

# D-10 Communicator



DISTRICT 10, A UNIT OF UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

Sail and Power Boating

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## *From the Helm...*

The District Commander's takeaways from the 2015 Fall Governing Board Meeting in San Diego, CA

Recognizing budgetary issues on the National level, Chief Commander's representatives will no longer be sent to attend district conferences at which there is no Change of Watch, For D/10, this means there will not be a C/C's Rep at our Fall Conferences for the foreseeable future. The Board of Directors (National Bridge) is investigating how to communicate with our USPS membership via remote methods. Chief Commander Robert Baldridge, SN will hold a remote "Town Hall" with us during the Fall Conference weekend.

The Educational Department has made changes to the America's Boating Course, to the Instructor Development course (this is different from Instructor Recertification), and to the Junior Navigation and Navigation courses. Consult with your **Squadron Educational Officer** to assure that your squadron is keeping up with all the latest revisions.

Be aware that USPS Headquarters has changed the pricing structure of the USPS University Seminars quite radically. On the surface, it may seem that prices were reduced. Caution, there are added fees per student so check with your SEO before you publicize the costs for the Seminars you will be presenting.

Help District 10 achieve Educational Fund Honor Roll status. Several D/10 squadrons are not enrolled in the Educational Fund program. We have until November 30th to enroll. Go to the Educational Fund web page on the National website to find out how to enroll and what the Educational Fund is about. By contributing just \$1.00 per year per member, we support many of the educational initiatives within our United States Power Squadrons®. Enrolling before Nov. 30th will make your squadron eligible for Honor Roll status in 2015.

Many squadrons around the country locate their boat show booth in close proximity to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary booth. Your squadron may want to do the same. Both of our

organizations have teaching boating safety as our primary mission.

If you feel that you have a reason for the United States Power Squadrons® to engage in some lobbying efforts, contact this writer and I will put you in contact with an assistant chair of our Government & Partner Relations Committee.

The National IT Committee **D/C Thaddeus M. Smyczek, SN** is enabling district and squadron websites to, among other things, make it possible to have secure web pages. Webmasters, take note and stay tuned.

Does your squadron want to acquire a power boat simulator for about \$1000? There is software available which is nearly as good as the software used in the expensive versions of the simulators so you may want to use this option rather than wait for the limited number of simulators from National.

Chief Commander Robert Baldridge has come up with a 10 - item list of how to fill your public boating classes. From the Site Index on the USPS website, click on "Public Relations"; on the left side, click on "Keeping Up". Go to the July, 2014 issue – the Chief's list is on page 2. You may be able to use some of these ideas.

Please feel free to contact me with any and all of your questions and concerns.

Let's keep having FUN and "Fly Our Ensign Proudly",

Thad Smyczek, SN

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## District Educational Department

This is my first message to the members as your District 10 Educational Officer. As a rookie on the District bridge, I am honored to have been asked to serve as your DEO. There has been a lot of activity in this department in the first half of this year and most of it is very positive.

### **ABC3 Has Approval of NASBLA for Next 3 Years**

District 10 Educational Department has been involved in completing new requirements of the latest agreement reached by USPS and NASBLA (National Association of Safety Boating Law Administrators). The agreement is for three years (2015 – 2017). ABC has been revised to conform to terms of the deal. USPS courses will include a state specific approved Power Point presentation in addition to the additional ten exam questions emphasizing state laws. Power Point submissions for approval (Minnesota and Wisconsin) were prepared and submitted. In the near future the presentations and state specific questions will be available for download on a secure site within the USPS website. Michigan documents have been prepared and submitted by D20. I believe the new documents will put all ABC instructors on the same page as we will be using the same Power Point presentations (pre-approved by our state).



**D/Lt/C Wesley D. Koplitz, AP**

### **District Educational Officer Travel**

One of my goals this year is to visit all of the squadrons in the District. I am continuing to travel when able. So far, I was able to visit 5 squadrons. I have appreciated those opportunities and hope to get to all of you soon.

