

District 26 Fall Conference — Activity Descriptions

Tours	Friday, October 18, 2019
1:30 – 4:30 PM	<p>Guided Tour of the Georgia Port Authority – Port of Savannah</p> <p>Meet at the Savannah Visitor’s Center (301 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Savannah, 31401) in time for a 1:30 PM departure aboard our chartered air-conditioned bus, and enjoy a professionally guided tour of the Port of Savannah. Home to the largest single-terminal container facility of its kind in North America, the port is comprised of two modern, deepwater terminals: Garden City Terminal and Ocean Terminal. Together, these facilities exemplify the GPA’s exacting standards of efficiency and productivity. Garden City Terminal is the fourth busiest container handling facilities in the United States, encompassing more than 1,200 acres and moving millions of tons of containerized cargo annually. Ocean Terminal, Savannah’s dedicated breakbulk and roll-on / roll-off facility, covers 200.4 acres and provides customers with more than 1.4 million square feet of covered, versatile storage.</p>
Tours	Saturday, October 19, 2019
10:00 – Noon	<p>Tour of Tybee Lighthouse and Fort Screven</p> <p>The Tybee Lighthouse (30 Meddin Ave., Tybee Island 31328) is one of the longest-serving lighthouses in America and one of 13 surviving colonial era lighthouses. Ordered by General James Oglethorpe, governor of the 13th colony, in 1732, the Tybee Island Light Station has been guiding mariners' safe entrance into the Savannah River for more than 270 years. It is one of America's most intact, having all of its historic support buildings on its 5-acre site. Rebuilt several times, the current light station displays its 1916 day mark, has 178 stairs and a First Order Fresnel lens. The museum depicts Tybee Island's history from Native American settlement to World War II.</p> <p>Fort Screven (across the street from the Tybee Lighthouse). Upon its creation in 1897, Fort Screven served as an integral part of America’s Coastal Defense system. In 1786, the Georgia Legislature approved the creation of a fort on Tybee Island to be named after Revolutionary War Hero, General James Screven. Due to delays, the fort did not come to fruition until almost 100 years later. Originally ordered by General James Oglethorpe, the founder of Georgia, Fort Screven was designed to guard the mouth of the Savannah River until the end of World War II.</p>
2:00 – 4:00 PM	<p>Tour of Fort Pulaski National Museum (US Highway 80, Savannah 31410)</p> <p>Fort Pulaski took 18 years to build, from 1829-1847. Fort Pulaski was claimed by the State of Georgia before the Civil War. After the outbreak of war, Confederate troops occupied Fort Pulaski from January, 1861 to April, 1862. The only battle at Fort Pulaski occurred on April 10th & 11th, 1862 between Union forces on Tybee Island and Confederate troops inside the fort. Union troops occupied Fort Pulaski from April, 1862 until the end of the Civil War. After 1862, Fort Pulaski was used as a military and political prison. Union General David Hunter issued Gen. Order No. 7 freeing area slaves, predating Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation. Fort Pulaski became a destination on the Underground Railroad for slaves searching for freedom.</p>

Workshops		Saturday, October 19, 2019	
9:00–10:30 AM	Squadron Activity Reporting System (SARS) V 2.0 This workshop provides an overview of how to use the SARS program, including its newest features. Each Squadron is encouraged to have at least one member attend and to bring the SARS program on a laptop for practice with "hands-on" application. <i>Presenter: Lt/C Al Lehman, AP (SARS developer)</i>		
9:30–10:30 AM	USCG Auxiliary Today: Collaboration with America’s Boating Club This workshop will provide an update on USCG Auxiliary’s goals and programs, with particular emphasis on opportunities for collaboration between USCG Auxiliary and America’s Boating Club units at the local community level. <i>Presenters: Dave Fuller (USCGAux Deputy Director, Public Education) and Nan Ellen Fuller (USCGAux Branch Chief, Partnering Program), who are also members of America’s Boating Club of Atlanta.</i>		
9:30–10:30 AM	USPS Member Benefits Review This workshop will provide an overview of current benefits (many new) that your America’s Boating Club membership offers. <i>Presenter: P/D/C Andy Hyman, SN</i>		
10:45–11:45 AM	Squadron Leadership Team Development This workshop is geared for squadron leaders, with a focus on orientation and development of new bridge officers for the coming watch year. <i>Presenter: P/C Vicky Jefferis, JN</i>		
10:45–11:45 AM	What's New in Education: Blended Course Delivery This workshop is for instructors and students and will focus on educational tools that America’s Boating Club is adopting to promote student engagement and deeper learning. Come learn more about incorporating online learning with classroom discussion and how to use technology to bring students and instructors together. <i>Presenter: R/C Jan Wright, SN</i>		
10:45–11:45 AM	Joint Co-op Charting Case Study This workshop will walk you through the actual planning and execution of a Joint Squadron Co-op Charting Activity, including how to submit reports to receive full credit. <i>Presenter: Lt Charlie Saytanides, AP</i>		
Games and Gifts/Souvenirs			
Play to Win	Poker Run at Hotel Tybee. Buy one or more 5-card hands and up to 2 more cards/hand. 50% of the gross proceeds will be distributed to 5 winning hands, and the balance will be used to help defray Fall Conference expenses.		
Gifts/Souvenirs	America’s Boating Club-branded collectable tin filled with a sealed 6oz package of Byrd Cookie Company’s chocolate chip cookies. Perfect for you to enjoy and affordable and portable enough to buy several to give as gifts. Byrd Cookie Company has been “baking history since 1924.” Today, Byrd is one of the largest and fastest-growing independent cookie, snack, and gift companies in America. Proudly headquartered in Savannah, this award-winning, family-owned company provides fresh-baked products to customers around the world.		