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## Engaging Agenda Awaits You in Orlando

Did you ever wonder how a National Meeting agenda is developed? It's a relatively simple process that only gets complicated because over 60 people are directly involved in its production!

Annual Meeting agendas provide the day, time and location of all official sessions, open and closed department and committee meetings, seminars, and exhibits. They also provide information for the activities and voter registration desk, Ship's Store, member and social meals, receptions and recognition ceremonies, exhibits and contests, religious services, and host-district displays and activities.

The Annual Meeting agenda is created through a four-step process. The National Meetings Committee (NMC) produces the first draft, based on the agenda from the prior Annual Meeting and inputs from the Board of Directors. The second draft incorporates input from headquarters staff, department and committee chairs and activity coordinators, who review it for completeness and accuracy, with any changes reflected in the third draft. The second draft is a working document used by the NMC chair to coordinate all meeting requirements with the venue hotel (room allocations, configurations and supporting equipment). The third draft reflects these arrangements and provides more information about seminars to be offered. After a final review, proofreading and any late-breaking changes, the final agenda is published and disseminated.

The Annual Meeting agenda is published online on the National Meetings Committee Web page, in the third NMC newsletter (without room assignments) and in the Annual Meeting program distributed at the meeting. It will also be available as an app for your mobile device that will be released just prior to the meeting. Of course, it is possible that unforeseeable on-site changes may be needed to ensure all meeting requirements can be met, in which case the mobile app will be updated and signage provided.

As we prepare for Orlando 2017, we know that an engaging agenda and program of seminars awaits you. Details about Friday seminars will be a topic of our third NMC newsletter. I hope to see you and your squadron-mates in Orlando.

- P/Stf/C Wayne Partie, SN, National Meetings Agenda Coordinator

# Rosen Rooms: 1-800-204-7234!

## Early Bird Specials End January 9: Make Your Hotel, Meal & Activity Reservations Today

As we go to press, 80% of our block of rooms at the Rosen Centre Hotel has been reserved. Our \$149/night (plus tax) room rate is being honored, subject to room availability, for reservations made by 9 January 2017. To avoid disappointment, please make your reservations on the USPS website or call the Rosen's central reservations office at 1-800-204-7234, and a member of their reservations team will assist you.

When registering for meals and activities, the best way is online. Here's how: On the USPS website ([www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org)), log onto the Member Site and click on National Meetings in the left-hand menu. (Or go directly there from the [public site](#).) The **Event Reservation** link connects to the "Begin Reservation Process" page. Enter your USPS certificate number and your zip code or PIN number. This will pre-fill your registration form with your member information, making it easier to register for your meals and activities.

You can also call Stephanie Ford at USPS headquarters, 1-888-FOR-USPS (1-888-367-9777). Last-minute reservations may also be made in person at the hotel, **with a \$10 surcharge and subject to availability**. Don't delay: Make your reservations today!

## Ooops! SeaWorld and Chocolate Factory Tours

The online registration form has been updated to include three more activities. If you previously completed your registration, you may update your registration online or by calling Stephanie at USPS headquarters. The first activity is the SeaWorld tour announced in our first newsletter. For your convenience, that information is repeated here. See page 3 for Chocolate Factory tour info.

### Tuesday, 21 February

**0800-1600: SeaWorld Orlando** — Come to Florida and see the Sea Life! Sea World Orlando is less than a mile from the hotel. Spend the morning on the "Sea World Behind the Scenes Tour" (75 minutes) then on your own to eat, spend the day in the park and see shows. Ticket price includes the tour and park admission. Shows are included. This includes a guided tour including how they care for rescued manatee and sea turtles, touching sharks and interacting with a penguin. Transportation for this one is **not** included. We will leave the hotel together at approximately 0830, on the Trolley which picks up in front of the Rosen Centre, then return to hotel whenever you like. You may also share a taxi if you don't want to ride on the Trolley. The round trip cost of the Trolley is \$4 for those under age 65 or \$0.50 for those 65 or older. Cash must be used for the Trolley. If any Accessibility needs are required, please notify us at least 4 weeks in advance. Lots of walking involved, so please wear comfortable shoes. **\$118 before 9 January, \$128 after**

