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



Your district is made up of 13 independent yet inter-dependent squadrons. We all benefit from networking; we are in similar boats and waters, so to speak. When you participate in National or District events you are able to talk with others who have had similar situations and hear how others have handled opportunities and challenges. I encourage you to expand your horizons.

The outstanding members of District 26 have made this year a breeze. Many people give unselfishly of their time and talent to help make USPS a success. No one exemplified this more than D/Lt/C Carol McVey, SN. Carol gave enthusiasm, caring and attention to detail to any assignment she was given. It was an honor and pleasure to have served with Carol and we all miss her.

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This year has flown by and though this District 26 year is drawing to a close there are still many more opportunities for you and your squadron. The USPS National Governing Board meeting is in Norfolk, VA, 5-9 September 2007. This meeting is open to all USPS members and can benefit all. There will be an Expo where you can meet and discuss ideas, successes and needs of your Squadron and District 26, with members of all USPS Committees. You can meet USPS partners from governmental agencies, boating safety organizations and the boating community and learn how partnerships with them can enhance your USPS experience. More information is available online at: <http://www.usps.org/national/natmeetings/Norfolk.html> and <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/news.htm>

Another opportunity is our District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch 19-21 October 2007. Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron is host and has an entertaining and productive meeting for all members in a beautiful oceanfront setting. Your Commander, Educational Officer and delegates are voting members and will represent you there. Events, entertainment, education and enlightenment are on tap for the weekend so please plan to attend. More info is at <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/news.htm>.

P/V/C John Alter, SN, C/C's Rep for D/26 2007 COW

P/V/C John Alter, SN, is a member of the Raleigh, NC Squadron in D/27.

Alter came South after working 27 years with the Ohio Bell Telephone Company.

Alter began his Power Squadron career in Toledo, Ohio. He later was transferred to Cleveland where he served on the squadron bridge before becoming District Commander of D/29 in 1996. He has been "messaging around with boats" since the age of 6 on Lake Erie. Most of his experience has been with powerboats.

Alter has served in many capacities on the National level including National Treasurer, aide to two Chief Commanders, member of the Governing Board, the Budget Committee, and the Strategic Planning Task Force.

John and his wife, Judy, have four children and nine grandchildren.





Executive Department

D/Lt/C John Powers, SN



Secretary's Department

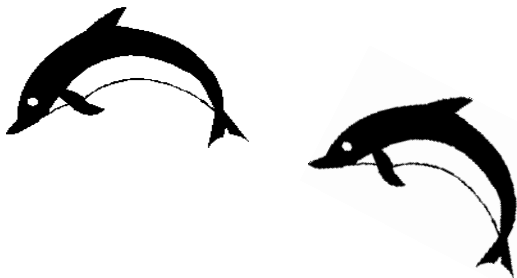
D/Lt/C Betty Walton, AP

Joint D/26 and D/27 Meeting - If you were not at the Summer Council meeting, you may not have heard that we have had to cancel the planning activity for this meeting that was announced at the Spring Conference. A mutually agreeable date could not be established because D/27 has their Change of Watch in the spring and their calendar year is so much different than ours. We were both disappointed that it could not be worked out but we agreed to try again if circumstances change.

Training - We are approaching the time for Squadrons to have their Change of Watch. If in the process of selecting new Officers and Committee Chairmen, it becomes desirable to have some training on any phase of Squadron activity be sure to alert the appropriate District Officer as to what is needed. We are blessed in D/26 to have many experienced people that are willing to conduct training. Training can be provided at the Fall Conference or tailored to a specific situation. Don't pass up a good candidate because he or she needs some training. Let us know and we will work it out.

Improvements - In the same vein as training, if you or another Squadron member has a suggestion for improvement or an area that is causing a problem in doing the job, let us know. Your District Bridge has periodic meetings to look into improvements for more efficiency in doing the various Power Squadron jobs or to simplify tasks. If you have a suggestion, it is important that you let us know so we can do our job better.

USPS Governing Board - The USPS Fall Governing Board is being held in Norfolk 5-9 September 2007. Details of the meeting and registration forms are in the last issue of The Ensign. If you have never been to a Governing Board meeting, now is a good time to start. There are many interesting and educational seminars to attend as well as enjoyable activities. Take a September vacation in Norfolk.



