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THE DISTRICT COMMANDER
D/C James M. Rakes, SN



Greetings! Let me begin by encouraging each and every one of you to come to Savannah for the Fall Conference and Change of Watch. Tybee Light is working hard to make it a great event and a positive start to the new bridge year. Ernie Marshburn, our National Executive Officer, will be the Chief's Representative. Ernie and his wife Dianne have visited our district in the past and are looking forward to renewing old friendships and creating new ones. So, come out and show them the warm hospitality for which we Southerners are known.

Squadron Bridge Officers should make an extra effort to be in Savannah for the training seminars that will be held by the District Officers. These will be informative and a great help to you in the coming year. If you have specific needs or questions, please forward them to us and we will work to get you an answer or the help you need.

At the beginning of my term, I told you of my desire for a long-range plan for D/26. I'm happy to report such a plan now exists. How successful it will be remains to be seen. The District Bridge is, however; in the process of implementing parts of it now and several parts are in the hands of the D/26 Planning Committee where ways of bringing them about are being studied. The ship has left the dock and the voyage has begun but, as I suspected it could not be completed in my term as commander. However, with determination and hard work by those who follow as commander, the final destina-

tion will be reached. So, as I depart as your commander, let me encourage you to become involved in your squadron and in your district. Let's all work to make District 26 truly the BEST district in all of USPS.

I want to thank all that have helped in making this a truly unforgettable year for me. I will not try to list you all, but I want you to know that I think, "You are the BEST!"

Finally, I encourage all squadron officers to attend the Officers Workshops at Fall Conference. They are the best way to learn the duties of the office you will be holding over the next year, and will introduce you to your district counterpart. District is here to help you get the job done. Don't hesitate to call on us when you have questions or need help.

V/C Ernie Marshburn, SN to be Chief Commander's Rep at D/26 Fall Conference

D/26 is honored to have V/C Ernie Marshburn, SN, National Executive Officer, as the C/C's representative at our Fall Conference and Change of Watch in Savannah, Ga., hosted by the Tybee Light Power Squadron.

V/C Marshburn of Greenville, NC, joined Tar River Squadron in D/27 in 1983 and worked his way up from squadron administrative officer to commander. He worked through a succession of district positions and was elected commander of D/27



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retary in 1999. has remained active district levels, while educational and ad-
tees as well as cooperative charting and vessel safety check activities. He has earned 20 Merit Marks during his tenure in USPS and has supported USPS's educational goals by teaching Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Sail and Instructor Qualification.

On the water, V/C Marshburn is an experienced sailor and has won several sailing championships, but admits to having trawler experience on the power side.

Come to Savannah and help us give V/C Marshburn and his wife, Dianne, a hearty D/26 welcome.



Executive Department

D/Lt/C Robert A. Dorn, AP

Our Summer Cruise and Rendezvous in Charleston was a great success and certainly enjoyed by all. The Saturday night party was a great time with all the burgers, dogs and pork you could eat along with all the beverages you could drink. I noticed more than a few folks taking full advantage of the open bar with the margaritas and strawberry daiquiris flowing freely. A nice evening with lots of nice folks. Swamp Fox was a wonderful host and did a great job of planning our activities. The Boat Race was certainly a memorable event although Lake Murray dominated the event. And no one even got wet. Next up is the USPS Fall Governing Board in Jacksonville, Fla. and then on to the D/26 Fall Conference in beautiful Savannah. I hope to see all of you at both gatherings.

In my report to Summer Council I again spoke on the subject of our D/26 Five Year Plan as introduced by D/C Jim Rakes at our Fall Conference and finalized at our Spring Conference in Beaufort. Any District plan requires the involvement and commitment of all the squadrons. Our plan focuses fundamentally on two issues. First, the district bridge and all D/26 committee chairs want to become a “value added resource” to each of the squadrons and especially to their specific squadron counterparts. No Bull...that’s our goal! Second we want and need to improve, enhance and strengthen communications at all levels and all responsibilities. Strength in these two areas will benefit all of us and help us to improve our achievements as individuals, squadrons and as a district.

Will this happen? You tell me. Your input was solicited and incorporated into the final plan. Now, it’s up to you, me, all of our members and our squadron leadership to make it happen! I can tell you I will be working hard to help improve our relationships and to realize our goals. Not, if you will, to implement “The Plan” but rather what it can help all of us achieve. I just hope that all squadron Executive Committees will move in this direction and begin dialog at their next meetings if they haven’t already done so.

