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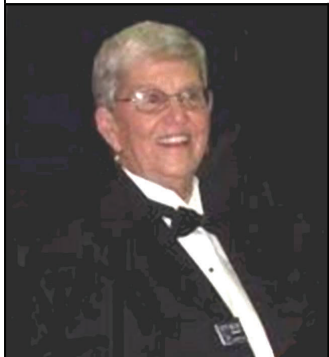
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## A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT COMMANDER BETTY WALTON, AP



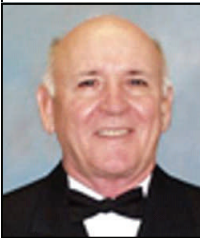
At the time of this writing, many of us in District 26 (D/26) are getting excited about our trip to Bellevue, Washington (a suburb of Seattle) for the National Governing Board Meeting, to be held from 30 August to 4 September 2010. The National Planning Committee has assured us that, in addition to the planned meetings and activities, there will be time for fun, sight-seeing, shopping, “eating delicious seafood” and just relaxing. D/26 will have a “Hospitality Room” at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue so come a join us if you are attending the meeting.

It is getting close to that time of the year when we must have A CHANGING OF THE GUARD. The Fall District Conference and Change of Watch is scheduled for the weekend of 15 – 17 October on Jekyll Island, GA . The event will be hosted by one of our newer squadrons, Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron. Read more about this event on page seven and watch for additional information.

This will be my last article as Commander for the **026° TRUE**. After five years of serving on the D/26 Bridge and writing an article for every edition of our newsletter, I will admit that it was an extremely difficult job for me. It made me realize that I am not a student of journalism. However, I have just completed reading all these articles over again and was quite amazed to see my apparent ability to write what appears in these epistles. I have always wanted to write a book. Maybe that will be my next calling in life!

It has been an exciting five years. I have gained in personal knowledge from everything in and about the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) at the national, district and squadron levels. It has been my pleasure to meet many members from across the United States of America, and I have created lasting friendships. I could not begin to name everyone who has been a contributor to my success starting as an officer of the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron (also 5 years) and as a D/26 officer. I will only sum it up by saying “Thank You” to all. I will forever be grateful!

D/C Betty



**Executive Department  
D/Lt/C Eric Pearson, SN**



Another Watch Year is rapidly coming to an end, so some reflection is warranted. Overall, D/26 squadrons have done well in the activities that come under the Executive Department. In Public Relations (PR) some squadrons did exceptional work during National Safe Boating Week. PR activities covered the gambit from TV and radio interviews and other public appearances to newspaper articles. Hilton Head, Lake Murray and Savannah River Squadrons had particularly successful Safe Boating Week promotion activities.

The D/26 Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program has done a good job. Through June D/26 squadrons had 134 VSC examiners who had completed 776 VSC inspections. We still have time to reach 1,000 for the year, so let's get in that last strong effort to get a few more inspections done.

D/26 is number one in the nation in Co-Op Charting at the moment. (A few squadrons have yet to report their activity.) Again, we have the time, so take the opportunity to get out and do some reporting to help insure we stay in first place. D/26 Co-Op Chair Ron Lynch will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

The USPS Fall Governing Board will be in Bellevue, WA during the first week in September and D/26 should be well represented. A large contingent will take part in the week-long USPS Cruise after the meeting. I hope see everyone in attendance in Bellevue.

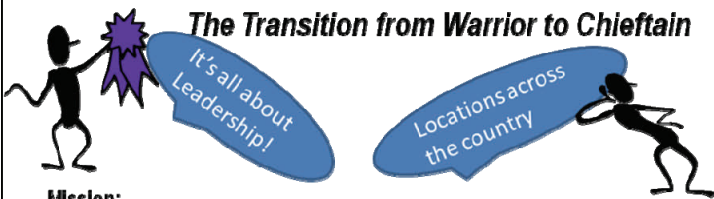
Finally, I would like to thank those who served as Executive Department chairs this year: Verna Clayton, P, Thurmond Lake, Legislative; Horst Boettge, SN, Golden Corner Lakes, Photographer; Joan McVey, North Strand, Public Relations; Tom O'Neill, AP, Thurmond Lake, Safety; Bill Mullin, AP, Long Bay, Computer Systems; Pete Stevenson, AP, Lake Hartwell, VSC; Ron Lynch, JN, Tybee Light, Co-Op Charting; and Audie Holmes, JN, Savannah River, New Squadron Development.

