



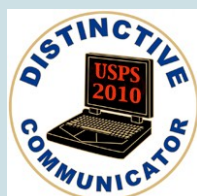
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Spring 2011

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From the Helm: Another Championship Season for District 10

In the last Communicator, I reported on a summary of events prior to the Fall Conference in Green Bay. The Green Bay Sail & Power Squadron was hosting the conference to help celebrate their 70th Anniversary. Cdr Paul Struve, AP and Conference Chair, P/C Leo Loeb, SN, along with several volunteers gave us a fantastic weekend. You may also recall that National Administrative Officer V/C Robert Baldrige, SN and his wife Nancy joined us for the weekend as the Chief Commander's Representative. Robert and Nancy just happen to be passionate football fans loyal to the New Orleans Saints, which you might expect since they're from the Baton Rouge Sail and Power Squadron out of District 15.



Cdr Paul Struve , AP & Emy Struve



V/C Robert Baldrige, SN & Nancy Baldrige

D/C Jim Pahl-Washa, JN



Maybe it was just destiny that the Green Bay Packers would become the next Super Bowl Champions three months

later. We had a chance to discuss the possibilities of that happening with V/C Baldrige last weekend at the USPS Annual Conference and Change of Watch in Orlando, Florida. It turns out that "Going to Disney World" is a dream come true for Aaron Rogers just like the rest of us.

In other news from the National Conference and Change of Watch, C/C Frank Dvorak, SN, was elected for a second term. However, the biggest news might just be the election of V/C Jean Hamilton as National Secretary. This is the first time that National has elected a woman to the Bridge, and I wouldn't be surprised to see her become Chief Commander sometime within the next few years. It's long overdue for National to break that glass ceiling.

District 10 was well represented at the Annual Conference considering the travel problems due to the snow storms that cancelled many flights across the Midwest.

In addition to the workshops and seminars, more than 250 USPS members were treated to a Cirque du Soleil show at Downtown Disney on Thursday evening. The Downtown Disney area is a great entertainment area with several shops and res-

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taurants. 28 D10 members selected one of the most exciting restaurants for our District Dinner Party, Fulton's Crab House (actually it's a Boat).

We returned from Orlando with several awards that will be distrib-



P/D/C Bob Stierna & Patsy Stierna with Life Member Certificate at Orlando Award Ceremony

uted at the upcoming Spring Conference in Minneapolis at our next Change of Watch. We'll be handing out Educational Fund awards, Communication awards for publications and websites, and for membership. But it will be my special honor to award the following five District 10 members their Life Member membership cards and lapel pins for achieving 25 merit marks.

	Door County	Robert Stierna, SN
	Duluth	James Munger SN
	Green Bay	John T Whittemore SN
	Hiawatha Valley	Neil D McMillin SN
	St Paul	Arthur A. Mollica SN

P/D/C Art Mollica and P/D/C Bob Stierna were on hand to receive their certificates from C/C Frank Dvorak, SN at the Annual Awards Ceremony in Orlando.

We returned home on Sunday February 6th just in time to see the Green Bay Packers win the Superbowl. It topped off a great weekend and a great year as your D/C.

I look forward to sharing more about our year together during the State of the District Presentation at the upcoming Spring Conference and Change of Watch in Minneapolis.

D/C Jim Pahl-Washa, JN



Art Mollica Receiving Life Member Certificate from C/C Frank Dvorak SN

District Educational Department

D/Lt/C Bob Stierna, SN

Patsy & I have spent between 2 and 4 months on the road for each of the last few years, mostly seeing the southern US while the boat is sleeping in the shed. We also use the trip to travel to the USPS Annual Meeting. We have a Lance truck camper, which has all the systems of a full size travel trailer, including a slide out, but not the square footage. Having come up from motorcycles, tents, and boat interiors, we're not seriously impacted by the closeness, so to us it's huge. Heck, we even have a 50 pound dog inside. However, one does need to have an unconditional high regard for one's mate and a cooperative nature.

Because we travel so much, we have to be able to conduct business on the road. I'm a serious student of the stock market, so I'll have a laptop, a small TV that doubles as a second screen, (and a news source), an android phone that works as a traveling wi-fi hotspot, and be getting a couple of feeds from the exchanges, and a small note pad. On her half, Patsy has her Apple and a video camera. The point is, we have to be flexible, eating, working, sleeping, and securing for travel in a very small space. By the way, the dog curls up under the table while we work.