A final note. At the Annual Meeting in Orlando in January there will be a talent contest designated the Power of Fun. Districts are being encouraged to promote tryouts at Fall Conferences to select a winning talent group to represent them in Orlando. Significant prizes will be awarded at both Squadron and District level. Let me just say that if some of the “entertainment” I have seen at our conferences the last couple of years don’t qualify as great entries I don’t know what does! **SHOW US YOUR BEST STUFF!**

Someone out there like to coordinate something like this at Fall Conference? Let me know and we’ll get the ball rolling. Have a safe and enjoyable boating season everyone!



Secretary’s Department

D/Lt/C Archie Trawick, SN

My wife says I don’t listen to her, or at least I think that’s what she says, and I am beginning to know how she feels. I have promoted the benefits of the squadron management program DB2000 for many years. This program will help with mailing, finding members who need courses, finding members to chair or help with committees, prepare and submit reports electronically and much more. Many Secretaries and others are finding DB2000 is the help they need. There will be a four hour seminar in Jacksonville on DB2000, beginning with installation and continuing with other features. If you do not want to wait until September go to <http://www.accurecord.com/usps/outgoing/db2000.htm> and download the program. Online help is available, and if you need more direct help, I can be reached at 803-359-5584 or lakejake@usit.net.

The USPS Operations Manual is online, and you can use the find feature to search the entire manual for the info you need. You have several options for obtaining the OM: It is available online, on CD and in print. Subscribe to the OM change list to be notified when change takes place. Updates to OM are planned to be within 15 days of a national meeting. A link to by-laws and an online index will be available soon.

Squadrons and District need many capable people to make things work and I had great help. P/D/C Bob Peters, AP, has done an exceptional job as D/26 Historian. Bob collected histories, burgees and charters from each squadron, which are kept by D/26 and National. As an aid to the squadron, Bob developed a way to record squadron events when they happen rather than having to reconstruct them a year later. Chairmen can obtain this aid from their squadron secretary.

Barbara Pearson, P, and Eric Pearson, SN, have done an excellent job as 026° TRUE Editor and Assistant Editor. 026° TRUE is available online at www.usps.org/localusps/d26/news. THE ENSIGN Correspondent, Randy Hodge, AP, has read your news letters looking for articles warranting national attention. Publications Chair Ed Bush, SN, has reviewed squadron newsletters and attended National Publication Committee meetings. I can’t say enough about D/26 Directory Chair, Fred Schwartz, AP. Preparing and printing a directory is an important position and Fred had the D/26 directory out on time and on budget.

Most of the D/26 directory is now online, so you can search, e-mail, and print information. We will continue to refine this feature, please give me your comments. The directory can be accessed thru the D/26 website www.usps.org/localusps/d26/index.htm Many thanks to D/26 Webmaster Debra Allen, P, for making our site appealing and informative. She has done a top shelf job, as she always does.



Educational Department

D/Lt/C Carol McVey, SN

The new Piloting course will be available for early September teaching. If you have not seen it, you are missing an improved set of materials. There have been three training sessions provided for our members with at least one person from each of our squadrons attending. Each squadron has an instructor's manual and a CD of the course Power Point slides (all 600-plus of them). When you order, be sure to specify the new course.

At the Governing Board in Jacksonville, there will be a train-the-trainer session for the new Advanced Piloting course. It is scheduled for Friday, 10 Sep from 0700 – 0930. Someone must think that the Educational Department members are early risers! Everyone is invited to attend. The new Advanced Piloting course material is scheduled to be available in January 2005. What an exciting time for education in USPS.

Teaching Aids—Our district holds its annual competition during the Fall Conference. We will be doing this again in Savannah. Bring some of your best teaching aids to Savannah for display and judging by 0900 on 9 October. As D/Lt Reid Holland, AP, has said in the past, teaching aids are not about competition, but really for another tool to get material across to the student. According to statistics, when one can see, they better understand. Most people are visual learners.

In this vane, bring your teaching aids to share with the other squadrons in the district and get back ideas from their teaching aids. Let's make this a spectacular display. Also awards will be given.

Reid Hollamnd, AP, who has chaired the District Teaching Aids Committee, for several years, told me that this would be his last. I am looking for his replacement. If you are interested, I would like to talk to you during Fall Conference.