**District and Squadron Administrative Officer Training**

**District and Squadron Executive Officer Training**

*The Transition from Warrior to Chieftain*

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**Mission:**

Continue developing our District Administrative Officers as leaders and role models

**Goals:**

- Underscore the importance of recruiting and retention
- Provide common-sense approaches to integrating new members in their first three years

**Module 1 Leadership Knowledge and Skills**

- Definition of Leadership – characteristics of good leaders
- Leadership vs. Management
- Principles of Leadership – We serve at the 'pleasure of our membership'
- Cycle of Change – our members are changing and we should, too

**Module 2 Teambuilding**

- Attitudes
- Art of Delegation in a USPS Setting
- Building and Managing Teams (Committees and other USPS work teams)

**Module 3 Problem Solving – Case Study - hands on application using the knowledge and skills gained in Modules 1 and 2**

**Module 4 USPS Structure, Jobs, Responsibilities and Traditions**

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**Module 1 Leadership Knowledge and Skills**

- Leadership styles
- Finding your own style
- Implications of working with different styles in USPS

**Module 2 Teambuilding**

- Fundamentals of problem solving
- Goal oriented leadership – goal development, setting objectives, selecting milestones, measuring performance and RACI review

**Module 3 Problem Solving – Case Study - hands on application using the knowledge and skills gained in Modules 1 and 2 and DAO/SAO (pre-requisite)**

**Module 4 USPS Structure, Jobs, Responsibilities and Committees**

**Module 5 Planning and Executing Effective Meetings – Platform Presence**

**Module 6 Closing, Evaluation and Follow-up**

For more information: Leadership Development website [www.usps.org/national/ot/](http://www.usps.org/national/ot/)  
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**Administrative Department**  
**D/Lt/C Bob Boal, SN**



Needless to say, this year's ***Cruise and Rendezvous*** at Georgetown was a lot of fun. The weather was perfect and "Knot A Clew" behaved well. A big thanks to all the Long Bay Power Squadron members for their hard work. They planned a super weekend!

Our district **Fall Conference and Change of Watch** will take place at Jekyll Island, GA. The members of the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron are working hard to make sure it is a fun and memorable time for all. Please see the article on page seven for detailed information. Be sure to mark 15-17 October on your calendars!

Membership? District membership remains a challenge. We are still down 4% from where we were a year ago. The good news is that the downward trend appears to have bottomed out during August of last year. Since then we have slowly been improving but we still have a ways to go. Why is that? Facts of life affect everything we do. Some folks are still deciding they've had enough fun in boating and it's time to move on to something else. Some folks physically relocate. And, of course, these have really been economically challenging times for all of us. So what to do?

First of all I'd like everyone to welcome **P/C Paulette Harris, JN** on board as our new District Membership Chair. Does Paulette have all the answers for us? I would guess no. She's just getting up to speed on the issues. She will be working with squadron Membership Chairs as we examine the problem and explore solutions. I'm guessing that one size won't fit all, and solutions will depend a lot on location and demographics. In any case, Paulette has jumped in with both feet so please drop her a line and welcome her aboard.

Information can be powerful so take a moment and look at the USPS Membership page at <http://www.usps.org/national/membership/>. There is a host of material including references regarding recruiting and retention. One thing I have observed is that members who become involved with squadron activities tend to remain on board. Think about it. Are you taking time to actively involve your members, especially your newest members, in squadron activities?

Boating season is still in full swing. Please don't wait until the end of the year to try and recall your squadron's boating activities. Start filling out your Boating Activity Report. I want to see every squadron submit a Boating Activity Report for 2010. Can't find it? Check out the D/26 website under **Member Info/Forms**. There are new rules so be sure to review them. Remember, deadline for submission is December 31.

Is an **Auxiliary** part of your squadron organization? If so, be sure to keep in touch with D/Lt Rosemary Stevenson, AP. She's a great source of info even if you don't have one but might be interested in getting one started.

Have questions about **Ops Training**? It's something every member needs to take to understand the relationship of individual squadrons with district and national. It also helps members understand what really happens at the squadron level. Have questions? Contact P/R/C Lew Ward, SN for answers and guidance. Needless to say, **Leadership Training** is that function that will help you fill positions as your squadron grows. Check with D/Lt/C Ed Kridler, SN for all additional information that you may need.

