



# United States Power Squadrons® Governing Board Meeting 2016

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NATIONAL MEETINGS COMMITTEE

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## Boating is Better with Friends

Having a family that supports you in boating is even better. The picture is of some of my family, three more of whom are joining USPS. Though they won't be in Pittsburgh, many of my friends will... All of you!

Most of us joined USPS for the education but we stay for the lasting friendships and opportunity to play together and do civic service in our communities. Our mission and goals have not changed. We can continue to make the water a better place but we must remember our roots, fellowship and a dedication to help others.

My wife Dot and I will be in Pittsburgh this August, looking forward to meeting new friends and renewing old friendships. We have made "Grip and Grin" our motto and it's one that has helped keep USPS together and again increase our membership.

Pittsburgh is a fantastic place to visit with many activities for every taste. We have a City of Champions sports history tour, a Treasures culture tour, a fantastic dinner cruise on Pittsburgh's lovely three rivers and much more. Of course all of the departments have fun and informative meetings and lunches to again "Grip and Grin" with friends. Please join Dot and me in Pittsburgh and say hello!

- Louie

*Chief Commander Louie Ojeda, SN*



# Activities & Tours



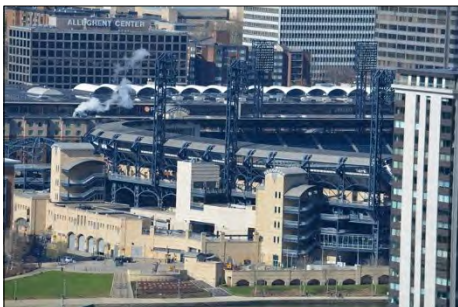
**To pre-register for activities, tours and meals, see page 8 for online registration help or page 9 for a paper registration form.**

## **Tuesday, 23 August**

**0815-1700 America the Beautiful Walking Tour.** Hijacked Flight 93 crashed within 80 miles of Pittsburgh on 11 September 2001. The Flight 93 [National Memorial Park](#) has now been built on that site, and its Visitor Center opened on 10 September 2015. We'll spend the morning touring the park, followed by lunch at the Oakhurst Tea Room. The park is handicap-accessible, and wheelchairs are available. After lunch, we'll tour the house and grounds of the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed [Fallingwater](#). This is an architectural wonder not to be missed. Wear comfortable walking shoes. It's about ¼ mile from the Visitor Center to the house. Limited shuttle service is available for those who need it, and the first floor is wheelchair accessible (28-inch doorway). A 3-D film tour of the upper floors is available at the Visitor Center. Assisted listening devices are available. We will depart our hotel at 0815 and return in time for those who wish to attend the baseball game. **\$85 by 13 July, \$95 after**



# Activities & Tours



## 1900–2300 MLB Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Houston Astros.

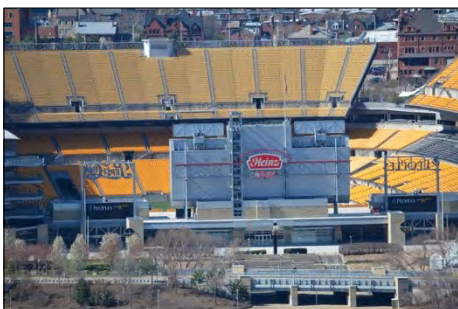
Pittsburgh is the home of the Pittsburgh Pirates. We will be attending a game Tuesday evening between the Pirates and the Houston Astros. The game is played at handicap-accessible PNC Park. The park is across the river from the hotel, and transportation to and from the ballpark (included) is via the Gateway Clipper Fleet Shuttle boats. Shuttle service begins two hours before the game and returns starting in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning until 30 minutes after the game. We will have a block of seats together, and a \$10 food and beverage voucher is included.

