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From the Helm...

This is the last article I'll write as D10 Commander. Everyone who has ever written their last article will probably say the year went by really fast, and I'm no different. It's been a lot of fun though, and I'd like to take a look back and then turn around and project into the future.

My theme for the year was "Make a Difference". The idea was to ask each member to take a look at their squadron for something that needed doing, and the hope would be that with everyone contributing something, our squadrons would be re-energized and more successful. The bridge in my logo represented the path that as individuals we take into our squadrons, but it also is the path the squadrons take back into the community. The level of community involvement that our district's squadron's exhibit is one reason I'm so proud to be a member of District 10.

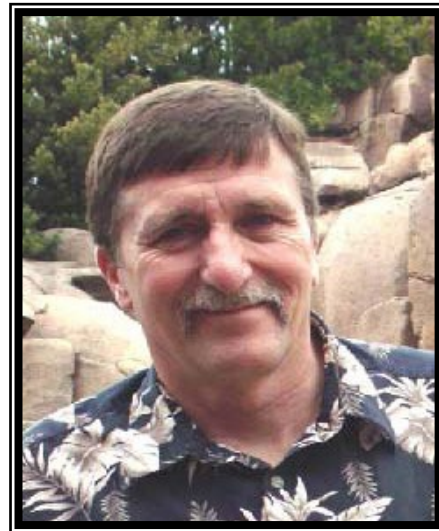
The year started with the members of my squadron, Madison Sail and Power Squadron, hosting the 2012 D10 Spring Conference in Middleton Wisconsin. Nicknamed "The Big Dance", the conference was a success, and that event primed everyone for the next event, the D10 Summer Rendezvous. The Rendezvous was hosted by the members of Central Wisconsin Sail and Power Squadron. I came away with a newfound enthusiasm for kayaking, a pastime that I will be taking up this coming

summer. Big thanks to both squadrons for hosting these events.

This year we finalized the transition to a Star Squadron program that melded our program with the "Doing it Right" program in a unique way that saved some work for the squadron commanders. If the Star Squadron form was filled out, it automatically filled out the DIY form. It worked well, and the program directors at National were impressed. Additionally, the district had 100% participation from our squadrons. Thanks to Star Squadron Chair Kris Harmon for her work on that program.

Membership is down from last year at this time, but as I write this the January report is not in, so I can't be definitive. Suffice it to say we lost somewhere in the neighborhood of 120 members over the last year, a number that has remained constant for a number of years now. Despite that, we are projecting being under budget for the year. One big factor in that result was the D10 Fall Conference.

Because no squadron was willing to host the conference, the District itself hosted it. We tried a new one day format that reduced the cost to attendees, and also reduced the amount the district spent to host the conference. District Administrative Officer Dale Perry led a team of peo-



D/C Richard Baker, AP

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ple from across the district that stepped up and “Made a Difference” for the event.

After a couple years of failing to generate interest in our Leadership Development Program, we presented a seminar at the Fall Conference that was very well attended and generated very positive feedback. Thanks to Kris Harmon and Mike Skelly for facilitating this program.

Another notable accomplishment that came out of the Fall Conference was the assignment of hosting responsibility for the Fall Conferences for the next 10 years, as a result of a “lottery” held in the Commander’s workshop on Saturday. District leadership has committed assistance to squadrons to the extent required to make these events successful as we move forward.

The USPS Water Trainer made it to D10 late in the summer, largely due to the efforts of Past District Commander Ben Coons, with assistance from District Educational Officer Bob DeNoto. All of the participants had a great time using the trainer. The “Practical on the Water Training” seminar represents one of the bright spots in our quest to interest the boating public in what we have to offer.

P/D/C Ben Coons also spearheaded a partnership with Sea Tow to place radios in several locations on the Mississippi and Lake Michigan. These radios used a dedicated channel to allow boaters to request a radio check, thereby freeing up space on channel 16. After the radio plays back the boaters request, thereby confirming that his radio does work, the boater then hears a brief commercial for the squadron that hosts the radio. This is a great way to spread our name amongst the boating public, and the cost to us is right, because it’s free!

DEO DeNoto and Assistant DEO Alan Wentworth have been working hard to get “Distance Learning” operational this year. This is a program that leverages technology to allow a class taught at one venue to be broadcast to a remote location so attendees wouldn’t have to travel so far to take a class. This will prove useful to squadrons that have trouble putting on classes because of limited resources.