Thanks to the Beaufort Sail and Power Squadron for a wonderful "Cruise and Rendezvous" weekend at the Best Western Sea Island Inn on the waterfront of the Beaufort River. While there was not too much cruising for those of us who went by car, we did enjoy the rain that was so much needed in our area. I did not hear a word of complaint when Kay Summers announced that the cruise to Dataw Island for lunch on Saturday was cancelled. It was then that most chit-chat was about the weather but we did not let it keep us from enjoying the Friday night BBQ Pork and Ribs Buffett, the lunch at the motel Saturday at noon, and most of all the Low-Country Boil on Saturday night at the newly renovated Waterfront Park Pavilion (under cover). After being shuttled across the highway to the park in private cars, it was just a chorus of "Let it Rain, Let it Rain".

The news of the death of our D/26 Administrative Officer, D/Lt/C Carol McVey, SN was quite a shock to all of us in the District. Due to her passing it was necessary for the Nominating Committee to immediately fill this position. The Committee chose to recommend D/Lt/C Ron Osburn, JN, to assume the DAO position and that P/C Bob Boal, AP, would take Ron's place as D/26 Treasurer. The D/26 Council members voted unanimously in favor of these recommendations. Thanks to D/Lt/C Ron Osburn and D/Lt/C Bob Boal for their willingness to serve D/26 in these capacities.

Bert Baxter reported at the Council Meeting that he had received all but three Squadron Historian Reports. I am hoping that he has now received these and he can get his D/26 Report in to National Headquarters.

Barbara Pearson, the editor of the 026 True, our District newsletter, reported that she is serving on the National Publications Committee and feels that she needs to devote her time to that position. Anyone who would like to take over as editor of the 026 True please contact me or Barbara as soon as possible so that a smooth change can occur.

Thanks to the Council Members for their timely response to our recent election. You really make my work enjoyable.



Educational Department

D/Lt/C Eric W. Pearson, SN



Administrative Department

D/Lt/C Ron Osborn, JN

The US Power Squadrons® Boat Operator Certification program is moving ahead as the NEO completes the first round of selections for Certifiers. D/26 is fortunate to have two of its members selected as Advanced Certifiers: P/C Bill O'Neill, SN, of Thurmond Lake and P/R/C Blake Roberts, SN, of Lake Hartwell. Both completed a three day seminar in June at the University of California Maritime Academy to become instructors for the US Sailing Safe Power Boat Handling course. Congratulations to Bill and Blake and we look forward to working with them as the certification program moves ahead.

The BOC program is gaining attention for USPS. In fact, USPS partners in the recreational boating community would like the program to be available to their members. In order to accommodate our partners USPS is considering creating a new category of membership designated as Education Member. These individuals would pay an annual fee, but they would belong to no particular squadron. This would allow them to take the necessary USPS courses and seminars to complete their desired level of Boat Operator Certification. Such a move would greatly increase USPS' brand recognition in the recreational boating community.

As to who would teach these Education Members, it would be up to each squadron. A squadron would have to volunteer for this assignment. Those squadrons that opt for this assignment would act as "regional campuses" to provide this instruction within a designated area. Regional campus squadrons would receive a portion the annual Education Member fees as well as any excess they charge for the course materials.

This Education Member issue is likely to come up at the Fall Governing Board this September in Norfolk, VA.

We will have the latest news for you on this as well as everything else in the USPS Educational Department at the D/26 Fall Conference and COW in Hilton Head this October, so plan to attend. We will also recognize our squadron Chapman Award nominees. Another highlight of the conference will be the annual Teaching Aid contest. Encourage your squadron to enter their best Teaching Aids and win some money for your squadron's educational program.

See you in Hilton Head!

I am honored to have been elected to fill Carol McVey's position as Administrative Officer for the remainder of the year. Carol's passing was a shock to everyone. Carol was a good friend and a very capable bridge officer. Barb and I will miss her.

The year is passing quickly and, before you know it, we will be doing our COW's. The schedule for each squadron COW is confirmed and will be published in this issue of the 026 True. The bridge officers attending the COW ceremonies will be assigned in the near future and each squadron will be notified of the officers who will attend.

If you update the district roster from DB 2000 you will notice that district membership is down 13 percent from last year. Be sure and check renewals and contact those who did not renew. This should be an ongoing process for those squadrons on HQAB because renewals will be sent out each month during the year. If everyone will pitch in and work on increasing our membership we can quickly overcome the districts 13 percent membership drop.