Don't miss the view of the city during daylight on the trip to the ballpark and the view after dark on the ride back. In case of rain, there is another game the following night. Game time is 1905 and continuous shuttle service begins at 1700. **\$50 by 13 July, \$60 after**

## Wednesday, 24 August



**0900–1500 Pittsburgh Treasures Tour.** If you enjoy culture, this tour is for you. Explore each of the 30 [Nationality Rooms](#) at the University of Pittsburgh, which represent the culture of various ethnic groups that settled in Allegheny County. After touring the Nationality Rooms, we'll visit the [Heinz Chapel](#) and the [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#). The tour includes a \$10 voucher for lunch at Café Phipps. After lunch, we'll spend the afternoon at the [Frick Art & Historical Center](#). **\$85 by 13 July, \$95 after**



## 0900–1330 City of Champions: Sports History Tour.

If you're a sports buff, this tour should not be missed. The tour visits Heinz Field – home of the Pittsburgh Steelers and University of Pittsburgh football teams. Get a behind-the-scenes tour of various parts of the stadium, including luxury suites, press box, field level, FedEx Great Hall, Steelers locker room and more. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Finish it off with lunch on your own at the [Jerome Bettis Grille](#). **\$65 by 13 July, \$75 after**

**1130–1600 Lights, Camera, Action Pittsburgh Tour.** Did you know that Pittsburgh is the "Hollywood of the East"? How many movies can you name that originated in Pittsburgh? Enjoy the interactive tour through city backdrops of movies such as *The Dark Knight Rises*, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, *Flashdance*, *Jack Reacher* and many more. The tour starts with lunch at a local restaurant. We'll depart from the hotel at 1130 and return by 1600. **\$35 by 13 July, \$45 after**

***There will be a \$10 surcharge for activity & tour reservations made at the hotel.***

# Activities & Tours

## Thursday, 25 August

**0900–1300 Steel City Sampler: A Rust Belt Culinary Tour.** As Pittsburgh transitioned from “The Steel City” to other endeavors, many buildings were “renovated and repurposed.” Visit a number of these, including a renovated church hall and a modernized mill bar. As your tour progresses, envision what these must have looked like when the steel era was in full swing. Sample offerings from the region’s rich culinary heritage as well as the trendy Rust Belt cuisine. The tour includes enough food for a meal, as well as some surprises. More information can be found [here](#). If you like food and nostalgia, this is the tour for you. This tour leaves the hotel at 0900 and returns at around 1300. **\$75 by 13 July, \$85 after**

## Friday, 26 August

**0930–1700 Wendell August Forge Tour.** Have you heard of [Wendell August](#)? It’s a company specializing in American-made giftware that is known for hammered aluminum giftware. This tour combines a tour of the flagship store, factory and headquarters. Start your holiday shopping here. Lunch will be at a local restaurant. Spend the afternoon shopping at the [Grove City Premium Outlet Mall](#). The tour bus will depart at 0930 and return from your shopping excursion around 1700. **\$85 by 13 July, \$95 after**



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## Pittsburgh Pix

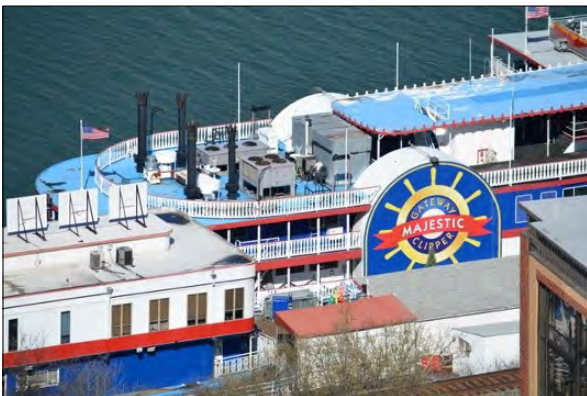


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# Meals & Meal Packages

## Thursday, 25 August

### 1215-1345 Department Luncheons

Admin. \_\_\_\_ Edu. \_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_ \$44 by 13 July, \$54 after

**1215-1345 D/C & DXO Luncheon** \$49 by 13 July, \$59 after

### 1900-2200 Dinner Cruise on Pittsburgh's Three Rivers

Join USPS friends for a dinner cruise on Pittsburgh's three rivers and enjoy entertainment by the Pittsburgh All Stars. **\$76 by 13 July, \$86 after**

## Friday, 26 August

### 0730-0900 Keynote Breakfast

Kick-off the meeting with breakfast and opening keynote address. **\$38 by 13 July, \$48 after**