Another technology successfully adopted by D10 is the webinar. This allows us to have meetings without the restrictions required by travel. Past District Commander Mike Skelly lead the way for D10, and with his position on the National Planning Committee, Mike is helping other districts to get up to speed on this too. Once again, D10 is leading the way forward in USPS.

There is lots more good stuff going on in the district, but I’m running out of space, so you’ll have to look elsewhere in this issue to find it. Better yet, attend the 2013 D10 Spring Conference, hosted by Hiawatha Valley, and hear about it all first hand. Welcome Incoming Commander Marie Coons and the new Bridge, and have some big fun too.

And now the look forward I spoke of earlier. I’ve already spoken about some of the newer stuff we can use to help our organization grow and prosper, but there’s more. You’ve probably heard about the partnership with Brunswick to offer our courses to their customers. The response from squadrons on the whole has been lukewarm at best, and that’s really too bad. Watch for updates from our Educational Department as the program is refined further. I think you’ll find it will prove to be a benefit to squadrons looking to expand.

Another partnership that will prove useful is a new one announced at the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville. This is a deal with Boat US to offer our courses to their 500,000 members in an online format. This will mean tremendous exposure for USPS, and if handled right, could be a big benefit to us. This program is designed to appeal to a part of the boating public that we wouldn’t typically reach- the person who wants only an online education.

In conclusion, it’s been an honor to serve District 10 for the last 8 years. I’ve said many times, if you ask anyone who has served as Commander, they will tell you it was a rewarding experience. I urge you to consider taking a leadership role in your own squadron if you haven’t already done it. Our organization is doing important work by saving lives, and we need you. Go out and “Make a Difference”!



District Educational Department

At this writing last year, I opened with a euphemism from one of my favorites: George Carlin. This year I'd like to open with a picture quiz or as George might say: a *Visual Challenge*. Where did I take this visual? Hint: It's slightly south of where the USPS Annual meeting was just held. The answer appears at the end of this issue.



Having just returned from the USPS Annual meeting in Jacksonville; I thought I would share my take aways from an educational perspective: The energy in the meeting rooms in Jacksonville was higher than I've ever experienced: A lot less whining and a lot more *can do*. Partnership is the operative word. Currently there are two significant ones that should keep us very busy.

The first major thrust in 2013 and forward, is our partnership with Boat U.S. Boat U.S. wants to offer all our courses and seminars on line. Partner in Command is in development and scheduled to be available late February. Seminars to follow

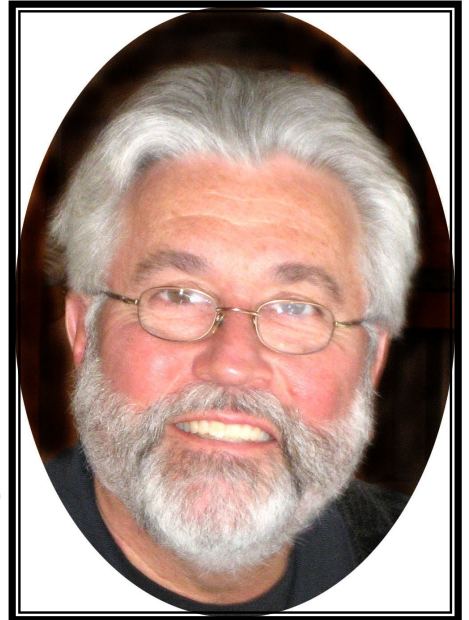
are: Marine Radio, Boating on Rivers Locks and Lakes, Radar, Basic Weather and Forecasting and Trailing. First course to launch is Seamanship; then Marine Communication Systems.

BoatU.S. has 525,000 members reaching out to 70 million North American boaters. The intent here is to "Target Boaters We Never See". If

you're a BoatU.S member and have received your Jan/Feb issue of their Magazine, turn to page 38 for an impressive article on "Advanced Boater Training". Or just click on the following: <http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2013/February/advanced-boater-training.asp>. You may recognize the boat as the one we had in D-10 in September.

