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DISTRICT 23 GALAXY NEWSLETTER



February 2020

District 23 Spring Conference

Join fellow District 23 members in Daytona Beach for the District 23 Spring Conference.

Highlights of this conference include:

- Dinner Cruise on Friday night from Halifax Harbor Marina
- Golf on Saturday morning at the LPGA Jones Course— scramble format
- Daytona International Speedway tour on Saturday morning
- N Club sponsored lunch with guest speaker
- Conference Business Meeting 2-4 pm
- Change of Watch Dinner

Agenda and reservation information is included in this newsletter.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:

February 18th. Please join us!

DISTRICT COMMANDER MESSAGE

Over the years, I have heard occasional complaints about United States Power Squadrons' policies, costs or practices, on the squadron, district or national level. Certainly, our organization is not perfect, but we need to remember ours is a non-profit, volunteer organization and can only be as good as WE make it. *"Grumbling don't help!"* I would like to see each member get more involved. There are many potential positions and jobs that could be filled by YOU. If you only would volunteer. No experience is required! We will provide any training needed. *"You don't need to know nuthin to start!"* We need each member now more than ever because of the current reorganizing efforts.

What would be a good keyword to use as a guide to get the most out of your membership? I believe that word would be: PARTICIPATION! A good way to begin would be to attend all the meetings and activities that you possibly can. Join in the fellowship activities. They are pathway a to having fun on the water. Volunteer to take a course or teach a course. We especially need *certified instructors for our basic boating courses.* Volunteer for our service projects. We seek your input in what we do and how we do it. I'm sure you have ideas... share them! *Don't just follow the leader, make this your organization!* I have spoken in the past about the "PSH" or Power Squadron High which comes to us when we successfully take a course or participate and contribute to worthwhile Power Squadron activities and service projects. It's a great feeling, it's natural, healthy, not drug induced, and it's very good for the soul! Besides it's free to all members. Turn off that apathy button and turn on the enthusiasm button!



D/C Kurt W. Mikat, SN



**AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB - DISTRICT 23 SPRING CONFERENCE
20-22 MARCH 2020
JOIN US AT THE BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY INN OCEANFRONT RESORT
1615 S. Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach**

Enjoy a get-away weekend with your D23 friends. The following list of activities includes several relaxing events along with the N Cub Lunch and formal Change of Watch Dinner.

Reservations for all events are due by 18 February. Payment for meals and the hotel are to be included. All others will be paid at the door, but reservations are required.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: The beautiful oceanfront hotel provides a relaxing venue with beach, pool, and other amenities. \$129.00/night. **Include payment with Registration Form.**



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER CRUISE: 1800 : Halifax Harbor Marina, Daytona Beach. Includes choice of meal, dessert, soft drinks, music, free parking. \$29.95/person. Reserve on form; pay at venue:

SATURDAY MORNING OPTIONS:

- Golf: 0900: 18 holes at LPGA Jones Course. Scramble format. Price to be determined. Reserve on form; pay at clubhouse.
- Daytona Speedway Tour: 0930: Meet at speedway. \$30.00/person. Reserve on form; pay at venue.

SATURDAY N CLUB LUNCH: 1200 : Daytona Deli Buffet; \$19.00/person.

Include payment with Registration Form

CONFERENCE MEETING: 1400-1600

CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER BUFFET: 1900: \$35.00/person.

Include payment with Registration Form



D23 Spring Conference 20 – 21 March 2020



Registration Form

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Name (Print) _____ Rank _____ Grade _____
 Other in Party (Print) _____ Rank _____ Grade _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Telephone _____ email _____
 Squadron _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Holiday Inn Beachside: 1615 S. Atlantic Avenue: Daytona Beach, FL
 Friday night @ \$129.00: _____
 Saturday night @ \$129.00 _____

MEAL RESERVATIONS:

SATURDAY N CLUB DELI LUCHEION: 1200 # _____ meals @ \$19.00 _____
 CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER BUFFET: 1900 # _____ meals @ \$35.00 _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO D23: _____ TOAL ENCLOSED: _____

Absolute Deadline for Payment: 18 February 2020

ACTIVITY RESERVATIONS: Reservations required. Fees collected upon arrival at each event.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER CRUISE: 1600
 Halifax Harbor, Daytona Beach; \$29.95/person # attending _____

SATURDAY 18 HOLES GOLF: 0900
 LPGA Jones Course; scramble format: \$ TBD/person # playing _____

SATURDAY DAYTONA SPEEDWAY TOUR: 0930
 Meet at speedway: \$30.00/person # attending _____

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VC Harry Hebb, SN, USPS National Secretary

Harry will be our National Representative at our upcoming District Conference

Holiday Inn Oceanfront Resort

1615 S. Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach

March 20-22, 2020

Harry pretty much grew up on the water. Summers were spent on the family's waterfront camp on the Saint John's River in Jacksonville, Florida. He began boating at age 12 and has been an active boater for many years. First in a 12 foot pram, then a 20 foot Clinker built runabout then on two Navy Aircraft Carriers as he sailed the Mediterranean and Gulf of Tonkin seas during his twenty years of service as a Navy Photographer. He was awarded two "Teacher of the Year" awards while assigned to the Navy Schools of Photography in Pensacola, Florida. Following retirement from the Navy, he graduated from the University of West Florida with degrees in computer science. He taught one year as a graduate student and one year full time. He received a Teacher of the Year award from the Data Processing Management Association during his association with the University. But then it was off to his hobbies including Scuba Diving, Amateur Radio and boating where there were runabouts, jet skis and now a kayak.