I want to thank ADEO Eric Pearson, SN, for all the assistance he has given me during my first year in office. Although I have a great mentor in past DEO Archie Trawick, Eric and I continue to learn for the betterment of the district educationally.

Be safe and enjoy your time on the water. Then take a course or teach a course come Fall.



Administrative Department

D/Lt/C Richard C. Erler, AP

I would be remiss if I did not begin my article by recognizing the Swamp Fox Power Squadron for their superb effort to make our recent Council/ Cruise & Rendezvous to Charleston a tremendous success. We all know how much work is involved. The planning, communications and implementation of the program by District Boating Chairwoman, Carol Gegner and her committee members resulted in a fun weekend for all those in attendance. Thanks again from all D/26 members.

Commander Rakes has asked the Planning Committee to study the possibility of having future District Cruises be handled by a committee made up of one member from each D/26 Squadron. The planning committee will report their findings at the Fall Conference.

We have just completed our annual membership renewal. District 26 was one of just six districts that had an increase in membership. As of May 30, 2004, We did not reach the National goal of a 3% increase, but we were on the plus side. During June, each Squadron has been contacting those members who did not renew in an effort to get them to pay their 2005 dues before the June 30 deadline. Last count, the Hilton Head Squadron calling program resulted in thirteen additional members in the renewal column. Other Squadrons have been equally successful so our final number could be a substantial increase overall. Thanks for your outstanding effort.

John Powers and Tom Courneya have continued their communication with the Squadron Commanders with a "Membership Tip of the Month". We are now working on a seminar program for the Fall Conference to develop a comprehensive retention plan for next year. You will hear more from the committee as we get closer to Fall Conference time.

Finally, an ad-hoc committee made up of Squadron Commanders and Treasurers is studying information from National about their Individual Annual Billing test program. We have the opportunity to participate if we choose to do so. During the Fall Conference the Committee will meet to discuss the program after which we will vote whether or not we want to become part of the test program. There are strong feelings on both sides of the issue but I am sure that the Committee will provide the guidance needed to correctly reflect the opinion of their Squadron members.

Have a wonderful safe boating summer. See you in September at the Fall Conference.

Membership Renewal Must

Become A Priority

by P/C John Powers, JN

A thorough analysis of the outcome of the membership renewal process for 2004 is certainly a current focus of the National and District Bridges. It also needs to be a top priority in every squadron at this time. We each must research and document the true reasons for our squadron's non-renewals, while they are still easily discernable.

Some members who did not renew may have provided a clear and complete reason for their decision. Others may have disclosed only part of the basis for their decision. Still others may not have given any reasons at all. We cannot afford to leave it at that. To develop our squadron's future membership-retention plans and programs, we need a thorough understanding of our membership losses this year.

Your District urges that appropriate members of each squadron be tasked to develop a simple table that lists each individual lost and the actual reasons for his/her loss. Some of the reasons will be beyond the squadron's control, such as a member's poor health or moving out of the area. However, other reasons might suggest specific actions on the part of the squadron. These reasons would include members' dissatisfaction with, or a lack of interest and participation in, the current education, social, or service activities. It is these reasons that must be analyzed and steps taken to address them.

In every case, people join USPS with certain expectations.
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Safety Recognition...

By D/Lt Jerry Wise, AP, Safety Officer

Safety is an important concern for us all. However, we can't do it alone. We can wear our life jackets, educate ourselves and others and furnish a lot of very good boating safety literature. Sometimes we have to rely on the preparation and training of others such as law enforcement, EMS and Fire Service.

This year we would like to issue a special recognition to a public safety organization doing an exceptional job in promoting boating safety. For the last five years, Lexington County has provided four specially equipped boats for regular patrol on Lake Murray. Two of the boats are equipped with fire pumps and nozzles and all have medical equipment aboard. The county mans these vessels at select high exposure times with experienced officers, EMT/Paramedics and fire fighters. The county also has provided free CPR and AED instruction for the Lake Murray Squadron.

We would like to extend to Lexington County a heart felt thanks for their ongoing efforts in boating safety. D/C Rakes will present them with a letter of recognition and thanks. We would like to make this an annual recognition process. If you would like to nominate a public service organization in your area doing an outstanding job in boating safety, please e-mail Jerry Wise at Meddyn2000@aol.com.