I would like to thank Lake Hartwell Sail & Power Squadron for hosting dinner and a presentation by Claiborne Young. If you haven't heard about Claiborne Young, he has written several books on cruising and is considered an authority in his field. It was a wonderful evening with members from Golden Corners and Lake Hartwell attending.

If I can be of service to you or your squadron, please contact me by e-mail or phone: ozbrn@bellsouth.net (864)972-2434

D/Lt/C Carol McVey, SN
D/26 Administrative Officer

Carol, who was very active in the Power Squadron, died May 27 in Florence. In addition to serving on the D/26 Bridge, she was past commander of Swamp Fox Power Squadron and a member of the National Publications Committee. Carol gave of her time unselfishly and was a mentor to many D/26 members.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Rutgers University, earned her Master's from the University of South Carolina, and then earned her Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina in Math Education. She retired in 2004 after 32 years as a math professor on the Florence-Darlington Technical College faculty.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

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 20 October 2007 District 26 Fall Conference:

District Commander: D/Lt/C John Powers, SN,
Thurmond Lake

District Executive Officer: D/Lt/C Ronald Osburn, JN,
Golden Corner Lakes

District Educational Officer: D/Lt/C Eric Pearson, SN,
Lake Murray

Asst. District Educational Officer: D/1st Lt Joe Warren,
AP, Tybee Light

District Administrative Officer: D/Lt/C Betty Walton,
AP, Hilton Head

District Secretary: P/C Edwin Kridler, SN, Charleston

Asst. District Secretary: P/C Bill Woodward, SN,
Beaufort

District Treasurer: D/Lt/C Robert Boal, AP, North
Strand

Nominating Committee:

1 Year – P/C Charles W. Schuler, SN, North Strand
2 Years – P/D/C Richard C. Erler, AP, Hilton Head
3 Years – D/C Archie W. Trawick, Jr., SN, Lake Murray

Rules Committee:

1 Year – P/R/C Ed Bush, SN, Hilton Head
2 Year – P/C Stephen Pietrowicz, JN, Golden Corner Lakes
3 Year – P/C Charles Borrmann, P, Beaufort

Audit Committee:

1 Year – P/C Donald H. Redford, AP, Golden Corner Lakes
2 Year – P/D/C Lloyd E. Pitts, AP, Lake Murray
3 Year – Lt/C Mary Ann Compher, P, Hilton Head

Planning Committee:

1 Year - P/C Edwin Kridler, SN, Charleston
1 Year – P/C Jim Olin, P, North Strand
2 Year – P/D/C James R. McVey, SN, Swamp Fox
2 Year – P/C Ray Stull, S, Long Bay
3 Year – P/D/C Edward Leibfarth, AP, Savannah River
3 Year – P/D/C Robert G. Larsen, SN, Lake Hartwell

Respectfully Submitted,

P/D/C James M. Rakes, SN, Lake Murray
P/C Charles W. Schuler, SN, North Strand
P/D/C Richard C. Erler, AP, Hilton Head

DISTRICT 26 SPRING CONFERENCE 28 – 30 March 2008 Anderson, SC

The Golden Corner Lakes Sail & Power Squadron is pleased to host the District 26 Spring Conference. Go to your calendar right away and reserve 28 – 30 March 2008; you will be glad you did.

Our planning committee is busy making all the arrangements and plans so that each of you will have a good time enjoying your time here as well as conducting the District's business at the conference. All Squadron members in the District are encouraged to attend. If you haven't been to a District meeting before or recently, please plan to attend. You will find the time well spent. Not only will you have lots of fun enjoying the planned social activities, you will see and appreciate how the District operates when it meets on Saturday. If you remember the last D26 Conference hosted by GCL, you will surely know that we'll have a good time. You all are more than welcome.

The Spring Conference, as well as some of the social activities, is being held at the LaQuinta Hotel in Anderson, SC. The theme for the social activities is March Madness, and if I know the planning committee chairperson, you can highlight the Madness part.

Detail information and the Registration Form will be in a subsequent issue of 026° True. However, for now, reserve the dates and make plans to join us. You may get additional information anytime by contacting P/C Lee Carroll, AP at (864) 332-0080 or leec311@charter.net.

026° TRUE NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

October 31, 2007

April 1, 2008

July 15, 2008

Please try to adhere to these deadlines.