His interest in boating and education led to his joining the Squadrons in 1992. He dug in and completed Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, and well the rest of the courses necessary to complete his Full Certificate in three years. After a year in the squadron, he began teaching courses. Three years later he had taught all five advanced grade as well as all six required elective courses. While serving as first Squadron Educational Officer and then as Squadron Commander of the Pensacola squadron, he also served as Assistant District Educational Officer and was a member of the USPS Navigation Committee writing and grading examinations and sight folders. At the 2000 USPS Annual Meeting, he was awarded the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching for his service to the Educational Departments of USPS. He was an aide to C/C Les Johnson, SN, for two years.

He was elected to the D/15 Bridge and served as Administrative and Executive Officer as well as Commander. During his year as D/15 Commander, he made 86 squadron visits visiting each of the District's twelve squadrons at least five times and co-hosted the 2003 Governing Board in New Orleans providing the administrative arm for event reservations. At that Governing Board and not having enough to do, he volunteered for and was selected to be a member of the Operations Manual Committee. He accepted the job of editor of the manual, a position he holds to this day. He served as both the Staff and Chair of the OM committee.

Just when things looked like they might slow down a little, he was offered the position of Assistant National Secretary and now National Secretary. As a life member of USPS, National Secretary, Pensacola's squadron treasurer, webmaster, computer secretary and learning to navigate his kayak, et cetera (you get the idea), there is little time for anything but service to the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club. Guess what, he likes it that way.

Note to All Squadron Commanders

In accordance with the District bylaws, I will email each Squadron Commander a request for the names of the delegates from your squadron for the conference.

Each Squadron Commander is a delegate, as are the District Bridge, Chairs of the Nominating, Rules and Audit Committees, and Past District Commanders in attendance. In addition, squadron Commanders can name additional delegates to represent their squadron based on their total membership as of March 1st. These delegates are voting members for the conference.

The number of delegates for each squadron are listed below:

- Banana River—Commander plus 3 delegates
- Central Florida—Commander plus 3 delegates
- Cocoa Beach—Commander plus 7 delegates
- Daytona Beach—Commander plus 3 delegates
- Gainesville—Commander plus 3 delegates
- Harris Chain—Commander plus 2 delegates
- Jacksonville—Commander plus 5 delegates

I will ask that Commanders return their list of delegates to me by October 12th (one week prior to the conference).

While all members attending the conference are encouraged to ask questions, raise concerns and take part in discussions during the Business Meeting, only named delegates will be able to vote. At the beginning of the Business Meeting at 2:00 pm, I will take a roll call of all named delegates to determine the number of voting members in attendance.

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact me at vtspencers1@gmail.com

Jan Spencer, Secretary

District 23 Nominating Committee Report

2020 - 2021

Submitted by P/D/C Mark Adams, SN

District Commander	Ronald D. Poland, SN
Executive Officer	Ronald R. Radford, AP
Education Officer	Thomas J. Anderson, SN
Assistant Education Officer	Edward H. Newton, SN
Administrative Officer	Jeffrey T. Wise, JN
Assistant Administrative Officer	Jon M. Vanatta, S
Secretary	Jannette S. Spencer, JN
Treasurer	John F. Mulkey, AP

Audit Committee:

Member 1 year	Barbara Ann Bakalla, P
Member 2 years	Calvin C. Ray, SN
Member 3 years	Elmer Bakalla, P

Nominating Committee:

Member 1 year	Ron Gagen, JN
Member 2 years	Jim Suber, AP-CN
Member 3 years	Kurt Mikat, SN

Rules Committee:

Member 1 year	Bobby Bray, AP
Member 2 years	Jeffrey Wise, JN
Member 3 years	Sharilyn Dale Marshall, AP

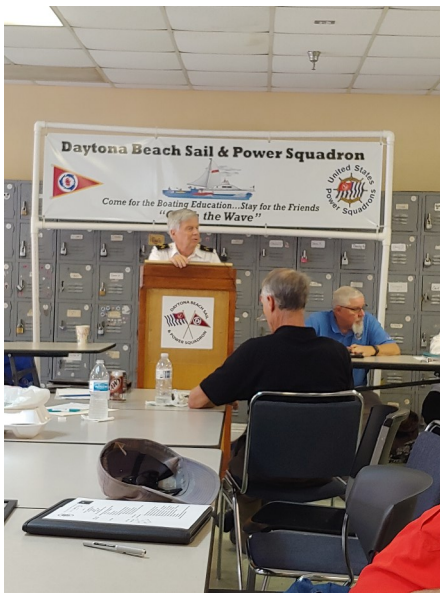
District 23 Winter Council Meeting

Saturday, January 11, 2020

WORC, Daytona Beach

Our Winter Council meeting was held in Daytona Beach on Saturday, January 11th. The meeting included the general Council meeting as well as roundtable discussion groups for the Educational Department, Administrative Department and Membership, Secretary and Treasurer Departments, and Commanders and Executive Officer Departments. Our thanks to the Daytona Beach Squadron for hosting us and for the wonderful breakfast and lunch we enjoyed.

Thank you also to Christine Zahornacky of Daytona Beach for sharing these pictures with us!





UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Friday and Saturday, March 20-21**
District Conference—Daytona Beach
- **Saturday, April 18, 2020**
District Picnic—Bing's Landing, Palm Coast

From the Editor

My special thanks to John Mulkey, Sandy Schoonmaker, and Ron Radford for their work in organizing the Spring Conference and Change of Watch.

It is my plan to produce another newsletter prior to our Fall Conference that will include details for the conference, as well as the calendar of upcoming District 23 events. If you have comments about this newsletter, or would like to submit materials to be used in the next issue, please send them to me at vtspencers1@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing you at the Change of Watch in Daytona Beach!

Jan Spencer

D23 Secretary and

Editor, D23 Newsletter, The Galaxy