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 9 October 2004 District 26 Fall Conference:

District Commander: D/Lt/C Robert A. Dorn, AP
Beaufort

District Executive Officer: D/Lt/C Richard C. Erler, AP
Hilton Head

District Educational Officer: D/Lt/C Carol A. McVey, SN
Swamp Fox

District Administrative Officer: D/Lt/C Archie W.
Trawick, Jr., SN Lake Murray

District Secretary: P/C John R. Powers, JN
Thurmond Lake

District Treasurer: P/C Ronald Osburn, AP
Golden Corner Lakes

Assistant District Educational Officer: D/1st/Lt Eric
Pearson, SN Lake Murray

For a three year term on the Nominating Committee:
D/C James M. Rakes, SN, Lake Murray

For a three year term on the Auditing Committee:
D/Lt/C Billy Owens, AP, Lake Hartwell

For a three year term on the Rules Committee:
P/C Betty Walton, AP, Hilton Head

For a three year term on the Planning Committee:
P/D/C Lloyd E. Pitts, AP, Lake Murray
P/C Donald Daly, AP, Thurmond Lake

For a two year term on the Planning Committee:
P/C Annette S. Dumais, AP, Savannah River
P/D/C Robert G. Peters, AP, Hilton Head

For a one year term on the Planning Committee:
P/C Paul L. Beach, Jr., AP, North Strand
P/D/C Robert G. Larsen, SN, Lake Hartwell

Respectfully submitted:

*P/D/C Edward C. Leibfarth, AP, Savannah River,
Chairman*

Stf/C James R. McVey, SN, Swamp Fox

P/D/C Marjorie K. Schulte, SN, Charleston

In Memoriam

P/D/C Claude M. O'Hara, JN, of Tybee Light passed on 23 June 2004. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Independent Study - It works!

P/C Audie Holmes, AP D/26 Elective Course Chair
Golden Isles Provisional Squadron

Have you ever wanted to take a course only to find out that there were not enough students to make a class? Or perhaps there wasn't an instructor available to teach it? I had been told that a number of times over the years during my tenure as a Power Squadron member. I often waited and waited for a class that never started. What could be done?

Well, the solution was not as difficult as I had expected. Taking my troubles to some of the experienced members of my home squadron, the solution was simple. Independent study – It works! Over the last few years, I have been able to add a number of electives to my squadron academic record: Engine Maintenance, Cruise Planning, Marine Electronics and even Advanced Piloting. I am presently working on Junior Navigation with the help of a mentor. (We'll have to wait to see how that turns out.)

Independent study allows us to adapt to our own schedule, work at our own pace, and take the test when we feel that we are ready. When faced with a problem in the book that we cannot solve, then simply call the mentor or other experienced squadron member to help us over the crest. Also, it is an excellent opportunity to compensate for those sleepless nights, the neighbor's barking dog, squalling cats, or just quiet evenings and Sunday afternoons. We may even find time to peek into the book during those long, boring office meetings that often cannot be brought to closure.

Anyway, if any of us have been unable to attend a class due to work schedules, or perhaps there were not enough students available to make a class, try independent study. We might even get to prefer it. Of course, we might miss the camaraderie of a class, but we'd miss that anyway if a class didn't start. And besides, it's the education we want, the camaraderie can be made up in other ways. Try it just once. If it works, try it again. It worked for me and I expect it will work for me (and you) again.

Membership Renewal (continued)

If these are met, they stay and participate. If not, they leave. Learning the true reasons that people leave is the first step toward avoiding similar losses in the future. The steps taken to improve the membership retention prospects will also make the squadron more attractive to potential new members.

Analyzing the reasons for current losses is a very time-sensitive matter. Taking care of it now will make it much easier to accomplish. We welcome any type of feedback on the processes employed or lessons learned in your squadron. We can be reached at jrpowers@wctel.net.

Here are a couple of parting thoughts. First, do not forget the members who did not renew. They might come back if you let them know that they are missed. Second, when members move out of the area, work with them to become established in a new squadron. Good Luck.

CALL FOR DISTRICT 26 FALL CONFERENCE AND COW 8-10 OCTOBER 2004

To: All Members of D/26 USPS
From: D/Lt/C Archie Trawick, SN, Secretary
Subject: 2004 Fall Conference & Change of Watch
When: 8-10 October 2004
Where: Savannah, Ga.
Time: Conference — 0830-0900 Registration
0900 Call to Order
1330 Training Seminars

Uniform: Conference Attire

Change of Watch Banquet — Uniform B with Bow Tie *

Cost: There is no cost to attend the meeting, charges for meals and other events are listed elsewhere in this issue

*** Uniform B — Regulation black uniform coat, long white trousers, white shirt, black bow tie, white belt, white socks and white shoes**

Are You a Candidate for the “N” Club?