### **Fall Conference**

Please consider attending the fall conference. It will be hosted by Minnetonka Power Squadron at the Embassy Suites in Bloomington Minnesota. Besides the officer and first-timer workshops and the conference meeting, there will be seminars on CPR/First Aid, DB 2000, Electric Shock Drowning, Instructor Recertification, new USPS branding, USPS Website, Operations Training and Steamboat of the Mississippi. It should be an outstanding conference. Please see the registration and agenda sheets on pages 8—12 in this publication for more information. We will be announcing a couple of very important awards to D10 squadrons: the coveted Prince Henry and SEA trophies. Plan to be there and enjoy the environment of education and fun.

### **SEO Fall Conference Workshop**

This is a call for all Squadron SEO's or assistant SEO's to attend the Educational Department workshop at the fall conference. Please come and share your successes with your peers. I will be able to share information I received at the last Governing Board meeting and want to get much needed input from you. I also welcome any ABC instructors to the workshop. I will present the ABC3 Power Point which was presented at the Governing board workshop. It outlines specific revisions to the ABC course.

Thank you for your trust in allowing me to be your District Educational Officer.

District Educational Officer

D/Lt/C Wesley D. Koplitz, AP-CN

## District Executive Department

### Facing Outward – and Forward

It's a pleasure and a privilege to be your District 10 Executive Officer, and here's why: It's my favorite department! The reason? We originally joined USPS because we boated with friends who were members. Then we took classes and learned a lot. And then came the decision point – why should I stay? For me, it was simple: This was my chance to do something to "give back," to engage in some kind of public service. And the Exec Department is all about how USPS faces outward, to the public. It's my favorite department!

At the national level, there are seven major Executive Department committees and multiple sub-committees to each, all devoted to helping Districts and Squadrons achieve visibility and name recognition and identifying initiatives that promote boating safety. I'd like to focus on three of them, especially within the context of what District 10 has been doing in their regard, or might do in the future.

#### Vessel Safety Checks

We all know having a Vessel Safety Check is a good idea. It forces us to make sure that we have everything we need, that we know where everything is, and that it's working correctly. When we offer this same peace of mind to non-USPS boaters, we have a great opportunity to look inside their boats *and* spread the good news about USPS.

According to national data, the 78 qualified Vessel Examiners of District 10 have reported completing 1,023 checks and awarding 912 decals (89%) so far this year. Our 2014 totals were 83 VEs, 1,227 checks and 1,050 decals (86%). With three months left to report completed checks, we could easily meet or beat last year's numbers.

The key phrase in the preceding paragraph is *left to report*. Did you know that each spring, each squadron is given new decals equal to 10% more than the number of checks reported the year before? And that squadrons requesting additional decals are given them immediately (without jumping through hoops) when their current number of reported checks validates the request for more?

And did you know that *every VE can go online to record his own checks*?

**Kris's Bottom Line: Report your checks as soon as possible after completion. Here's the link:**

<https://www.usps.org/php/DHinders/vsc/grant/form.html>

#### Public Relations

There is so much more we can do to increase the public's perception of USPS and to advance the civic value of our local squadrons. Based on presentations and comments I experienced while attending the Governing Board meeting in San Diego, I believe our National leaders recognize the importance and priority of making this easy for us. This is not necessarily my bailiwick or forte, and best efforts made by my squadron came when we had a former PR professional handling the job.

OK, not every squadron has a PR professional, but the advent of social media is making all of this easier. I am hoping that by next spring, the District and all eleven Squadrons have Facebook pages and have learned how to use Facebook and other social media and web key words to get our message out there.

**Kris's Bottom Line(s): Check out the National PR website! Here's the link:**

<http://www.usps.org/national/pr/>

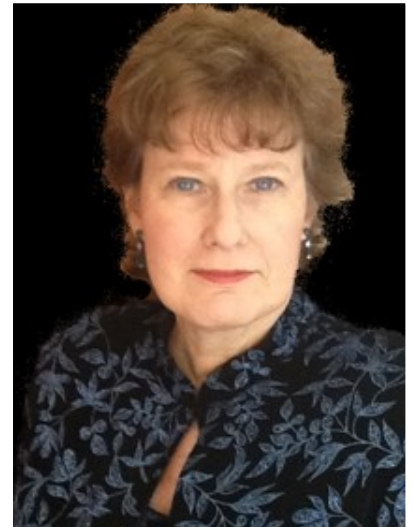
**When considering candidates for Squadron PR Officer, seek someone who is active with Facebook and other social media.**