The second major thrust is our partnership with Brunswick. USPS and Brunswick are officially partnered through the Brunswick Dealer Alliance (BDA). Over 80 Squadrons have stepped up to conduct Courses and Seminars at Brunswick dealerships. So far there are three in District 10. The marketing division of BDA announced our partnership to their dealer network on Jan 19th. Dusty McCoy, Chairman & CEO of Brunswick flew their corporate jet to Jacksonville, to address the Saturday attendee members and express his gratitude and excitement over the launch.

Bottom line is: Through these two major partnerships; USPS will no longer be the best kept secret in town (finally). Neither will we be cheap. Brunswick has requested a "standard pricing" approach be applied to all dealerships under their umbrella. So: those "Free" seminars that some of us offered are a



D/Lt/C Bob DeNoto, JN

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thing of the past. Student kits and “Quick Guides” will be included, however. This is a good thing in my opinion.

Both of these initiatives will require commitment and focus. I’m excited with these challenges and am confident we as an organization can take advantage of them. When I returned from last year’s Annual Meeting after a contested election for National Admin Officer and National Ed Officer; quite frankly, I had my doubts. I’d like to share with you excerpts from a recent e-mail I received from NEO Bob Brandenstein:

“While we will be devoting major attention this year on the Boat US on-line courses and on ramping up the Brunswick Dealer Advantage arrangement, please keep your attention also on continually improving and updating our classroom-based offerings. We may be seeing fewer people coming into our classrooms, but those who do deserve the very best product we can offer.”

With our collective talents directed toward producing and marketing the industry’s finest recreational boating material, in a year in which the economy is slowly improving, I’m expecting a great year for USPS here in 2013.”

It appears as though we have a solid leadership team. I am hoping that all of us in District 10 are ready to support these initiatives as they will definitely shape our future.

Boat operators Certification (**BOC**) and Practical On-the-Water Training are another focus. The third level of **BOC-Advanced Coastal Navigator** is being selectively rolled out. The intent is to get **ACN** certifiers in place, then do a full roll out. While returning from Jacksonville, I hung a right in Georgia out to St. Simons Island, to complete my Advanced Coastal On-the-Water training and certification. Once all the paperwork is complete (just sent my ACN passport in today), I’ll be at the ACN level and certified to train others in District 10 at that level.

As I approach the close of my second year as your DEO and reflect, I have to say again: How sweet it was! We set some lofty goals and completed all but one. More Squadrons are conducting more Seminars. ADEO Alan was able to teach our Weather course via *Distance Learning*, simultaneously to Students in Green Bay and Door County classrooms. Subsequently we were able to identify *Distance Learning* facilities for all D-10 Squadrons: both Minnesota and Wisconsin. We were able to

get the “*Water Trainer*” to District 10 for three glorious weeks in September. What a wonderful way to extend our all too short boating season! We are at the forefront in Inland Navigators and Coastal Navigators and well positioned for third level Advanced Coastal.

As a District we continue to lead from the front in many areas. My focus for year 3 will obviously be our partnerships mentioned. I would like to see more Squadrons sign up to support the Brunswick initiative and conduct more on-the-water instruction. I would also like to see us expand the *Distance Learning* concept. The pieces are in place. It’s a matter of pulling the trigger. Here’s a thought: Art Molica’s “*NEW*” Instructor Development Course across Squadrons in MN and WI??

Curious for more on USPS Education?? Go to the Ed Department newsletter *Currents* at: <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/misc/currents.htm> or cruise the Ed Department Home Page: <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/>

In closing I would like to thank my staff for all their hard work this year: P/R/C Alan Wentworth, SN, Door County Sail & Power Squadron as your able ADEO; all D-10 SEOs, D/Lt. Sandy Colomb, AP, Minnetonka Power Squadron, as ABC Rep for Minnesota; and P/D/C Maury Rice, JN, Central Wisconsin Sail & Power Squadron as ABC Rep for Wisconsin. Thanks also to P/D/C Bob Stierna, SN, Door County Sail & Power Squadron; P/R/C Art Mollica, SN, St Paul Sail & Power Squadron, P/D/C Ben Coons, JN, Hiawatha Valley Sail & Power Squadron and John Raby, AP, Minnetonka, for their special contributions, wisdom and counsel.

Fraternally yours;

D/Lt/C Bob DeNoto, JN

District Executive Department

Spring is just around the corner. Pretty soon our boats will be in the water. I know when it's below zero, negativity can set in. But I am an eternal optimist, I believe in positive thinking. We will be back in the water in just a few months.