**1215-1345 Executive Department Luncheon** \$44 by 13 July, \$54 after

## Saturday, 27 August

### 1130-1400 Social Reception, Luncheon & Go International (Cash Bar 1130-1200)

Celebrate Pittsburgh's multicultural heritage with entertainment by the Junior Tamburitzans of South Hills international dancers. **\$40 by 13 July, \$50 after**

### 1215-1345 Members Reception & Luncheon (Cash Bar 1200-1230)

Enjoy lunch with your fellow USPS members and guests. **\$35 by 13 July, \$45 after**

### 1830-2200 Reception and Annual Dinner Dance

Back by popular demand, The Now and Then Band will present a program of gentle Caribbean music for your dining and dancing enjoyment. Come for a wonderful meal and fellowship with USPS members and guests. **\$68 by 13 July, \$78 after**

## Convention Meal Packages & Discounts

### Meals Package M

Includes Friday Keynote Breakfast and Saturday Member Luncheon and Banquet.

**\$130 by 13 July, \$171 after**

### Meals Package S

Includes Friday Keynote Breakfast and Saturday Social Luncheon and Banquet.

**\$135 by 13 July, \$176 after**

*Note: There will be a \$10 surcharge for meal reservations made at the hotel.*



# USPS Governing Board Meeting PITTSBURGH 2016

## What to Wear

### Sunday, 21 August through Thursday, 25 August

USPS casual or appropriate attire

**Thursday evening:** Appropriate attire

### Friday, 26 August

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

### Saturday, 27 August

- **Day:** Uniform G
  - ◇ **Men:** Regulation short-sleeve white shirt with uniform trousers, or appropriate attire
  - ◇ **Women:** Regulation short-sleeve white blouse with black skirt or slacks, or appropriate attire
- **Evening:**
  - ◇ **Men:** Blazer with tie or appropriate attire
  - ◇ **Women:** Appropriate attire

Uniform T, USPS polo shirts and accessories are available from the [USPS Ship's Store](#).

USPS blazers and Uniform G shirts are available from [Commodore Uniform](#).

## 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, 21 August through Wednesday, 24 August. The American Heart Association will offer First Aid and CPR/AED training on Wednesday, 24 August (pre-registration required).

**Thursday, 25 August**, is devoted to committee meetings. You are welcome to attend and participate in all open sessions. No advance registration is required.

**Friday, 26 August**, is devoted to department meetings, free seminars, and exhibits. If you are a first-timer, you will be invited to enjoy a special reception Friday evening.

**Saturday, 27 August**, is the day of the official Governing Board Meeting. 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!





# Keynote Speaker Bio

## James C. Roddey Firm Director, Baker Tilly

Jim's professional background includes key roles at several leading companies, including: partner, The Hawthorne Group; director, PeriOptimum, Inc.; director, PNC Equity Management Advisory Board; director, Wilhelmina International, Inc.; director, Vocollect Health Care Systems; president, Turner Communications Corporation; president, Rollins Communications Corporation; president, Wexford Health Sources; past director, SEEC; president, Allegheny Media; director, Allied

Security; director, Equibank; director, Allin; president, International Sports Marketing and president at Star Cable.

Sought after for his business and political expertise, Jim serves as a political commentator on "Roddey vs. Mistick," PCNC-TV's public affairs program and is a frequent host of Pittsburgh business radio WMNY-1360.

Jim served as the first elected Allegheny County Chief Executive (2000-04) and as a member of the Board of the Inter-Governmental Authority and as a Commissioner of the Pennsylvania Commission for Transportation Funding and Reform.

He has been awarded three honorary doctorates and has received more than 60 awards from a variety of business, civic education and industry organizations, including a Distinguished Alumnus Award and Pittsburgher of the Year.

Dedicated to the community, Jim remains active in numerous civic and charitable organizations throughout the region and has served on more than 40 nonprofit boards, 15 of which he chaired.

Jim proudly served in the United States Marine Corps as Captain.

Plan to join us for breakfast on Friday, 26 August, for fellowship and Jim's keynote address.

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## Leadership Development Training

Leadership Development 101 will be offered **Friday, 26 August**. Designed for USPS with activities that simulate real-life squadron situations, this outstanding course teaches core skills and competencies that are useful for current and future team leaders and officers of an all-volunteer organization.