When I took on the DEO job for a second time, I knew it would only be for one year, which is a short time in a pretty complicated position. Consequently, I kind of viewed myself as a transitional figure. I would be fleshing out some of my predecessors' programs, and generally keeping the trains running on time. Ah, but as I've alluded to before, the winds of change are flowing strongly in our organization. In addition to Boat Operator Certification and Brunswick, major parts of the educational data system are under revision and are incompatible with the old. Flexibility and prioritization have been key ingredients this past year.

At the annual meeting we were introduced to a new Boat Operator Certification regimen. Our current Advanced Certifiers will become Inland Navigator Certifiers, but will lose the ability to clone themselves. It seems that as we went 2 or 3 iterations into certifying certifiers, we had the telephone message prob-

lem, in that the message became diluted. Further Inland Navigator Certifiers and all Coastal Navigator Certifiers will be trained by special teams. Also at the annual meeting there was some indication that the parameters for the pilot project for Brunswick may be loosening, which may allow us to expand the program to other squadrons. We will be trying to

get a better fix on this approaching spring conference. Finally, there is a new HQ800 system to replace the public boating data infrastructure (and a soon to be released Boating Course Assistant) which will need to be understood and communicated.

A leader is only as good as his supporting staff. My able assistant, D/1st/Lt Bob Denoto, JN is as strong a second as one could ever hope for, and will make an absolutely outstanding DEO. He's run a "First in the Nation" effort at the squadron level, and has been an active partner in the running of the department. P/D/C Maury Rice, JN has been our ABC coordinator for Wisconsin and handled those duties with aplomb. D/Lt Sandy Columb, AP, has done a similarly outstanding job as ABC Coordinator for Minnesota. And she's been doing it since I recruited her the first time I was DEO. And of course, I don't want to forget our SEO's, who actually make it all happen.

Finally, my new Squadron, Door County, has asked me to come in as their Executive Officer, so I will continue to have an excuse to see all my friends.



District Executive Officer

Executive Department Rises to the Challenge for D10 Success

For the past year or so, I've been talking about the challenges we have to try new things and expand our horizons as an organization. I'm happy to report that we are on course to do that very thing and I'm excited to continue that trend in the future. With PR, Marketing, and Safety leading the way this year, that's what we have done in the Executive Department. We have seen an increase in member involvement, have found new ways to broadcast our message to fellow boaters, and new ways to make our organization more attractive to people inside and outside USPS. We have conducted more VSC's, took our message to boaters during Safe Boating Week, participated with local marinas during National Marina Day, introduced new squadron activities, and did more events on the water than ever before.

I'm especially proud of the national awards we won for promoting USPS civic services that were shown to a public audience. Our District was also recognized for other efforts to promote USPS by using multiple electronic media venues like YouTube and Facebook, as well as utilizing local community cable TV stations. The use of electronic media and social networking must continue to play a large role in our efforts to promote the mission of USPS and attract new members. However, while these tools are nice, the efforts put forth all year by our vessel safety examiners and other members during safe boating week, were exemplary and this personal contact is the cornerstone of our past and future success.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the following members who served within the Executive Department throughout the last year. I look forward to thanking them again in person at the Spring Conference in Minneapolis.

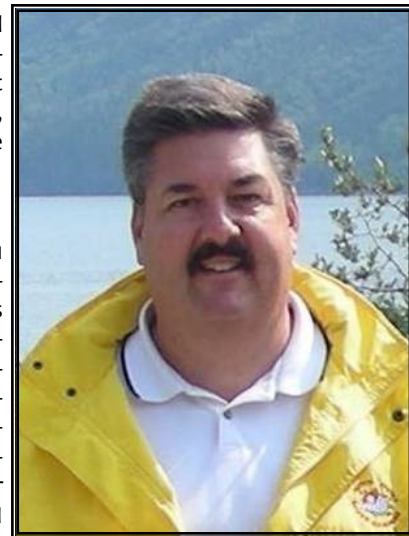
Cooperative Charting Chair:
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Liaison Officer
Public Relations Officer
Sqdn Development Officer
Radio Technical Officer
Safety Officer
VSC Chair

R/C Jeff Hamilton, AP
R/C Greg Korstad, AP
P/D/C Ron Kraase, SN
D/Lt Nancy Hamilton, S
D/Lt Dave Stokes, S
D/Lt Jim Crowley, AP
Stf/C Mike Wiedel, JN
D/Lt Cliff Schmidt, P
P/R/C Neil McMillin SN

I would also like to thank the members of District 10 for allowing me to serve as the District Executive Officer. I've truly enjoyed this past year collaborating with so many great people. I'm excited about the challenges ahead and embracing the traditions

of USPS while introducing new ideas that will fuel member involvement, attract the next generation of boaters, and establish our future success.

