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## District 26

A UNIT OF UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS  
SAIL AND POWER BOATING

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**THE DISTRICT COMMANDER  
D/C Archie W. Trawick, Jr. SN**

**I**t is an honor and privilege to serve you as district commander for the coming year and I thank you for the confidence and support you have shown Sherrie and me. There have been many mentors to help guide and advise me on USPS matters. But I would never have had the opportunities to meet so many wonderful people, to take the best boating courses anywhere, to see the inside of hotels all across America, if it had not been for that one person.

Two decades ago when I joined USPS, we did not have the freedoms and tools we have now, USPS would not let you stand before the public boating class and invite every one to join. Proctors were not used at every table of the Public Boating Course (PBC), they did not have membership pamphlets or Power Point, or even color course books. I enjoyed the PBC and wanted to take more courses, but USPS seemed like some secret society and I did not plan to join.

The Power of One program is for membership and if every member brought in one new member we would double in size every year. The Power of One principal goes much deeper and Joe Bearden was the Power of One influence for me. Joe had not been commander-yet, he was just a member, interviewing perspective members, and Joe explained some of the reasons USPS was the way it was. Joe put a personal,

cheerful, welcoming face to USPS, and gave his personal witness that USPS had some of the finest people I could hope to meet. If Joe had met D/Lt/C Ron Osburn, JN, our beloved Treasurer he would have also included colorful.

There are many people who I can thank or you can admonish who have given me council as I progressed through squadron, then district committees, and offices. Others taught and encouraged me to take and then teach our courses. There have been cruises, trash pickups, dock building, dinner meetings, fellowship, boat shows, vessel safety checks, co-op charting, news letters and more.

There have been meetings: Council, conference, executive, budget, membership, annual, Governing Board, education, committee, planning, dinner, telephone, online and face to face, to mention a few. I have come to the conclusion that this is the meetingest organization I have ever seen. But the meetings are valuable and I ask you to not just attend but to participate in your meetings.

Our Annual meeting is in Jacksonville this year and you can meet with the national officers who administer our programs and other members with whom we have much in common. An added benefit is we are going to cruise to Jacksonville, so look for details on another page. You also have D/26 meetings where we have fun, address squadron issues and disseminate information from national, and have more fun. Come to the conferences, enjoy the weekend and take the benefits back to your squadron!

P/D/C Al Burts, JN, has shown the Power of One. He had the stamina to nurse me and 11 others through a JN class that took 18 months. Al encouraged me to continue on with N, even though he has not journeyed there himself. Al encouraged me to listen to the members and take care of them while realizing USPS is like a giant stone ball rolling down an incline. When changes are made, their course corrections will be small and a new direction would take time, but with endurance and continued effort, things will change for the better.

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## Executive Department

D/Lt/C John Powers, SN



## Secretary's Department

D/Lt/C Betty Walton, AP

We are very pleased to have the following veterans handling the responsibilities of the Executive Department and look forward to working with them.

<b>Cooperative Charting Chair</b>	<b>Ed Zeaser, Thurmond Lake</b>
<b>Asst. Cooperative Charting</b>	<b>Don Funderburk, Tybee Light</b>
<b>Legislative, Georgia</b>	<b>Verna Clayton, Thurmond Lake</b>
<b>Legislative, South Carolina</b>	<b>Verna Clayton, Thurmond Lake</b>
<b>New Squadron Development</b>	<b>Horst Boettge, Golden Corner Lakes</b>
<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Horst Boettge, Golden Corner Lakes</b>
<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Lowell Ward, Hilton Head</b>
<b>Public Relations</b>	<b>Mike Zafoot, Lake Murray</b>
<b>Safety</b>	<b>Tom O'Neill, Thurmond Lake</b>
<b>Computer Systems</b>	<b>Bill Mullin, Long Bay</b>
<b>Vessel Safety Check</b>	<b>Pete Stevenson, Lake Hartwell</b>

Verna Clayton has requested someone in the Georgia Squadrons help her with Legislative Committee by monitoring the legislative action in Georgia. The individual does not need to be a lawyer, you just need to have an interest and live in Georgia.

If you are interested, please contact Verna or myself.

Let me begin this article by thanking each of my chairmen for accepting their assigned job in this department.

First, I know each of you join me in praising our Editor of O26 True, Barbara Pearson and her assistant, Eric Pearson, for the great job they are doing. While there will only be 3 issues yearly, Barbara has assured us that she can keep all informed on issues that concern the entire D/26 membership. Bert Baxter has replaced Bob Peters as District Historian, Randy Hodge will continue as The Ensign Correspondent and Ed Bush as agreed to continue as Publications Chairman. And finally, with the help of Debra Allen and Archie Trawick, I hope to have the roster ready as early in the year as possible.

