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**The members of the  
Thurmond Lake Sail and Power Squadron  
Invite you to attend the  
District 26 Fall Council, Conference and Change of Watch  
On 19-21 OCTOBER 2018**

Lodging for the event will be at Hickory Knob State Resort Park in McCormick, SC. All rooms are at the park lodge and will cost \$75 a night plus taxes and fees. (Double occupancy) A two night stay will cost about \$167.73 INCLUSIVE!! There are also RV sites available. Call 864-391-2450 or 1-800-491-1764 to make your reservation. Ask for the D26 COW rate. **Please note that reservations end SEPTEMBER 1.** After September 1 the rooms will be open to the public, and rooms go fast!

Interested in a round of golf? After you make your reservation, ask for the golf course, or make your reservation on line at [playhickoryknob.com](http://playhickoryknob.com). Rates with cart are: M-F \$30 (\$24.75 senior); Sat.-Sun. \$35/\$28; after 2 pm \$20.

There are some very nice amenities to take advantage of during your stay at the park. The Hickory Knob Restaurant, a full-service restaurant, is located at the southern end of the Lodge building. The restaurant serves buffet-style as well as menu orders three times a day, seven days a week. There are numerous walking and biking trails, playgrounds for children and adults (basketball, volleyball, horseshoe and tennis), an outdoor swimming pool, plus archery and skeet ranges. More information is available online at <https://southcarolinaparks.com/hickory-knob/lodging>.

For fishermen and women a courtesy dock is provided for park guests. Enjoy fishing in Strom Thurmond Lake for several species of bass, hybrid, crappie, perch and stripers. A valid South Carolina fishing license is required. Contact Paula LeMond at 864-391-3051 if you wish to arrange for a local fishing guide.

All District 26 meetings and dinners will be held in Savannah Lakes Village at the Recreation Center, a very short drive from the Lodge.

Savannah Lakes Village has extended an invitation for attendees to use the facilities during the event, which include an indoor pool; bowling alley; and tennis, bocce ball and pickle ball courts and golf. There will be a small fee for the use of the SLV recreation facilities.

Getting down to District business, our meetings include some NEW and INTERESTING topics. Friday afternoon starts with presentations by representatives from the DNR and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, plus other seminars. The District Council Meeting begins at 2:40pm.

On Friday night Thurmond Lake will host an "Autumn Serenade". A "Make Your Own Pasta" buffet dinner will be served. (Gluten Free pasta available.) Rhonda McDaniel will provide entertainment. Rhonda has won 15 Carolina Beach Music Awards and has a truly exceptional voice and wide ranging repertoire. You are welcome to sit and enjoy her singing, or get up and dance!

On Saturday there will be an ongoing DB2000 presentation, culminating with a presentation regarding Merit Marks – a topic of great importance this time of year. Pick your level and topic and register to attend.

At 9:00 am there is an interesting presentation open to all members – The History of McCormick and It's Goldmine. After this presentation, those participating in the "Spouse Activity" will be able to tour the mine and pan for gold if they choose to do so. (See next page regarding the Spouse Activities.)

Other Saturday seminars include a SEO/ASEO meeting, a Coop Charting, and Boating Activities. Lunch is a make your own sandwich buffet served from noon until 1:15. The Fall Conference begins at 1:30pm.

The weekend will conclude with the Saturday Change of Watch Dinner and the Sunday morning Get Way Breakfast, both held at the SLV Recreation Center.

An interactive registration form is attached to this announcement, and is posted on the D26 website.

Given the central location of McCormick, the great price for lodging, and the new and interesting seminar topics, we are hoping to see LOTS of District 26 members in October. Make your room reservation today! Send your registration form tomorrow!

## Spouse Activity 2018

Welcome to historic McCormick! The town is named for the inventor of the reaper, Cyrus McCormick, who also had a passion for mining gold. He commissioned plans for a farm cottage, but, due to his health, never actually lived in McCormick.

Scott-Irish first settled the area in 1756, followed a decade later by French Huguenots and Germans. William Dorn discovered gold in 1852. After the Civil War McCormick purchased the gold mine and helped get a railroad line through the property.

On Saturday, October 20 you will have an opportunity to hear Mr. Dave Gray, the Dorn Mine Park Manager, speak about the history of the area. After his presentation, for those who sign up for the Spouse Activity, you will have the opportunity to visit the town of McCormick's historic sites, including the gold mine. The mine has an admission fee of \$3.00. You may also try your hand at panning for gold and/or gemstones – and keep what you find! The price is \$5.00 a bag. All other sites are free.

Other historic sites nearby that will be ready and waiting for your visit include:

- The Dorn Mill Complex, begun in 1898, includes a Grist Mill, Cotton Gin and Weigh Station.
- The Historic Model Train Museum, a private collection of model trains laid out in a historically accurate setting
- The McCormick Arts Council at the Keturah and Artisans Gallery Shop. The Keturah Hotel was built in 1910 on the site of the original Caroline Hotel, which provided room and board for train riders during the 1800s.

No visit to McCormick is complete without a stop for a treat at Strom's Drug Store, which still has an original, old time soda fountain. Other historic sites include McCormick Town Hall (1938), The Train Depot (1910) and the Guillebeau House in Hickory Knob Park.

Those interested in quilting will enjoy following the Quilt Trail, which is part of the Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail. There are 20 quilts on display in the area, nine of which are in downtown McCormick.

There are lots of opportunities for shopping and dining in town. (Lunch is on your own.) Worried about getting lost? McCormick is a short drive from Savannah Lakes Village, and all the sites are within a few short blocks.

We will be putting together small groups for the tours; so don't forget to sign up! See you in October.