

24th Bridge



United States Power Squadrons

District 24



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Commander's Report Cdr. Dick Remski, SN



Here we are weathering the heat of this very warm season! Hopefully most of you have had a chance to enjoy some boating this season. I know the Ohio River folks have had a long delay while the river returned to more normal levels, and then some of us experienced significant delays on getting through the lock at Markland on the way to and from the District Rendezvous in July. After a (hot) but enjoyable rendezvous, two boats and about 17 or 18 D24 members enjoyed a summer Sunday evening in Rising Sun, Indiana with a great meal filled with fun and camaraderie at the Underground Pub at the Courtyard, a great building built in about 1827.



I know the Lake Erie and Lake Michigan boaters didn't have the long wait to get into the boating season, but the early summer heavy rains and thunderstorms certainly impacted their ability to enjoy our nearest Great Lakes. Summer activities around the district include our visit to the Wabash Valley picnic at Keith and Linda Williams place on Raccoon Lake, raft-ups at Cumberland and Kentucky Lakes by Evansville Bend and Bluegrass, a Lake Erie Rendezvous by Dayton, Ohio River raft-ups by Louisville, Hoosier helping with rowing nationals and other fun activities. We need to keep up on the FUN events to let people know that USPS, D24 and our great inland squadrons do know how to have fun.

As we look forward to another Fall Governing Board, which will be held at Greensboro NC from 12-18 September 2011, we will be bring information home from there to present to all at our Fall Conference in Columbus Indiana, 28-30 October 2011. This is our education focus conference for the District, and we hope that many of our great teachers will attend and be recognized for their contributions to boating safety in our three states. P/D/C Damon Davis, AP and the district meetings committee have prepared a great meeting for us that will include a competition among our squadrons for the best short PR PowerPoint presentation. I hope all squadrons do submit an entry and that our judging committee can pick a great one to put forward for

competition for the national Mahnken Award, something we have not competed for in recent years. Our DEO, D/Lt/C Larry Samuels, SN, will also be presenting awards for squadron excellence in advanced and elective grades, public education, the individual excellence in teaching award which will go on to compete for the national Chapman Award, and not to be forgotten, our treasured Prince Henry Award for navigational excellence.

Our Chief Commander's representative is V/C Bob Baldrige, SN, the current National Administrative Officer. Commander Baldrige's bio and photo appears elsewhere in this issue. I would like to mention that he is the author of our current simplified membership structure which he devised and sponsored while he was National Secretary a few years ago. Bob is a great speaker with a good but sometimes subtle sense of humor, so be sure to attend the conference and banquet to hear him speak to us on his thoughts as well as the Chief Commander's message.

Still in work, we are planning on having a panel type session on establishing and maintaining a web presence as a squadron, and we are also considering a DB2000 workshop for squadron officers and other members who want to get more proficient in the "personnel" data base for USPS.

A schedule of activities appears elsewhere in this issue, and a final one will be available at registration at the Fall Conference. Please come and enjoy our great D24 fun and fraternity and recognize (and be recognized as) our super contributors, our educators in District 24!

Julie and I want to thank all the District 24 members for their continued support and warm welcome for us at each and every event we have attended across our area of regard!

SPECIAL NOTICE — CALL TO THE MEETING

In accordance with District 24 By-Laws Article 5; Section 5.4;5.4.2 and Section 5.5 this shall serve as the official notice that the **District 24 Fall Council and Conference** will be held at the Holiday Inn, Columbus, Indiana, Saturday, 29 October 2011 at 0930.

D/Lt/C David W. Robertson, JN , Secretary

Chief Commander's Representative

V/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN

National Administrative Officer for 2011, V/C Robert Baldrige of Baton Rouge, LA joined the Baton Rouge Squadron in 1976 as a college sophomore so his father would let him take the boat out by himself. His first job was on the squadron phone committee. He went on to serve on the Executive Committee, Seamanship instructor, Chairman of Local Boards, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, and squadron Commander. He continues to serve as Newsletter Editor, Instructor Development Chairman, Operations Training Chairman.



In District 15, he has served as Computer Systems Committee Chairman, Rules Committee Chairman, Nominating Committee Chairman, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, and Commander. His first national job was as a member of the national Computer Systems Committee in the mid 80's. He went on to chair that committee and serve on the Marketing and Planning Committees. He was an aide to Chief Commanders Gordon, Kennedy, and Jensen and has served as the Assistant National Secretary, Secretary, and, now, Administrative Officer. He is a Life member with 28 merit marks.

Married in 1983, Robert and Nancy Baldrige have two boys, Taylor and Noah. The entire family enjoys boating aboard their SeaRay, **MUCH ADO**, mostly in the rivers and lakes of Louisiana and along the Gulf Coast. Commander Baldrige's two sons, Taylor and Noah, have joined the Baton Rouge Squadron hoping their father would let them take the boat out by themselves.