P/C Will Ross, SN - SEO Tybee Light

It has been proposed that an “N” club be formed in District 26 made up of members who have attained the grade of “N”. Similar clubs in the Northeast, Midwest and West have been in existence for some time. The purpose of these clubs, and for the club proposed, is to offer its members programs, guest speakers and educational updates and reviews. These programs usually take place at the District Conferences.

Several of these clubs have been approached and have been very cooperative in supplying copies of their Constitution and Bylaws so that we could peruse them and see whether we could identify with them. It is to be noted that none of these clubs have an official affiliation with the USPS. It is proposed that a meeting of prospective members gather at the Fall Conference of District 26 to be held in Savannah, 8-10 Oct. Actual time and place are to be determined with signs posted at the conference. At that time an organization committee could be formed, as well as a Constitution and Bylaws committee. Nomination of Officers could occur at this meeting or a Nominations committee formed.

It is hoped that members who hold the grade of N will support this effort and join in the formation of this club. Please respond your interest to me at Navigator4140@sbcglobal.net. This would also provide me with your updated email address.



D/26 Fall Conference/COW in Savannah!

Tybee Light Power Squadron looks forward to welcoming you
8 – 10 October, 2004



This year's fall conference will be held at the Hilton Savannah DeSoto, in historic downtown Savannah, just blocks away from the Savannah River. We have a fun-filled weekend planned and look forward to seeing y'all!

The Hilton Savannah DeSoto overlooks picturesque Madison Square, surrounded by magnificently restored homes, historic churches and moss-draped oaks. It is ideally located for enjoying all that Savannah has to offer; guided walking tours, carriage rides and trolley tours are all convenient to the hotel. One-of-a-kind shopping, art galleries, museums and many of the sites featured in *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* are only a short walk away. There is so much to see and do in Savannah, that we suggest you extend your stay into a mini-vacation! We have arranged a ghost tour on Friday night, and a Riverboat tour for the spouse's luncheon on Saturday. Your welcome packet will include helpful information on other tours and sightseeing that you can take advantage of if you decide to stay a few extra days.



Friday: Registration and welcome reception in our Hospitality Suite, from 1530– 1830 hours. At 1900 hours enjoy a casual barbeque dinner and entertainment in the Harborview Room with panoramic views of the Savannah skyline. Cash bar.



After dinner, we are offering Ghost Tours for those who wish to get a jump start on Halloween! (Savannah was voted as US most haunted city!)



Saturday: Conference business will be transacted throughout the day. Members' lunch will be a Deli Buffet, featuring assorted sliced meats, cheeses, breads and salads.



Spouses and guests who are not attending the meetings can take a 15 minute guided walk through the historic district to the Savannah River where they will board a Riverboat for a wonderful lunch cruise. Transportation from the hotel to the boat can be arranged for those who prefer not to walk. Please be sure to note on your registration form if you need transportation.



Saturday Evening: 1530-1800 hours - Silent Auction and Reception, Hospitality Suite.
1830 hours - Cash bar reception in the Grand Ballroom Foyer.



1930 hours - Awards Banquet in the Grand Ballroom, featuring the Deluxe Southern Experience Buffet, with plenty of choices sure to please everyone. The cash bar will remain open throughout dinner.



Sunday: 0800 – 1100 hours - Brunch, hosted by Tybee Light Power Squadron. Hospitality Suite.

We are holding a block of rooms in the name of US Power Squadron District 26 for the nights of 8 and 9 October . If you wish to stay longer, the Hilton has agreed to extend the group rate to include two nights before or after, subject to availability at the time you make your reservation. Please be sure to tell the hotel that you are attending the US Power Squadron District 26 Fall Conference, in order to qualify for the group rate. Regular rates in October are much higher.

Please register by 1 September 2004. Hotel will not guarantee group rate after that date.

Mark Your Calendars Now!



Spring Conference
Clemson, SC
18, 19, 20 March 2005

The Golden Corner Lakes Power Squadron, the youngest chartered Squadron in the District, is pleased to host the D/26 Spring Conference. The dates are 18, 19, 20 March 2005. Please reserve these dates on your calendar right away. The main events will be held at the Ramada Inn in Clemson, SC. More details will be presented at the Fall Conference. See you there.

