

24th Bridge

Spring
Conference
March
2013



District 24

- ★ Anderson
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- ★ Cincinnati
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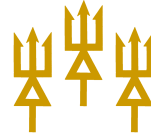
What's Inside:

This is your newsletter with information and registration form for the Spring Conference 15 - 17 March, in Indianapolis, IN.

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

United States Power Squadrons

Commander's Report Cdr. Paul Durstock, N



Welcome to the "Year of the Ensign". USPS started its 100th year off with a bang when they had each district commander walk out of the council meeting with a 100th Anniversary Ensign. These ensigns will be making their way to all of the squadrons. Each squadron will attach a banner to the district ensign and all of the district ensigns will return at the national meeting next January in Jacksonville.



For those of you who have never been to a national meeting there are a couple coming up that should be a good time and very informative. The governing board will be in San Antonio in September and the next national meeting will be in Jacksonville in January. There will be a boat parade and other attractions to honor the USPS 100th Anniversary. The district from Puerto Rico has promised to have the biggest Pena Colada hospitality room ever. It's worth the trip just for that.

National has promised to change the format of the meetings so that all members will get something out of it. Remember the national meetings are open to all members – not just bridge officers.



I can't believe the year is almost over. It seems like we just got started and the change of watch is coming up.

It has been a real pleasure being on the District Bridge. I urge anyone who is asked to be on the bridge to give it serious con-

sideration. You'll make new friends and I guarantee you'll have a good time.

As I reflect on my years on the District Bridge I think about how different we are than when I first started coming to district meetings. It seems that every commander, both district and squadron, have been putting more emphasis on the fraternal side of the triangle while maintaining the education and civic sides. I have been to many national meetings where District 24 has won awards, many of them in education. I can tell you that it is a great honor for the District Commander to accept awards for someone in the district.

I hope everyone has had some fun this year and I hope some of you were able to attend events away from your home squadron. Let's see if we can do more of that this year. Every squadron in District 24 has at least one event that members of other squadrons would like to attend. I know the current bridge and incoming bridge are trying to do a better job of coordinating those events so they don't overlap.

I hope to see many of you at the District Change of Watch in Indianapolis. Let's have a great turnout for the new Commander. Bring someone with you that doesn't normally come to district meetings. When they make new friends it will make it easier to attend their functions.

I've had a good time this year and I hope you have too. I hope to see many of you at various events this year.

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 Hilton Indianapolis North Hotel; Saturday, 15 March at 0930.

D/Lt/C Maureen Samuels, JN , Secretary

Reservation Deadlines:

**Hilton Indianapolis North - Wednesday, 13 February
Conference - Friday, 1 March**



A member of USPS since 1970, John Alter, SN, was elected chief commander in 2012 and was re-elected in 2013.

Alter and his wife, Judy, live in Whispering Pines, N.C., and are members of the Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron. Both are natives of Toledo, Ohio. Alter has held numerous officer positions at the squadron, district and national levels. He has served as squadron commander, district commander, national treasurer, national administrative officer and national executive officer.

Alter received his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, and spent 27 years in executive positions with Ohio Bell Telephone Company before he moved to North Carolina. His background also includes strategic planning and forecasting and budgeting.

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

Welcome to Indianapolis For the 2013 District 24 Spring Council and Conference

15 – 17 March 2013
Hilton Indianapolis North
8181 North Shadeland Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46250



The Hoosier Sail and Power Squadron invite you to journey to the home of the Indianapolis 500, Monument Circle, and the Indianapolis Colts for the upcoming Spring Council and Conference. The Hilton Indianapolis North hotel will be the site for the event and is conveniently located north of the city near I-69 and I-465. The conference will begin on Friday, 15 March with registration and the hospitality room where you can mix and mingle with friends old and new. After dinner on your own, Hoosier will host a “**Nautical Jeopardy**” challenge where squadron teams will test their boating acumen. Be sure to “bone up” on rules of the road and assorted nautical trivia!

Our special activity for guests **on Saturday, 16 March** will be a trip to the **Lilly House** on the campus of the Indianapolis Museum of Art. We will join a museum docent for a guided tour of the Lilly House, the American Country Place Era home of the late Indianapolis businessman, philanthropist, and collector J.K. Lilly, Jr. The house with 8 historic furnished interiors reflecting the early 1930s is the centerpiece of Oldfields, a 26 acre National Historic Landmark estate with a landscape and gardens designed by the Olmstead Brothers. This tour is offered free of charge to conference guests. Hotel departure is 1:00 PM at the hotel following the conference luncheon. More information about the Lilly House can be found at www.imamuseum.org.