# More Activities, Ship's Store Sale

**Thursday, 23 February**

**1030–1230: Chocolate Factory Adventure Tours.** We've organized two tours for you and your family's enjoyment, one for adults and another for participants under age 16. Both meet in the hotel lobby and depart at 1100. Chocolate lovers of all ages embark upon a interactive journey that uncovers how chocolate transforms from the bean into the creamy, dreamy chocolate bar. You will be given the opportunity to customize your own chocolate bar. A short walk from the hotel, this exciting one-hour tour has limited spaces. Register today. **\$20 for adults, \$16 for participants under age 16**

## You'll Look Good in Uniform T



Uniform T - Tropical Blue Palm Leaves Shirt, Unisex



Uniform T - Tropical Red Hibiscus Shirt, Unisex

### Uniform T Unisex Size Chart

Unisex Shirt Size	Chest (inches)
Small	34-36
Medium	38-40
Large	42-44
X Large	46-48
2X Large	50-52
3X Large	54-56
4X Large	58-60

**Uniform T** is the official dress for Friday's sessions.

Two styles—**Tropical Blue Palm Leaves** and **Tropical Red Hibiscus**—are now available in the [Ship's Store](#). Both are available in adult unisex sizing (Small to 4X-Large), in a wrinkle-resistant, stain-release, 55/45 cotton/poly poplin blend (4.5 oz.). Uniform T offers a classic fit and features side vents, a straight bottom, hemmed sleeves, and a patch pocket. The USPS Ship's Wheel logo is embroidered in white lettering.

Pricing is \$45 for Small to X-Large, \$48 for 2X-Large, \$52 for 3X-Large and \$54 for 4X-Large. The Ship's Store is offering a **10% Holiday Sale** discount on orders placed in December. This discount applies to Uniform T and your entire order, including sale items.

# USPS Annual Meeting ORLANDO 2017

## What to Wear

### Sunday, 19 February through Thursday, 23 February

USPS casual, USPS polo, or other appropriate attire

**Thursday evening:** Blazer with tie or appropriate after-six attire

### Friday, 24 February

- **Day:** Uniform T, USPS blazer with tie, open-collar or USPS polo shirt or other appropriate attire
- **Evening:** No official functions

### Saturday, 25 February

- **Day:** Uniform G
- ◇ **Men:** Regulation short-sleeve white shirt with black trousers, or appropriate attire
- ◇ **Women:** Regulation short-sleeve white blouse with black skirt or slacks, or appropriate attire
- **Evening:** Uniform A with bow tie, USPS blazer with tie, or special occasion evening attire

## Registration Fee

To offset audio-visual expenses, a \$35pp registration fee will be charged for all participants who register for activities and/or meals.

## Meeting Agenda

The detailed Meeting Agenda is available on the National Meetings website, and updates will be posted as they are available.

There are no official functions from Sunday, 19 February through Wednesday, 22 February. CPR/First Aid for USPS Members training will be offered on Wednesday, 22 February.

**Thursday, 23 February**, is devoted to committee meetings. You are welcome to attend and participate in all open sessions. No advance registration is required. There will be two special receptions—for first-timers and for new life members—and our annual Awards Dinner.

**Friday, 24 February**, is devoted to department meetings, free seminars, EXPO exhibits and our teaching aid and youth poster contests.

**Saturday, 25 February**, is the day of the official Annual Meeting, Reception and Dinner Dance. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are authorized to vote, please be sure to pick up your voting card before this session.

## Visit the Ship's Store!

Find what you need—and more—at the Ship's Store! It will be open 0745-1600 Thursday, 0900-1600 Friday, and 0745-1000 Saturday. Stop by and check out our special Uniform Ts and see what else is new!

