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A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT COMMANDER RONALD OSBURN, SN



Thank you Tybee Light Power Squadron for a great Cruise and Rendezvous. We certainly enjoyed the fun and fellowship. I won \$20.00 — for the worst poker hand, which is why I do not play poker!

The Rules Committee has been hard at work on the revised By-Laws. They should be in the hands of the Council and Conference for review before the Fall Conference.

Our Administrative Officer, D/Lt Eric Pearson, SN and members of the Charleston Squadron have been working on the Fall Change of Watch, which will take place in Charleston, SC during the first weekend in October. Please check the exact dates from your **026° True**, mark your calendar, and submit your registration form. The Change of Watch will take place on the York Town Aircraft Carrier. I am looking for a pair of dress shorts to wear with my Uniform "A" that, trust me, I will wear.

I received an e-mail several days ago that stated we are down 17% YTD in membership. One of the reasons given was that members just forgot to renew. We can overcome this by having procedures in place to contact members as they come up for renewal. This can be done by a membership committee or the Treasurer can set up a separate committee. However your squadron chooses to handle this important function, it must not be ignored. I am asking the squadron commanders to make sure procedures are in place so that no one slips through the cracks.

The Governing Board will convene in Kansas City, Missouri the second week in September. Please consider attending. There are many changes occurring in United States Power Squadrons (USPS) and everyone needs to be a part of the decisions that will be made. I am working on the resolution that will change the way merit marks are handled. I still plan on presenting this to the Governing Board in Kansas City.

The USPS is a wonderful organization that provides many opportunities for learning, having fun and enjoying each other's company in the boating world. Because it is a volunteer organization, sometimes things do not happen as fast as we would like or get accomplished the way we would have preferred. Occasionally the ball gets dropped, mistakes are made or something slips through the cracks. When this happens, take a deep breath, remember that life is short, and that "BOATING IS FUN, WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW".

D/C Ron Osburn, SN



Executive Department D/Lt/C Betty Walton, AP



In my introductory paragraph to my article in the May **026° True**, I issued the following statement: "Get the boat in the water and have some fun!!" It is my sincere hope that each of you did just that in spite of the extreme heat and, in many areas, the storm warnings.

As most of you know by now, I spent the entire month of June at the Mayo Clinic where I received a kidney transplant. We came home (my daughter, Deb, was with me the entire time) on July 1st to a royal welcoming from the neighborhood. It is with much enthusiasm that I can report that I am improving daily and should be back to my "old self" in no time. I would like to thank each of you who sent cards, visited at the hospital, sent flowers, made phone calls, and sent e-mails. Believe me when I tell you that all these things contributed to my hasty recovering time. Again, THANKS.

As of yesterday (13 July) District 26, a member of the United States Power Squadrons, has a total of 1622 members, a difference of 304 from last year. I would like to challenge each squadron to make enrolling new members and/or retaining existing members your goal for the coming fiscal year.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Change-of-Watch in Charleston.

Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2.9.1.2 of the USPS District 26 Bylaws, the following members are placed in nomination for election at the October 2009 District Fall Conference.

District Commander: D/Lt/C Betty Walton, AP, Hilton Head
District Executive Officer: D/LT/C Eric Pearson, SN, Lake Murray
District Educational Officer: D/LT/C Joe Warren, SN, Tybee Light
Asst. District Educational Officer: D/1st/Lt Tim Tate, AP, Savannah River
District Administrative Officer: D/Lt/C Bob Boal, SN, North Strand
District Secretary: D/Lt/C Ed Kridler, SN, Charleston
District Treasurer: D/1st/Lt Bill Woodward, SN, Beaufort

Nominating Committee

1 Year – P/D/C Archie Trawick, SN, Lake Murray
 2 Years – P/D/C John Powers, SN, Thurmond Lake
 3 Years – P/D/C Ronald Osburn, SN, Golden Corner Lakes

Rules Committee

1 Year – P/C A.G. Caldwell, P, Golden Corner Lakes
 2 Years – P/C Debra Allen, P, Lake Murray
 3 Years – Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN, Golden Isles

