



United States Power Squadrons®

MINUTES OF SPRING CONFERENCE

March 16, 2024

Pequabuck Golf Club, Terryville, CT



Call to Order: D/C Patrick Pabouet, P called the Spring Conference to order at 0915 at the Pequabuck Golf Club, Terryville, CT

Pledge of Allegiance was led by D/Lt/Ken Bell, Sr. AP

Invocation: was given D/C Patrick Pabouet, P

Introduction of Head Table. D/C Patrick Pabouet, P introduced the head table to include National Flag Lt Randy Stow, JN-IN.

Welcome to the Conference: D/C Patrick Pabouet, P welcomed everyone.

Roll Call: Secretary D/Lt/C Linda Lewis, AP called the roll. Commanders or alternates were present from 5 of the 11 squadrons. Total members included: Hartford 7; Manchester 0; Meriden 2; Middletown 1; New Britain 3; New Haven 4; New London 0; Norwich 4; Saybrook 0; Springfield 3; Waterbury 6. Five District bridge officers are present. Total number present 28. A quorum was declared.

Message from Chief Commander: N/Fl/Lt Randy Stow, JN-IN introduced the Chief Commander Ralph Bernard, AP as a fireside chat via video. He noted the importance of wearing a shirt with the USPS logo while boating to increase awareness of our organization.

He spoke of some of the new initiatives which included a new management system for automatic renewals. Also a new branding for marketing USPS in the hopes of increasing membership and the changes in course materials. We should also be involved in civic events. Let's move forward and share our involvement in USPS. A new director has been hired who will start in April.

Program: P/D/Lt/C Clifford Mcibbin, SN introduced our guest speaker, Walter "Wally" Banzhaf, a retired Hartford professor and former Northeast Underwater Sound Lab engineer. On January 5, 1969, Wally along with 11 other men boarded the Sea Surveyor, an Electric Boat research vessel, to do sonar testing of a radio system on a sub which they were supposed to rendezvous with out in the Atlantic. They soon encountered 25' waves and 50+ mph winds which lasted for over 24 hours ultimately causing the Sea Surveyor to sink. The Captain radioed a MAYDAY and called to abandon ship with all 12 men jumping into a 15 man 12 x 10 life raft. The gale winds continued capsizing their life raft twice throwing the men into the water but they were all able to get back inside. There was a light on top of the life raft and there was also a flash light as part of survival supplies that they used to try and attract attention of passing vessels of which there were very few. Ultimately, their light was seen by a Norwegian freighter carrying coal to Holland on January 8 at 2 a.m. The waves and gale winds continued making their rescue very difficult. Once aboard, the men were treated royally with clean, dry clothes, food and drink as they traveled on to Rotterdam arriving on January 18. They flew to JFK on January 19 to be greeted by family and friends. These men certainly had many near death experiences and are very lucky to be alive. Wally was a great presenter combining a bit of humor along the way.

Education Officer Meeting: D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP gave a power point presentation on all aspects of Vessel Safety Checks, do's and don't's which is mandatory for all Vessel Safety check persons.

Awards: Life Membership - 25 Merit Marks Theodore Simmons, S Norwich
Note: Pin and certificate to be awarded at NPS Change of watch

50 Year Membership Richard Rylander, S Manchester
Barry Gordon, AP Hartford

Note: Pins were given to squadron commanders.

CO-OP Charting 2023 Honor Roll

District 1	National Ranking	8
Hartford Power Squadron	National ranking	9
D/Lt Clifford McKibbin,SN	Hartford	21
Paula Berlandy	Hartford	52
Peter Berlandy	Hartford	52
Cdr. William Waseleski AP	Hartford	61
Lt/C James Salvatore,AP	Hartford	61
D/Lt/C Theodore Wurz P	Hartford	61
D/C Patrick Pabouet, P	Hartford	61
Lt/C Tom Berlandy, AP	Hartford	78
D/Lt Tim Tyler, SN	Hartford	78
Kenneth Letendre	Hartford	78

100% HISTORY AWARDS

Hartford	P/D/Lt/C Clifford McKibbin, SN
Manchester	P/C Joyce Bonney, S
Meriden	P/C Ken Bell, Sr. AP
New Britain	Cdr Paul Bialecki, P
Norwich	D/Lt/C Linda Lewis, AP
Waterbury	Lt/C Sue Mucciacciaro, P
District 1	D/Lt/C Linda Lewis, AP

Vessel Safety Check Awards

Hartford	15	D/C Pat Pabouet	6	P/D/Lt/C Clifford Mcibbin	9
Manchester	23	P/C Joyce Bonney	18	Cdr Bill Bonney	5
Meriden	13	Ken Bell Jr			
New Haven	8	P/D/C Art Andrea			
Saybrook	60	P/D/C Walter Wiegert			
Waterbury	19	Eric Burdett			

The following are deceased members this past year. Note: A remembrance ceremony was not conducted at this meeting.