As we look to the 2011 watch year, I am honored to be nominated as your next District Commander and I look forward to our year together. I have established some pretty aggressive initiatives for the coming year and I would like to share some of them with you now.



Electronic media and communications - Champion the use of electronic communications throughout the District, including meetings, and expand our use of social networking sites to attract the next generation of boaters. Promote internet recruitment and membership services, including the Cyber Squadron.

Leadership Development - Implement a platform for consistent training for our future leadership, encourage succession planning at all levels, and address the need to change USPS demographics for membership growth.

Star Squadron - Transition the Star Squadron Program from the current 3 year program to new measurements based on what successful squadrons have done to address the changing needs of their membership.

Have fun and celebrate successes - Have fun by increasing membership involvement at District events and Squadron activities. Celebrate individual, Squad-

District Administrative Officer

Membership related issues are always important in the Administrative Department. As of 31 December 2010, our membership is 1226. This is a loss of 104 members from the same date in 2009. Two squadrons in the district had net increases in membership. Congratulations go to St Paul for 8.7% growth; and to Sheboygan for coming in 5th place in Group 3 of the National Growth Award. This award used to recognize the top 10% of Squadrons that grew their membership, and it still does that. Now however, it divides squadrons into 3 groups by size: above 149 members is group 1, 60-148 members is Group 2; and 60 members and below is Group 3. District 10 intends to follow the lead of National and will revise our award structure.

Three squadrons submitted entries for the Membership Involvement and Retention Award (MIRA). Though none were award winners, I would like to recognize Milwaukee, Oshkosh, and St Paul for their efforts. People that are constantly looking for ways to engage our membership are the key to our future.

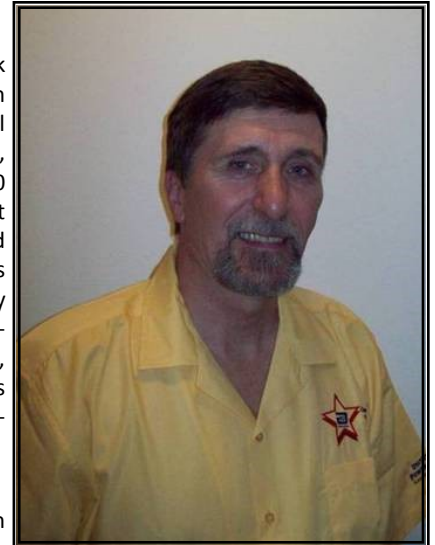
Another new program is the "Doing it Right" Award, or DIR. Over the years the National Membership Committee has developed a list of what healthy squadrons do to ensure their growth from year to year. This list was used by the National Membership Committee (MEMCOM) as the basis for developing the questionnaire for the Doing It Right Award. Our district had 3 squadrons submit entries this year; they were Duluth, Milwaukee and Minnetonka. They could answer yes to the required 15 questions; the bar will be higher by one more next year. Members of D10 will be hearing a lot more about this program in the near future, as elements of it are likely to appear in the coming year's Star Squadron Program.

Another program of the Membership Committee is the Boarman Youth Poster Contest. D10 continues its wining ways by taking a 3rd place award in the 9-11 year category. We would like to congratulate Kade Retterath from Mound MN, for his efforts. You may recognize the name; Kade won his category last year. My thanks to all of those people who went out and got the kids to participate. We all know that involved kids are future members.

There were lots of fun events around the district this year. Most of the boating related activities around the district were placed on the calendar in Sail Angle. This meant that if you had a weekend where you didn't know what to do, you could access the calendar and find something. Thanks to Suzanne Carman for her efforts.

Speaking of boating activities, many thanks go to the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron for hosting the 2010 D10 Rendezvous. If you didn't make it, you missed a fabulous event. You get another chance this year in Sturgeon Bay, 5-7 August 2011, hosted by Door County Sail and Power Squadron. This weekend coincides with the Wooden Boat Show. Don't miss it!