Audit Committee

1 Year – P/C Mary Ann Compher, P, Hilton Head
 2 Years – P/C Pete Stevenson, AP, Lake Hartwell
 3 Years – Lt/C Jim Beyer, S, Thurmond Lake

Planning Committee

1 Year – P/D/C Edward Leibfarth, AP, Savannah River
 1 Year – P/D/C/ Robert Larson, SN, Lake Hartwell
 2 Years – P/R/C Frank Clayton, SN, Thurmond Lake
 2 Years – P/C Kay Summers, AP, Beaufort
 3 Years – Lt Ken Kuszmaul, P, Lake Hartwell
 3 Years - P/C Robert Candiano, P, North Strand

Respectively Submitted: 14 July 2009

P/D/C Richard Erler, AP, Hilton Head
 P/D/C Archie Trawick, SN, Lake Murray
 P/D/C John Powers, SN, Thurmond Lake



Administrative Department D/Lt/C Eric Pearson, SN



Membership is the life blood of all squadrons, so what can we do to maintain and increase our membership? First we must keep our current members engaged. Second, we must recruit new members. The key to success in both areas is leadership in each squadron.

Unfortunately, squadron leadership positions all too often go unfilled or squadron officers and chairs at times seem to be unfamiliar with what they should be doing. In some cases this may be caused when relatively new members are asked to serve. But we can help our squadron officers excel through training.

USPS offers two tools for achieving this training: Leadership Development and Operations Training. But like all tools they must be used and used wisely.

Leadership Development should focus on helping members become good Power Squadron leaders. Many of our members have leadership experience from their past careers and associations, but some may lack this exposure to organizational skills. The point of Leadership Development should be to guide officers and potential officers through those issues that are unique and relative to USPS and their squadron.

D/26 will offer the Leadership Development program at the Fall Conference in Charleston. This is a new program that will address the needs of our squadron officers. All new officers and potential officers should plan to attend this training session on Friday 2 October at the James Island County Park. For the benefit of all the squadrons, we would like to have a good turn out. This will also enable us to get good feed back so the program can be improved and fine tuned for future use.

Operations Training (OT) is another essential tool for familiarizing our members with squadron governance, practices and traditions. This training should be tailored to meet the needs of each squadron. I recently attended an OT session that accomplished this requirement. The presenter in this case related all of the OT material to the local squadron. Instead of talking about squadron organization and governance in the abstract, the presenter told members how their squadron worked and how their squadron fits into the district and national scheme. This approach seems to be very effective and should be worth trying in your own squadron.

One other item should always be included when conducting OT, and that is the traditions of your squadron. These local customs bridge the past, present and future. All leaders should be aware of and respect these traditions.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

In conjunction with the Fall District Conference, we will hold a Leadership Development course at 1130 on 2 October. We will meet at Edisto Hall at the James Island County Park, the same venue as our Friday evening activities. The program will take about 2-3 hours and will be over in time for attendees to partake of the hospitality functions at the host hotel. Box lunches will be available at a nominal cost. There is no cost for participating, and there is no exam.

The presentation, developed by the National Leadership Development Committee, is entitled, *Leading USPS into the Future*. This course qualifies participants for completing the Leadership Development Program and certificates of completion will be awarded.

Our goal is not to teach anyone to be a leader. Rather, we will be presenting a number of ideas and suggestions that you can consider using to benefit your squadrons. The tools and techniques presented are designed to help squadron officers and committee chairs establish a positive and active leadership role. Even if you have completed the Leadership Development Program, we think you will benefit from the additional new material contained in this program.

There are three main topics which will be discussed: "Leadership vs. Management", "Ten ways to Get the Best Out of Your Squadron", and "The True Essence of Leadership". We hope to have an interactive session to stimulate your thinking about ideas that you can use to help your squadrons.

All new and prospective squadron and district officers are encouraged to attend. Please let your commander know if you plan to attend. Commanders are asked to provide a list of attendees by 25 September. Reservations for lunch will have to be made ahead of time through the Charleston Squadron.