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## Educational Department

### D/Lt/C Joe Warren, SN



There are good things to report on the educational front for this year. As of the first of July all 13 squadrons have taught at least one Basic Boating Course (ABC course) and national has a record of them being completed. So, to the squadron Educational Officers (SEOs) and the Boating Course Chairman of District 26, I give a big THANK

YOU.

Ten of the 13 squadrons have sent either submitted a nominee for the national Chapman Award or a short paragraph telling why one of their instructors has done an outstanding job this year and should be recognized at the District COW in October. I do hope that the other three squadron SEOs send in the name of their top instructor so he/she can also be recognized. It only takes a few minutes and I am sure the instructor will be appreciative.

October is also the time of the year to gather your best TEACHING AIDS so that they can be entered in the District Competition. Judging will take place on Saturday morning 16 October and \$100.00 in prize money will be awarded. Fifty dollars will be awarded to the first place entry, thirty dollars to the second and twenty dollars to the third place entry. Since National has ceased having a teaching aid exhibition at the annual meeting this is your only chance for showing the other squadrons in the district how innovative your instructors are.

Well, that is all the news from the district. One additional point, however. Those of you who are planning to attend the educational breakout session at the district COW will have a treat. ADEO Tim Tate, SN will conduct the session. Tim is going to the National Governing Board Meeting in my stead. He will bring all the new information from national and make the session presentation. Maybe the session will be a little less noisy this year?!



## Secretary's Department

### D/Lt/C Edwin Kridler, SN



Many thanks are due to the Long Bay squadron for planning and hosting a very enjoyable and fun District Cruise and Rendezvous. It was a great weekend. Those members who did not attend missed an opportunity to associate with and enjoy the company of many members from around District 26.

At the 2010 Fall Conference, my tenure as District Secretary will be ending. I'd like to thank a few members who have worked very diligently with me for my three years in this office.

First, P/C Paula LeMond, P has been editor of our district newsletter during this period. She has done an outstanding job. The newsletter has always looked good, has been published on schedule, and contains timely information about our district. Thank you Paula; you have been great.

Second, P/Lt/C Robert Gulbrandsen, S has worked with me as district historian. He has always had our district history submitted on schedule and worked with the squadron historians to ensure that the squadron histories have been submitted on time. Thanks, Bob, and thanks for your help for many years.

Third, P/Lt/C Cynthia Kridler, AP has helped to get meeting minutes compiled and distributed, and has performed numerous tasks to help me with my work. Thanks, Cindy.

I'd also like to thank D/Lt Joe Scirica, S for his work as webmaster of our district website. This is his first year in this capacity. He has kept our website up to date and looking good. Thanks, Joe.

This is a reminder to our squadron secretaries; squadron histories are due at national by the end of the year. It's not too early to get them started. They can be submitted electronically or on paper. If you submit paper copies, send them to Bob Gulbrandsen and he will get them to national. Bob is available if you need help or have questions about your histories. Contact Bob at 864-716-0586, or at [morningstar804@msn.com](mailto:morningstar804@msn.com).

I hope to see you all at our D/26 Fall Conference at Jekyll Island, GA in October.



**Treasurer's Department**  
**D/Lt/C Bill Woodward, SN**



**THE BOTTOM LINE:** The April, May and June 2010 district bank statements all balanced and the district TR-1 Form (financial data) went to the USPS Treasurer at headquarters. I trust each squadron got its TR-1 Form submitted on time too!

Let's talk budgets and how you can help. It's time for your district to prepare a budget for Fiscal Year 2011. It will be presented for your consideration at the Fall Conference on 15 October. You may find the following interesting, and appreciate knowing the 'who', 'what', 'why', and 'where from' regarding our annual budget, which covers district financial operations from one fall conference to the next. Let's briefly step through the budgeting process.

First, let's examine the 'who'. As required by the Bylaws, the budget is developed by a Budget Committee. The committee is composed of the District Executive Officer and the Treasurer plus one other district member appointed by the District Commander. The Budget Committee collectively reviews the past budgets, examines a breakdown of departmental income and expenses, and then prepares an analysis of how well the district operated within its past budgets. All of these pieces of the puzzle are used to develop the new fiscal year budget.

