

24th Bridge



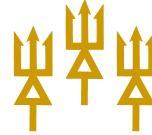
United States Power Squadrons

District 24



Commander	D/C Richard L. Remski, SN
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Paul W. Durstock, N
D/Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Larry G. Samuels, SN
Administrative Officer	D/Lt/C Charles W. Hamm, JN
Secretary	D/Lt/C David W. Robertson, JN
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Maureen Samuels, JN
D/Asst. Education Officer	D/1st/Lt Kim Fisher, AP

Commander's Report Cdr. Dick Remski, SN



It's hard to believe that my watch year is nearly over! Being on the district bridge is a four year wait for a one year term as commander, and I have enjoyed it all. The enthusiasm and support of all the members in District 24 is historically great, and this year was no different. We started the year at the 2011 Spring Conference with our Chief Commander Frank Dvorak and his wife Vivien, and had a great "spring" meeting that didn't experience winter weather until Sunday morning. We're meeting about three weeks later on the calendar this year, so are sneaking up on a true "spring" conference! We got through all the squadron changes of watch, even though I had to do it on a "wing and a sling" after breaking my left arm in March. DAO D/Lt/C Charles Hamm and the Hoosier folks put on a gangbusters Summer Rendezvous for us in July on an Ohio River that had delayed our boating season by very high water, but we did get some boating and a raft-up in anyway. As a data point, Cincinnati set record precipitation in 2011, something just over 73", surpassing the old record of about 59", so no wonder the river was high!



Fall brought our trek to Greensboro NC for the Fall Governing Board and a good hospitality room that was enjoyed by all. We estimated about 150 folks came through our meet and greet, which included all but one of the national bridge plus the national law officer and the C/C of the Canadian Power Squadron. Districts 16 and 32 joined us in the hospitality suite so we were able to manage costs on that pretty well. Fall also

brought in our Fall District Conference with all the education awards and recognition to our great District 24 Educators! DEO D/Lt/C Larry Samuels does a great job in managing the district educational program to all our benefit. Also, District Treasurer D/Lt/C Maureen Samuels has been hard at work in getting our district incorporated as a protection to our bridge officers, and D/Lt/C Dave Robertson, our district secretary, is shepherding our by-laws changes through the national wickets. For our fall conference, we enjoyed the company of V/C Robert Baldrige and his wife Nancy as our C/C's representative. Robert is now the sitting National Executive Officer.

As Julie and I enjoyed our holidays (and officiated several swim meets for local high schools), we were able to reflect on the past five years on the district bridge, on all the good times, and on all the friends we have made and, thankfully, only the few we lost. USPS is a great organization, and District 24 is a super representative of what this organization should be to its members. Our best wishes to Paul Durstock for his coming year as your District Commander, and our heartfelt thanks to all of you for a great year! Looking forward to wearing the JUNIOR pin!!!

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 Radisson Inn, Covington, Kentucky; Saturday, 10 March at 0930.

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

Reservation Deadlines:

**Radisson Cincinnati Riverfront - Wednesday, 8 February
Conference - Friday, 17 February**

NEO WILL BE OUR CHIEF COMMANDER'S REP

National is designating the NEO as our Chief Commander's representative for our Spring Conference. Since the NEO is one of the contested positions in the election at the annual meeting, we will get either Bob Brandenstein or Gene Molteni, depending on which one is elected to that position. Because the election is after the publishing of this newsletter, we will not know whether it will be Bob or Gene. So...here is information about both!

P/R/C Robert E. Brandenstein, SN



Bob is a life member of USPS and has served for a total of fifteen years on various national Education Department committees. He has been a member of the Education Department leadership team for six years. He currently serves on the national Finance Committee, on the Marine Environment Committee, and with the Brunswick relationship team. In addition to being Past District Commander of District 7 and of Pittsburgh Power Squadron, Bob is also Past Rear Commander of Weather and of Cruise Planning. He led the rewrite and production of Weather 08, the Onboard Weather Forecasting, the Trailering Your Boat, and the Boating on Rivers Lakes and Locks seminars. He has taught all USPS courses, especially Navigation and Weather.

Bob is a boating educator, jazz musician, and arranger. He is also a Certifier Trainer, a U.S. Sailing Powerboat Handling Instructor, a licensed Coast Guard Captain Master of power and sailing vessels on the Great Lakes and Inland waters, and an instrument-trained Private Pilot.