D/Lt/C Edwin Kridler, SN



Educational Department

D/Lt/C Joe Warren, SN



Well I finally got my sight folder back and I PASSED "N". What a good feeling. We will have a large number of members that passed "N" or "JN" this year. As of 1 July we have 15 new Navigators (the most in the last 10 years) and 14 new Jr. Navigators. Congratulations to all that have achieved the new grade.

Every squadron has had at least one basic boating course offering for the public which means that our district is at 100% again, and meets this USPS requirement. Thanks to all the SEOs and Boating Course Chairmen for your efforts toward meeting this goal – but no sitting on your laurels! Now is the time to plan a course for the fall. Remember that it is through the offering of the new ABC course that we can recruit new members.

An **EDUCATION SEMINAR WILL BE OFFERED AT THE DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE AND COW**. On Friday afternoon, 2 October, Tom Kemp, the USPS Marketing Manager, will present a three hour program on how to market/sell the USPS University Courses to the public. USPS has developed 18 short courses on a variety of subjects and we in District 26 have not had a lot of success in getting the public to attend classes. Tom will bring hand-outs, examples of advertising and a lot of knowledge on how to use the university courses to increase membership. **THIS SESSION IS A MUST FOR EVERY SEO, ASEO AND PRO FROM EVERY SQUADRON.**

There were only three nominations for the Chapman Award for 2009. This was very disappointing, as there are qualified instructors in our squadrons that should have been nominated. We hope for 2010 there will be a slate of 13 nominees, one representing each squadron, for consideration by the Awards Committee and the District Bridge.

See you in Charleston.

Attention all SEOs: Does your squadron use the #1 teaching aid?

Look over the ones you use and be prepared to submit your best one and find out if it **is** the best!!!!

We are expecting each and every squadron to submit at least **ONE** teaching aid for judging at the Change of Watch in October.

More information will be sent via email to the SEOs.

Thanks! Silvia Tate, Teaching Aid Coordinator



P/D/C David Charles Shaw Jr.

died 21 July after a long illness. He was a charter member and twice Squadron Commander of Swamp Fox Sail and Power

Squadron, our District Commander in 1987 and a USPS Life Member. A dedicated volunteer, he also served as president of Florence Kiwanis Club and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault. He was active for many years with the Boy Scouts of America and Camp Coker Boy Scout Camp.

P/D/C Shaw was a graduate of Carlisle Military Academy and received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in applied psychology from Francis Marion University. He was retired president of Shaw Lumber Co. and served as a state constable.

He is survived by his children, granddaughter, sisters, and former wife, Joyce Shaw. Graveside services for P/D/C Shaw were held at Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Pee Dee Coalition, P.O. Box 1351, Florence, SC 29503.

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Secretary's Department D/Lt/C Edwin Kridler, SN



Another watch year for District 26 will be ending with our Fall Conference and Change of Watch. There have been a number of very exciting district events so far this year, and the Fall Conference should continue this tradition. Please plan to attend.

We all owe a big THANK YOU to several members who have put a great effort into helping the Secretary's Department function very well over the last year. Many thanks to P/C Paula LeMond for serving as editor of the **026° True**. Paula has been outstanding in publishing a very attractive and informative series of issues of our district newsletter. Thank you also to Alice Powers for assisting Paula.

Thanks also to each of our squadron historians for completing your reports and getting them submitted. Lt/C Bob Gulbrandsen, our District Historian, coordinated the effort in getting the squadron histories put together and did an outstanding job compiling the district report. Thanks for all your help, Bob.

Speaking of Historians' Reports, another deadline is fast approaching. The reports for 2009 are due prior to the end of the year. Please don't wait until the last minute to assemble them.

Another thank you goes to our Assistant Secretary, D/1st/Lt Bill Woodward. Bill kept an up-to-date listing of district and squadron officers, which was very helpful to all of us on the district bridge. He also participated in all of the district events this past year.

The Fall District Conference is coming soon. I look forward to seeing many of our members in Charleston in early October.



Treasurer's Department D/Lt/C Bob Boal, SN



As I write this note, summer is in full swing, hurricane season is upon us, and fall will be here before we know it. Fall, of course, brings our annual season of Changes of Watch for District 26. This is the time when we see new faces, plus familiar faces returning for another year in their current position or perhaps with new responsibilities associated with new positions.