Hartford P/C Kenneth Weeks, Jr AP
Wilson Bacon
P/C Michael Rinaldi, JN

Meriden P/D/C Ralph Boriello, AP
Middletown Donald Tyrseck
P/C James Swindal, JN
P/C William Houghtby, SN
New Haven Albert Acampora, AP
Richard Cobb
Norwich P/C Giacomo "Jack" Guarnaccia, Jr N

Business Meeting convened following lunch.

Action on the minutes of the Fall Conference 18 November 2023. **A motion is made to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded. Passed.**

Report of District Officers:

District Commander D/C Patrick Pabouet, P

In a few days spring will be here and our boats will be starting to hit the water for the summer season.

Since our Fall Conference, we had a great Christmas Party and some squadrons have started giving classes. During this Conference we are asking for volunteers to different posts. Some of the regulars that have been holding the same jobs for many years would like to step down.

Let's give our younger members a chance to see what they can do. If that doesn't happen, we may not have a district to go to. We need more people to step up.

Now for more fun stuff. Our rendezvous will take place on June 1, 2024 at Middlesex Yacht Club. This is a date change, a change of location and a new menu. I hope to see you during the summer.

District Executive Officer D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P

Welcome to the D1 Spring Conference and the Pequabuck Golf Club. I trust many of you enjoyed this past winter. I did, with little snow except for the two snowstorms in February or enjoyed the larger of the storms on the slopes or making snow people with the kids and grandkids. In any event spring and summer are just around the corner and our true passions, boating and sailing, will be enjoyed once again.

My apologies for not attending this conference. I have sold my home, purchased a new one and the closings are the first week of April. Between working part time and packing, there is little time to accomplish what needs to get done.

Hopefully our District 1 Administrative Officer will have a list of fun paced activities for the boating season. So, get those vessels waxed and shining and have a fun and safe time on the water.

Education Officer D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP

It is that time of year that our Squadrons are getting ready to teach our Safe Boating Classes and also our other classes. Things are changing on a National level. Courses are being updated and changed or new courses are coming out.

The United States Coast Guard is mandate that everyone who is a VE Examiner MUST do the new Seminar that is out on the National Safety Committee website. I will be doing the new Seminar at the spring conference with updates. When teaching our ABC class the state has some new updates also that I will be

talking about in the afternoon and National Educational Department updated their manual also which will be handed out. Thank you.

Administrative Officer D/Lt/C William J. Waseleski AP

Welcome to the District 1 Spring Conference at the Pequabuck Golf Club in Terryville CT.

Thank you to all who attended our Holiday Party at the Middletown Elks Club on Saturday evening December 9th. We featured entertainment (Echos of Sinatra with Steve Kalauskas), an excellent buffet dinner drinks at Elks Member prices and our Yankee Swap. A good time was had by all. We had 65 members present - it was a sellout.

District 1 participated in the 2024 Hartford Boat Show at the Mohegan Sun again this year (Jan 18 - 21). Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up, staff, and take down the booth.

The June Rendezvous and Council Meeting will be on June 1 at the Middlesex Yacht Club in Chester CT. We will be doing the same format and menu as last year. More information on transient dockage, activities, and the cost will be released soon.

There are several Summer Activities listed in the Sounds of 1,, including a June Raft Up to 3 Mile Harbor, D1 Sail Race and D1 Fishing Derby. I have information on doing a Light House Tour and attending a Yard Goats Baseball Game we can discuss in the break out session. See you at the June Rendezvous.

Additional note: Hartford Squadron is having their swap meet and craft show on May 18. Watch for more details.

Secretary/Historian Report D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP

New Haven Squadron has been busy catching up They have sent in their 2023 history along with 8 past histories from 1998 to 2004 so far. Ask them how they are doing it. Kudos to New Haven.

Your 2023 history report is due 60 days after your 2024 change of watch. I am looking to retire my position on the bridge this next year. I would help anyone who is willing to take over as secretary.