R/C Eugene E. Molteni, SN



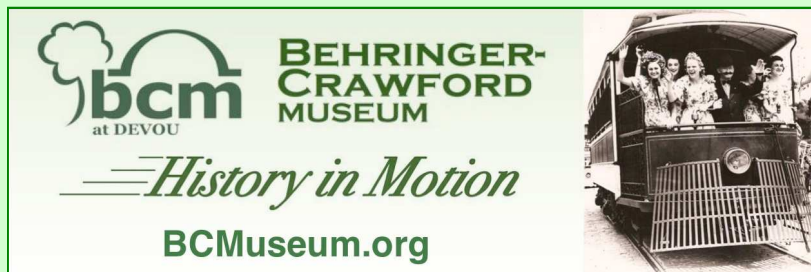
Gene is a 34 year member of the USPS, Bayside Power Squadron and District . In that time, he has earned 33 merit marks. And held the positions of AO, XO, Cdr and SEO at the Squadron level and now serve as Membership Chairman and Chairman of Local Boards for Advanced Grades. He's taught all USPS courses and continue to teach. On the District level, he has served as DEO, DEO and as Chairman of the District Planning Committee for 6 years.

Nationally, he has been the Stf/C and R/C of the Basic Public Education Committee and am now Assistant National Educational Officer for Operations. The ANEO is charged by the NEO with running the day to day operations of the Department. This demonstrates my readiness to assume the position of NEO immediately.

Welcome

2012 District 24 Spring Council and Conference

Our special activity for guests on Saturday, March 10th will be a trip to The Behringer-Crawford Museum located at 1600 Montague Rd. in Covington, KY in the historic 19th century Devou family home.



The museum is set amongst the rolling hills of Covington, Kentucky's Devou Park. The park itself provides an historical backdrop to the Northern Kentucky collections of the museum. There are panoramic views of the Ohio River, Cincinnati and Covington, as well as nature trails focusing on Northern Kentucky's natural heritage. Additionally, the museum is the steward for Civil War sites located in Devou Park, and is included on the Civil War Discovery Trail which links more than 500 sites in 28 states.

We will be taking a guided tour of the museum and viewing the exhibit... OUR RIVER'S FURY - Past and Present Ohio Valley Floods. The cost will be \$6 at the door. Hotel departure is 9:30am with the tour starting at 10:00am. More information about the museum is available at : www.bcmuseum.org

**District 24 Spring Council and Conference 2012 Schedule
09 – 11 March 2012**

Host: Cincinnati Sail and Power Squadron

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

Friday – 09 March 2012

Registration Open	1600 – 1900
Hospitality	1600 -- 1800
Dinner on your own	
Event TBD	1930 – 2200

Saturday – 10 March 2012

Registration Open	0800 – 1200
Breakfast on your own	
Commanders/SEO Meeting	0730 – 0900
Guests going to Behringer Crawford Museum	0930
<i>Guests will return in time for lunch</i>	
District Council Convenes	0930
District Conference Convenes	1000
Adjourn for Lunch	1200
Reconvene	1330
District Change of Watch	1400
Adjourn Council	1500
Adjourn Conference	1515
Hospitality Open	1600 - 1730
Banquet Social	1800 - 1900
Banquet	1900 – 2100
Hospitality Open	2100 – 2300

Sunday – 11 March 2012

Lunch	1200 – 1330
Cincinnati Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch	1330 - 1500

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

**DISTRICT 24 UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON
 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: 09 —11 March 2012**

**D.D. = Designated Delegate; Put "S" in box for Squadron, "D" for District
 (\$65.00 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 (\$65 conference fee paid by D/24 or local squadron; *\$70 for Filet Mignon)

SATURDAY LUNCH

	NUMBER	TOTAL
Brown Sugar Ham w/ Swiss Cheese on Marble Rye	_____ x \$23 =	_____
Grilled Chicken Breast w/ BBQ Sauce, Bacon, Pepper Jack Cheese	_____ x \$23 =	_____
Sliced Turkey Breast w/ Monterrey Jack Cheese on Spinach Tortilla	_____ x \$23 =	_____

SATURDAY DINNER

Stuffed Breast of Chicken w/ Boursin Cheese and Marinara Sauce	_____ x \$42 =	_____
Atlantic Salmon w/ Ginger, Soy and Butter Sauce	_____ x \$42 =	_____
Roast Pork Loin	_____ x \$42 =	_____
Filet Mignon w/ Choice of Béarnaise or Mushroom Demi-Grave	_____ x \$47 =	_____

* Please note that Filet Mignon is \$5 extra*

CINCINNATI SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON CHANGE OF WATCH

SUNDAY - NOON

Breast of Chicken Crusted w/ Parm. Cheese, Bread Crumbs	_____ x \$27 =	_____
Atlantic Salmon w/ Rice Pilaf	_____ x \$27 =	_____
Peppered Loin of Pork w/ Mustard Glaze, Honey Bourbon A`jus	_____ x \$27 =	_____

TOTAL _____

Please make checks payable to: **CSPS** Mail your check to: Donna Hoffman
Send your reservations in by 17 Feb 2012 86 Mel Lawn Drive

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 dhoffman@huff.com

✦ **Hotel Reservations** ✦

Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront
Registration deadline is: Wednesday, 8 February 2012
 668 West Fifth Street, Covington, KY 41011
 Event Name – Cincinnati Sail and Power Squadron
 Room Rate - \$89 per night
 Call them at: 1-800-395-7046; 859-491-1200

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.