Next comes both the 'what' and 'why' together as a unit. Revenues cover the costs of the district Newsletter (**026° TRUE**), of meeting rooms and other items needed specifically for district conferences; of purchasing, engraving and shipping district awards (which are usually presented to members at conferences); for contingency funds to cover supplies such as printer ink and paper, software, files for storage, postage, etc.; and, finally, it covers the cost of 'partial travel reimbursement' to help off-set expenses for travel and lodging incurred by the district officers when they travel for district business. "Business" includes activities such as representing the district at the two national meetings, the two district meetings, plus attending four squadron Change of Watch banquets to install the squadron's new bridge officers. Hundreds of miles are driven in personal vehicles to attend these events and on occasion, to attend 'called' district bridge meetings many miles and hours away. The reimbursement doesn't cover half of the costs incurred.

Now comes the tricky part, the 'where from'. There are three regular sources of district revenue. First, revenue is derived from the annual renewal of 'Active' members through the Head-Quarters Annual Billing (HQAB) system. This year and next the district receives \$7.50 per Active member when they renew minus our 'Life' members. The district does not receive revenue for any category of membership except Active. The second revenue stream is from 'New Active' member dues - those joining squadrons during the year. Their district dues rate is the same - \$7.50. The third revenue source is smaller in size but it can be a great help when the first two streams start to trend downward. This third source is Earned Interest on Reserve Funds. When excess revenues were collected in the past, your district officers invested in Government held CDs and placed them in insured banks. The interest rates have been lower during the past year (1.75%) but earned interest revenue for 2010 is still projected to reach \$525.00.

So what's ahead? Unfortunately all three revenue sources are expected to trend downward during Fiscal Year 2011. Active membership is estimated to be down from 1400 to 1280; the number of new Active members joining is projected to be slightly lower, falling from 130 to 120; and the interest earned on reserve funds is estimated to fall to 1.25% or even 1.00%.

You may ask "How can I help?" Here's how. Talk up your squadron's activities and ask folks to join. Try to convince 'non-renewing' members to hang in there, to give it all another year. Finally, resist any efforts made to reduce our Reserve Funds. Some may say we have too much invested in reserve, but interest from these funds can be used as our third revenue stream and these funds themselves, could be our 'life-line' in an emergency situation.

Have a prosperous year and remember its "Penny wise, not pound foolish!" ... Thanks - Bill W

### **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 2010 District Fall Conference.

**District Commander:** D/Lt/C Eric Pearson, SN, Lake Murray

**District Executive Officer:** D/Lt/C Bob Boal, SN, North Strand

**District Educational Officer:** D/Lt/C Joe Warren, SN, Tybee Light

**Asst. District Educational Officer:** D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Tim Tate, AP, Savannah River

**District Administrative Officer:** D/Lt/C Ed Kridler, SN, Charleston

**District Secretary:** P/C Paula LeMond, P, Thurmond Lake

**District Treasurer:** D/Lt/C Bill Woodward, SN, Beaufort

### **Nominating Committee**

1 Year – P/D/C John Powers, SN, Thurmond Lake

2 Years – P/D/C Ronald Osburn, SN, Golden Corner Lakes

3 Years –D/C Betty Walton, AP, Hilton Head

### **Rules Committee**

1 Year – P/C Debra Allen, P, Lake Murray

2 Years – P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, Golden Isles

3 Years – P/C Ron Lynch, JN, Tybee Light

### **Audit Committee**

1 Year – P/C Pete Stevenson, AP, Lake Hartwell

2 Years – P/Lt/C Jim Beyer, S, Thurmond Lake

3 Years –P/C Audie Holmes, JN, Golden Isles

### **Planning Committee**

1 Year – P/C Kay Summers, AP, Beaufort

2 Years – P/C Ken Kuszmaul, P, Lake Hartwell

2 Years- P/C Robert Candino, P, North Strand

3 Years – P/R/C John (Jack) Wilson, AP, Lake Murray

Respectfully Submitted:

P/D/C Archie Trawick, SN, Lake Murray

P/D/C John Powers, SN, Thurmond Lake

P/D/C Ron Osburn, SN, Golden Corner Lakes

## Fall Conference and COW 15-17 October 2010

The 2010 Fall Conference and Change of Watch is being hosted by the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron. It will be held at the Jekyll Oceanfront Clarion Resort on Jekyll Island, GA. We're planning a conference that will serve to highlight the history of Jekyll Island and strive to present a relaxed, resort style atmosphere during your stay.