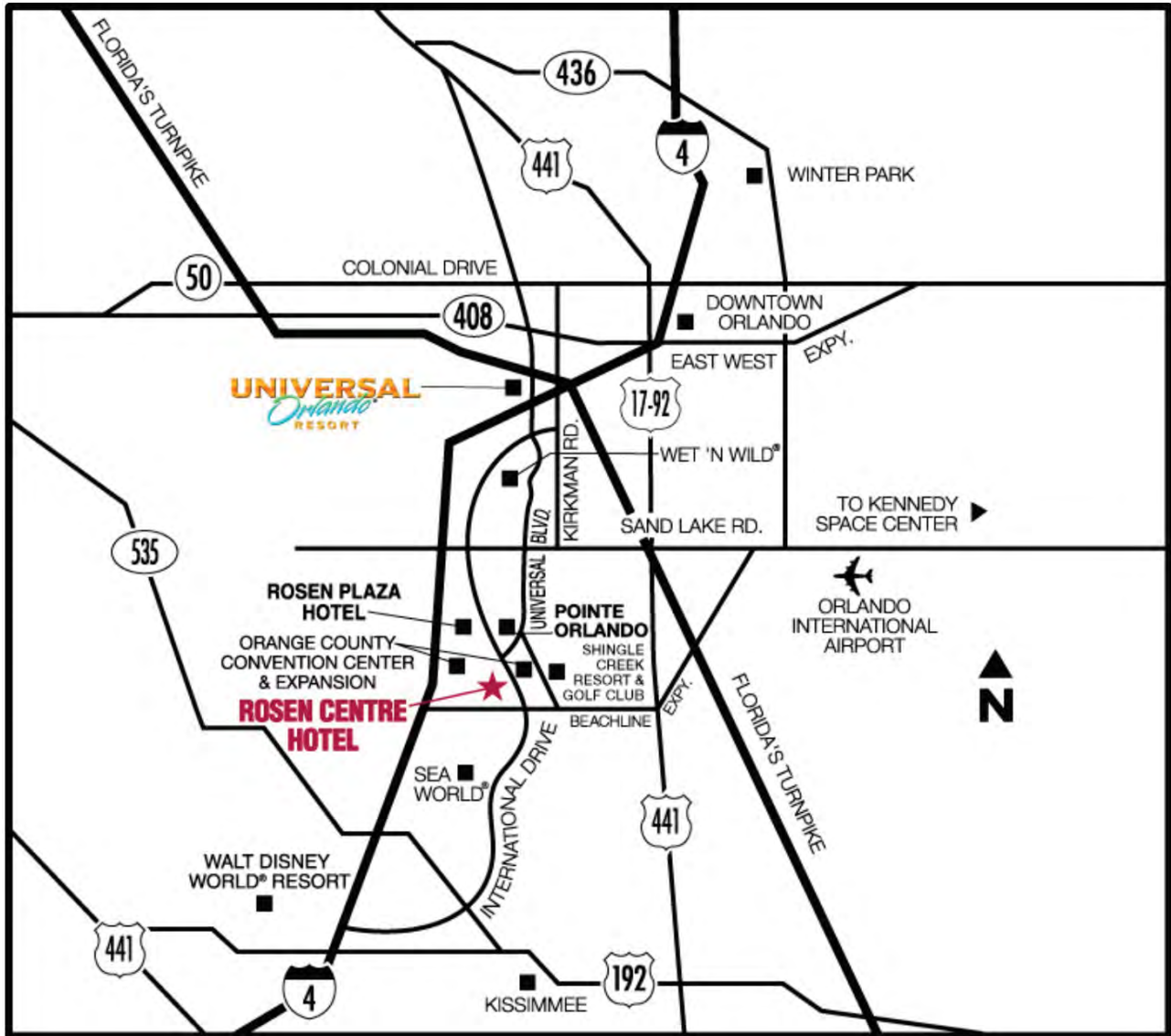


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## SHIP'S STORE

<a href="#">USPS Home</a>	<a href="#">Home</a>	<a href="#">Apparel</a>	<a href="#">Education/Licensing</a>	<a href="#">Gift Ideas</a>
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# So Conveniently Located...



**Enjoy a Discount on SuperShuttle Transfers to/from the Orlando International Airport!**

The Rosen Centre is conveniently located, just minutes from the Orlando International Airport, major tourist attractions, shopping, recreation and dining of all kinds (see pages 6-7).

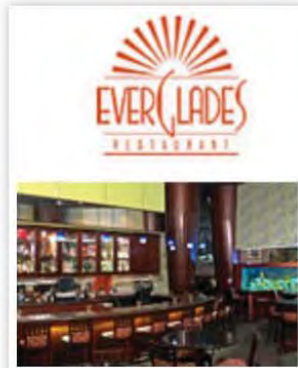
We are arranging a discounted rate with SuperShuttle for round-trip transportation between the airport and the Rosen Centre. The terms and discount code were not available as we went to press and will be published in our next newsletter.



