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Join Us In Jacksonville



The United States Power Squadrons® 2015 National Meeting Jacksonville, FL

Sunday, 18 January 2015 - Sunday, 25 January 2015

Welcome to the first Annual Meeting of the United States Power Squadrons'® second century. As ever, the program is full of interesting meetings and important events. In addition there is the comfort of Jacksonville and its own exciting offerings.

Go to:

www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetings.php

to make your reservations for this memorable week.

**Hyatt Regency Jacksonville
Riverfront**

**225 Coastline Drive East
Jacksonville, FL 32202**

USPS National Meeting Jacksonville, FL

Dress code

Mon.–Thurs., 19–22 Jan.

USPS casual or appropriate attire

Thu., 22 Jan.

Evening Blazer w/tie or appropriate after-six attire

Fri., 23 Jan.

Day USPS blazer w/tie, open-collar or polo shirts, or other appropriate attire.

Sat., 24 Jan.

Day Uniform F

Men: Regulation long-sleeve white shirt with black four-in-hand tie, black uniform trousers, black belt (if worn), black socks, black shoes or other appropriate attire

Women: Regulation long-sleeve white shirt, black skirt or slacks, black crossover tie, black shoes, black purse (if carried) or other appropriate attire

Evening Uniform A with bow tie or USPS blazer with tie for men; evening attire or party dresses for women.

Travel tips

Despite its size, Jacksonville, Florida, is easy to navigate, and transportation is plentiful. A large urban airport, Jacksonville International, is serviced by all major airlines. You can reach Jacksonville by automobile from I-95 south or north and from I-10 west. Nearby St. Augustine, the oldest city in the U.S., is a must-see. If you have time, drive along Florida's east coast beaches. A marina 2 miles from the hotel provides dock space for those traveling on the St. Johns River, and a shuttle provides transportation from the marina to the hotel.

Airport transportation

Go Airport Shuttle transports passengers between Jacksonville International Airport and the hotel for \$20 for the first person and \$8 for the second person. Call 904-353-8880 or reserve online at

<http://goairportshuttle.com>. SuperShuttle is offering a special USPS rate of \$18 per person for those registering using this link: <http://bit.ly/uspscode>.

Checker Cab offers taxi service to the hotel at \$35 for one to four people. Inside hotel self parking is available at a USPS discount rate of \$10 per night. Valet parking costs extra.

Reserve your room

Our meeting hotel, the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, is located on the St. Johns River at 225 East Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32202. The phone number is 904-588-1234. The hotel staff is looking forward to our stay. The hotel's 963 guest rooms are all equipped with high-speed Internet service. Reserve your room at \$139 a night by calling 888-421-1442 and requesting the USPS rate.

Saturday, 24 January

Enjoy the Songs Of Broadway With Lisa



The Saturday noon social hour at Jacksonville will feature the songs of Lisa. Come enjoy a relaxing lunch with "Broadway, Barbra, Bette and more...." Lisa sings regularly in local Atlanta restaurants and church choirs. She has appeared with the Gwinnett Symphony Orchestra Chorus in Lincoln Center for the 10th anniversary of September 11. Lisa has always enjoyed music as a serious hobby, playing French horn in Carnegie Hall twice with wind ensembles, and has released a CD called *Press On: Songs of Healing and Hope* dedicated to the memory of her late husband, P/C David Herndon, N.

Lisa Parsons Herndon, AP, is a Past Commander of Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron/District 17. Lisa has been a member of that Squadron for 12 years and is currently serving United States Power Squadrons® as the Project Manager for the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer. She began boating at the age of 6 when her father built his first boat, the *Lisa Gail*. She has her Captain's "six-pack" license and owns a 33' Silverton power boat.

Friday, January 23, 2015

Nautical Card Making



Do you ever have trouble finding nautical cards? Come and join us as we create four maritime cards. Our nautical cards are perfect for any occasion. Grab a friend and enjoy two hours of crafting. Once you see how these are done you can make your own at home. The class is open to forty participants and the cost covers the materials required.

Time: 1000-1200 Cost: \$35.00

Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$25.00



Jacksonville's For You

Welcome to historic Jacksonville the gateway to Florida. The region has been occupied for more than 4500 years and has been home to Ancient Timucua Culture, the Spanish, the French, the English and Americans. The nearby city of St. Augustine was established in 1565 identifying the region as the oldest European settlement in the Americas. There is a history of the American South and the influence of Georgia.

Beyond a rich menu of cultures, the area has been known for cattle drives, railroad entrepreneurs, vacation Meccas, and the earliest American Film industry. Explore this fascinating location on your own and take advantage of the activities being offered through your National Marketing Committee.