Here's What We Are Eating

Saturday Lunch - \$29

Soup du jour
Cole Slaw
Pasta Salad
Potato Salad
Rolls / Bread
Ham/Turkey/Roast Beef/Salami/
Swiss and American cheese

Saturday Dinner - \$40

Garden Green Salad
Chicken Scaloppini
Vegetables
Coffee/Tea

Welcome

Snacks and a Movie Friday, October 28th

Time: 7:30 PM until 10:00 PM

In keeping with the need to promote the good works of USPS we are asking each Squadron to make at least a 3-minute Power Point presentation embodying the following content:

The content must be designed for presentation, promoting your Squadron's contributions to the community. You are encouraged to present this to the general public, but not necessary. Friday evening we will have the activities room arranged so each Squadron can present their Power Point presentation to the members.

Each member will be asked to vote on their favorite Power Point presentation. Voting will be based on Presentation, Appropriate Theme, Interesting Script, Color Quality, Sound Quality, and Visual Effects. An award will be given out at the banquet for first and second place.

Further we hope each Squadron will submit their entry for the Chapman Award at the National Level.

District will provide a CASH Bar, Beverages and Snacks as well as chairs arranged in such a manner that you may sit and watch the presentation as many times as you wish. You will be asked to vote for a winner. Once your vote is cast you are welcome to mingle with all District attendees.

Squadron PRO's and Commanders, if you read the USPS PRO Catalog you will find more information about the Carl C. Mahnken Commander's Cup Award. The winning presentations will be entered into the National Competition. Please plan to leave your winning presentation with the District PRO.

This is generally known as our Education Conference. Awards will be handed out as the banquet as has occurred in the past.

GUESTS and SPOUSES: Saturday Activities - You will have a choice of visiting the **Miller House in Columbus.**

There are only 12 available spots and it is on a first come first serve basis. Cost is \$20 payable at the reservation check-in table. Meet in hotel lobby at 1000. Or, you might like to visit the **Zaharakos Soda Shop** also in Columbus. No charge. Meet in hotel lobby at 1145.



**District 24 Fall Council and Conference 2010 Schedule
28 – 30 October 2011**

**Host: District 24 Meetings Committee and
All District 24 Squadrons**

Schedule is Tentative - subject to change (please see registration packet)

Friday 28 October 2011

Registration Open	1600-1900
Dinner on Your Own	
Hospitality	1600-1800
Friday at the Movies	1930-2200
Open Bar, Snacks and Beverages	

Saturday 29 October 2011

Registration Open	0800-1200
Breakfast on Your Own	
Commanders/SEOs Meeting	1730-0900
District Council Convenes	0930
Guests going to Miller House – meet in lobby	1000
District Conference Convenes	1000
Chief's Message	1030
Guests going to Zaharakos Soda Shop - meet in lobby	1145
Adjourn for Lunch	1230
Reconvene	1330
Adjourn Council	1445
Adjourn Conference	1500
Website Panel Discussion	
Hospitality Open	1530-1630
Banquet Social	1600-1730
Banquet	1800-1900
Banquet	1900-2100
Hospitality Open	2100– 2300

UNIFORM OF THE DAY:

Friday Evening Welcoming Program:	Casual
Saturday Council & Conference:	Uniform "F", Blazer, or Suitable Attire
Saturday Non-Member/ Spouse/Guest Luncheon:	Casual
Tour or Shopping:	Walking shoes would be suitable
Saturday Evening Banquet	Uniform "A" with bow tie, or Suitable Dinner Attire

**DISTRICT 24 UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON
FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - 28 - 30 October 2011**

**D.D. = Designated Delegate; Put "S" in box for Squadron, "D" for District
(\$69.00 conference fee paid is by D/24 or your local Squadron—includes lunch and banquet)**

RANK: _____ NAME: _____ GR. _____ Cert. # _____ D.D.

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Meals	Saturday Member Lunch \$29.00	Saturday Guest Lunch \$29.00	Saturday Banquet \$40.00	Meal Totals
Number				
\$\$ Amount				\$

Guests/Members visiting the Miller House - only 12 spots available. Yes, I would like to take tour ___ # ___ \$20 fee payable at reservation check-in (first come, first served)

Guests/Members visiting Zaharakos soda shop (n/c) Yes _____ # _____

(Remember: DELEGATES MUST REGISTER WITH THIS FORM - include your certificate number on registration and complete D.D. Box above. Also, please include any special dietary requests.)

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION AND FEE TO ARRIVE 28 September 2011

Make check payable to: D/24 Fall Conference

MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM TO: P/DC David R. Hufnagle, JN
11 Lynn Rae Circle
Centerville, Ohio 45458
Telephone: 937-433-3107
new email address: drhufnagle@roadrunner.com

**Hotel Reservations
REGISTRATON DEADLINE: 15 October 2011**

Holiday Inn, 2480 Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus, IN; (Indiana State Rd 46—just east of I-65) Phone: 812-372-1541; \$89.00 plus tax per night. Block Code: DTF (District Twenty-Four)

Note: Conference fee includes not only the actual meal costs but all of the hotel costs for meeting room rentals, room set-ups, hospitality, etc.