

V/C Gary P. Cheney, SN

National Administrative Officer for 2014, V/C Cheney is a native of northeast Ohio and lived most of his life in the port city of Ashtabula on Lake Erie. He joined the Ashtabula Power Squadron in late 1986 and enrolled in Seamanship in January of 1987. In the next three years



he completed all of the Advanced Grade and Elective courses, he holds a rather unique Full Certificate; all of the course stickers are signed by the same National Educational Officer, V/C Louis Spector.

Gary served as squadron executive officer and commander and in 1990 he was appointed to the national Navigation Course Committee where he served for six years. He was elected to the D11 Bridge and served as district commander in 1998. He was again elected to the D11 bridge in 2004 and served as district commander for the second time in 2007. He has spent nine years on the National Budget Committee, three as Staff and six as Rear Commander, and the past 2 years as National Treasurer. Gary has served as aide to two Chief Commanders, National Meetings

Committee Treasurer, chairman of several squadron and district events, and has taught all of the Advanced Grade courses. He is now a member of Erie Power Squadron in D11 and is a Life Member with 27 merit marks, and currently resides in Atlantic Beach, NC.

Gary is a graduate of Kent State University with a Bachelor's in Industrial Technology and Master of Business Administration. His professional career was spent working in small entrepreneurial manufacturing companies in the plastics industry, from grass roots startup to developing young companies.

Growing up on Lake Erie, boating was part of his life from a young age. His first boat was a 16' aluminum outboard and boating quickly became a family affair. They progressed through a number of powerboats until work took him away from the area.

Gary has one daughter who lives with her family near Richmond, VA, and three grandchildren.