In the early 1900s Jekyll Island was a playground for the rich and famous. In 1888 the Jekyll Island Club was created as an exclusive hunting retreat for J.P. Morgan, William Rockefeller, Joseph Pulitzer and friends. Other recognizable names on the roster were Vanderbilt, Astor, Macy and Goodyear. The island is now a state park and much of the heritage of the "Glory Days" has been preserved and is available to enjoy. The program for spouses on Saturday will provide an opportunity to tour and lunch at the prestigious Jekyll Island Club. There will be time after lunch for participants to visit the Georgia Sea Turtle Center to learn about the rescue and preservation efforts that are part of the present day charm of the island.

Not far from our resort are lovely beaches for walking and exploring. Driftwood Beach is especially fascinating. It's just a short walk north on the east beach. Activities such as horseback riding, tennis and golf are available through the staff at our resort for an additional charge. The great rates the Oceanfront Resort is providing us are good for three days before and three days after our conference. Take advantage of these rates and make this a true fall vacation.

The accommodation options are varied and priced well. All are close to each other, close to the conference rooms and close to the Hospitality room. The two-bedroom villa is an especially attractive option if you have another couple with whom you like to travel. The cost works out to be less than many of our traditional roadside motels. The special rates are listed at the URL links and are only good through the 15<sup>th</sup> of September so don't wait too long to decide to join us. Reserve early and encourage your friends to attend as well.

There are links on the District 26 (<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/>) and the Golden Isles (<http://www.gisps.org/>) website homepages. Each site has links to room options and reservations and an additional link to the conference reservation form, conference schedule, driving directions to the resort and more information about the resort facilities. We will cap off the conference with a Sunday Brunch for all interested in attending. Directions to the brunch location will be provided in your goody bags.

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron is looking forward to hosting this Fall Conference and Change of Watch for District 26. For further information please contact Cdr Larry Jefferis at [larryjefferis@bellsouth.net](mailto:larryjefferis@bellsouth.net). We hope to have a record turnout. Come and see us in the Golden Isles!

### CALL FOR DISTRICT 26 FALL CONFERENCE

16 October 2010

<b>To:</b>	<b>All Members of USPS District 26</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>D/Lt/C Ed Kridler, SN, District Secretary</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>2010 Fall Conference</b>
<b>When:</b>	<b>Saturday, 16 October 2010</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Jekyll Ocean Front Resort, Jekyll Island, GA</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>0830-0900 Registration; 0900 Call to Order</b>
<b>Uniform:</b>	
<b>Conference:</b>	<b>Blazer with Polo Shirt or Open Neck Dress Shirt</b>
<b>Banquet:</b>	<b>Uniform A with Bow Tie or Other Appropriate Attire</b>
<b>Agenda:</b>	<b>To be announced</b>

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**Coming Events  
2009-2010**

30 Aug	2010 National Governing Board
To 4 Sep	Bellevue/Seattle, WA
15-17 Oct	District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch Host: Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron
6 Nov	Change Of Watch Hilton Head Sail & Power Squadron
12 Nov	Change Of Watch Beaufort Sail & Power Squadron Lake Murray Power Squadron North Strand Sail & Power Squadron
13 Nov	Change Of Watch Charleston Sail & Power Squadron Long Bay Power Squadron Thurmond Lake Sail & Power Squadron
18 Nov	Change Of Watch Golden Corner Lakes Sail & Power Squadron
19 Nov	Change Of Watch Savannah River Sail & Power Squadron Lake Hartwell Sail & Power Squadron
20 Nov	Change Of Watch Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron
12 Dec	Change Of Watch Tybee Light Power Squadron
TBA Jan	Change Of Watch Swamp Fox Sail & Power Squadron

**District Bridge**

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Charleston	Harl Porter, SN	John Meyenburg, AP
Golden Corner	Ben Bee, AP	Ed Lashley, JN
Golden Isles	Larry Jefferis, AP	Audie Holmes, JN
Hilton Head	John Kern, AP	Helen Kola, P
Lake Hartwell	Bert Baxter, AP	Chris Rose, SN
Lake Murray	Andy Hyman, SN	Vicki McGahee, AP
Long Bay	Frederick F. Williston AP	Marcus L. Shoobe, AP
North Strand	Jim Tucker, AP	Frank Wiedman, SN
Savannah River	Barry Sroka, N	Paulette Harris-Holmes, JN
Swamp Fox	William Wilkes, SN	Bobby Henegar, N
Thurmond Lake	Dan Higgins, S	Tony Abar, P
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