D/Lt/C Richard Baker, AP



I would like to thank members of my own squadron, Madison Sail and Power Squadron, for hosting the 2010 D10 Spring Conference. It was a special weekend for us, because it was our 50th Anniversary celebration, and because one of our own, Jim Pahl-Washa, was sworn in as District Commander.

Thanks also to Green Bay Sail and Power Squadron, who hosted the 2010 D10 Fall Conference in Green Bay. It was a wonderful event with great food, and lots of different activities, both on and off site.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the upcoming 2011 D10 Spring Conference, hosted by Minnetonka Power Squadron. The date is 25-27 March 2011 in Minneapolis. You get another chance to let your inner cowboy out at the western themed Friday night party, which will conclude across the street (for some of us, I'm sure) at Toby Keith's "I Love this Bar". Don't miss it!

I would like to extend my very special thanks to everyone in my department this year.

Conference Chair: D/Lt Julie Pahl-Washa, P

Membership/Member Involvement Chair: D/Lt Jim Crowley, AP

Boating Activities Chair: D/Lt Suzanne Carman

Leadership Development Co-Chair: D/Lt Kris Harmon, AP

Leadership Development Co-Chair: Lt/C Jeff Schott, AP

District Treasurer

D/Lt/C Kris Harmon, AP

Bits and Pieces from the “Office” of the Treasurer

Certificates of Insurance

You probably already know that USPS insurance (through the Chub Insurance Group) provides coverage for districts and squadrons that use property owned by others for classrooms, meeting and other events. But did you also know how easy it is to obtain a Certificate of Insurance? When evidence of insurance is required by a property owner or lessor, you (any member) can complete the certificate of insurance request form **and submit it on line**. I've heard that turnaround has been as little as two days! Here are seven simple steps:

1. Go to USPS.org
2. Go to the Site Index
3. Select “Insurance Information”
4. Validate that you are a member, as required
5. Select “Certificate of Insurance Request Form”
6. Complete the form
7. Click to Submit by Email

QuickBooks

This is a quick reminder that every squadron in District 10 is eligible for reimbursement when buying a copy of QuickBooks through Tech Soup. You may also receive reimbursement when you buy any type of QuickBooks user guide or manual. Titles available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble include: QuickBooks All-in-One for Dummies and QuickBooks 2011 - The Official Guide. You can also download information directly from the QuickBooks website at:

<http://support.quickbooks.intuit.com/Support/Articles/INF12758>

Dues Increases

Beginning June 1, 2011, National dues will increase \$2.00, to \$41.00 for an individual member and \$60.50 for a member plus any number of family. District dues will remain the same, at \$14.00 for an individual member and \$21.00 for a member plus any number of family. Squadron dues are, of course, determined by each location; increases (if any) are typically voted on at a membership meeting.



What about an increase in District dues? Watch this column for a discussion regarding dues increases – circumstances warranting them, when, how much, before/after all available funds are depleted, etc. – in the fall edition of the *D10 Communicator*. Anyone wishing to weigh in is welcome to send thoughts, opinions, suggestions, comments to me at klharmon@comcast.net. I'd like to hear from you!

No more bits and pieces for now. Hope to see a crowd at the Spring Conference!

Kris Harmon

District Secretary

There are many who served your District this past year, too many to single them all out. However there is one district servant that has asked to resign after many years of service.

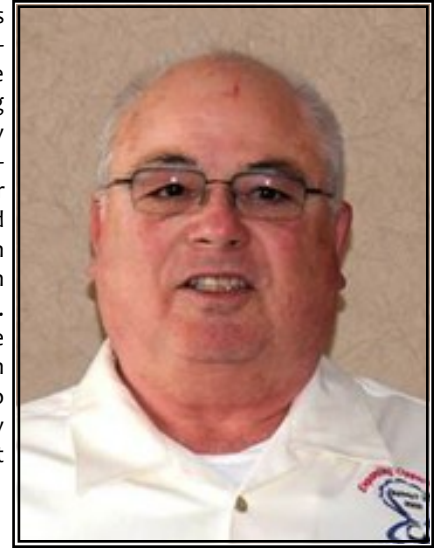
I am speaking of P/D/C John (Jack) Newman, AP. Problems with his longevity have caused physical as well as eye trouble for Jack. He served as District Historian for many years, responsible for compiling a record of squadron and district events and meetings. He has left some huge shoes to be filled, however luckily, P/D/C Don Schult, Sr., AP has accepted the position. Don felt that this position would enable him to keep up with the activities of his beloved D-10 while he and Kathy pursue their fortunes in Tennessee. Thanks for stepping up Don.