I am updating the District Roster. We need to have your 2024-2025 officers ASAP and any other changes that need to be made.

**United States Power Squadrons
District 1 Historian Report**

Squadron	Histories Submitted during 2022-2023	Histories Owed	Status
Hartford	2022	None	100%
Manchester	2022	None	100%
Meriden	2022	None	100%
Middletown		2014-2022	
New Britain	2022	None	100%
New Haven	2023,1998-2004	2005-2022	
New London		2012-2022	
Norwich	2022	None	100%
Saybrook		2011-2022	
Springfield		1994-1999,2007,2011-2022	

Waterbury	2020-2022	None	100%
District 1	2022	None	100%

Please send your completed squadron history reports (H-701) to District 1 Historian D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP, 23 Nichols Lane, Waterford, CT 06385 or linleew1@comcast.net or call me if you have questions 860442-4740 (Home) or 860-908-3877 Cell

Treasurer Report: D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN
See page 6.

Reports of General & Standing Committees

Rules No Report

Planning: No Report

Law No Report

Nominating: Under new business

Audit: See page 9.

The Audit report which is attached was read by D/Lt/C Linda Lewis in the absence of audit chairman P/D/C George Gilbert, JN. **A motion is made to accept the audit report as presented. Seconded. Passed.**

Unfinished: None

New Business: D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN Treasurer presented the proposed budget for 2024-2025 based on prior year expenses he presents a balanced budget (see page 7). **A motion is made to accept the proposed budget for 2024-2025 as presented. Seconded. Passed.**

Election of Officers: P/D/Lt/C Clifford McKibbin, SN Nominating chairman presented the slate of officers (see page 8). N/FI/Lt Randy Stow, JN-IN conducted the election of officers and proceeded with the Change of Watch. No other nominations have been received by the secretary. One vote is cast by the Secretary.

Confirm date and location of 2024 Fall Conference. November 16 2024. Location to be determined. Norwich Power Squadron is Host.

Other business to come before this meeting. P/C Ken Bell Sr, AP Meriden Squadron announced they will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary with a dinner/dance change of watch at the Westbrook Elks on April 20. Some other squadrons will also have their change of watch at this event. He noted that the Chief Commander will be attending. All squadrons are invited to attend. RSPV by April 5.

N/FI/Lt Randy Stow, JN-IN thanked us for the invitation. He strongly encourages members to get involved in both the local and district squadron. We always need new and fresh ideas.

Benediction: Given by D/C Patrick Pabouet, P

Adjourned: 1340

Respectfully submitted,
D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP, D1 Secretary