**DO SOMETHING! Try at least one new thing you've never tried before.**

#### Geodetic Marker Recovery Program

It's back! I'm thrilled to reiterate the announcement that National has renewed/rejuvenated/revived this element of the Cooperative Charting Program. We have fond memories of heading out in small teams on a sunny fall afternoon to search for the sometimes elusive 3" round disks embedded in concrete or stone, placed there to aid surveyors plying their trade. Armed with GPS, shovel, screw driver and tape measure, wearing our highway safety vests . . . Those were the days!

This is a great opportunity for the District 10 Squadrons that are not on "big water" and therefore not totally able to participate in other aspects of the Co-op Charting program. The process is fairly simple: Download a list of nearby marker sites from



**D/Lt/C Kristine L. Harmon, AP**

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NOAA; Go out and find them; Go on line to report the condition you found them in. Then USPS National reviews all submittals and sends them on to NOAA to update/validate their records.

**Kris's Bottom Line(s):** Check out the National Geodetic Program website! Here's the link:

<http://www.usps.org/index.php/geodetic-program>

**Plan to attend the Geodetic Marker Program seminar being planned for next April's Spring Conference.**

**Include a Geodetic Marker Hunting event while planning next year's Squadron Activities Calendar.**

## **Final Thoughts:**

Throughout the term of every USPS commitment I've made, I have always thought of 4 or 5 times more things that would be great to do, than I've been able to get done. I'm still trying to focus more on what has been accomplished than what could have/should have been accomplished – and to forgive myself for not having superpowers that enable me to do it all. My greatest lesson is to not allow myself to become overwhelmed by the enormity of possibilities to the point that I am paralyzed and do nothing.

I hope you are planning to come to the Fall Conference. There are more seminar offerings than usual, hopefully something to enrich everyone. As usual, there will be an enormity of ideas and possibilities – and hopefully you will grasp onto one or two rather than become overwhelmed.

Please note the workshop entitled *Executive Department*, planned for 8:00 Saturday morning. The key word is "Department." This workshop is not just for SXOs; it's for anyone who is involved with the outward bound (civic) activities of a Squadron or the District – and anyone who wants to learn more or become involved as we move forward.

**Facing Outward – and Forward**

**D/Lt/C Kris Harmon, AP**  
**District 10 Executive Officer**

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## **Update: D10's Electric Shock Drowning Awareness Program**

*By D/Lt/C Kris Harmon, AP*

Many of you are aware that District 10 has developed a program to increase boat and marina operator awareness of the very real risk of drowning as a result of electric shock. While our leaders' advocacy and efforts to have this program fully endorsed by the USPS National Safety Committee have been as yet unsuccessful, District 10 is moving forward with a modified program that will train selected members of our Squadrons to:

- Communicate the dangers of ESD to marina operators and the boating public
- Warn all people to keep out of the water
- Perform straightforward tests to detect dangerous conditions in the water

Part of the initiative will be to contact and work with marina owners and operators to install signs that instruct and warn the boating community about Electric Shock Drowning.

What happens next? How can your Squadron get on board with this important public service?

Learn more about ESD by attending the seminar being led by Minnetonka's Ed Lethert at the Fall Conference.

Plan to attend a practical, hands-on ESD workshop at Spring Conference to learn how to perform tests and communicate results; and/or learn and practice the key communication points for working with marina operators and getting them to install warning signs.

## **Food for Thought:**

While planning your activities and leadership for the coming Watch Year, consider creating an ESD committee to plan and execute your squadron's campaign to contact local marinas to educate them about Electric Shock Drowning and assist with placing warnings. Chairing such a committee could also be a great leadership development opportunity.

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This is my first message to the members as your District 10 Administrative Officer. There has been a lot of activity in this department in the first half of this year and most of it is very positive.