Your Bridge officers have just returned from the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville Florida. I will say it was cooler than what we would expect for Florida, but it was much better than below zero in Minnesota.

There were three main topics that seemed to surface throughout the week. They were the 100th Anniversary of USPS, Branding, and Squadron Revitalization.



By the time you receive this communication those of you who have had their Change of Watch will have seen the D10 100 year Ensign, and will have placed your squadron's battle ribbon on top. Next year in Jacksonville, we will bring our Ensign back. It was quite impressive to see all thirty three district Ensigns carried out by the D/C's at the close of the annual

meeting. When the Ensigns return, it will be much more colorful with all of our battle ribbons on top to represent each and every squadron.

Branding!! USPS is still one of the best kept secrets in boating. When the public sees the National Ensign, they need to think Unit-



D/Lt/C Marie Coons, P

ed States Power Squadrons. What we have now is 400 squadrons across the country competing with ourselves. We all put our own burgees on our correspondence to the public. The public remains confused as to who we are. They don't think of a national organization. They think local.

This leads in to the 100th anniversary Ensign. We should be using the logo on all of our correspondence: our letterhead, our newsletter, and any advertising we do. Let the public know we are a 100 year old organization. We must be doing something right to survive 100 years!

The next topic was **Squadron Revitalization**. I emphasized this because every district and every squadron in USPS has the same problem. We cannot fill our bridges and committees. We have a hard time getting people to volunteer. A few do all the work and they get burned out. How can we solve these problems? Some say the "The Doing it Right" program is the answer. I see Doing it Right as a recipe, and if followed, good results happen.

But what if your squadron is doing everything right? Are we asking you to perform an impossible task.



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Wow! Does that mean you are so good that you can achieve what no one else has? Or are you being set up to fail?

Because I am an optimist, I prefer to believe that positive attitude can be a solution. Positive thinking is more than just a tagline. It changes the way we behave. And I firmly believe that when I am positive, it not only makes me better, but it also makes those around me better. I think good attitudes are contagious. Let's start a epidemic!

Let us all be become leaders. (You don't have to be a commander or be on the bridge.) We all need to inspire others to learn more, to dream more, to do more, and to become more.

Believe our best days are ahead of us, not behind us.

Our next major district event is our **Spring Conference, 22, 23, 24 March 2013**. This will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lakeville. Room rate is \$99. Please register by **22February**. After this date you can still register at the same cost, but after the **22th** you will not be guaranteed a room.

On Friday night we go on a Caribbean Cruise aboard the S.S. Marie, flagship. This voyage is also a Murder Mystery that should not be missed.



Saturday, we offer an educational luncheon exhibiting cooking techniques, culinary skills demonstrations, discussing the ease of flavor pairings, and finishing with a classically prepared salad, entrée and dessert. Featuring Brackett's Crossing Country Club's Executive Chef Bryan Schouten. Chef Schouten's culinary background includes the Hyatt Hotels, Hyatt Regency Properties, and The American Ski Company's flagship property – The Grand Summit Hotel and the Canyons Resort in Park City Utah.



After dinner on Saturday evening, our entertainment will be **Uptown**. The trio includes Geoff Boucher on guitar, bass player Pat Smith and Judy Donaghy. Individually, band members have toured with Celine Dion, Janet Jackson, Smokey Robinson, The Beach Boys, Bobby McFerron, Jazz MN Big Band, Carole King, Garrison Keillor, Huey Lewis, Michael Bolton, studio soundtracks, and television.

So be sure to join festivities at the D10 Spring Conference 22,23,24 March 2013

See you there,

D/Lt /C Marie Coons, P



District Administrative Department

Winning Now and Charting our Next 100 Years

Dale Perry, AP

District 10 has a National Youth Poster Champion – Lisa Reimann

Congratulations to **Lisa Reimann**, D10's 12-14 year old Youth Poster champion, daughter of USPS members Ron and Nancy Reimann, sponsored by the St Paul Squadron, **for winning first place in the 12-14 age group at the National Meeting** in Jacksonville. We are proud of Lisa for her outstanding achievement at the national level.