I too, will be finishing my third and final(?) year as your secretary. I have enjoyed the ride and have come away with a greater appreciation for the past secretaries that served D-10. Tape recorders and computers make my job much easier and faster than those serving in the past. I will be assisted this year by P/C Oded Galili, P from Hiawatha Valley. This will give me a break and Oded a chance to get a leg up on the position.

I hope all squadrons will send their secretaries and all their Bridge members to the Spring Conference. There they will find training sessions devoted to their new positions and meet others serving in the same position in other D-10 squadrons. The friendships made at these sessions can last a life time and who knows, they too may wonder what they got themselves into.

Fraternally Yours,

Jeff Davis



D/Lt/C Jeff Davis, AP

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ron, and District successes and use those success stories to build future member involvement and growth.

Public Relations and Marketing - Develop outreach program that utilizes electronic media and partner with local businesses, communities, schools, marinas, and boat dealers to expand educational opportunities and drive the USPS message to the next generation of members by facilitating family and youth activities.

Take it to the water - Conduct more activities on the water...within education, civic, and fraternal. Use this as a means to encourage all members to make their own splash on the organization.

To drive these initiatives, the 2011 District Team logo emphasizes the need for all members to "Make a Splash" and reminds us that being part of this organization is "Fun for kids of all ages". The logo is a combination of traditional lettering and contemporary style symbolizing the need for us to embrace our traditions and build brand recognition while we look to the future. It represents the need for us to have more on the water activities and let the fun and enthusiasm our members have for boating, drench all who we come in contact with. Whether it is civic, education, or fraternal, when it comes to our boats, we are all kids at heart!

I look forward to spending time with you at the District 10 Spring Conference 25-27 March at the Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis, MN.



We have a wonderful event planned for you and you can find the weekend agenda, registration form, and additional information about the activities planned on other pages of this publication. In keeping with our initiatives, the Council meeting will be held via electronic means on the 23rd of March and is designed to set a precedent for future district meetings.

I encourage you to "Make a Splash!"...it's "Fun for kids of all ages".

D/Lt/Cdr Mike Skelley, AP

Kid's Corner

By Jessica Skelley

Being a member of the United States Power Squadrons can be a lot of fun, especially for us kids. Let me tell you why. One weekend recently, I went to the boat show. I always go to the boat show and have fun, then, when it is over I leave thinking I cannot wait to go again next year! When I went to the boat show this year, I worked in the USPS booth and handed out information about upcoming safe boating classes and flyers about becoming a member, especially to families. I think more kids should be members or family members of a squadron. After I was done helping at the booth, I went and looked around at other booths and saw people scuba diving in a large tank, you could do it if you were 10 so I was not old enough, but it was fun to watch. The best part of the boat show is that I got to go on boats and look inside them...I can't wait until spring!

screamed "GO PACK GO" to hear the echo, it was huge! They had a game the next day against the Cowboys, so they were fertilizing the field and painting the lines and logos. It was a lot of FUN!

Coming up in March, there is the District 10 Spring Conference and Change of Watch. I would like to see as many USPS kids there as possible. I would like to en-

courage District 10 members to bring their children and grandchildren to this event in Minneapolis. There is going to be a bunch of kid's activities. You can participate in the Friday evening Country Western Night with your parents until 8 pm & then join us for a movie and pajama party from 8-10 pm. Dur-



In November I went to the District 10 Fall Conference in Green Bay, WI, where I got to tour Lambeau Field (the Packer's stadium). I went wearing my Adrian Peterson jersey and MN Vikings sweatshirt and came out a Packer fan with lots of souvenirs. I took a tour of the Packer Hall of Fame! It was very interesting and they had statues of famous players, facts about the teams, and other interesting stuff. I toured the stadium, it was big! We

ing the day on Saturday, we will have water related activities & games (we'll even sneak in a little learning!), snack & goody bags included. On Saturday night we will have a Pizza & Pool Party!!! Games, contests, & activities, both in the water & out, and prizes will be awarded. I can guarantee if you come you will have FUN! I hope to see you there.