### Summer Rendezvous hosted by Madison Sail and Power Squadron

This was a very successful event which was held on July 17-19 based at the Country Inn & Suites in Monona. It started out with a sunset dinner cruise on Lake Monona. It was a wonderful sight to see the sun set with the state capitol in the foreground. On Saturday after a paddle seminar presented by Dick Baker, we canoed and kayaked the Yahara River from the hotel south under the Beltline highway down to Lake Waubesa where the Madison folks had a very nice mid-afternoon refreshment stop waiting for us. Later we gathered for dinner of family style chicken and ribs at the Bourbon Street Bar & Grille. There was a bonus paddling trip on Sunday morning on the Wisconsin River from the levee in Portage down river to Dick and Cindy's home near Hooker's Resort. It was a beautiful stretch of the Wisconsin River. Bernie and I did our paddling in our 1936 restored wooden Old Town canoe. Thank you to the Madison members who put on such a nice event.

### District Membership

Good News. As of this writing, the district membership grew this past year by 45 members from 873 to 918 or a plus 5.2 percent. In the past ten years our membership has been declining almost every year. It is hoped that this is the start of a trend of increasing membership. Congratulations to all in the district who have worked hard to make this turn-around happen.

### Poster Contest

Bring your children-designed posters to the Fall Conference in Bloomington. The age groups are 6-8, 9-11 and 12-14. All posters should first be judged at the squadron level with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category submitted for judging at the District. The winner in each category at the district level will be taken to the national meeting in Orlando next February for judging at the national level. We have had two winners at the national level in the past few years. Let's see if we can continue that. For more details on the rules, visit: [http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/pictures/The\\_Youth\\_Poster\\_Contest\\_Awards.pdf](http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/pictures/The_Youth_Poster_Contest_Awards.pdf).

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ing, USPS Website, Operations Training and Steamboat of the Mississippi. It should be an outstanding conference. Please see the registration and agenda sheets elsewhere in this publication for more information.

### AO Fall Conference Workshop

This is a call for all Squadron AO's or assistant AO's to attend the Administrative Department workshop at the fall conference. Please come and share your successes with your peers in membership recruiting and retention, social and on-the-water activities and any other fun or successful experiences that you have had.



**D/Lt/C William Dohr, SN-CN**

### District Event Attendance

Attendance at district events, especially summer events, has been declining. For example, there were less than 30 non-Madison members at the rendezvous this past summer. An ad hoc committee, led by P/D/C Dale Perry, has been meeting to discuss the problem. They are discussing options such as leaving things the same, combining events and eliminating events. If you have opinions on this problem, please come to the fall conference to make your ideas known. If they recommend some change to the Council and to the Conference, there may be a vote at these meetings.

Thank you for your trust in allowing me to be your District Administrative Officer. It is looking like a great year in USPS, District 10.

District Administrative Officer

D/Lt/C William V. Dohr, SN-CN



## District Treasurer

Hello from the D-10 Treasurer's Department ☺

As I am writing this, the end of September and the 2015 boating season is near. We still have some beautiful fall color cruises to look forward to. We are so fortunate and need to count our blessings every day for what we have and the opportunity to get out on our boats and see the beautiful landscapes.

I love the variety and the changing seasons as I believe it keeps us appreciating the time we have in each. With the fall season comes new opportunities along with the Fall Conference on November 6-8. I do plan on attending the conference and look forward to seeing everyone from the district join together.



**D/Lt/C Tracy Anne Gustafson, AP**

The financials of the district are thorough and strong. I anticipate we will meet our budget goals. We have half of the fiscal year to go, along with the fall conference coming soon. We have realized approximately 85% of the budgeted revenue for the fiscal year to date. Basically, this is the only revenue coming into the district budget. The District 10 Bridge works hard to follow the budget and be fiscally responsible to keep our fiscal position solid and our budgets balanced.

The District 10 Bridge and the Budget and Finance Committee are currently working on the next fiscal year's budget. This will be presented at the Fall Conference the first weekend in November. We are not planning on an increase in District Dues from the current \$19/year for Primary Active Members and \$26/year for Family Membership.

### Overview of the Annual Budget Approval Process:

1. The Bridge & the Budget and Finance Committee work together with the Treasurer to propose a Budget for the coming year.
2. The Bridge & the Budget and Finance Committee review the proposed budget and make a recommendation to approve or revise based on available funds.
3. The Bridge reviews the Committee's recommendations and makes changes if required.
4. The council reviews/discusses and approves or disapproves the proposed Budget prior to the Fall Conference.
5. The Conference delegation reviews/discusses and approves or disapproves the proposed Budget at the Fall Conference.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Conference November 6-8 !!