Fall is also the time when new budgets are proposed and, hopefully, passed. Given the economic downturn, clearly the times are difficult, but I'd like you to note that while we've had to make some changes, District 26 has not raised dues for many years. We think that is a good thing and indicative of everyone's efforts to maintain membership and grow. For those who will serve as squadron treasurers this coming year I welcome you. Need guidance? Every treasurer needs to familiarize themselves with the recently updated **Treasurer's Manual** at <http://www.usps.org/national/om/pdfs/treman.pdf>.

New treasurers will need to change signature authority for all of your bank accounts. You will also need to file an **IRS Form 8822, Part II, Change of Address** to reflect a new mailing address for the IRS regarding tax information and returns. This form can be found at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8822.pdf?portlet=3>

A key to being successful in the business of being a treasurer is keeping accurate books and trying to be timely. A backlog of any sort can result in errors. Besides the invoices I send you from time to time regarding new squadron members, the only other thing I get excited about is the filing of tax returns, which is no longer optional. The IRS guidelines state we have up to five months after our respective tax years are complete to file. We can either use the IRS Form 990N (e-Postcard) for revenue less than \$25k or an EZ Form for more than \$25k. Go to our D26 website and click on the **Member Info** link at http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/info/member_info.htm. Under **Committee Resources** click on my **Spring Conference** presentation. Slides four and five will give you all the information that you need about your tax filing requirements.

CALL FOR DISTRICT 26 FALL CONFERENCE

3 October 2009

To: All Members of USPS District 26

From: D/Lt/C Ed Kridler, SN
District Secretary

Subject: 2009 Fall Conference

When: Saturday, 3 October 2009

Where: Sheraton Charleston Airport Hotel
North Charleston, SC

Time: 0830-0900 Registration
0900 Call to Order

Uniform:
Conference: Blazer with Polo Shirt or Open Neck Dress Shirt
Banquet: Uniform A with Bow Tie or Other Appropriate Attire

Agenda: To be announced

Y'all Come On to "The Holy City" 2 – 4 October for the best District 26 Change of Watch ever!



The host hotel is the Sheraton Charleston Airport Hotel, conveniently located at Exit 213 off I-26. The room rate is \$109.00 plus taxes (\$122.62 total). A link is provided below for you to make your reservations directly with the hotel. (Phone: 843-747-1900.) Reservation deadline is **2 September 2009** after which we cannot guarantee that room rate. The link to the hotel is:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0905127075&key=AB003>

Check in is at 1500 but the Conference Registration Desk will be available starting at 1300. The Hospitality Room, located on the third floor, will be open at 1300 for early arrivals. Snacks and beverages will be available as well as viewing the **silent auction items**.

Friday Night's Soiree will be held at James Island County Park in Edisto Hall. Directions and a park pass will be in your registration packet. The Theme of the evening is Wild Wild West. Don your best western garb and compete for prizes. Grub will be Charleston's best pulled pork and chicken with all the sides, finished off with build your own Ice Cream Sundaes! The feast will cost \$20.00 per person and will feature a cash bar with full liquor selections.

Saturday's meeting will be held in the Ballroom at the Sheraton. Lunch, \$23.00 per person, will be provided for those who make reservations. For Spouses and Guests we have reserved the upper level of the Buccaneer Restaurant in Downtown Charleston. Explore the golden age of pirates through a unique collection of items from the 1690's through 1730. Cost is \$13.00 per person. Liquor and dessert, if you have room, are extra and payable at the restaurant. After lunch you are free return to the hotel or spend some time in the famous slave market.

Saturday the Hospitality Room will be open from 0800 – 1730 so that you can browse the unique collection our scavengers have put together for the Silent Auction. **Bidding will close promptly at 1730.**

The Change of Watch Dinner will be aboard the Carrier Yorktown at Patriots Point. A map will be included in your registration packet. The new Medal of Honor Museum is housed on the Hanger Deck and will be open for your inspection. A cash bar serving beer and wine will be available from 1830 thru dinner. The cost of dinner is \$35.00 per person. A delicious meal and one of the most gorgeous sunsets with a view of the Ravenel Bridge will precede the Change of Watch Ceremony. Check out is Sunday morning at your leisure.