Make Your Plans Early And Save

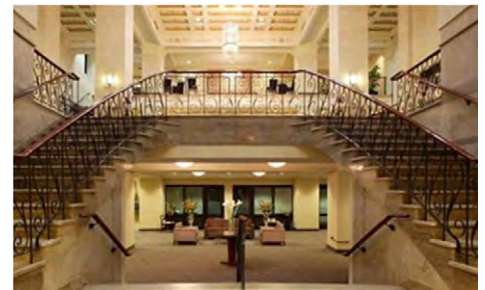
Downtown "Top to Bottom" Walking Tour Wed 21 Jan 2015 0930 - 1130



Tour guides



Secret bank vault



Old Carling Hotel

Your professional tour guide meets you at the Hyatt to show you Jacksonville from its sky line views to its mysteries beneath the city streets, tunnels, and vaults. The leisurely two hour tour includes several relaxing stops while viewing buildings and a silent movie revealing the story of Jacksonville as the "First Hollywood." The award-winning tour is rated EXCELLENT by Trip Advisor.

JACKSONVILLE ACTIVITIES AND TOURS

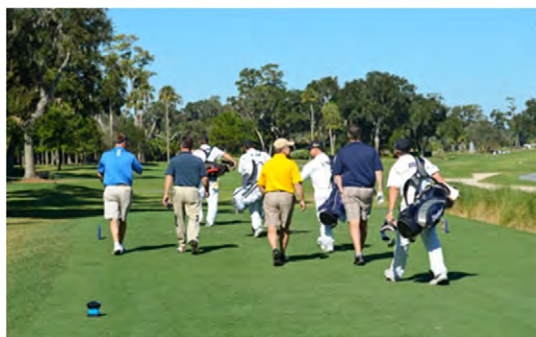
A Taste of Jacksonville Tour Wed 21 Jan 2015 1230-1630



Two of the more popular factories in Jacksonville specialize in chocolate and beer. The first stop on the tasting tour is Peterbrooke Chocolate where you sample the famous chocolate covered popcorn. You'll discover the story behind Peterbrooke from its humble beginnings as a single boutique shop to the large franchise it is today. The second stop is at Anheuser-Busch for a look at the brewing of Budweiser beer and other products. Your group will be guided through the Brew Hall, Primary Fermentation Cellar, Lager Cellar, and Packaging Facility. Your final stop is the Hospitality Room where guests can relax as they enjoy tastings from the extensive Anheuser-Busch product line.

Price: \$43 before 14 Dec., \$53 after

Golf Course Outing Wed 21 Jan 2015 1000-1500



A shuttle bus leaves the hotel at 0900 for a 1000 tee time at an 18-hole former PGA course 20 minutes away. Men and women are invited. Bring your own clubs or rent for an additional fee. Price includes green fees and bus transportation. Stay for a light lunch on your own at the 19th hole.

Price: \$49 before 14 Dec., \$59 after

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Painting with a Twist Wed 21 Jan 2015 1300-1500



A skilled artist shows you step by step how to create a preselected painting. Workshop includes canvas, paint and aprons as well as a complimentary glass of wine or champagne. Enjoy a fun afternoon in the hotel, and leave the cleanup to someone else.

Price: \$58 before 14 Dec., \$68 after

Beaches Tour & Culhane's Thurs 22 Jan 2015 0900-1500



Clubhouse at TPC Sawgrass



Culhane's

Collectively known as “The Beaches”, this area of Jacksonville has its own culture or as the popular slogan says, “Salt Life”. A drive along Atlantic Beach treats you to the famous Dune House and other William Morgan architecture. A ride touching Neptune Beach and Jacksonville Beach brings views of historical and cultural sites. In Ponte Vedra Beach, we see the headquarters for the PGA Tour and proceed inside the elegant Mediterranean revival-style clubhouse at TPC Sawgrass. For lunch, you can eat and shop at the Beaches Town Center or travel to Culhane’s Irish Pub, owned by four sisters from Ireland, made famous by the Food Channel.

Price: \$43 before 14 Dec., \$53 after

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225 Coastline Drive East
Jacksonville, FL 32202



Activities registration >> Reserve online at <http://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetings.php>

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Address	City		State	ZIP	Squadron/District
Home phone	Cell/Office			Dietary restrictions?	
Email address	First time attending a national meeting?				

Wednesday, 21 Jan.

0930–1130 Downtown Top to Bottom Walking Tour

A professional tour guide meets you at the Hyatt to show you Jacksonville from the skyline to beneath the city's streets. The walking tour goes inside seven buildings, including secret tunnels and vaults. At one stop, we relax and watch a silent movie as we learn about Jacksonville being the first Hollywood.

Quantity _____ @ \$18 before 14 Dec., \$28 after Total _____

1000–1500 Golf Course Outing

A shuttle bus leaves the hotel at 0900 for a 1000 tee time at an 18-hole former PGA course 20 minutes away. Men and women are invited. Bring your own clubs or rent for an additional fee. Price includes green fees and bus transportation. Stay for a light lunch on your own at the 19th hole.