Financial Report for the year ending 2/29/2024

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS			Actual	Actual			
District 1 Financial Report (FY 2023-2024)		2023-24	3/1/2023	9/1/2023	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Dated: 31 December 2023		Code	Budget	8/31/2023	2/28/2024	YTD	ACTUAL
ACTUAL							
OPERATIONS SUMMARY vs. BUDGET							
Dues Income	101	1400.00	1032.50	315.00	1347.50	1500.00	1542.50
Interest Income	102	225.00	218.50	247.13	465.63	210.96	262.00
Grant Income	104	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ships Store	105	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Exec Dept/VSC Income	110	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Educ Dept Income	114	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Admin Dept Income	118	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	119	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conference Ticket Income	140	1300.00	628.00	806.00	1434.00	1328.00	840.00
Conference Raffle Income	141	300.00	125.00	169.00	294.00	308.00	250.00
	145						
June Rendezvous Ticket Income	150	250.00	560.00	0.00	560.00	215.00	260.00
June Rendezvous Raffle Income	151	100.00	334.00	0.00	334.00	105.00	77.00
	155						
Holiday Party Ticket Income	160	1100.00	0.00	1960.00	1960.00	1036.00	1200.00
Holiday Raffle Income	161	0.00	0.00	85.00	85.00	0.00	0.00
	165	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Activity Income	170	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	190	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME		4675.00	2898.00	3582.13	6480.13	4702.96	4431.50
EXPENSE							
Cdr Expense	200	50.00	0.00	26.40	26.40	0.00	200.00
National Meeting Hospitality	202	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Awards Expense	205	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.19	0.00
National Rep Expense	206	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.68	0.00
Exec Dept Expense	210	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.12
VSC Expense	211	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Squadron Advertising	212	0.00	0.00	(100.00)	(100.00)	500.00	(100.00)
Educ Dept Expense	214	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Admin Dept Expense	218	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sec Dept Expense	220	50.00	70.09	0.00	70.09	33.15	0.00
Sounds of I-Printing Expense	221	85.00	23.76	115.42	139.18	83.46	38.40
Sounds of I-Postage Expense	222	225.00	62.37	99.86	162.23	213.76	143.36
Treas Dept Expense	230	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.00
Bank Fee/Checks Expense	231	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sec of State Expense	232	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	100.00	50.00
	235						
Conf Meal Expense	240	1450.00	1428.43	835.82	2264.25	1814.99	137.67
Conf Facility Fee Expense	242	350.00	525.00	(200.00)	325.00	60.00	350.00
Conf pre/post Dinner Expense	243	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conf Squadron Expense	245	300.00	39.95	32.24	72.19	397.97	214.61
	247						
June Rendezvous Meal Expense	250	340.00	1128.35	0.00	1128.35	529.84	309.76
June Rendezvous Facility Fees	251	0.00	25.82	0.00	25.82	0.00	0.00
	255						
Holiday Party Meal Expense	260	1100.00	0.00	1620.00	1620.00	1036.80	1400.40
Holiday Party Other Expense	261	0.00	0.00	805.00	805.00	0.00	0.00
Other Activity Expense	270	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	316.97	300.00
Miscellaneous Expense	290	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		4675.00	3353.77	3234.74	6588.51	5252.81	3190.32
NET INCOME		0.00	(455.77)	(102.61)	(558.38)	(549.85)	1241.18
STATEMENT of FINANCIAL CONDITION							
Checking Account	Previous Balance	Transfers	PrePd Exp Prior Year	PrePaid Expense	Net Income		Balance
Certificates of Deposit	6265.69			(450.00)	(574.01)		5241.68
Accounts Receivable	18593.46				465.63		19059.09
	0.00						0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	24859.15	0.00	0.00	(450.00)	(108.38)		24300.77

DISTRICT 1 PROPOSED BUDGET

MARCH 1, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025

CODE	INCOME	2024-25 BUDGET	2023-24 ACTUAL	2022-23 ACTUAL	2021-22 ACTUAL	2020-21 ACTUAL	2019-20 ACTUAL	2018-19 ACTUAL
101	Dues Income	1,300.00	1,347.50	1,500.00	1,542.50	1,652.50	1,767.50	1,930.00
102	Interest Income	425.00	465.63	310.96	262.00	255.22	285.93	206.83
104	Grant Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
105	Ships Store	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
110	Exec Dept/VSC Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
114	Educ Dept Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
118	Admin Dept Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
119	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.00	0.00	0.00
140	Conference Ticket Income	1,300.00	1,434.00	1,328.00	840.00	0.00	1,792.00	1,785.00
141	Conference Raffle Income	250.00	294.00	308.00	250.00	0.00	470.00	430.00
145								
150	June Rendezvous Ticket Income	500.00	560.00	215.00	260.00	0.00	255.00	380.00
151	June Rendezvous Raffle Income	300.00	334.00	105.00	77.00	0.00	118.00	97.00
155								
160	Holiday Party Ticket Income	2,000.00	1,960.00	1,036.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
161	Holiday Raffle Income	86.00	85.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00	162.00
165								
170	Other Activity Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	176.00	195.00
190	Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL INCOME	6,161.00	6,480.13	4,802.96	4,431.50	1,963.72	5,044.43	5,185.83
CODE	EXPENSE							
200	Cdr Expense	50.00	26.40	0.00	200.00	0.00	63.78	0.00
202	National Meeting Hospitality	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
205	Awards Expense	50.00	0.00	75.19	0.00	0.00	96.77	76.58
206	National Rep Expense	75.00	0.00	90.68	0.00	0.00	167.86	65.90
210	Exec Dept Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.12	0.00	214.50	0.00
211	VSC Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
212	Squadron Advertising	0.00	-100.00	500.00	-100.00	450.00	100.00	300.00
214	Educ Dept Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
218	Admin Dept Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.95	15.96
220	Sec Dept Expense	50.00	70.09	33.15	0.00	0.00	87.75	128.12
221	Sounds of 1-Printing Expense	180.00	139.18	83.40	38.40	170.89	130.77	127.68
222	Sounds of 1-Postage Expense	156.00	162.23	213.76	143.36	314.05	260.70	182.50
230	Treas Dept Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.00	11.00	0.00	10.00
231	Bank Fee/Checks Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	126.53
232	Sec of State Expense	50.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	70.00	90.00	50.00
235								
240	Conf Meal Expense	1,600.00	2,264.25	1,814.99	137.67	0.00	1,387.19	1,268.78
242	Conf Facility Fee Expense	800.00	325.00	60.00	350.00	0.00	350.00	650.00
243	Conf pre/post Dinner Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	207.44
245	Conf Squadron Expense	200.00	72.19	397.97	214.61	0.00	410.50	358.94
247								
250	June Rendezvous Meal Expense	1,050.00	1,128.50	529.84	309.76	0.00	245.87	361.16
251	June Rendezvous Facility Fees	450.00	25.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	193.57
255								
260	Holiday Party Meal Expense	1,200.00	1,620.00	1,036.80	1,400.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
261	Holiday Party Other Expense	250.00	805.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.52
270	Other Activity Expense	0.00	0.00	316.97	300.00	0.00	823.20	764.97
290	Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	6,161.00	6,588.66	5,252.75	3,340.11	1,015.94	4,785.84	4,992.65
	Net Bridge Line Items	1,114.00	1,465.23	614.72	1,326.62	947.78	784.35	1,053.56
	Net Activity Line Items	-1,114.00	-1,573.61	-1,164.57	-85.44	0.00	-525.76	-860.38
	Net Income	0.00	-108.38	-549.85	1,091.39	947.78	258.59	193.18