**2011 District 10
Spring Conference Agenda
25, 26, 27 March 2011
Doubletree Hotel
Minneapolis – Park Place**



Wednesday, 23 March

1900-2100 District Council Meeting

WebEx

Friday, 25 March

1500-1800 Registration
1600-1730 District Planning Committee (Closed Meeting)
1600-1730 District Nominating Committee (Closed Meeting)
1700-1800 Conference Welcome & Orientation – All Members & Guests Welcome
1800-2100 Commander's Reception, Games, and Dinner – Cash Bar & Country Western Night
2000-2200 Children's Movie & PJ Party
2100-Till the cows come home! Optional Country Western Party

Terrace Foyer
Terrace 1
Terrace 2
Terrace 3
Park Ballroom
Terrace 1
Toby Keith's Bar

Saturday, 26 March

0600-1000 DoubleTree Breakfast Buffet
0800-1000 Registration
0730-0930 Commanders Workshop
0730-0930 Executive Department Workshop
0730-0930 Administrative Department Workshop
0730-0930 Treasurer Department Workshop
0730-0930 Secretary Department Workshop
0730-0930 Education Department Workshop
0830-0930 Alternate Workshop – "Fresh Floral Arrangements"
0930-1030 Alternate Workshop – "Beyond Geraniums" container & window containers
0945-1215 Children's Activities & Games \$10
0930-0945 Break
0945-1215 District Conference Meeting & Election

1215-1345 Luncheon & Presentation: **Boat Surveying & Oddities**; D/Lt Cliff Schmidt, P

1400-1600 Education Seminar: "Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes" \$25; D/Lt/C Kris Harmon, AP
1400-1700 Best Ballpark in America Tour – Target Field \$20 for adults, \$10 for children

1730-1830 Hospitality – Cash Bar
1830-2200 Dinner, Awards, District 10 Change of Watch Program
1800-2200 Children's Pizza & Pool Party \$10

Dover Restaurant
Terrace Foyer
Park Ballroom 1
Park Ballroom 2
Terrace 1
Terrace 2
Terrace 3
Terrace 4
Lower Atrium
Lower Atrium
Terrace 4

Park Ballroom

Terrace 1, 2 & 3

Terrace 4
Lobby

Park Ballroom
Park Ballroom
Orchard

Sunday, 27 March

0600-1000 DoubleTree Breakfast Buffet
0800-0900 Caffeine with the Commander & Chief's Rep, Round Table Q&A Discussion
0900-1000 "N Club" Seminar – Advancing Your Boating Education (Open to all Members and Guests)
1000-1130 District 10 Bridge Meeting

Dover Restaurant
Terrace 1
Terrace 1
Terrace 4

Uniform of the Day:

Friday Afternoon Business Casual or Team USPS shirts
Friday Evening Country Western Attire – Prizes Awarded!
Saturday Team USPS shirts, Bridge will wear D/C Jim's Team Shirt
Saturday Evening Uniform A with Bow Tie or appropriate Evening Attire
Sunday Casual attire, Bridge will wear D/C Mike's Team Shirt





USPS District 10
2011 Spring Conference Registration Form
Minnetonka Power Squadron
25th, 26th, 27th March 2011
DoubleTree Hotel – Minneapolis (St. Louis Park)
(952) 542-8600 or (800) 245-9190



Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Power Squadron: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
 Child: _____ Age _____ Child: _____ Age _____ Child: _____ Age _____

Event	Cost	Number	Total
Friday – Country Western Night. "Happy Trails" buffet (see page 2 for details).	\$32		\$
Children: Enjoy the "Happy Trails" buffet, followed by a movie and pajama party – ages 5-12 (see page 2 for details).	\$10		\$
Saturday Morning Alternative Activity / Adults (please indicate number attending): 8:30-9:30 am: "Fresh Flower Arrangements" – Gina Castleman, Linsk Flowers. 9:30-10:30 am: "Beyond Geraniums" (container & window box decorations) – Connie Young, Master Gardener (see page 2 for details).	Free Free	_____ _____	0
Saturday Morning Activity / Children – 9:45 am-12:15 pm. Games & activities – ages 5-12 (see page 2).	\$10		\$
Saturday Lunch & Presentation–Sandwich Buffet: Roast beef, turkey, ham, salami. Includes soup, sandwich, chips, dessert bars and beverage.	Adults \$25 Kids \$10	_____ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____
Saturday Afternoon Activity – Private tour of the new Twins Baseball Stadium. Transportation on your own or arrive in the lobby at 2:00 pm and we'll carpool. Arrive at Stadium before 2:30 pm. LIMITED AVAILABILITY – sign up early!	Adults \$20 Kids \$10	_____ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____
Saturday Afternoon Activity – Charming Charley's Shopping Excursion (see page 2).	Free		0
Saturday Dinner – includes Gourmet Salad & Bailey's Irish Cream Chocolate Torte. Dinner selection – indicate quantity of each dinner below: ____ Chicken Coq au Vin braised in Red Wine, Potatoes & Vegetables ____ Sirloin of Beef with Peppercorn Demi-glace, Potatoes & Vegetables ____ Vegetarian or Special Meal: Please describe: _____	\$42 \$42 \$42	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
Saturday Evening: Pizza & Pool Party – ages 5-12 (see page 2 for details).	\$10		\$
USPS Seminar – Saturday, 2-4:00 pm. Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes.	\$25		
Late fee if received after 11 March 2011			\$ 10.00
TOTAL			\$