The D/26 Change-of-Watch held in Augusta, GA and hosted by Savannah River Sail & Power Squadron was a tremendous success. It appeared that everyone was having a good time even in the meetings. We, the bridge, are looking forward to another good year of serving you in what ever capacity is needed.

I would like to remind each of the newly installed squadron commanders to please get your Form OD-2 filled out as soon after you have your COW and send me a copy so that we can begin to incorporate this information into our '07 roster. The form to be filled out with spouses name, address, e-mail, telephone number, etc., will be sent by me to each squadron commander as soon as I get their Form OD-2.

Let's see if we can break our past record for attendance at the USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL in February. Hope to see you there.

### New 026° TRUE Deadlines for 2007

The deadline for the next issue of the 026° TRUE will be 18 March. The issue before the District COW will be 15th July.

We can get all necessary information and notifications in all three issues. So watch your deadlines!



## Educational Department

D/Lt/C Eric W. Pearson, SN



## Administrative Department

D/Lt/C Carol A. McVey, SN

Let me begin by thanking the D/26 membership and their delegates for giving me the opportunity to serve as your District Educational Officer for this Watch Year. All I can promise is I'll do my best in these challenging times. The U. S. Power Squadrons® Educational Department has embarked on a course that will offer us here in D/26 many challenges and opportunities. But first the news.

Let me begin introducing the rest of the D/26 educational team: ADEO D/1st/Lt Joe Warren, AP, Tybee Light; and committee chairs — Boating Course, P/C David Price, AP, Lake Murray; Advanced Grades, P/C Larry Byrd, SN, Long Bay; Elective Courses, P/C William O'Neill, SN, Thurmond Lake; Teaching Aids, D/Lt Cindy Kridler, AP, Charleston; and America's Boating Course, D/Lt Huub Bakx, SN, Lake Hartwell. This is really an outstanding group and I thank each for agreeing to serve.

The D/26 Educational Department at the Fall Conference recognized a number of individuals and squadrons for outstanding achievements. First, seven squadrons honored instructors by nominating them for the D/26 Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. Each nominee received a framed certificate acknowledging their achievement. Nominees were:

Lt/C Bill Woodward, JN, of Beaufort; P/C Blake Roberts, SN, of Lake Hartwell; 1st/Lt Frank M. Keiser, AP, of Long Bay; Ted "Joe" Holladay, JN, of Savannah River; P/C Thomas E. O'Neill, AP, Thurmond Lake; P/C Douglas G. Andrews, AP, of Tybee Light; and yours truly of Lake Murray.

D/26 is proud to have Lt/C Woodward as its nominee for the USPS Chapman Award. Bill is the finest example of the dedication and enthusiasm that makes the Power Squadrons educational program a valued and informative experience for its members. We wish Bill the best of luck in the USPS considerations.

When you see these dedicated teachers, congratulate them and say thank you.

The second recognition was for the annual Teaching Aid competition. We had a good and representative array of entries. The squadrons with winning entries received \$50, \$30 and \$20 respectively for first, second and third place. Lake Murray won second and third place honors and Tybee Light won first place with an excellent electronic entry for knot tying.

Every squadron needs to start gathering Teaching Aids for the USPS Annual Meeting in February so your district can continue its record of having all squadrons participating.

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I would be remiss if I didn't thank you for electing me to my position as Administrative Officer. After more than six years in the Educational Department, I thought I had gotten locked in there. However, I was told that it was time to move on. I have acquired highly regarded help to chair and assist in the various committees under my domain.

One of the more important committees is Membership/Membership Involvement with D/Lt Thomas (Tom) Courneya, P as chair assisted by P/C Robert (Bob) Boal, AP and P/C Tim Tate, P. With declining membership in most of the districts, there is little need to ask why this committee is so crucial. Please feel free to contact Tom with your membership thoughts, ideas or questions. His contact information is in the district directory.

P/C Dee Rettew, SN will continue to serve at Auxiliary Advisor. She is willing to work with any squadron that wants to start an auxiliary to augment the squadron. Currently Lake Hartwell has the only active sanctioned auxiliary in District 26.

The Boating Activities Committee is chaired by P/C Charles Borrmann, P, and assisted by P/C George Boyette, AP. These gentlemen are responsible for determining the boating activities award as their primary function.