Report of the District 1 Nominating Committee

To: D/C Patrick Pabouet, P

The District-1 Nominating Committee has nominated the following members to fill the positions shown for the 2024-25 one-year term.

Commander	Cdr Patrick Pabouet, P	Hartford
Exec. Officer	D/Lt/C Charles L. Marino, P	Waterbury
Educ. Officer	D/Lt/C Arthur Andrea, AP	New Haven
Admin. Officer	D/Lt/C William J. Waseleski, AP	Hartford
Secretary	D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP	Norwich
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN	New Haven
Asst. Ed. Officer	Open	
Asst. Admin.	Open	
Asst. Secretary	Open	
Asst. Treasurer	P/D/Lt/C Barbara T. Huber, AP	Springfield

Rules Committee

Betsy Tyrell, S	Meriden
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Audit Committee

P/D/C George M. Gilbert, JN	Middletown
Lt/C Kevin F. Abbey, AP	Springfield
P/D/C Herb (Bud) Greenbacker, SN	Meriden

Planning Committee

Cdr Eugene H. Lewis, Jr., N	Norwich
P/C Ken Bell, Sr., AP	Meriden

Nominating Committee

P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN	Hartford
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Law Officer

P/C Theodore J. Wurz, P	Hartford
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The Nominating Committee

P/D/Lt/C Cliff McKibbin, SN, Chair

Report of the District 1 Audit Committee

To: D/C Patrick Pabouet, AP

14 March 2024

Subject: Audit of District 1 Financial Records for the Fiscal Year: 1 March, 2023 to 29 February, 2024

On 14 March 2024 the Audit Committee completed a thorough audit of the District 1 Treasurer's records as compiled by D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN. The audit was performed in accordance with the District Bylaws and requirements specified in the Operations Manual.

The Audit Committee found the following to be true:

1. Expenditures show no significant irregularities from authorized budget.
2. Investments are in order as reported.
3. All supporting documentation is appropriate and complete.
4. All Records balanced.

We also confirmed that:

1. The IRS 990-N form had been submitted for the FY 2022-2023 and reported to USPS National HQ by the 15 July deadline date on form TR-1.
2. The D/1 payable account at National HQ has a zero balance.
3. The annual report to the Connecticut Secretary of State had been submitted for 2023.
4. District dues for new members have been billed.
5. There are no prepaid expenses for the new fiscal year.
6. The 36 month Cornerstone Term Note is maturing 6/12/24

Issues and recommendations:

1. Budgeted 2024 income adequately reflects realistic income based on current District 1 event participation.
2. The District Inventory list has been updated and completed following the transfer of materials to the new Bridge last Spring.

Finally, we want to commend the Treasurer, D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN, for his exceptional diligence and excellence in maintaining the District records and accounts and thank him for his efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

The District 1 Audit Committee
P/D/C George M. Gilbert, JN, Chairman
Lt/C Kevin Abbey, JN

Cc: D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN
D/Lt/C Linda L. Lewis, AP