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Cdr Gerald A. Groenke, S
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Dear Cdr Groenke,

I would like to thank you and the North Strand Sail Power Squadron for the fine hospitality shown to me as I visited District 26 during your Fall District Conference a few weeks ago. I obvious had a great time at the many social events that your squadron provided for your district members. I guess now I can call myself a Red Neck Shagger.

I want to especially thank you for the wonderful wine basket that I found in my hotel room upon arriving. I also understand that your squadron had much to do with the other gifts I received during my trip to your squadron area. All of your graciousness was noticed and greatly appreciated.

I also want to congratulate the North Strand Sail and Power Squadron on your many achievements since becoming a provisional squadron and then charting. You have a strong squadron with enthusiastic membership. North Strand is certainly an example of the success of our provisional squadron approach to chartering new squadrons. It was certainly my honor and privilege to visit and be apart of your sponsored activities.

Again, thank you so much for a great weekend.

Very truly yours,

Theodore H. Smith, SN
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