Our National Meetings Coordinators are a pair of Barbs: Barbara Osburn, P and D/Lt Barbara Pearson, AP. They are responsible for coordinating the hospitality suite at the two National meetings in Jacksonville and Norfolk. I'm sure that they will accept any assistance offered.

Leadership Development, formerly Operations Training, is being chaired by P/R/C Edwin Kridler, SN. In this coming year, focus needs to be placed on working with the squadrons so that all officers have completed some training. A session is planned for the Spring Conference during seminar time.

The district statistician for 2007 is Lt/C Claire P. Spearman, P. She is responsible for collecting the data regarding the three district meeting held during the year. If the chair of the responsible squadron does not report the numbers to Claire, I'm sure that she will be contacting the squadron. These numbers help other squadrons as they prepare for their upcoming district meetings. In recent years, many of the numbers are

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## Treasurer's Department

D/Lt/C Ronald Osburn, AP

I have been elected to serve as your Treasurer again this year. I am very honored and will do my utmost to fulfill my obligations.

We now have 11 of 13 squadrons on HQAB and I am in hopes that we n have 100 percent by the end of our fiscal year.

On June 1, 2007 the new dues structure goes into effect eliminating some of the USPS dues categories. We will have only two categories to deal with, an individual membership or a family membership. The National dues will increase by \$1.80 this year. The district dues will remain the same.

There will also be an increase in the Non-Prorated Entrance Fee to \$25. This is a one time-fee and is charged only to the new individual member or to a new member with family. Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me if you need clarification.

I know that we will have a fun and productive year. Jacksonville is just around the corner and I hope to see everyone there.

Happy Holidays,

## Order of Mariners Report for 2006

In 2006, two members of District 26 qualified as members of The Order of Mariners, the District honor society. OOM membership is limited to active members who have earned 15 merit marks and attained Educational Proficiency which is a grade of AP, plus three electives. Not many qualify.

In the 24 years that the order has been in existence, 167 members have qualified. In that period of time some 3,500 members joined the district.

Current membership in the Order is 81, including the current additions. This year we have two new members both from Lake Murray;

- ◆ **Scott A. Bridges**
- ◆ **Robert L. Grace**

Certificates were presented at the squadron's Change of Watch.

## Commander's Message

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Another person who knew the Power of One even before it was part of our framework is P/D/C Ed Fetner, SN. Ed also inspired and encouraged me to take care of the members and achieve the pinnacle of USPS education, Senior Navigator. There are many more Power of One members, P/D/C's Don Coon, Bob Peters, Bob Larsen, Lloyd Pitts and many more who are an inspiration and marvel of industriousness and endurance.

I don't know who inspired all the people who have made a difference in my life and who encouraged them to join USPS. But someone took the time to teach them the PBC, to grade exams, to bring refreshments, to have a productive PBC to put on a PBC and then to do all the other things it takes to run a successful squadron. I do know that every squadron has members with the Power of One attitude; you can be that person, put your USPS engine in gear, encourage others, participate in your PBC, do your part and motivate other to do the same.

But you are not just the Power of One, or just the power of your squadron, or the power of our district, but are the power of the tens of thousands of USPS members. Utilize that power, take care of your people, provide and promote the benefits of USPS membership and all will gain.

There is another Power of One influence that without their acceptance and help most of us could not come close to the effectiveness we have. That person is your spouse. Without Sherrie's steady hand, attention to detail and loving tolerance, I couldn't get through the day. Thank your spouse; they give up a lot for you to participate in USPS.

You have tools and programs that were not available just a few years ago, The Power of One program, Power Point, USPS University, member benefits, manuals and guides, color, slide shows, DB 2000, Five Year Plan, Boating Course Assistant, pamphlets, computer projectors, and more than I have space to name. If any of the programs I have mentioned are unfamiliar go to USPS.org and select site search.

You are a part of the best boating organization anywhere and D/26 is a leader in USPS, because you make a difference! Thank you for the opportunity to serve, we have great teams, wonderful members, fantastic tools, and outstanding benefits, let's make this the best year ever.

Let's get ready to cruise to Jacksonville!

## Educational Department

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Recognition was also accorded to 11 members for achieving Educational Proficiency. USPS gives this award to those who complete the Advance Grades of Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting plus three Elective Courses. Educational Proficiency should be goal of every Power Squadrons member. Special congratulations to these members:

Robert Riefe , John Satterfield, Donald Summers and Kenneth Wright of Beaufort; Marlyn Stroven of Golden Corner; Klaus Loehr and Raymond Wenig of Hilton Head; Richard Rockwood of Lake Hartwell; William Burn III of Lake Murray; Linda Boyette of North Strand; and Carl Dearman of Thurmond Lake.