Respectfully Submitted,

D/LT/C Tracy Gustafson, AP

D-10 Treasurer



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### SAIL AND POWER BOATING

District 10

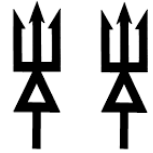
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TO: District Officers, District Committee Chairpersons, Past District Commanders, Squadron Commanders, Lt/Cs, SEOs, Members of District 10 and Guests.

FROM: D/10 Secretary Oded Galili, P

SUBJECT: Call to D/10 Council and Conference Meetings

DATE: Council Meeting: 4 November 2015 via webinar

DATE: Conference Meeting: 6—8 November 2015

PLACE: Embassy Suites, 2800 American Boulevard West, Bloomington, MN 55431

In accordance with the bylaws of District 10, Sections 5.6 and 5.6.1, the District 10 2015 Fall Council and Conference (the latter to which all members are invited) is hereby called.

The Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, 2015 via webinar and will convene at 1900. An invitation to the webinar will be emailed to each attendee prior to this Meeting.

The Conference Meeting will be held on 7 November, 2015 at the Embassy Suites and will convene at 1330 for the purpose of acting on matters set forth below:

1. To receive and act on the reports of officers and committees.
2. To consider and adopt a budget for the 2016-17 Watch Year.
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 Oded Galili, P  
District 10 Secretary

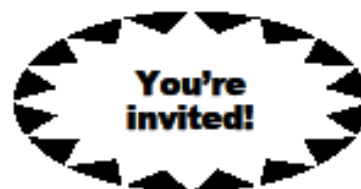
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## *Fall 2015 D-10 Conference: 11/6-11/8*



**Hosted by the Minnetonka Power Squadron**

### **Features of the conference include:**

- Your room rental includes a free breakfast in the morning & hospitality hour in the afternoon
- Hotel shuttle to the infamous Mall of America—or drive yourself 5 miles!
- “D-10 Has Talent” Friday night dinner, with a late night event to Cowboy Jacks for bull riding!
- Saturday afternoon lunch with a surprise speaker—you don’t want to miss!
- Fabulous seminars all weekend!
- Fantastic silent auction items to bid on!
- Great meetings all weekend!

### **Seminar topics proposed:**

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|------------------------------|--|
| • DB2000 & USPS web site     | • Operations Training  |
| • CPR/AED                    | • Commander, ExO, Secretary, Treasurer meetings Saturday morning |
| • Instructor Recertification | • Electric shock drowning  |
| • Branding Conformance       |  |



**Hosted at:**



2800 American Blvd W  
Bloomington, MN 55431  
952-884-4811.

### **More information?**

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### District 10 Fall Conference

6 - 8 November 2015

Embassy Suites, Bloomington MN



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#### Friday, 6 November

1500 - 1900	Registration	All Locations TBA
1500 - 1700	Workshop: Operations Training	
1500 - 1700	Committee Meetings (Nom, Rules, Planning, Bus/Fin)	
1730 - 1930	Cocktail Reception	
1930 >>>>	Dinner, "D10's Got Talent!"	

#### Saturday, 7 November

0700 - 1000	Breakfast
0800 - 1200	Registration
0800 - 1000	Workshop: Squadron Commanders
	Workshop: Executive Department
	Workshop: Administrative Department
	Workshop: Educational Department
	Workshop: Treasurers Department
0800 - 0900	Workshop: Secretaries Department
0830 - 1000	Open Forum for First Timers
0900 - 1100	Workshop: DB 2000 Seminar
1000 - 1100	Class: Instructor Recertification Class
1000 - 1100	Open Forum / Idea Exchange / Talk with Bridge
1100 - 1200	Seminar: Electric Shock Drowning
1100 - 1200	Seminar: Branding Conformance, USPS National Website
1200 - 1315	Lunch [1230 - 1315: Chief's Video Message and Town Hall]
1330 - 1530	Conference Meeting
1530 - 1730	Class: CPR/First Aid Certification Part 1
1600 - 1700	Field Trip: Williams-Sonoma
1730 - 1930	Cocktail Reception
1930 >>>>	Dinner, Awards, "Ted Talk"