We are also proud of **Collin Lief**, student at Lincoln Elementary School in White Bear Lake, also sponsored by the St Paul Squadron, and **Carsen Genda**, son of USPS member Judd Genda, sponsored by the Madison Squadron, whose district winning entries in the 6-8 age group and 9-11 age group, respectively, also competed at the National Meeting. They each did a great job.

Let's encourage these kids to continue to achieve and contribute as they did last year - in arenas served by the Power Squadron and in all aspects of their lives



USPS 2013 National Meeting attendees study, enjoy and rank entries in National Youth Poster Contest

Please note the theme for the next youth poster contest, which starts now at the squadron level and culminates for district level winners at

the USPS National Meeting on 29 Jan 2014 in Jacksonville. Now is the time to encourage the youths in our communities to start their youth poster projects for this contest, which is based on the theme: **"100 Years of Wearing it"**. As demonstrated in this year's contest, we have excellent young artists throughout our district who need only an encouraging word and some basic poster making material to perform well.



D/Lt/C Dale Perry, AP



Chief Commander John Alter, SN leads the 2013 National Meeting before thirty-two 100th Anniversary USPS Ensigns - one for each District.

100 Great Years

We are thankful for and proud of the strong contributions by the United States Power Squadrons to public boating safety, proficiency and enjoyment, to accurate charting of our national waterways, and to national security during World Wars I and II. With a splendid launch at the National Meeting last month in Jacksonville, we began official celebration of the 100th Anniversary of our organization. This celebration will continue at our 2013 Spring District Conference, which will feature D10's Centennial USPS Ensign adorned with streamers from each of our 10 squadrons. Keep and build the spirit from the National Meeting by coming to

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our District Conference on 22- 24 March 2013 at the Lakeville Holiday Inn, in Lakeville, MN. Click for info and to register for D10 Spring Conference.



Favorable Winds to the Future

Brunswick Partnership: For the first time since 2006, new power and sail boat retail sales increased in 2011, and the National Marine Manufacturers Association forecasts that growth, though low, to continue. Brunswick CEO Dusty McCoy, whose company is the world's largest maker of pleasure boats, and has formed a partnership for boating education through USPS squadrons at its boat dealers, returned for this year's USPS Annual Meeting to commend our work so far and encourage more activity from us in training the boating public. Each new boat buyer is a potential student and member.

BoatUS Foundation Partnership: Also at our 2013 Annual meeting, the BoatUS Foundation rolled out a new initiative that raises our partnership with them to a new level. The Foundation is now developing online versions of USPS classes for the 30,000+ USPS members, 500,000+ BoatUS members and the millions in general boating public. This move positions us well to tap into the increasing demand for instruction on the student's timetable, rather than the teaching institution's. It is not the way we went to school, but is becoming more and more the way today's students go to class, especially for specific training.

Teaching a Centenarian new Tricks

Our signature of warm handshakes and kept commitments will still play a vital role in USPS's journey to age 200. These pillars are necessary but not sufficient. The partnerships with Brunswick and BoatUS show that, despite that cliché about old dogs, our 100-year old organization is learning new skills to stay relevant and strong through its second century. Our course to 200 will be no cake walk. The opportunities presented through partnership can be swamped by the risk of our not pursuing them with the required vigor and skill. Lest we sink to the level of a stealth supplier to the well-publicized brands of our partners, we must work effectively to keep our squadrons and their services high in public awareness and appreciation.

Our nascent use of social networking will enhance this effort. We need members who know this tool to step up now and help advance the progress led to date by our new District Secretary. We must also learn



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to synchronize and leverage our PR efforts at the three levels of Squadron, District and National, so that the boating public is kept informed of the benefits offered by our organization. This will be a top priority of next year's District Executive Officer.

We will increase the numbers in two of our most powerful forces for winning the public - our Vessel Safety Examiners and our Certified Instructors. Through these two units, we will differentiate ourselves in the public eye versus competitors and partners.

Growing these units is essential – not only for outreach to potential members, but also for engaging, developing and retaining new members through fulfilling public service. Next year, thanks to our most favorable wind - a bold new development from National Education Committee, Instructor Development classes will cost our members nothing in dollars – nada, rien, nichts, intet, ingenting, chocote, nic! If each squadron increases its corps of instructors and examiners, we will be able to serve the growing numbers who will buy a new boat and/or click on a course created by USPS. That will benefit all boaters and introduce us to those who can lead USPS to and beyond its 200th birthday.



