

V/C Louie Ojeda, SN

National Executive Officer for 2014, V/C Ojeda and his wife Dorothy (Dot) live in a small community in Southwest Georgia on the shores of Lake Seminole. They built their own home in steel out of habit of watching for hurricanes when they lived in Puerto Rico.



He joined the Ponce Power Squadron (D/33) in 1988. He served on the Squadron Bridge in various leadership positions becoming Commander in 1991. He then served on the District Bridge as Treasurer and became Commander in 1997. Throughout his squadron career he has taught every course from Basic Boating to Junior Navigator and several electives. He has earned 23 merit marks at all levels of USPS.

At the National level he has been an aide to 5 Chief Commanders, served on the Governing Board, Planning, Membership, Meetings and Member Benefits as the Rear Commander. As the Chair of the Ad Hoc Vessel Safety Check committee, he organized and created the program from its inception ending as the Rear Commander of a successful program.

He joined the US Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1990 and served in several positions beginning as a Flotilla Commander, Division vice-Captain and eventually as the Chief of the VSC Technical Division as part of the National Staff. He was also a Vessel Examiner, a Qualification Examiner a Coxswain and holds an AUXOP designation having taken all the educational courses in the Auxiliary.

A Mechanical Engineer by profession from Penn State, he owned several companies in Puerto Rico in the steel construction and electrical supply and design. Louie served for four years in the US Air Force as a non commissioned officer and was on their rifle team. He has also served on the Board of Directors of two private schools and the Ponce Yacht Club. He was the honorary Mayor of Coral Bay, St John USVI, because of his humanitarian effort after hurricanes Marilyn and Luis.

Dot worked for McGriff, Seibels and Williams as the Marine Underwriter for St. Paul/Travelers USPS boat insurance program. She was a public speaker for the insurance industry and taught several marine related classes to large corporations. She has earned 17 merit marks working in all positions at Squadron level, as a Chief Commander's aide for 8 years and National Member Benefits. She is presently on the Social Committee and the Ship's Store.

Together they share a love for sailing, fishing and diving in the Caribbean and the US. They recently sold their sailboat after their move to Georgia but presently own a bass boat, a pontoon boat for their seven grandchildren and a twin engine ocean-going offshore fishing boat. Louie has raced sailboats since he was a teenager and has accumulated a large collection of trophies.

Louie and Dot have a blended family that includes four children and seven grandchildren. They are divided between Tampa and Birmingham. They drive over two thousand miles per month doing Squadron business and visiting grandchildren and enjoy many water sports with them.