

24th Bridge



Spring
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February
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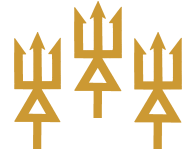
United States Power Squadrons

District 24



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Commander's Report Donald R. Cloyd, AP



This is my last report and I want to thank everyone for their support. You can use the D/24 membership roster as a starting point for names. You have made this year most enjoyable.

My intent was to have fun and all Squadrons have excelled in this area. New member gains have been most encouraging, hopefully as others want enjoy our way of boating.



I will provide a more formal report at the Spring Conference and a copy will be available to each Commander.

I commend you for a job well done this past year and a most grateful 'Thank You' to each member, the Commanders and the District Bridge.

I encourage members to attend the Spring Conference and give incoming commander, Dick Remski, the same support that you have given to me.

Commander Donald R. Cloyd, AP

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 Spring Council and Conference** will be held at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center, Fairborn, Ohio, Saturday, 17 February 2011 at 0930.

Looking Ahead to 2011-2012 for District 24



D/Lt/C Dick Remski, SN
Executive Officer

As we prepare for the 2011 D24 Spring Conference, D/C Don Cloyd asked me to jot down a few notes to forecast the coming watch year for our district. We start with a Council and Conference hosted by the Dayton Sail & Power Squadron at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn at which we will welcome Chief Commander Frank Dvorak, SN to catch

us up on all that is happening at USPS on a national basis.

We'll then be moving through the Squadron changes of watch in the district as we also all prepare for the coming boating season ... which must remain high on our priorities list! "Boating is fun ... we'll show you how!" was the byline brought to us by P/C/C Creighton Maynard, and we have to have fun ourselves in boating so we can show others how.

Our district is fiscally healthy, our squadrons are enthusiastic as they pursue their calendars for the year, and we must all continue to pursue new and more active members. There are indeed two sources of increased participation in our squadron activities: newly recruited members and re-energizing of our current membership. If in your squadron there are some folks you haven't seen at a meeting or dinner lately, call them up and tell them you miss them and encourage them to come to an activity. As you work toward manning booths for boat shows and other activities in your home area, call them and invite them to help out. Invite them along on a boating activity. Some of our more "seasoned" members no longer have their boats, but would still love to get on the water once or twice during the season, so call them and invite them along on one of your outings.

D/C Don Cloyd has encouraged increased cross-squadron participation during this past year. This has been quite successful with lots of folks participating in Bluegrass squadron's charter cruises and Louisville's raft-ups. Dayton and Cincinnati have done a couple of joint activities, and your district bridge members have all enjoyed coming to squadron activities as simple guests and members, there to enjoy the outing or function in a spirit of fraternity which embodies our USPS principles.

I have a challenge for each of the members of District 24 for the coming year: As you meet a new boater at your marina, launch ramp, marine supply store, boat show or any other venue, make a personal invitation to them to come to one of your squadron activities. A social invitation first with following discussion of our education, service and benefit programs will go a long way toward gaining us some new members. If you see a neighbor with a boat on a trailer in their driveway, stop by and introduce yourself and USPS to them. We can't show people that boating is fun unless we make the first step and introduce ourselves and invite them to come to a function! Our great members are our most important recruiting tool!

Come to Dayton for the Spring Conference, have some fun and win some prizes, and get to know more of your fellow squadron members in D 24! Stay warm, and remember that spring will come again ... it always has!

Chief Commander Frank Dvorak, SN



Chief Commander Dvorak received his BS in Mechanical Engineering from the Royal Military College of Canada in 1962, a Master of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1964 from the University of British Columbia, and a PhD in Aeronautical Engineering in 1967 from Cambridge University in the UK. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1958-1962 as both aircrew and pilot. His work history spans Boeing (1967-1972), Flow Research (1972-74) and Aeronautical Engineering Services, Inc (1974-2009) where he served as President and CEO at the time of his retirement. Frank became a US citizen in 1975.

Frank has been a USPS member for 36 years and holds 36 merit marks, and is a life member. In District 16, he is a member of Bellevue Power Squadron, where he taught basic boating classes and served as SEO, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer and Commander. In District 16, he progressed up the bridge to serve as District Commander in 1995.

On the national stage he has served on both the Navigation Committee and Planning Committee, and as a Governing Board Member since 1994. He has progressed through the national bridge as Assistant National Secretary, National Secretary, National Administrative Officer, and National Executive Officer. He began his watch as Chief Commander in February 2010.