The USPS Educational Department is planning extensive changes and it will take time for all of them to come to fruition. It will also take time for us in D/26 to get our arms around them. The main points are the creation of USPS University to offer more variety of learning experiences through a series of short topical seminars, the revision of existing courses to reflect the updated approach used in Piloting and Advanced Piloting, and the Boater Certification program.

Some of these changes are still being worked out and your SEO will pass them on as soon as we have the details.

Take a course, or teach a course, so we can all Boat Smart.

### In Memory of....

**P/C Don Daly, SN**

1936-2006

Thurmond Lake Sail & Power Squadron

**Gray Swingle, AP**

1928-2006

Savannah River Sail & Power Squadron

**P/Lt/C Robert L. Grace, JN**

1924-2006

Lake Murray Power Squadron

**Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these members.**

## Administrative Department

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missing from the report.

The Port Captains are the last, but not least group. Each functions independently to assist USPS members traveling in our district when requested. The contact information for each can be found on the USPS webpage. This is a benefit that is a great service when you are traveling away from home.

If anyone in the district would like to assist in one of these departments, please contact either the chair or me. More help makes the job much easier. Or if you have questions, comments, or ideas, your thoughts are most welcome.

The USPS annual meeting is planned for 20 – 25 February. Plans are in the works for a district cruise from our northern most border along the AICW all the way to downtown Jacksonville. There are two flotillas planned: one for the slow boats and one for the faster boats. Leaving from the Little River area, the slow boat trip will take about 8 days, allowing for weather, plan 9 – 10 days. The faster boats can make it from the NC/SC border in 4 days, allowing 5 - 6 days for the trip. You could also launch anywhere along the route. Several marinas in the Jacksonville area have been contacted. See more detailed information is on our website <http://groups.google.com/group/D26-Jax-Cruise>.

Lastly, since taking office, I have been busy with squadron Changes of Watch. I want to thank North Strand Sail and Power Squadron, Long Bay Power Squadron and Beaufort Sail and Power Squadron for the hospitality that they extended to Jim and I as we visited with them and swore in their new commanders, bridge, elected and appointed committees and chairs. D/Lt/C Betty Walton, AP with R/C Richard Peoples, SN accompanied us. Betty assisted with the swearing in duties.

Each squadron handles their COW a little differently, some ite formal and other more casual. The one commonality is, it's always rewarding to see members being honored for their service during the year. It's always encouraging to visit with and talk to the members of the squadrons hearing their experiences and concerns about USPS.

Enough of my rambling for now. Remember, if I can be of service to you or the squadron, please do not hesitate to contact me.



## Join the Fun at the Spring Conference in Myrtle Beach



Can you think of anything better to do in the early Spring than go to the beach. Well, just mark your calendar for 9-11 March 2007 and come on down to Myrtle Beach for a week-end of fun with all of your Power Squadron friends.

Long Bay Power Squadron will be host for the D/26 Spring Conference and they have arranged ocean front accommodations at the Crown Reef Resort and Conference Center. The price is right at \$69 per night for your oceanfront room. The Long Bay gang has a fun filled weekend.

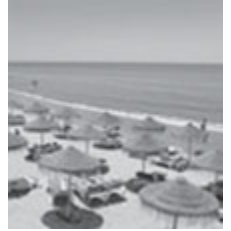
The fun will get started Friday night with a Mexican Festival complete with food and drink (\$2 Margaritas!) The evening's entertainment will feature mariachi music and a cultural show.



On Saturday the D/26 Conference will convene to take care of district business and offer seminars for members. Spouses will be treated to fashion show by Brooks Brothers and lunch.

After the conference visit the Long Bay Hospitality Room, take a stroll on the beach or visit one of the many attractions to found along South Carolina's Grand Strand.

Whatever you do, just be sure to get back in time for the Saturday banquet, because the Spring banquet is awards night. Come on out and learn who will be named Commander of the Year; who will receive the Ed Fetner Award; who will be named Squadron Educational Officer of the Year? Which squadron will win the Wolf-Ewing Award or Prince Henry the Navigator or Boating Activities Award? Which squadrons were tops in CoOp Charting, Vessel Safety Checks or Membership? You can't afford to miss it.



So mark your calendar and make your reservations by call 1 800 405-7333. Be sure to mention Code 3955 for D/26 and Long Bay Power Squadron.