#### Sunday, 8 November

0700 - 1000	Breakfast
0800 - 1100	Class: CPR/First Aid Certification Part 2
0830 - 1030	Workshop: Operations Training
0930 - 1100	Presentation: Steamboats of the Mississippi and Lake Minnetonka (sponsored by "N" Club)
1100 - 1200	Bridge Meeting

#### Suggested Attire

Friday: USPS Casual

Friday Evening: Casual; Talent Competition Garb

Saturday: USPS/Squadron Team Shirts; D10 Bridge Team Shirt

Saturday Evening: Business Casual

Sunday: USPS Casual; D10 Bridge Team Shirt

## **2015 Fall Conference Seminars**

In an effort to make the 2015 Fall Conference interesting and educational for everyone, we're offering a combination of more seminars, workshops, classes, forums, presentations and field trips than ever before! Here's a brief description of each:

### **Operations Training Workshop**

*Two sessions: Friday 6 November, 3:00 to 5:00; Sunday 8 November, 8:30 to 10:30*

This workshop will be a hybrid of key elements of traditional Operations Training and Leadership Development skills. Areas for focus will include departmental responsibilities, planning, team building, mentoring successors and motivating volunteers.

Every USPS member is a candidate for benefitting from this workshop. It will be offered twice to accommodate as many participants as possible. Attend with others from your own Squadron if you can.

*No fee. Facilitated by DXO Kris Harmon*

### **First Timers' Forum**

*Saturday 7 November, 8:30 to 10:00*

If this is the first or second District Conference you've attended, spend some informal time with Past District Commander Dale Perry to learn more about the purpose of Conferences and how you can benefit from attending. All questions, comments and insights are welcome. Visiting one or more of the Officer Workshops can also be arranged.

*No fee. Facilitated by P/D/C Dale Perry*

### **DB2000 Workshop**

*Saturday 7 November, 9:00 to 11:00*

DB2000 is our USPS special-purpose database created to provide member information and assist Squadron and District officers. Attendees will learn (or get a refresher) on how to use DB2000 data as a tool to be more effective *and* efficient with regard to membership, education, merit marks and communications. Bring your PC and password for hands-on experience.

*No fee. Led by P/D/C Dick Baker*

### **Instructor Recertification Class**

*Saturday 7 November, 10:00 to 11:00*

This class is designed for all instructors with expired terms or those nearing expiration in 2016. (All USPS instructors must be re-certified every 4 years.) Presentation is via PowerPoint and interactive discussion. Upon session completion, you will be re-certified and National will be notified of your renewed credentials.

*No fee. Taught by P/R/C Alan Wentworth*

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**USPS District 10**  
**2015 Fall Conference Registration Form**  
**Minnetonka Power Squadron**  
**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015**  
**Embassy Suites – Southtown Bloomington**  
**(952) 884-4811 or (800) Embassy**

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Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Committee \_\_\_\_\_

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Event	Cost	Number	Total
Friday – "D10's Got Talent" Night. Pasta dinner buffet with dessert (see page 2)	\$25	_____	\$ _____
Friday – "D10's Got Talent" Night. Will participate in talent event: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Saturday Lunch – Bistro Sandwich Buffet; Chief's Video Message and Town Hall	\$20	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Dinner & "Ted Talk" Entertainment – (see page 2 for "Ted Talk" information) Indicate quantity of each dinner below. Includes bread, soup/salad & dessert:			
– Chicken Breast with prosciutto, zinfandel mushroom sauce, potatoes & vegetable medley	\$42	_____	\$ _____
– New York Strip with mushroom demy-glace, potatoes & vegetable medley	\$54	_____	\$ _____
– Walleye with panko crumbs, lemon aioli, wild rice pilaf & vegetable medley	\$47	_____	\$ _____
– Vegetarian Risotto with grilled vegetables	\$37	_____	\$ _____
Special Dietary Requests: _____ (Please describe)			
CPR/First Aid Class (Must attend both Part 1 Saturday afternoon & Part 2 Sunday morning)	\$80	_____	\$ _____
Appetizer Demonstration at Williams-Sonoma (Saturday afternoon, see page 2)	\$20	_____	\$ _____
Late fee if <u>received</u> after 26 October 2015			\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>
Not coming to events but coming to seminars/general membership meeting			