A long time boater, Frank is a member of the Seattle Yacht Club and has cruised over 30,000 nautical miles on his own boats, including two Seattle-Alaska trips in 1996 and 2005. Frank and his wife of 47 years, Vivien, currently enjoy a 58' West Bay and plan on continuing to cruise the beautiful Northwest environs.

Welcome

District 24 Spring Conference

18-20 February 2011

District Change of Watch

Come look forward to Spring “On the Boardwalk”



**1830 - 2000 “Boardwalk Buffet” \$25
(not included in conference fee)**

2000 - 2230 Fun, Games and Prizes “On the Boardwalk”

Come join the Dayton Sail and Power Squadron for the first “picnic” of the Spring! We’ll have a picnic buffet including hot dogs, hamburgers, all the side accompaniments and including non-alcoholic beverages.

After dinner there will be games of skill for landlubbers and boating folk alike! Try your skill at indoor, lawyer approved Jarts, hill-billy golf, a putting green, marlinspike, a docking simulator, and perhaps a boat handling simulator. These last two games are for skill and will be done on laptops but with a projector hooked up so all can watch your skillful demonstrations! Remember the law of docking: Your skill at docking is inversely proportional to the number of people watching!

There will be lots of practical prizes for boaters, home DIY-folks, and all-round tinkerers.

The dinner and games will be held in the Holiday Inn so there will be no need to search out a restaurant for dinner, and if the weather is February-like, you won’t have to go out in the cold.

**District 24 Spring Council and Conference 2011 Schedule
18 — 20 February 2011**

Host: Dayton Power Squadron

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

Friday

1500-1800	Registration
1600-1800	Hospitality Room opens
1830-2000	"Boardwalk Buffet" \$25 (not included in conference fee)
2000—2230	Fun, Games and Prizes "On the Boardwalk"

Saturday

0800-1100	Registration
0730-0900	Commander/SEO Meetings
0930-1430	Spring Council and Conference
1000	Chief's Message
1200-1300	Lunch (Combined Member/Non-member Spouse/Guest)
1400	District Change of Watch
1500-1630	Dayton Codebreakers—a history of Dayton's contribution to breaking the Enigma machine code of the Germans in WWII - All are welcome to attend
1630+	Conference conclusion
1600-1730	Hospitality Room Open
1800-2100	Social and Banquet
2100-2230	Hospitality Room reopens

Saturday Non-Member/Spouse/Guest Activity

0830-0930	Hospitality for Spouses and Guests
900-1100	Spouse/Guest—Larry Jaffe; Gems, grading, and jewelry presentation — free
1200	Lunch

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
Saturday Evening Banquet	Uniform "A" with bow tie, or Suitable Dinner Attire

**DISTRICT 24 UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON
FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - 18 - 20 February 2011**

RANK: _____ NAME: _____ GRADE _____ Cert. # _____

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SQUADRON: _____ GUEST: _____

Designated Delegate (\$60 conference fee paid by D/24 or local squadron)

Meals	Friday Buffet* \$25	Saturday Member Lunch \$25	Saturday Guest Lunch \$25	Saturday Banquet** \$35	Meal Totals
Number					
\$ Amount					

* Friday Night Boardwalk Buffet is not included in conference fee

**Please indicate your banquet choice; number of each: Salmon _____ Prime Rib _____

I will be attend the Saturday Morning Spouse/Guest meeting: # _____

Total Registration Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

(Remember: DELEGATES MUST REGISTER WITH THIS FORM. Be sure to include your certificate number on registration above, banquet meal choice, and include any special dietary requests.)

**PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION AND FEE TO ARRIVE 4 February 2011
(Note: \$3 late fee per person after 4 February)
Make check payable to: D/24 Spring Conference**

MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM TO: P/DC David R. Hufnagle, JN
11 Lynn Rae Circle
Centerville, Ohio 45458
Telephone: 937-433-3107
E-mail: drhufnagle@sbcglobal.net

**Hotel Reservations
REGISTRATON DEADLINE: Tuesday, 1 February 2011**

Holiday Inn and Conference Center, 2800 Presidential Drive, Fairborn
OH 45324; Room Rate \$82.00/Night plus tax ; Phone: 937- 426-7800.
Mention Block Code: District 24 Spring Conference

Note: The meal costs include not only the actual meal fees but all of the hotel costs for meeting room rentals, room set-ups, hospitality, etc.