Saturday and Sunday breakfast buffet is included with room if staying at hotel.

Make check payable to: Minnetonka Power Squadron
 Reply by: 11 March 2011
 Mail form & check to: Lt. Lois Palmer
 545 77th St W, Eagan, MN 55121
lpalmer@argentasystems.com

For more information, go to:
www.usps-d10.org

Hotel Information: Group Code: UPS, Reservation Deadline: 11 March 2011
[DoubleTree Hotel Minneapolis-Park Place](http://DoubleTreeHotelMinneapolis-ParkPlace.com) (952) 542-8600 or (800) 245-9190
 1500 Park Place Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55416

- Indoor swimming pool To reserve a room, press Ctrl and [click here](#).
 - West End Shopping / Restaurants across the street
- Ask for the *Minnetonka Power Squadron* rate of \$89 (includes breakfast buffet).



Friday Night - 6:00 pm**Country Western Night - \$32**

Come wearing your country best. You will receive one drawing ticket for each country article of clothing or accessory. Buffet menu includes:



KC Steak & Potato Soup

Coleslaw

BBQ Pulled Pork

Finger Lickin' Fried Chicken

Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans and Carrots

Big Sky Apple Pie, Chocolate Cake & Vanilla Cheesecake

The *Backwoods Boys* band will play until 8:30 pm. Continue the party - head on over to the new *Toby Keith's I Love This Bar* across the street.

Children's Activities - (ages 5-12)

Friday evening 6-10 pm - \$10; Participate in the Friday evening Country Western Night with your parents until 8 pm & then join us for a movie and pajama party from 8-10 pm.

Saturday morning 9:45 am-12:15 pm - \$10; Water related activities & games (we'll even sneak in a little learning!). Snack & goody bag included.

Saturday night 6-10 pm - \$10; Pizza & Pool Party!!! Games, contests & activities, both in the water & out. Prizes will be awarded. (A minimum of 6 participants will be required to offer any Children's activities).

**Saturday Morning Alternate Seminars - Free**

"Fresh Flower Arrangements" by Gina Castleman, Linsk Flowers, St. Louis Park, 8:30-9:30 am; Learn how to arrange flowers like the professionals! Gina will show you how with easy to follow tips! Audience participation will be part of this fun filled seminar.

"Beyond Geraniums" by Connie Young, Master Gardener Hennepin County, 9:30-10:30 am; Learn basic container and window box planting techniques;

- Choosing Containers
- Soils, Fertilizers
- How to Plant a Container
- How to Keep Containers Looking Their Best

Think Spring!! Fun and new ideas! Question & answer time. Bring your gardening and horticulture questions.

**Saturday After Lunch - Options****Best Ballpark in America Tour - \$20 (Kids \$10):**

Enjoy a private tour of the new Twins Baseball Stadium, home of the ALC Champions. Transportation on your own or arrive in the lobby at 2:00 pm and we'll carpool. Arrive at Stadium before 2:30 pm - it's a 1 hour, 1 mile tour.

USPS Seminar - \$25; Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes.

Charming Charlie Shopping Excursion - Free; Go across the street to mingle, shop for jewelry & accessories at a reasonable price, snack and bejeweled. Special Discount. Minimum of 10 people.

Other; Relax by the pool, go across the street to the new West End to shop or go to a movie, go to the Bakken Museum.

**Lots of great items in our drawing & silent auction!!!**

Don't miss our 48' Searay and the 28' Donzi - they could be yours!? Remote-controlled, of course!