Welcome to our New District Bridge:(L-R) Executive Officer, D/Lt/C John R. Powers, SN; Educational Officer, D/Lt/C Eric W. Pearson, SN; Commander, D/C Archie W. Trawick, Jr., SN; Administrative Officer, D/Lt/C Carol McVey, SN; Treasurer, D/Lt/C Ron Osburn, JN; Secretary. D/Lt/C Betty Walton, AP.



# DISTRICT 26 Spring Conference

9 - 11 March 2007

Host: Long Bay Power Squadron, Myrtle Beach, SC



Member Last Name	First Name	Rank Grade	Squadron
Last Name (2 <sup>nd</sup> Member or Guest)	First Name	Rank Grade	Squadron
Address	City	State Zip	Telephone

**Friday 9 March 07**

		Number @ Price	Total
1500 – 1800	Registration, Crown Reef Conferenec Center Check In		
1500 – 1800	Hospitality and Silent Auction Room		
1800 – 2200	Mexican Fiesta (Cash Bar)	_____ @ \$18	_____
	Mexican Music - Lakewood Resort		

**Saturday 10 March 07**

0800 – 1000	Registration at Conference Center		
0900 – 1000	General Session- Crown Reef Conference Center (2nd level)		
1000 – 1200	Training Seminars - Conference Center		
1200 – 0130	Lunch, The Market Place Deli - Conference Center	_____ @ \$12	_____
1300	Ladies Event-Damon's on the Ocean - Conference Center	_____ @ \$12	_____
	Fashion Show by Brooks Brothers		
0100 – 0200	Training Sessions Resume		
1600 -1800	Hospitality - Silent Auction (Close 1800)		
1800 -1900	Social Hour/Cash Bar Crown Reef - Conference Center		
1900 - 2200	Tara Buffet Banquet	_____ @ \$29	_____

**Sunday 11 March 07**

1100	Check Out		
		Activities Total:	_____

Mail this portion of the Registration Form and a (non-refundable) check payable to  
**Long Bay Power Squadron**  
**To: Tracy DeDomenick, 2492 Hunters Trail, Myrtle Beach, SC 29788**  
**Questions? Phone 843-236-7770 or email to fdedomenick@sc.rr.com**



**DEADLINE: 09 February 2007 for HOTEL/23 February 2007 for ACTIVITIES**

**USPS DISTRICT 26 Spring Conference  
HOTEL RESERVATION/INFORMATION**

**Mail, Call or Fax: Crown Reef Resort, 101 Village Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC  
(800) 405-7333**

Room Rate: \$69 plus Tax Group Code: 3955

**Deadline: 9 Feb, 2007 Mention: USPS D/26 Long Bay Power Squadron**

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check in: 1300 Check Out: 1100

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Coming Events

### 2007

<b>13 January</b>	<b>Swamp Fox COW</b>	<b>Florence</b>
<b>20-25 Feb.</b>	<b>USPS Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Jacksonville, Fla</b>
<b>9-11 March</b>	<b>D/26 Spring Conference</b>	<b>Myrtle Beach</b>
<b>1-3 June</b>	<b>D/26 Cruise &amp; Rendezvous</b>	<b>Beaufort</b>
<b>4-9 Sept.</b>	<b>Fall Governing Board</b>	<b>Norfolk, Va.</b>
<b>19 -21 Oct.</b>	<b>D/26 Fall Conference/COW</b>	<b>Hilton Head</b>

**2007 Squadron COWs to be Announced**

### District Bridge

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Charleston Golden Corner	Cdr David Walsh, AP	Lt/C Chester Rogers, P
Golden Isles	Cdr Jurgen Kleinau, P	Lt/C Marlyn Stroven, AP
Hilton Head	Cdr Audie Holmes, AP	Lt/C David Boothman, AP
Lake Hartwell	Cdr Jim Kola, P	Lt/C Betty Walton, AP
Lake Murray	Cdr Lyn Solesbee, AP	Lt/C Bert Baxter, AP
Long Bay	Cdr Mike Kirk, AP	Lt/C Andy Hyman, P
North Strand	Cdr Oscar Drinkwater, P	Lt/C Paul Soucy, AP
Savannah River	Cdr Linda Boyette, AP	Lt/C Charlie Shuler, SN
Swamp Fox	Cdr Major Sims	Lt/C Paulette Harris-Holmes, AP
Thurmond Lake	Cdr Jim McVey, SN	Lt/C, Phil Higgins, JN
Tybee Light	Cdr Paula LeMond, P	Lt/C William O'Neill, SN
	Cdr J. B. Thornton, AP	Lt/C Will Ross, Jr., SN