# Dining Options at the Rosen Centre



Harry's Poolside Bar & Grill



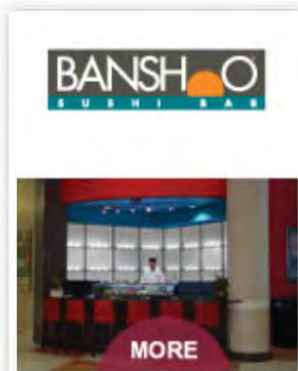
Everglades Quiet Bar



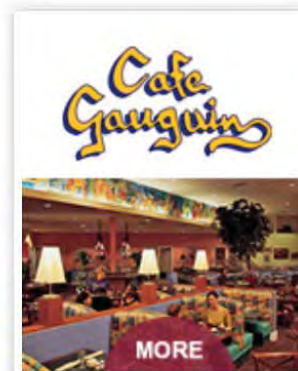
Everglades Restaurant



98Forty Tapas & Tequila



Bansho Sushi Bar



Café Gauguin



Smooth Java Coffee Bar



Sam & Bubbe's™



Red's Deli

# Dining Options Nearby...

## Restaurants in the Rosen Centre and Nearby (Ranked by Trip Advisor in the Top 200 in Orlando)

Restaurant	Cuisine	Miles from Rosen Centre	Address
Harry's Poolside Bar & Grill	Seafood	0.1	Rosen Centre
Everglades	American	0.1	Rosen Centre
98Forty Tapas & Tequila	Mexican, Spanish	0.1	Rosen Centre
Banshoo Sushi Bar	Sushi, Sashimi, Signature Rolls	0.1	Rosen Centre
Café Gauguin	Cuban, Caribbean, South Pacific, Thai	0.1	Rosen Centre
Smooth Java Coffee Bar	Coffee, Starbuck's drinks, Smoothies, Pastries	0.1	Rosen Centre
Sam & Bubbe's	Spirits, NY Deli noshes	0.1	Rosen Centre
Red's Deli & Market	24-hour Sandwiches and Delicatessen	0.1	Rosen Centre
Red Lobster	Seafood	0.2	9892 Int'l Drive
Village Inn	American	0.3	6275 Westwood Boulevard
Delmonico's Italian Steakhouse	Italian, American, Pasta	0.4	6115 Westwood Boulevard
Spencer's for Steaks & Chops	American, Steakhouse, Seafood, Contemporary	0.4	6001 Destination Parkway Hilton
Jack's Place	American, Steakhouse, Seafood	0.6	9700 Int'l Drive
The Capital Grille	American, Steakhouse, Barbecue, Greek	0.6	9101 Int'l Drive
Tommy Bahama's Tropical Café	American, Pizza	0.6	9101 Int'l Drive
Copper Canyon Grill	American, Barbecue, Seafood, Grill	0.7	9101 Int'l Drive
Maggiano's Little Italy	Italian, Pizza, Pasta	0.7	9101 Int'l Drive
Marlow's Tavern	American, Pub	0.7	9101 Int'l Drive
Westgate Smokehouse Grill	American, Barbecue, Steakhouse	0.8	10000 Turkey Lake Road
Miller's I-Drive Ale House	Pub, Pizza	0.9	8963 Int'l Drive
Shamu Rocks Dinner Buffet	American	0.9	7007 SeaWorld Drive
Bahama Breeze	American, Caribbean, Pizza, Seafood	1.0	8849 Int'l Drive
Olive Garden	Italian, Pizza, European, Greek, Pasta	1.0	8984 Int'l Drive
Panera Bread	Sandwiches, Salads	1.1	10739 Int'l Drive
Vito's Chop House	Italian, Steakhouse, Seafood, Pasta	1.1	8633 Int'l Drive
Café Tu Tu Tango	Pizza, Spanish, Mediterranean	1.2	8625 Int'l Drive
NYPD Pizza Lake Cay	Pizza, Pasta	1.2	9900 Universal Blvd, #100
Brick House Tavern & Tap	American, Pub	1.4	8440 Int'l Drive
Famas	Italian, Pizza	1.4	5474 Central Florida Parkway
Ginther's Swirls Ice Cream	Ice Cream	1.4	11036 Int'l Drive
Yard House	American, Vegetarian, Fusion	1.4	8367 Int'l Drive
Charley's Steak House	Steakhouse, Seafood	1.5	8255 Int'l Drive
Flippers Pizzeria	Italian, Pizza	1.5	11062 S. Int'l Drive
King's Orlando	American, Pizza, Seafood, Pub	1.5	8255 Int'l Drive
Vicenzo Cucina Italiana	Italian	1.5	8255 Int'l Drive
Fogo de Chao Brazilian Steakhouse	Steakhouse, Brazilian, Pizza, BBQ, South American	1.6	8282 Int'l Drive
Longhorn Steakhouse	Steakhouse	1.6	8181 Int'l Drive
Chuy's	Mexican	1.7	8123 Int'l Drive
A Land Remembered	Steakhouse, Seafood	1.8	9939 Universal Blvd.
Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza	Italian, Pizza	1.8	8031 Turkey Lake Road
Cooper's Hwk Winery & Restaurant	American	1.8	8005 Int'l Drive
Fish Bones	Seafood	1.8	6707 Sand Lake Road
Hot Krust Panini Kitchen	Amerian, Sandwiches, Delicatessen	1.8	8015 Turkey Lake Road, #200
Seito Sushi	Japanese, Asian, Sushi, Fusion	1.8	8031 Turkey Lake Road, #700
Whole Foods Market	Pizza	1.9	8003 Turkey Lake Road