- Baskets to outfit your galley: BBQ items, nautical utensils, serving items.
- Beach toys for the kids.
- Ship Store items.
- Spring décor items!
- Boating accessories & equipment from Linsk Flowers

Best of all-two framed, numbered, and signed prints-by Tod Demers.

- "The Great Rescue" of 1912
- "Drills and Rescues" of 1915.

These will be offered at the silent auction. These are an amazing pair of nautical prints for your home!

Call to the D10 2011 Spring Conference Meeting

25-27 March 2011

DoubleTree Hotel Minneapolis 1500 Park Place Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55416

To: D10 District Council; D10 Past District Commanders and all other members of District 10

In accordance with the bylaws of District 10, Section 5.6, the District 10 2011 Spring Conference Meeting (to which all members are cordially invited) has been called.

Departing from the usual practice of holding the Council meeting on the Friday of conference weekend, the D10 Bridge has decided to hold the Council meeting via electronic means/conference call on 23 March 2011. The meeting will convene at 1900 and is expected to conclude by 2100. All pertinent data including agenda and connection information will be distributed to the Council in advance of the meeting.

The Conference meeting will convene at 0945 on 26 March 2011 at the Double Tree Hotel Minneapolis, for the purpose of acting on matters set forth below:

1. To receive and act upon reports of officers and committees.
2. To elect elective officers and members of committees.
(See the *Report of the Nominations Committee* elsewhere in this Issue and which is incorporated into and made a part of this call).
3. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

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District 10 Nominating Committee Report

9 February 2011

Slate of Nominees for Election 2011-2012

Commander	D/Lt/C Michael J. Skellev, AP	
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Richard L. Baker, AP	
Educational Officer	D/1 st /Lt Anthony R. DeNoto, JN	
Assistant Educational Officer	P/R/C Alan F. Wentworth, SN	
Administrative Officer	P/C Marie Coons, P	
Assistant Administrative Officer	P/C Geoff C. Carman, AP	
Secretary	D/Lt/C Jeffrey R. Davis, AP	
Assistant Secretary	P/C Oded Galili, AP	
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Kristine L. Harmon, AP	
Assistant Treasurer	Lt/C Valerie Ouellette, AP	
Rules Committee (3-Year Term)	P/R/C Alan F. Wentworth, SN	2012
	Lt/C Claudia B. Miran, P	2013
	R/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP	2014
Planning Committee (3-Year Term)	P/D/C Alford E. Harmon, JN	2012
	P/C Leonard A. Robinson, S	2012
	Lt Donald A. Duncan, AP	2013
	P/C Gilman J. (Jack) Stone, S	2013
	P/D/C James L. Pahl-Washa, JN	2014
	P/C Bernadette Dohr, AP	2014
Audit Committee (3-Year Term)	Lt/C Dale R. Anderson, AP	2012
	Lt/C David F. Poulin, AP	2013
	P/D/Lt/C Bud Broekema, AP	2014
Nominating Committee (3-Year Term)		
Central Wisconsin	P/D/Lt/C William Dohr, SN	2012
Hiawatha	Stf/C Ben Coons, JN	2012
Minnetonka	R/C Jeff C. Hamilton, AP	2012
Door County	Lt William C. Galligan, AP	2013
Green Bay	P/C Leo Loeb, SN	2013
Milwaukee	Stf/C Michael S. Wiedel, JN	2013
St. Paul	P/C Robert M. Schmit, AP	2013
Duluth	P/C Todd M. Carlson, S	2014
Madison	P/C Robert H. Satterfield, AP	2014
Oshkosh	Cdr Carl G. Jansen, P	2014
Sheboygan	P/C Jennifer Cihak-Peschke, S	2014
Alternates (1-Year Term)		
Central Wisconsin	P/R/C Maurice G. Rice, Jr., JN	
Door County		
Duluth	P/C Robert H. Ouellette, AP	
Green Bay	Lt/C Geoffrey W. Matze, AP	
Hiawatha	Cdr Oded Galili, AP	
Madison	P/C Cynthia R. Parisi, P	
Milwaukee	P/D/C Ronald M. Kraase, SN	
Minnetonka	Lt Donald A. Duncan, AP	
Oshkosh	P/C Wesley D. Koplitz, AP	
Sheboygan		
St. Paul	P/C Nancy J. Anderson, AP	



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2011 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS
hosted by
DOOR COUNTY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
in beautiful
Door County
5, 6, & 7 AUGUST



*More detailed information will be available at the
Spring Conference in Minneapolis.*



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