**DISTRICT 26 CHANGE OF WATCH
2-4 OCTOBER 2009
SHERATON CHARLESTON AIRPORT HOTEL
NORTH CHARLESTON
SOUTH CAROLINA**

Friday 2 October 2009

		Number	TOTAL
1200-1300	Bag lunch for training meetings	_____ @ \$7.50	\$ _____
1300-1700	Registration Sheraton N. Charleston		
1300-1700	Hospitality Room Sheraton		
1830-2030	James Island County Park	_____ @ \$20	\$ _____
	Edisto Hall		
	WILD WILD WEST COSTUME PARTY & BBQ		

Saturday 3 October 2009

0800-0930	Registration Sheraton N. Charleston		
0800-1730	Hospitality Room Sheraton		
0900-1200	District Conference Sheraton		
1200-1300	Lunch, Members at the Sheraton	_____ @ \$23	\$ _____
1300-1500	District Conference Sheraton		
1830-2030	Dinner aboard Carrier Yorktown	_____ @ \$35	\$ _____

Spouse/Guest Luncheon The Buccaneer **\$13/person**
Fee is payable at the restaurant Please indicate
 only the number of people attending for transportation
 purposes Number attending: _____

**Sunday 4 October 2009
No Activities**

TOTAL **\$ _____**

Last Name	First Name	Rank	Grade	Squadron
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Address	City	State/Zip	Telephone	Guest (Rank/Grade) _____
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CONFERENCE HOTEL: SHERATON, NORTH CHARLESTON 843-747-1900

\$109.00/NIGHT PLUS 12.5% TAX ONLINE RESERVATIONS

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0905127075&key=AB003>
 Online Reservations from 12 May 2009 – 2 September 2009

QUESTIONS: HDEITRICK@aol.com

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Coming Events
2008-2009

12-14	Jun	D/26 Cruise and Rendezvous Host: Tybee Light Power Squadron, Savannah, GA
8-13	Sep	USPS Fall Governing Board, Kansas City, Mo
2- 4	Oct	D/26 Fall Conference And Change Of Watch Host: Charleston Sail & Power Squadron, Charleston, SC
5	Nov	Change Of Watch Golden Corner Lakes Sail & Power Squadron
6	Nov	Change Of Watch Lake Murray Power Squadron
7	Nov	Change Of Watch North Strand Sail & Power Squadron
13	Nov	Change Of Watch Long Bay Power Squadron
13	Nov	Change Of Watch Thurmond Lake Sail & Power Squadron
14	Nov	Change Of Watch Hilton Head Sail & Power Squadron
14	Nov	Change Of Watch Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron
20	Nov	Change Of Watch Lake Hartwell Sail & Power Squadron
20	Nov	Change Of Watch Beaufort Sail & Power Squadron
21	Nov	Change Of Watch Savannah River Sail & Power Squadron
21	Nov	Change Of Watch Charleston Sail & Power Squadron
4	Dec	Change Of Watch Tybee Light Power Squadron
9	Jan	Change Of Watch Swamp Fox Sail & Power Squadron

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Charleston	Richard Howells, JN	Chet Rogers, P
Golden Corner	Kathy Redford, AP	Ed Lashley, JN
Golden Isles	Charles Wilsdorf, SN	Audie Holmes, JN
Hilton Head	Cecil (Sonny) Viverette, P	Helen Kola, P
Lake Hartwell	Mary Orem, S	Chris Rose, SN
Lake Murray	Jeff Langlois, P	Lee Ayers, AP
Long Bay	Robert Roseman, S	Paul Soucy, AP
North Strand	Jim Tucker, AP	Charlie Schuler, SN
Savannah River	DeMetric Allen, P	Paulette Harris-Holmes, JN
Swamp Fox	Stephen Snipes, S	Gordon Cole, S
Thurmond Lake	Mickey Basch, S	Bill O'Neill, SN
Tybee Light	Doug Andrews, AP	J.B. Thornton, JN