Showing the way to a future USPS member and leader.

District 10 USPS 2013 Spring Conference Call to the Meeting

TO: District Officers, District Committee Chairpersons, Past District Commanders, Squadron Commanders, Lt/Cs, SEOs, Members of District 10 and Guests.

FROM: D/10 Secretary, D/Lt/C Amy Seeley, P

SUBJECT: CALL to D/10 Council Meeting in accordance with Section 5.6 and 5.6.1 of the D/10 Bylaws.

DATE: 22-24 March 2013

PLACE: Holiday Inn and Suites, 20800 Kenrick Ave, Lakeville, MN 55044

In accordance with the bylaws of District 10, Section 5.6 and 5.6.1, the District 10 2013 Spring Conference (to which all members are cordially invited) has been called.

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 March 2013 via webinar, and will convene at 1900. An invitation to the webinar will be emailed to each attendee prior to the meeting.

The Conference Meeting will be held on 23 March 2013 at the Lakeville Holiday Inn and Suites and will convene at 1330 for the purpose of acting on matters set forth below:

1. To receive and act upon reports of officers and committees.
2. Election of Officers
3. To consider any motions brought before the body.
4. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

D/Lt/C Amy Seeley, P

District 10 Secretary



**2013 District 10
Spring Conference Agenda
22,23,24 March 2013
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lakeville, MN 55044**



Wednesday, 12 March

1900-2100 District Council Meeting

Webinar

Friday, 22 March

1350-1850 Registration
1430-1630 District Planning Committee (Closed Meeting)
1430-1630 District Nominating Committee (Closed Meeting)
1530-1630 Awards Ceremony
1730-1830 Hospitality
1830-1930 Murder Play House Dinner /Cruise themed

Lobby
Heritage
Hearth & Home
Facile 1
Facile 2 & 3
Facile 2 & 3

Saturday, 23 March

0700-1000 Breakfast (on your own)
0800-1100 Registration
0800-1000 Commanders Workshop
0800-1000 Executive Department Workshop
0800-1000 Administrative Department Workshop
0800-1000 Treasure Department Workshop
0800-1000 Secretary Department Workshop
0800-1000 Education Department Workshop
1000-1015 Break

1015-1215 Seminar DB2000 Seminar
1015-1215 N Club Seminar "Fresh Water Electrocutation" Kevin Ritz (Scappose ABYC)

1130-1400 Culinary Educational Luncheon (Cooking Techniques, Culinary skills Demonstrations)
1215-1315 Luncheon
1330-1530 District Conference Business Meeting
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1800-1900 Hospitality (Open Bar)
1900-2100 Dinner, Awards & Auction

Rudy's Red Eye Grill
Lobby
Facile 1
Facile 3
Hearth & Home
Heritage
Heritage
Facile 2

Facile 2
Facile 1

Brackett's Country Club
Rudy's Red Eye Grill
Facile 1

Facile 1, 2 & 3

Sunday, 24 March

0645-1000 Breakfast (on your own)
0800-0900 Round Table discussion, Q & A with Chief's Rep and District Bridge
0900-1000 VSE Workshop
1000-1200 Seminar "Emergencies on Board".
1220-1350 D10 Bridge Closed Meeting

Rudy's Red Eye Grill
Hearth & Home
Heritage
Heritage
Hearth & Home

Uniform of the Day:

Friday Afternoon Business Casual or Team USPS shirts
Friday Evening Cruise Wear
Saturday Team or USPS shirts, Bridge will wear D/C Dick's Team Shirt
Saturday Evening Class A or Suits, Dressy Attire
Sunday Casual attire, Bridge will wear D/C Marie's Team Shirt





USPS DISTRICT 10-2013 SPRING CONFERENCE

Hiawatha Valley Sail & Power Squadron

22, 23, 24 March 2013

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites - 20800 Kenrick Avenue, Lakeville Minnesota 55044 (952)469-1134

MEALS Please choose the events you will join us. All meetings held at the Holiday Inn.

