stay tuned to *Side Lights*, your email, and our website for updates.

If there is something you think members would enjoy or think we should do that you don't see on the calendar? Please call me or email me with your ideas.

Some exciting events that are coming that you will want to make sure you attend are:

- Squadron Christmas Party Reflections Point Club House (December 10)
- Annual Meeting / Elections (January 9)
- Changed of Watch (January 28)

Pictures Coastal Rendezvous/Coop Charting



Photo by P/Stf/C Charles R. Ibach, III, SN-ACN



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SHIP'S STORE

below are the remaining items that we have for sale in our Ship's Store

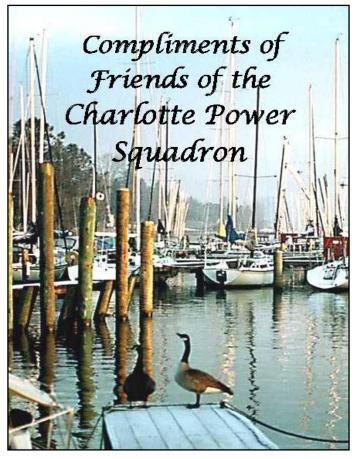
- 1 Khaki baseball cap
- 2 Red baseball caps **
- 6 Blue baseball caps
- 1 Khaki bucket hat (size-small)
- 1 Men's white short-sleeve golf shirt (size-med) **
- 1 Sweat shirt-light grey (size-3 XL)
- 1 Fleece vest-navy (size-XL) **
- 1 Men's jean shirt-long sleeve (size-XL)
- 1 Women's jean shirt-short sleeve (size-med)
- 1 Navy jacket (size 2XL)
- ** Old burgee-no gold border

Contact David or Paula Stewart, Co-Supply Officers, if you are interested in any of these items. Prices are negotiable or make us an offer.

David: 704 718 6287 Paula: 704 214 1244

In the future, we will NOT be maintaining an inventory, but any item you have (shirt, blouse, bag, hat, etc.)

CAN be embroidered with the Charlotte Power
Squadron logo. Please see David or Paula for details.



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