

# 24th Bridge



## District 24



Bluegrass



Cincinnati



Dayton



Evansville Bend



Hoosier



Louisville



Wabash Valley

### What's Inside:

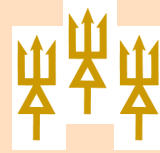
This is your newsletter with information and registration form for the Spring Conference, 14 - 16 March in Clarksville, IN.

Registration deadline is:  
3 March 2014.

Commander	D/C Charles W. Hamm, JN
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United States Power Squadrons

## Commander's Report Cdr. Charles W. Hamm, JN



### Now Finale to the Shore

I have just returned from Jacksonville. The Annual Meeting and the National Change of Watch were very impressive. Thursday evening was capped off with a lighted boat parade on the river with fireworks in front to the hotel. Squadrons combined their "hospitality suites" with individual decorated tables in the room overlooking the river. The Puerto Rican Squadron held their famous Pina Colada party on a rented party boat with a live band and dancing overlooking the river festivities.



The following evening a banquet and "Yachtygras" party was the social event. Elaborate costumes and special elegant masks were worn by many.

Saturday evening was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet, black tie and elegant dress, followed by dancing.

We also attended informative sessions and the special keynote speaker, author Robert N. Macomber. He has written eleven novels, in the Honor Series, of naval historic fiction following the life and career of Lt. Cmdr. Peter Wake. There are more to come.

Each Squadron and District is encouraged to create a strategic plan and keep it up to date. Write it out. There is a guide on the national website. Include strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

National demonstrated a very interesting and exciting boat operating simulator. Although very expensive, they hope to obtain one for each district.

All bridge officers and committee chairs are encouraged to take Leadership and Operations Training every three years.

Membership is not increasing. We lose 4 1/2% each year from death and nonrenewal. This is the first year in many we ended with a surplus due to reduction of expenses et cetera.

Each squadron is encouraged to keep its website up to date and produce a good newsletter each month.

Two resolutions were passed, one to avoiding scheduling meetings in conflict with major religious holidays and one to separate marketing and public relation committees.

Our Spring Conference and Change of Watch is scheduled for 14 – 15 March 2014 in Louisville, KY. This should be an interesting meeting. There is more information elsewhere in the newsletter. I look forward to seeing everyone there as I pass the gavel and District Flag to Dave Robertson. I have enjoyed serving as your commander but will happily pass it on.

**Now Finale to the Shore  
Walt Whitman**

Now finale to the shore,  
Now land and life finale and farewell,  
Now Voyager depart, (much, much for thee is yet in store,)   
Often enough hast thou adventur'd o'er the seas,  
Cautiously cruising, studying the charts,  
Duly again to port and hawser's tie returning;  
But now obey thy cherish'd secret wish,  
Embrace thy friends, leave all in order,  
To port and hawser's tie no more returning,  
Depart upon thy endless cruise old Sailor

***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 Clarion Hotel Louisville North, Saturday, 15 March 2014 at 0830.

**D/Lt/C Jeffrey F. Lagrew, SN Secretary**

**Reservation Deadline:**

**Hotel and Conference: Monday, 3 March 2014**

## Chief Commander's Representative V/C Bob Miller, SN-CN



Bob Miller and his wife Kathy, of Normandy Park, WA joined Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron (and USPS) in 1994. His first job was Squadron Safety Officer but he soon became fully involved in the Education department teaching the Squadron Boating Course, Seamanship and Piloting. He became Assistant Squadron Education Officer and then Squadron Education Officer.

Next he was the Executive Officer then Commander. He also acted as the Squadron Technical Officer for many years as well as started the Vessel Safety Check program for the squadron and was also District VSC Chair.

Bob is the United States Power Squadrons representative to the State of Washington and has served on the State Boating Safety Advisory Council for the last 10 years.

His first national job was on the Vessel Safety Check Committee where he became Staff Commander and Rear Commander. He later combined the Vessel Safety Check and the Recreational Boating Safety Committees and was R/C for the resulting new Safety Committee. He then joined the National Budget Committee as Staff Commander in 2012 where he is today.

Bob and his wife Kathy joined the squadron together in 1994. Their daughter and her husband joined the squadron in 2004 and their twin six year old grandsons became members in 2007. They also have a son who is a member. Bob claims their latest boat, a Navigator "Our Brigadoon", was necessary in order to provide a separate stateroom for the twins. That was how he sold the idea to Kathy anyway. Kathy swears "this is our last boat". Yeah right!

### UNIFORM OF THE DAY:

- Friday Evening Welcoming Program:** Casual
- Saturday Council & Conference:** USPS Casual (USPS logo shirt)
- Saturday Non-Member/ Spouse/Guest Luncheon:** Casual
- Saturday Evening:** Blue Blazer / Grey Slacks or Other Suitable Attire



## United States Power Squadron D/24 Spring Council and Conference



### Louisville Power Squadron Change of Watch March 14-16, 2014

**Friday, March 14, 2014** - . We will be playing bingo games (cover patterns will vary) with an educational twist. When the draw lands on a question, show off your knowledge/educate your fellow members by answering questions such as "Tell the other players the definition of: Dead Reckoning, Following Sea, etc". Valuable prizes will be awarded the winners.