FRIDAY NIGHT MURDER MYSTER DINNER: Caribbean Chicken

SATURDAY LUNCHEON: Deli Buffet in Rudy's Red Eye Grill (Holiday Inn's restaurant)

SATURDAY ALTERNATE LUNCHEON: Culinary Educational Lunch at Brackett's Crossing

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER: Entertainment with Uptown. Prime Rib
or Walleye

Classes with a charge include: On Board Emergencies

Four Course Meal/Culinary Educational Luncheon

Please explain any dietary needs/restrictions:

Sunday morning breakfast in on own (Rudy's Redeye Grill is open)

COST	NUMBER	AMOUNT
\$35	_____	\$ _____
\$20	_____	\$ _____
\$39	_____	\$ _____
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\$39	_____	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

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Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ First Timer _____

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Welcome aboard the S.S. Marie, flagship of the Cozy Comfy Cruise Line! This very special cruise honors Captain Thomas Moorhead on the 25th anniversary of his service to the line.

On board are the owner of the Cruise line Victoria Boswell and her husband Dr. Robert Boswell, their daughter Julia, and crewmembers First Officer Stuart Millbender, Cruise Director Karen Granger, Assistant Purser Charlie Bankhead and Chief of Security, Lee Wood.

UPTOWN



Trio of Geoff Bouchier on guitar, bass player Pat Smith, and Judy Donaghy will entertain into the evening! Individually band members have toured with Celine Dion, Janet Jackson, Smokey Robinson, Beach Boys, Bobby McFerrin, JazzMN Big Band, Huey Lewis, Michael Bolton, Carole King, Garrison Keillor.

Kid's Corner

By: Jessica Skelley &
P/D/C Mike Skelley AP

This past year's District 10 theme from Commander Baker was "Make A Difference" with a bridge representing our efforts to reach our local communities. Last summer, our squadron decided to partner with HopeKids which provides ongoing events & activities and a powerful unique support community for families who have a child with cancer or some other life-threatening medical condition. They surround these remarkable children and their families with the message that hope can be a powerful medicine. Our day-long nautical event was simply called "Hope on the Horizon", where we opened our boats and our hearts to families who need a chance to escape what life has served them.

Many of the kids in our squadron helped by providing crafts, playing games, acting as swimming buddies, taking pictures, or just showing them around our facility. Everybody received a T-shirt and we had a great barbeque lunch. We also had a special visit from the local Fire Department's Fire Boat that is fixed with a water cannon all ready for us kids to try out. It was obvious that all kids who participated had fun, made some new friends, and departed with some special memories.



Having your Squadron participate in activities like this also represents Commander Coons' 2013 theme of "Dream More, Learn More, Do More, Become More" very well, as that is exactly the way this event came about. Lt. Steve Camp dreamt that we could help the Hope Kids families, he helped us learn more about them, and we decided to do something that was unique and that only our members could deliver, and it's safe to say that it was a life changing experience resulting in all of us "Becoming More". Looking to the year ahead, we hope every Squadron in District 10 embraces an activity like this, it really brings a squadron together.

The last District 10 event was the D10 Fall Conference. There were not many kids there which is most definitely not what I want to see! Coming up is the 2013 Spring Conference in Lakeville Minnesota at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites. For Friday night, dinner is Caribbean chicken as we go on a Caribbean Cruise aboard

the S.S. Marie, flagship. This voyage is also a Murder Mystery that should not be missed, but don't worry it is kid friendly! For the Saturday luncheon, it is a deli buffet in Rudy's Red Eye Grill in the hotel. All of us kids can enjoy the pool and the rest of the water park during the day because all those scheduled

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meetings might be boring for kids! Saturday night dinner is prime rib or walleye, but if we ask, I'm sure we could get chicken fingers and fries or some other children's menu item. After dinner there is entertainment, with the group Uptown, playing music that everyone can enjoy and dance to. That evening there is also our district awards, auction, and Change of Watch.

On Sunday, breakfast is on your own and before you depart, another trip to the water park or whirlpool might be in order. This is going to be fun for me and it will be for other children as well, so please bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews. Kids these days are always playing on their iPods, Nintendo's, computers, and other electronics but here they will be having fun and getting exercise in other ways at the pool or running around the room (good luck) and not have their noses stuck in their devices!



The spring conference is on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of March 2013. Make sure to mark your calendar and I expect to see some kids there! Don't forget the expression the more the merrier! So I look forward to seeing you there and if you can't make it, I hope to see you at another Squadron or District event soon with your kids!

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