**Barbara Pearson, AP
Editor**

Commander's Message (continued)

Long Bay did a wonderful job with our Spring Conference and set the bar high. Beaufort didn't let a monsoon spoil plans at our Summer Cruise and Rendezvous, and we all thank them for a great time and ending our drought. Hilton Head is working diligently and I look forward to a weekend on the beach at 1980 rates.

Take advantage of the best boating education anywhere, local and national member benefits that can reduce or eliminate the cost of your dues, cruises, informative and entertaining dinner meetings and the best people you will ever find.

My thanks would not be complete if I did not thank my wonderful, loving and tolerant wife who has supported and helped me in my USPS service. We were married the year I was Squadron Commander, and the following year I began my district journey. Fourteen years and two children later she is still my strength and inspiration. Be sure to thank your spouse, because they give up a lot and help us immensely. We could not be successful without them.

Leadership Program to be Offered at Fall Conference

At the D/26 Fall Conference, a short program on Leadership and Leadership Development will be presented at the Administrative Department break-out session. This presentation will include some of the characteristics and attributes of a good leader as well as some thoughts that may be helpful in developing leaders in your squadron. This program is a portion of a presentation made by the Leadership Development Committee at the 2007 USPS Annual Meeting.

We strongly urge that your current squadron Administrative Officer, his or her successor, and your Leadership Development Committee chair attend this presentation.

D/Lt Edwin G. Kridler, SN
D/26 Leadership Development Committee

Our member benefits are increasing...Pass the Word!

Increased insurance limits on all policies

USPS Boat Insurance is pleased to announce increased coverage limits for all existing and future policyholders. Effective immediately all USPS Boat Insurance policyholders receive increased limits for Personal Effects, Towing Coverage and Medical Payments at *no additional charge*. In many cases, this represents more than a 200 percent increase over previous limits.

All policyholders with boats valued \$250,000 or less now have a minimum of:

- √ \$1,000 in Towing coverage
- √ \$5,000 in Personal Effects coverage
- √ \$10,000 in Medical Payments coverage
(unchanged from previous limit)

All policyholders with boats valued more than \$250,000 now have a minimum of:

- √ \$2,500 in Towing coverage
- √ \$10,000 in Personal Effects coverage
- √ \$25,000 in Medical Payments coverage

Any existing policy with higher limits than the above will remain unchanged.

USPS Boat Insurance and Travelers Insurance are excited about rewarding USPS members for their dedication to boating and boat safety. Please contact 1 800 763-USPS (8777) for a quote with the above-mentioned coverage.



Join Us for the District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch

Mark your calendars! 19-21 October 2007 will be the D/26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch. It is being held on Hilton Head Island at the Holiday Inn. If you are a Parrot Head you won't want to miss Friday night's dinner and entertainment. Brad Nelson will be entertaining us with his Jimmy Buffet music. The hospitality suite and Friday evening's dinner over looking the ocean will be a wonderful time to reconnect and catch up with fellow D/26 members.



Saturday will be meetings planned by D/ C Archie Trawick, Jr,

SN and his Executive Committee as well as a members' lunch. For the spouses not attending meetings, a Dolphin Watch on the Island Queen followed by lunch in Harbor Town is planned. There will also be time for shopping!

Saturday evening is the highlight of the weekend with the Banquet and Change of Watch.

Sunday morning as you are leaving the Island you are invited to stop at the Spanish Wells Club for a delicious brunch provided by the Hilton Head Squadron. It is a beautiful location to say good bye to friends and begin your trip home.

This weekend is always informative for members and a lot of fun. The Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron is anxious to be your host for a weekend on a beautiful island.

Note to Squadron Members: If you have not experienced a District Change of Watch, join us in October at Hilton Head. This is a great way to meet members of other squadrons across our state and exchange ideas with fellow boaters and USPS members.

A Brief History of Hilton Head

In 1663, English Captain William Hilton, while exploring the Port Royal Sound, sighted the high bluffs of the Island. Hilton sailing from Barbados in search of tropical lands on which to establish profitable English plantations then claimed it for the British crown, establishing the legacy with his own name, Hilton's Headland. The word "Head" refers to the head-



lands visible to explorers as they sailed the uncharted waters. He lingered several days, making note of the trees, crops, and also the sweet water and clear sweet air.

The island's development began in the 1950's. The first bridge was erected in 1956. Vacationers come for the scenery as well as for the limitless attractions and recreational opportunities such as the more than 20 championship golf courses and hundreds of tournament-quality tennis courts.