**Friday/Saturday afternoon cocktail receptions are complimentary for hotel guests; cash bar for other attendees.**

**Make check payable to:** Minnetonka Power Squadron

**Reply by:** 26 October 20115

**Mail form & check to:** Karen Christenson  
 15901 Nursery Drive  
 Minnetonka, MN 55345  
[kccookin@comcast.net](mailto:kccookin@comcast.net)

**For more information, go to:**  
[www.usps-d10.org](http://www.usps-d10.org)

**Hotel Information:** Group Code: USP, Reservation Deadline: 24 October 2015

**Embassy Suites Southtown** (952) 884-4811 or (800) Embassy

2800 American Boulevard W, Bloomington, MN 55431

- Indoor swimming pool
- Shuttle to the Mall of America
- Complimentary breakfast and afternoon cocktail reception

Ask for **Minnetonka Power Squadron** rate of \$129 or \$149 (includes breakfast buffet).



**Friday Night - 5:30 pm****"D-10's Got Talent" Night - \$25**

We'll start the night off with the complimentary reception (for hotel attendees) in the lobby from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Then head in to the ballroom for dinner & entertainment. Come casual or in your "talent competition" garb. We'll enjoy a pasta bar and dessert. After dinner, we'll kick off the talent portion of the evening. Buffet menu includes: Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread Sticks, Beef Lasagna, Alfredo, and Dessert

Let Minnetonka know what your talent act will be, so that we can coordinate the program. Let's make this entertaining!

**Saturday Night - 5:30 pm****Dinner & "Ted Talk"**

We'll start the night off with the complimentary reception (for hotel attendees in the lobby from 5:30 - 7:30pm. Then head in to the ballroom for a sit down dinner & entertainment. This is business casual attire. Our entertainment is local Squadron member, Scott Schwefel. He will be presenting "Ted Talk". Scott teaches a new and colorful language of communications, that improves people's level of self-awareness and communications effectiveness. And it's fun to learn!! He is also a published author. Check out his web site: [www.ScottSchwefel.com](http://www.ScottSchwefel.com) or [www.DiscoverYourself.com](http://www.DiscoverYourself.com)

**Seminars/Classes/Workshops: Something for Everyone!**

Operations Training (Friday 3-5pm OR Sunday 8:30-10:30)

First Timers' Forum (Saturday 8:30-10am)

DB 2000 (Saturday 9-11am)

Instructor Recertification (Saturday 10-11am)

Open Forum & Idea Exchange with D10 Bridge (Saturday 10-11am)

Electric Shock Drowning (Saturday 11am-12pm)

USPS Branding Conformance, Improved Web Site (Saturday 11am-12pm)

CPR/First Aid Certification - Part 1 (Saturday 3:30-5:30pm)

CPR/First Aid Certification - Part 2 (Sunday 8-11am)

"N" Club: Steamboats of the Mississippi (Sunday 9:30-11am)

**Silent Auction  
and Drawing!!!****Lots of great items:**

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

**Appetizer  
Demonstration  
at Williams-Sonoma  
(Galleria/Edina)  
Saturday, 4-5pm**

This demonstration will get you in the mood for holiday cooking and baking.

We'll meet in the lobby after the General Membership Meeting, and car pool to the store!

Open to anyone to attend.

**Weekend Activities - Options**

**Mall of America:** There is a complimentary shuttle from the hotel to the Mall. There is endless shopping, Nickelodeon Universe for the adventurous thrill seekers, restaurants, Sea Life aquarium, theaters, Lego Lane, Water Park of America nearby and much more!

**Cowboy Jack's:** Located right next to the hotel, the restaurant is available Friday and Saturday nights after our events for drinks, food & bull riding! Come see your D10 friends ride a bull! (only available evenings)

**The Works Museum:** Designed for kids to explore their scientific & creative side. [www.TheWorks.org](http://www.TheWorks.org).

**Other:** Relax by the pool, Southtown shopping area nearby, Southdale Mall just a few miles away.

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