Quantity _____ @ \$49 before 14 Dec., \$59 after Total _____

1230–1630 A Taste of Jacksonville Tour

Tour Jacksonville's most popular factories: Peterbrooke Chocolatier and Anheuser-Busch. Discover the story behind Peterbrooke, and take a look at the Anheuser-Busch brewing process, before ending the tour in the brewery's Hospitality Room where you can relax while sampling from Anheuser-Busch's extensive product line.

Quantity _____ @ \$43 before 14 Dec., \$53 after Total _____

1300–1500 Painting with a Twist

A skilled artist shows you step by step how to create a preselected painting. Workshop includes canvas, paint and aprons as well as a complimentary glass of wine or champagne. Enjoy a fun afternoon in the hotel, and leave the cleanup to someone else.

Quantity _____ @ \$58 before 14 Dec., \$68 after Total _____

Thursday, 22 Jan.

0900–1500 Beaches Tour & Culhane's

Collectively known as The Beaches, this area of Jacksonville has its own culture: Salt Life. At lunchtime, eat and shop at The Beaches Town Center or travel to Culhane's Irish Pub, owned by four sisters from Ireland and made famous by The Food Channel.

Quantity _____ @ \$52 before 14 Dec., \$62 after Total _____

1215–1345 Department Luncheons

Admin. ___ Edu. ___ Sec. ___ Treas. ___ (check one)

Quantity _____ @ \$38 before 14 Dec., \$48 after Total _____

1830–2230 New Life Member Reception and Awards Dinner

The New Life Member Reception and Awards Ceremony is free and open to all. Life Members get two free cocktails at the reception. An optional traditional sit-down dinner with cash bar follows. Squadron and district awards are presented after dinner. There will be extra

seating for non-dining patrons after dinner is served.

Quantity _____ @ \$48 before 14 Dec., \$58 after Total _____

Friday, 23 Jan.

0730–0900 Keynote Breakfast

Kick-off the meeting with breakfast and a keynote address.

Quantity _____ @ \$32 before 14 Dec., \$42 after Total _____

1215–1345 Executive Department Luncheon

Quantity _____ @ \$38 before 14 Dec., \$48 after Total _____

Saturday, 24 Jan.

1130–1400 Social Reception and Luncheon

As USPS embarks upon its second 100 years, let's come together as Friends Across USPS as we widen our circle of friendship.

Quantity _____ @ \$38 before 14 Dec., \$48 after Total _____

1200–1400 Members Reception and Luncheon (cash bar)

Quantity _____ @ \$38 before 14 Dec., \$48 after Total _____

1830–2200 Reception and Banquet

Get ready to rock around the clock to the music of the Now and Then Band. Our theme is USPS in the 101st year. Come enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship with USPS members and guests.

Quantity _____ @ \$58 before 14 Dec., \$68 after Total _____

Convention meals discount packages

All Meals Package M—\$165 before 14 Dec.

Includes Thursday Awards Dinner, Friday Breakfast, Members Luncheon and Saturday Banquet.

Quantity _____ @ \$165 before 14 Dec., \$216 after Total _____

All Meals Package S—\$165 before 14 Dec.

Includes Thursday Awards Dinner, Friday Breakfast, Social Luncheon and Saturday Banquet.

Quantity _____ @ \$165 before 14 Dec., \$216 after Total _____

Total packages amount due \$ _____

Total tickets amount due \$ _____

\$10 surcharge for reservations made at the hotel

For RV information, visit usps.org/lc/highwaymariners.

Reserve tickets online at usps.org/php/reservations using a credit card or mail this form and a check made out to 2015 Annual Meeting to USPS Headquarters, PO Box 30423, Raleigh, NC 27622. Call 757-685-6319 for more information or email arlene.anderson47@yahoo.com.

Activity reservations must be secured or be postmarked by 8 Jan. 2015 or made online by 17 Jan. Refund request made after 8 Jan. will be honored only if the tickets are resold. All tickets must be picked up at the member activities registration area no later than two hours before the event, except for Social Luncheon, Members Luncheon and Banquet tickets, which must be picked up by 1000 Saturday, 24 Jan. The agenda and additional details can be found at usps.org/php/reservations.

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What's Going On in Jacksonville?

In addition to the many interesting tours planned by USPS, you may want to enjoy Adventure Landing and Shipwreck Island Water Park, Budweiser Brewery, Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, Jacksonville Landing, Dave and Busters, Museum of Contemporary Art and, of course, St. Augustine.

While you're in St. Augustine, don't forget to shop the factory discount malls. Jacksonville offers shopping at the Avenues mall, Regency Mall, St. Johns Town Center and historic San Marco. The Jacksonville area has 70 golf courses, including the World Golf Hall of Fame's two courses, the King and Bear and the Slammer and Squire. Ponte Vedra Beach is just a few miles away.