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FROM THE DESK OF THE REAR COMMANDER



Our leader, R/C Franklin P. Wright, SN, at the Little Rock Governing Board.

Spring is here. Finally, the drab gray color of winter has become a brilliant display of greens, yellows,

blues, pinks, purples, reds, and all the other colors of the spectrum. Boats that have been resting high and dry are beginning to come alive getting ready for launching. Others are preparing to head north to the more moderate weather for summer cruising. It's a time to reflect and it's a time for renewal.

Most Squadrons and Auxiliaries have now had their Changes of Watch and Installation of Officers. This too is a time to review activities of the year past and from that to make plans for bigger and better programs for the new squadron year. We have now received annual reports from most of our Auxiliaries and it never ceases to amaze us of the wonderful contributions our Auxiliaries make to the Squadrons and in so many ways. Our wish is that these efforts and contributions are properly acknowledged.

Very soon, at the Spring Governing Board Meeting in Houston, we will be introducing a new project, nationally, that is designed to help our individual Auxiliaries and to bring to the attention of all, the wonderful asset they are to the Squadrons. Stay tuned and join in for the excitement.

Frank



See You in Houston, Pardner
Open Meeting - Saturday
18 May 2002, in the Rosegarden
0830 to 1015



EDITOR'S NOTES

This is the time of year when new squadron bridges and new auxiliary officers begin working together towards a successful year. A number of Auxiliaries do not meet during the summer months but that does not prevent them from continuing squadron support activities.

I had the privilege of swearing in the new officers for Cocoa Beach PS Auxiliary, The Coconauts, D/23, at the annual COW in February 2002. This was a joint ceremony shared with the incoming bridge for the squadron and it was a perfect way to inform squadron members of auxiliary benefits. If possible, squadron and auxiliary COW should be joint ceremonies. The out going president will be able to recognize and honor members and also report auxiliary contributions to the general membership. Increasing and retaining members is always a concern for any organization.

Addressing that issue, the Auxiliary Advisory Committee has invited the past chairman of the Membership Involvement Committee, P/R/C Elizabeth J. Glassell, AP, to speak at the open meeting Saturday, 18 May, 0830-1015 in the Rosegarden Room, Adams Mark Hotel, Houston Texas. Topics of interest to both auxiliary presidents and D/L/Os will be discussed. Many auxiliaries attend the orientation nights for new squadron members and present an overview of benefits available through membership in both organizations. Having a special event just for new auxiliary members is a good way to initiate friendship and a sense of belonging. P/R/C

Glassell will introduce other ways to keep new and present members involved.

D/22 auxiliaries have been busy with fund raisers and parties. Clearwater Sail & Power Squadron, CAPS, had a dinner dance to celebrate their Golden Anniversary; 50 years working together and playing together through their love of boating and water activities. Fort Myers PS "C Belles" members sell hats, shirts and other items at the general meeting. They have been able to purchase many things for the squadron building such as rugs and kitchen utensils. The Cape Mates, Cape Coral PS, had the pleasure of presenting a check for \$2,000.00 to the squadron at the COW. These were proceeds from their many fund raisers and will help maintain their squadron building. The "Mainstays", Auxiliary of the Mainline Power Squadron, continue to support the education department through fund raising activities.

Please continue to file annual reports as soon as new officers are elected. This is necessary so National can include auxiliary officers on mailing lists and keep insurance coverage current. Directories will be mailed to auxiliary presidents and secretaries, this year, but in the future, auxiliary information will be included in the National Directory. That publication goes to press much earlier than the National Auxiliary Directory so the new information must be submitted as soon as possible.

R/C Franklin P. Wright, SN, chairman of this committee wishes to welcome all new officers and hopes to meet as many as possible at the Spring GB, Houston, TX, in May. Plan to send a representative to the open meeting.