Breakfast Saturday and Sunday is individual choice. The restaurant serves a breakfast buffet 6-11AM Saturday for \$9.58 including tax. On Sunday the breakfast buffet closes at 10:30 and the brunch buffet opens at 11AM – 1:30 PM for \$13.86 including tax. Other restaurants are close by in Clarksville and Jeffersonville.



For people not attending the conference on Saturday, we are offering an Off- Site Lunch and Tour to Schimpff's in Jeffersonville. We will be

leaving the hotel at 10:30 AM and returning by 1:30 PM. The outing will include a candy making demonstration, museum tour and lunch for individual purchase. Lunch prices range from \$3.00 - \$7.00. Information on local shopping and sites of interest will be provided in the registration packets for anyone planning individual activities.

The conference assessment is \$68.00. Everyone who is registered for either of the meals will be given a name badge with their registration bag. Anyone not wearing the badge to the hospitality room will be charged \$1.00 to help offset the costs of the hospitality room for those not supporting through conference registration assessment.

On site lunch will be a Hero Sandwich Buffet with a variety of meats and cheeses, tossed garden salad, Chicken Noodle soup and a variety of cookies and brownies for \$24.00. Dinner will be a Buffet as well with a choice of 3 entrees and a variety of side dishes and desserts for \$44.00. Special meal offering for dinner will be baked chicken breast.

Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to reserve a special meal. If you fail to do so, please contact Brenda Fisher at [kbfisher2@twc.com](mailto:kbfisher2@twc.com) and Faye Kugele at [kugelef@bellsouth.net](mailto:kugelef@bellsouth.net) before March 3.

**District 24 Spring Council and Conference 2014 Schedule  
14 - 16 March 2014**

*Schedule is tentative – subject to change (please see registration packet)*

Friday, 14 March

1500-1800	Registration	Hotel Lobby
1600-1800	Hospitality Room	A011-13
2000-2130	Nautical Bingo	Churchill Room
2130- 2330	Hospitality Room	A011-13

Saturday, 15 March

0800-0830	Registration	Outside Shakespeare Room
0830-1200	Spring Council and Conference	Shakespeare Room
1030-1300	Off-Site Tour and Lunch	
1030	Meet in Lobby	Main Lobby
1100	Lunch/Candy demonstration	Schimpff's Confectionery
1300	Return to hotel	
1200-1330	On-Site Lunch	Churchill Room
1330-1400	Re-convene Spring Conference	Shakespeare Room
1400-1500	District Change of Watch	Shakespeare Room
1500-1600	Squadron Cdr's Meeting	Shakespeare Room
	Squadron Ed. Officers Meeting	Shakespeare Room
1600-1730	Hospitality Room	A011-13
1800-1900	Reception	Shakespeare Room
1900-2000	Celebration Dinner	Shakespeare Room
2000-2030	Program	
2030- 2130	Louisville Squadron	Change of Watch
2130-2330	Hospitality Room	A011-13
<u>Sunday, 16 March</u>		
	Subject to change	
0830-1000	District Bridge Meeting	A011

**DISTRICT 24 - UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON  
 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: 14 —16 March 2014**

**D.D. = Designated Delegate; Put "S" in box for Squadron, "D" for District**  
 (\$68.00 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Designated Delegate (\$68 conference fee paid by D/24 or local squadron)**

<b>Meals</b>	<b>Saturday On-Site Lunch \$24.00</b>	<b>Saturday Off-Site Tour/ Lunch \$3 - \$7</b>	<b>Saturday Banquet \$44.00</b>	<b>Meal Totals</b>
<b>Number</b>				
<b>\$\$ Amount</b>		<b>(Send no money)</b>		<b>\$</b>

**Special Meal Offering (replaces Banquet)**-Baked Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_ x \$44 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch:** Hero Sandwich Buffet with variety of meats and cheeses, tossed garden salad, chicken noodle soup, cookies and brownies.

**Dinner Buffet:** Choice of 3 entrées and variety of side dishes and desserts.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **D/24 US Power Squadron** - Mail your check to:

**Send check to arrive by 3 March 2014**

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 Jeffersonville, IN 47130  
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<p><b>Hotel Reservations</b>  <b>Clarion Hotel Louisville North (formerly Holiday Inn Lakeview)</b>  <b>Registration deadline is: Monday, 3 March 2014</b>                      505 Marriott Drive                      Clarksville, IN (812) 283-4411                      Room Rate - \$79 per night + 11 % tax                      Mention: D/24 Spring Conference or Louisville Power Squadron for special room rate</p>
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## District 24

### Slate of Nominees

#### Watch-Year 2014 - 2015

The District 24 Nominating Committee, in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of District 24, Article 2, Section 2.1.2, Section 2.9.1, Article 5, Section 5.6, and Article 6, Section 6.3 recommend the following list of nominees for election to the District 24 Bridge and to the Elected Committees for the coming Watch Year 2014 – 2015.

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District Secretary:	Andrew Terry Prather, AP	Hoosier
District Treasurer:	Dallas J. Farley, P	Cincinnati
District Asst/DEO:	George D. Herrington, N	Hoosier

#### Nominating Committee

Chairman	One Year	Richard L. Remski, SN	Dayton
	One Year	James E. Mattingly, SN	Bluegrass
	Two Year	Paul W. Durstock, N	Cincinnati
	Two Year	Larry G. Samuels, SN	Louisville
	Three Year	Charles W. Hamm, JN	Hoosier
	Three Year	Sam W. Richey, SN	Evansville Bend