**District 24 Spring Council and Conference 2012 Schedule
16 - 17 March 2013**

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

Saturday – 16 March 2013

0830	Convene 2013 Spring Council National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance Invocation Squadron Roll Call & Quorum Approval of 2013 Summer Council Minutes Approval of Spring Conference Budget Other Council Business Adjourn 2013 Spring Council Convene 2013 Spring Conference Introductions: National - C/C John Alter, SN District Bridge Past District Commanders First timers & guests Chief Commander's Message Committee Reports	D/C Paul Durstock, N D/Lt/C Charles Hamm, JN P/D/Lt/C Tom Woods, SN D/Lt/C Maureen Samuels, JN D /Lt/C Maureen Samuels, JN D/C Paul Durstock, N D/C Paul Durstock, N D/C Paul Durstock, N D/C Paul Durstock, N C/C John Alter, SN
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1200-1330 Recess for Lunch

1330	Reconvene Spring Conference Approve Summer Rendezvous Budget Treasurer's Report Secretary's Report Administrative Officer's Report Executive Officer's Report Education Officer's Report Commander's Report Awards Dismissal of 2012-2013 Bridge Retire D/C Flag Turn meeting over to C/C John Alter Call for Nominating Committee Report Installation of Officers New D/C Takes Gavel Posting D/C Flag Introduce New Bridge P/D/C Paul Durstock Ceremonial Activities Unfinished Business New Business Adjourn Spring Conference Reconvene Spring Council Approve Appointed Committees Benediction Adjourn Spring Council Squadron Commander's Meeting Squadron Education Officer's Meeting	D/C Paul Durstock, N D/C Paul Durstock, N D/Lt/C Jeff Lagrew, SN D/Lt/C Maureen Samuels, JN D/Lt/C David Robertson, JN D/Lt/C Charles Hamm, JN D/Lt/C Larry Samuels, SN D/C Paul Durstock, N D/C Paul Durstock, N D/C Paul Durstock, N Lt/C Donna Hoffman, P P/D/C Joseph Venhoff, AP C/C John Alter, SN D/C Charles Hamm, JN D/C Charles Hamm, JN D/C Charles Hamm, JN D/C Charles Hamm, JN D/C Charles Hamm, JN D/C Charles Hamm, JN P/D/Lt/C Tom Woods, SN D/C Charles Hamm, JN D/Lt/C Kim Fisher, AP
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Sunday – 17 March 2013

100	Hoosier Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch
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**DISTRICT 24 UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON
 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: 15 —17 March 2013**

**D.D. = Designated Delegate; Put "S" in box for Squadron, "D" for District
 (\$79.00 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 (\$79 conference fee paid by D/24 or local squadron)

Meals	Saturday Member Lunch \$31.50	Saturday Guest Lunch \$31.50	Saturday Banquet \$47.50	Meal Totals
Number				
\$\$ Amount				\$

Saturday Banquet - Beef Bourguignon(braised beef, mushrooms, carrots, celery, onion), warm bacon spinach salad, horseradish mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, port wine poached pear with amaretto cream almond cookie, dinner rolls/butter and beverages.

HOOSIER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON CHANGE OF WATCH: SUNDAY - 1PM

Roasted Indiana Pork Tenderloin with apple relish and bourbon cider glaze, field greens salad with pears, walnuts and goat cheese, mashed sweet potatoes, seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls and butter, cheesecake with fresh berries, and beverages: _____ x \$35 = _____

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION TOTAL _____

Please Note: vegetarian and special dietary requests will be met for all meals upon request. Please specify your needs when submitting your registration form.

Please make checks payable to: **HSPS** - Mail your check to: George Herrington
 143 Chadwick Court

Send your reservations in by 1 March, 2013 Camel, IN 46033
 george@handy.pair.com

✦ **Hotel Reservations** ✦

Hilton Indianapolis North
 Registration deadline is: **Wednesday, 13 February 2013**
 8181 North Shadeland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46250
 Room Rate - \$99 per night + tax
 Call them at: 1-317 - 849-6668

Mention: D/24 Spring Conference or Hoosier Sail and Power Squadron for special room rate

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.