Source: Trip Advisor on 12 December 2015



# Make Orlando Your Neighborhood For the Annual Meeting



Welcome to the neighborhood

- LEARN** boating skills
- ENGAGE** with boating friends
- CONNECT** with the boating community



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## Volunteer Opportunity

Several USPS committees—including the National Meetings, Publishing, Marketing and Membership committees—have a need for volunteers who have publication design, graphic design, editing and proofreading expertise. If you have these skills and would like to help USPS by sharing them, please complete your online resume or contact R/C Bill Selden, AP, at [bill@cpdean.com](mailto:bill@cpdean.com).

The National Meetings Committee is recruiting a new newsletter editor for 2017. To express your interest, please contact Aide/CC Vincene Aquilato, S, at [antarvin@hotmail.com](mailto:antarvin@hotmail.com). D/Lt/C Jan Wright, SN, the outgoing newsletter editor, will be happy to share her files with the successful candidate.

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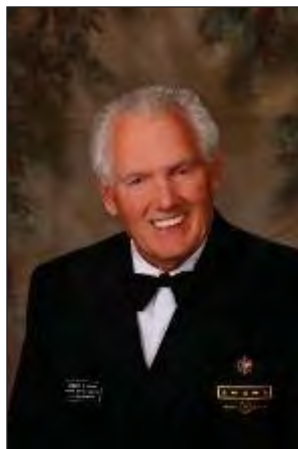
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## It Won't Be Long!



On behalf of the National Meetings Committee, I hope you're making plans to come to visit Orlando and attend the United States Power Squadrons' 2017 Annual Meeting. The business agenda and the program of seminars that will be published next month promise to be engaging, informative and useful for all who attend.

**Warm welcomes** await you at the Rosen Centre Hotel, your home away from home. Let our tours delight and entertain you, or venture out on your own to explore all that Orlando has to offer.

Early bird discounts are available until 9 January 2017. Our special room prices (\$149 plus tax per night) will be honored as long as there are rooms available in our block. Avoid disappointment: Make your reservation today for your hotel room, and also register online for activities and meals. If you experience any issues with the hotel, call me at 516-375-9710 or email me at [rholub@optonline.net](mailto:rholub@optonline.net).

Our next newsletter will be published in January, as soon as the final touches have been made on our program of seminars. I can assure you that every effort is being made to ensure the seminars will offer new and useful opportunities to learn, network and exchange ideas that can help your squadron and our USPS organization succeed in our local neighborhoods and wherever recreational boaters can be found.

Thank you for being a USPS member and for helping to make the water a better place. It won't be long: I look forward to seeing you in February.

- R/C Bob Holub, SN, National Meetings Committee Chair

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