Hilton Head Island as we know it today experienced a rebirth during the 1950's and beyond due to a man named Charles

Fraser. He had inspiration to create an unprecedented resort community which would encompass uncommon beauty and spirit while preserving the land's inherent natural endowments.

In many ways, Hilton Head remains much the same as its earliest beginnings. Yet, it has emerged to become a relaxed, easy-paced environment that is home to more than 30,000 residents and considered the preferred vacation destination for over a million and a half visitors each year.

A hidden Hilton Head can be discovered by learning about its history while seeing the sights. Some of the island landmarks include:

- Baynard Ruins in Sea Pines,
- the ruins of Braddock's Point Plantation House;
- Steam Cannon at Port Royal;
- Cotton Hope Plantation;
- Fort Mitchell, on a bluff over looking Skull Creek;
- Rose Hill Plantation House, just over the bridge;
- the Zion Cemetery; and Baynard Mausoleum, the final resting place of many Revolutionary War soldiers.

DISTRICT 26**FALL CONFERENCE & CHANGE OF WATCH**

19-21 October 2007

Host: Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron,

Member Last Name _____ First Name _____ Rank Grade _____ Squadron _____

Spouse/Guest Last Name _____ First Name _____ Rank Grade _____ Squadron _____

Address _____ City _____ State Zip _____ Telephone _____

Email address _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Friday 19 October:

		Number	Price	Total
1300 – 1800	Registration, Holiday Inn			
1500 – 1800	Hospitality Room Open			
1800 - 1900	Social Hour, Holiday Inn			
1900 – 2200	Dinner and entertainmet, Holiday Inn	_____	@\$28	_____

Saturday 20 October:

0800 – 0900	Registration, Holiday Inn			
0900 – 1200	District Conference, Holiday Inn			
1100 – 1400	Spouse/Guest Activities - Island Queen/Harbour Town	_____	@\$20	_____
1200 – 1300	Member's Luncheon, Holiday Inn	_____	@\$20	_____
1300 – 1600	District Conference (continues)			
1500 – 1800	Hospitality Room Open			
1800 – 1900	Social Hour, Holiday Inn			
1900 – 2200	Banquet & Change of Watch, Holiday Inn	_____	@38	_____
	<i>Specify: Chicken Cordon Bleu <input type="checkbox"/> or London Broil <input type="checkbox"/></i>			
			Total:	\$ _____

Sunday 21 October Complimentary Brunch, Spanish Wells Club **Free***(For our planning, please let us know if you will be with us)***Mail Registration Form and a (non-refundable) check payable to Hilton Head Sail & Power Squadron****To: P/R/C Lew Ward, 24 Stillwater Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926****Phone 843-681-8407. email address: lgwardhhi@roadrunner.com****HOTEL DEADLINE: 1500, 19 Sept. 2007 ACTIVITIES DEADLINE 12 Sept. 2007****HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Call Direct - 1-800- HOLIDAY (1-800-465-4329)****Room Rate \$99.00++****Mention Group Code: "HHS"****or Mail to****Holiday Inn Oceanfront, Attn: Melanie Allen****1 S Forest Beach Road****Hilton Head Island, SC 29928**

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Smoking _____ Non Smoking _____ Bed Preference: _____ (King, Double)

Credit CARD Type _____ Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Visa, Mastercard, American Exoress, Discover

Note: Our block will be held until the deadline, above. After that date, all rooms are available to the public)

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Coming Events

2007

4-9 Sept	Fall Governing Board	Norfolk, Va.
19 -21 Oct	D/26 Fall Conference/COW	Hilton Head
2 Nov	Lake Hartwell COW	Greenville
3 Nov	Golden Corner Lakes COW	Anderson
9 Nov	Long Bay COW	Myrtle Beach
9 Nov	Lake Murray COW	Columbia
10 Nov	North Strand COW	N. Myrtle Beach
10 Nov	Charleston COW	Charleston
16 Nov	Hilton Head COW	Hilton Head
16 Nov	Savannah River COW	Augusta
17 Nov	Thurmond Lake COW	McCormick
17 Nov	Beaufort COW	Beaufort
30 Nov	Tybee Light COW	Savannah
1 Dec	Golden Isles COW	St. Simons

2008

12 Jan	Swamp Fox COW	Florence
19-24 Feb	USPS Annual Meeting	Dallas, TX

District Bridge

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Squadrons

Commanders

Educational Officers

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