Pre-registration is required. Course information and registration forms will be posted on the USPS website, on the Administrative Department's [Leadership Development Committee](#) page.

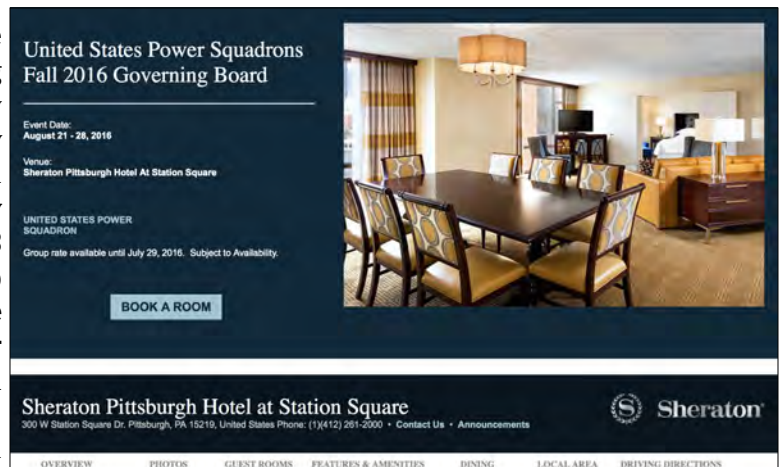
## Your Guide to Online Registration

The best way to register for the Governing Board Meeting is online. From the United States Power Squadrons® home page, log into the member site. Click on the National Meetings button at the bottom of the left-hand menu to reach the Meetings & Events page and click the links you need.

- **Event Information** connects to a page where you'll find information and links to make all of your reservations.
- **Event Reservation** 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 activities and meals.
- **Hotel Reservation Site** connects to the Sheraton's dedicated web page for our meeting that has links to everything you need to know about the hotel, its amenities and nearby attractions. Our **\$129/night** (plus tax) special room rate will be honored through **29 July 2016** on available rooms during the 21-28 August 2016 period. For rooms with handicap accommodations, please reserve by **30 June 2016**. To extend your reservation before or after 21-28 August, make your reservation and then email Bob Holub (rholub@optonline.net) with any other dates, and he will assist you in adding them to your existing reservation.
- **Agenda.** A draft agenda has been posted. Check back regularly for updates. The official Call to Meeting will be posted on the Secretary's Department page 30 days before the meeting and mailed to delegates.
- **First-Timer Information** takes you to a wealth of information that will be useful not only to members who are attending a USPS National Meeting for the first time, but also to anyone who would like to have a comfortable, productive stay in Pittsburgh.
- **RV Information** provides information about Highway Mariner's RV park of choice, [Mountain Top Campground](#), located 31 miles from the hotel.
- **Newsletters.** You will also be able to access all National Meeting Committee Newsletters on the Meetings & Events page.
- **Budget and Avis Car Rentals.** Enjoy special discounted pricing on car rentals in Pittsburgh.



The screenshot shows the website interface for the 2016 Governing Board meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. On the left, a navigation menu lists: Event Information, Event Reservation, Hotel Reservation Site, Agenda Updated 04/24/16, First Timer, RV Information, Budget Car Rental, and Avis Car Rental. On the right, a banner features a night view of the Pittsburgh skyline with the text: "Meetings & Events Online Registration System", "Pittsburgh 2016", and "2016 GOVERNING BOARD". Below the banner, a smaller image shows the Pittsburgh skyline with the text: "Pittsburgh, PA 21 Aug-28 Aug, 2016".



The screenshot shows the hotel's website page for the event. It includes the following text: "United States Power Squadrons Fall 2016 Governing Board", "Event Date: August 21 - 28, 2016", "Venue: Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel At Station Square", "UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON", and "Group rate available until July 29, 2016. Subject to Availability." A "BOOK A ROOM" button is visible. To the right is a photograph of a hotel dining room. At the bottom, the hotel name "Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square" is displayed along with the address "300 W Station Square Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15210, United States Phone: (1)(412) 261-2000" and the Sheraton logo. A navigation bar at the very bottom lists: OVERVIEW, PHOTOS, GUEST ROOMS, FEATURES & AMENITIES, DINING, LOCAL AREA, and DRIVING DIRECTIONS.