Scenes from District Cruise & Rendezvous



(Left) Pete Stevenson, AP of Lake Hartwell receives the Chapman Scrapbook Award from District and National.



(Above) Lake Murray took first place in th Cardboard Boat race with Alison Rosenberg, AP at the helm.



(Right)Bob Kaltenbach, P won second place for Savannah River in the cardboard boat race.

DISTRICT 26 FALL CONFERENCE & CHANGE OF WATCH

8-10 October 2004

Hosted by Tybee Light Power Squadron of Savannah, GA

Please make hotel reservations directly with the hotel. Refer to US Power Squadron Conference for group rate of \$139.00 per night. **These rates are good 6-12 October 2004, IF RESERVED BY 1 SEPTEMBER.**

Make reservations to: Hilton Savannah DeSoto
 5 East Liberty Street
 Savannah, GA 31401 Telephone: 912-232-9000

All other reservations should be made to:

Liz Lynch Telephone: 912-920-9616
 43 South Nicholson Circle E-Mail: savliz@aol.com
 Savannah, GA 31419

**PLEASE REGISTER BY
 1 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Please print and use your USPS Certificate Number.

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<u>Events</u>	<u>\$ per person</u>	<u># of tickets</u>	<u>\$ Sub-total</u>
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Friday, 8 October

1900	Barbecue buffet with entertainment in the hotel Harbor View Room	\$27.00	-----	-----
2100	Ghost Tour	\$17.00	-----	-----

Saturday, 9 October

Breakfast on your own.

1200-1300	Members luncheon at the hotel	\$16.50	-----	-----
1100-1400	Spouse lunch riverboat cruise	\$35.00	-----	-----
	15 minute walk to boat _____ or Transportation available _____			
	Yes/No		Yes/No	
1930	Awards banquet. Hotel ballroom Deluxe Southern Experience Buffet	\$34.00	-----	-----

Sunday, 10 October

0800-1100 Sunday Brunch N/C

Grand Total: Check \$ _____ Make checks payable to: Tybee Light Power Squadron marked District 26 Fall Conference.



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Coming Events

2004

8-12 Sept	USPS Fall Governing Bd	Jacksonville, FL
8-10 Oct	D/26 Fall Conference/COW	Savannah, Ga
29 Oct	Lake Hartwell COW	Greenville
5 Nov	Charleston COW	Charleston
5 Nov	Savannah River COW	Augusta, Ga.
6 Nov	Beaufort COW	Beaufort
6 Nov	Hilton Head COW	Hilton Head
6 Nov	Golden Corner Lakes COW	Clemson
12 Nov	Lake Murray COW	Columbia
13 Nov	Long Bay COW	Myrtle Beach
13 Nov	Thurmond Lake COW	McCormick
13 Nov	North Strand COW	N. Myrtle Beach
3 Dec	Tybee Light COW	Savannah, Ga.

2005

5-9 Jan	USPS Annual Meeting	Orlando, Fla.
5 Feb	D/26 Winter Council	Columbia
18-20 Mar	D/26 Spring Conference	Clemson
1-5 June	USPS Spring Governing Bd	Charlotte, NC
6-11 Sept	USPS Fall Governing Bd	Portland, OR.
14-16 Oct	D/26 Fall Conference/COW	Columbia

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Charleston	Cdr Charlotte Yeomans, P	Lt/C Steve Kromer, AP
Golden Corners	Cdr Donald H. Redford, P	Lt/C William Holzhauser, N
Hilton Head	Cdr David Parker, N	Lt/C Allan McFarlane, JN
Lake Hartwell	Cdr Pete Stevenson, AP	Lt/C David Cross, SN
Lake Murray	Cdr Tony Dodson, AP	Lt/C Robert F. Bond, SN
Long Bay	Cdr Paul Soucy, P	Lt/C Larry Byrd, SN
North Strand	Cdr Jim Olin, P	Lt/C Linda Boyette, P
Savannah River	Cdr Edward Leibfarth, AP	Lt/C Paulette Harris-Holmes, AP
Swamp Fox	Cdr James M. Fender, P	Lt/C Robert Heneger, AP
Thurmond Lake	Cdr Thomas O'Neill, P	Lt/C Donald Webb, AP
Tybee Light	Cdr Stephen Gosnell, P	Lt/C Will Ross, Jr., SN