## 2016 Governing Board Meeting 21–28 Aug.

**Activities registration >>** Get further information and reserve online at [usps.org/php/reservations](http://usps.org/php/reservations).

**\$10 surcharge for reservations made at the hotel**

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

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Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 by 13 July, \$45 after Total \_\_\_\_\_

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Visit a renovated church hall, a modernized mill bar and other revamped treasures to savor the region's rich culinary heritage as well as its trendy Rust Belt cuisine. This four-hour tour provides enough food for a meal as well as other surprises.

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$75 by 13 July, \$85 after Total \_\_\_\_\_

#### Department Luncheons, 1215-1345

Admin. \_\_\_\_\_ Edu. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ (select one)

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$44 by 13 July, \$54 after Total \_\_\_\_\_

#### D/Cs and DXOs Luncheon, 1215-1345

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$49 by 13 July, \$59 after Total \_\_\_\_\_

#### Dinner Cruise on Pittsburgh's Three Rivers, 1900-2200

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Kick off the meeting with breakfast and a keynote address.

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Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 by 13 July, \$50 after Total \_\_\_\_\_

#### Members Reception and Luncheon, 1215-1345

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 by 13 July, \$45 after Total \_\_\_\_\_

#### Change of Watch Banquet, 1830-2200

Dine and dance to the University of Pittsburgh Alumni Dance Band.

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$68 by 13 July, \$78 after Total \_\_\_\_\_

### Meals Discount Packages

#### Meals Package M

Includes Friday Breakfast, Saturday Members Luncheon and Banquet

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$130 by 13 July, \$171 after Total \_\_\_\_\_

#### Meals Package S

Includes Friday Breakfast, Saturday Social Luncheon and Banquet

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$135 by 3 Jan., \$176 after Total \_\_\_\_\_

Total packages or tickets amount due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Registration fee \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For RV information, visit [usps.org/ic/highwaymariners](http://usps.org/ic/highwaymariners).

Reserve tickets online at [usps.org/php/reservations](http://usps.org/php/reservations) or mail this form with a check made out to 2016 GB Meeting to USPS HQ, PO Box 30423, Raleigh, NC 27622. For more information, call 757-685-6319 or email [arlene.anderson47@yahoo.com](mailto:arlene.anderson47@yahoo.com).

\*Required unless attending *only* the Saturday GB meeting. Activity reservations must be secured or postmarked by 10 Aug. From 10 Aug. through 19 Aug., only online registrations will be accepted. Refund requests made after 10 Aug. 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, 27 Aug. Agenda and additional details may be found at [usps.org/php/reservations](http://usps.org/php/reservations).



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## Perfect Pittsburgh



On behalf of the National Meetings Committee, I encourage you to come to Pittsburgh to attend the 2016 Governing Board Meeting and partake of all the area has to offer. I hope your stay will be comfortable, enjoyable and valuable for you and your squadron.

We'll be meeting at The Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square on the waterfront. It's just steps away from over 30 shops, restaurants and nightclubs, and other attractions are a short ride away. Bring the family and make it a vacation!

Pittsburgh has so much to see and do. The National Meetings Committee has put together a great selection of tours and activities for you, and the District 7 host team looks forward to welcoming you. To discover even more, go to [visitpittsburgh.com](http://visitpittsburgh.com), and be sure to download your 2016 Visitors Guide that celebrates Pittsburgh's 1816-2016 bicentennial and commemorates 200 years of visitor experience.

I encourage you to take advantage of early bird discounts by making your meeting reservations by 13 July 2016. Our special room price (\$129 plus tax per night) will be honored as long as there are rooms available in our block. As we went to press, over 50% had been reserved already. Avoid disappointment: Make your reservation today for your hotel room, and also register 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 two newsletters—in May and June—will feature meeting venue FAQs, dining options in Pittsburgh and information about the business agenda, free seminars and additional ways to enjoy Perfect Pittsburgh!

Thank you for being a USPS member and for helping to make the water a better place. I look forward to seeing you there!

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

***Come for the Boating Education...  
Stay for the Friends! <sup>SM</sup>***