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National Meeting Report

Bernie and I attended the national meeting in Orlando on behalf of District 10. Here are some of the highlights.

A resolution by District 2 was amended and passed designating past district and squadron commanders with 40 merit marks as "Distinguished Commanders."

The bylaws were changed to allow a struggling squadron to alter its organizational structure to prevent dissolution. A waiver must be submitted to the district commander and approved by the National Executive Officer. The squadron will conduct its affairs as deemed appropriate by the district commander.

There were several District 10 members involved in job changes at the national level. Ben Coons is the new National Administrative officer with the rank of Vice Commander. Greg Korstad is the new Chairman of the Nominating Committee with the rank of Rear Commander. Mike Skelley is continuing as chairman of the planning committee with the rank of Rear Commander. Jim Pahl-Washa completed his term as Chairman of the Membership Committee. Mike Wiedel completed his term as National Flag Lieutenant. Kevin Wehrmann was elected to the Governing Board representing District 10.

The Educational Department reported several changes and new programs as reported in their newsletter *Currents*.

The advanced grade courses are being renamed to be more descriptive of the course content. Seamanship becomes Boat Handling, Piloting becomes Marine Navigation, Advanced Piloting becomes Advance Marine Navigation, Junior Navigation becomes Offshore Navigation and Navigation becomes Celestial Navigation. The grade designations of S, P, AP, JN and N will remain the same.

The Boat Handling (Seamanship) course is now in a multi-seminar format and is available in hard copy or as an eBook. The eBook will be available to the student with a redemption key supplied by the SEO.

The new Jump Start program now has a downloadable manual. This is a one-on-one training in the owner's boat on the water. It was suggested to offer it at the end of ABC classes as a membership sign up promotion.

Other educational items of interest are a new on-line ED-80 form for approvals of SEO's, three USPS-operated learning centers starting up in 2018 and three new instructional videos available for the virtual trainer. Finally, every squadron will be receiving \$54.60 credit in their account as a result of four years of on-line course revenue sharing. This will end the revenue sharing program.

Our district had 26 members at the meeting. District activities included manning the Minneapolis Governing Board booth, promotion of the Governing Board at several meetings, hosting a very nice hospitality room for all national meeting attendees and our traditional Friday evening District 10 dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Submitted by,
D/C Bill Dohr SN-CN



D/C William Dohr, SN-CN

District Educational Department

As District 10 Education Officer, I want to invite you to our Spring Conference. I look forward to seeing all of you in Wisconsin Dells. I want to encourage you to attend as a "First Timer" or seasoned attendee. As with the last conference, we have made an effort to offer a full slate of events.

Living the Logo Impact on the Educational Department

We will devote some discussion time to the new USPS theme logo of "Americas Boating Club".

Instructor Development

We will have a seminar to detail the process of instructor development. D-10 is in need of more instructors to support the many needs of our organization. There have been changes to the process in recent years. Please consider participation in this seminar.

SEO Spring Conference Workshop

This is an invitation for all Squadron SEO's or assistant SEO's, and instructors to attend the Educational Department workshop. Please come and share your successes with your peers. I will be able to share information I received at the 2018 annual meeting Education Workshop and I also desire to get much needed input from you.

Seminar: Jump Start

Please attend and learn how you can conduct training to new boaters.

District Education Officer
D/Lt/C Wesley D. Koplitz, AP



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



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District Executive Department

There's SO MUCH to be excited about!

First, it's been exciting to see the squadrons of District 10 begin to embrace and promote the America's Boating Club concept in newsletters and on websites.

And, I'm excited about both the National and District 10 initiatives in place to leverage "America's Boating Club" and the tagline "For Boaters, By Boaters" with all our outward-facing civic activities and member recruiting initiatives.

Next, I'm excited about how all of this will comprise the key message of our upcoming Spring Conference in the Wisconsin Dells. We'll be talking about America's Boating Club, Boat Live 365, Living the Logo – and more. BE THERE!

Finally, I'm excited that our nominee for the position of District 10 Executive Officer is Bob DeNoto, Commander of the Door County Squadron. Bob is absolutely passionate about USPS and how we present, promote and interface with the public – which is the heart of the Executive Department. I know you will join me in supporting Bob and following his lead.



D/LT/C Kristine L. Harmon, AP

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK UPDATE

In 2017, according to national data, the 73 active Vessel Examiners of District 10 reported completing 1,302 Vessel Safety Checks (17.4 per VE) and awarding 1,157 decals (89%). Thanks to everyone who participated in this program that is so important to helping keep our waters safe and the boating community aware of who we are and what we do.

As always, the winner of the 2017 Pelican Award for Excellence in Vessel Safety Checks will be announced at the Spring Conference following dinner on Saturday. This award is based on several criteria compared with the D10 average:

- Number of active Vessel Examiners as a percentage of squadron members
- Number of new (first-time) VEs
- Number of VSCs per VE
- Total number of VSCs completed

FINAL THOUGHTS

This is my last Communicator article as an elected member of the District 10 Bridge. For the last four years, it has been my privilege and pleasure to meet, get to know and work with all of you – the members of D10. I continue to be amazed by and proud of the level of commitment you demonstrate by your service to the boating community. While we may not often think of ourselves as a service organization, that is a great part of what and who we are.

Thank you for your service. Thank you for making a difference. Thank you for your inspiration. Thank you for this opportunity and for your support.

Continue to *Come About*: Keep your focus on the destination; Stay the course; Use the tools at hand; Adjust when needed; Consciously do right things. And have fun!

Respectfully submitted,

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

District 10 Administrative Department

Hello District 10!

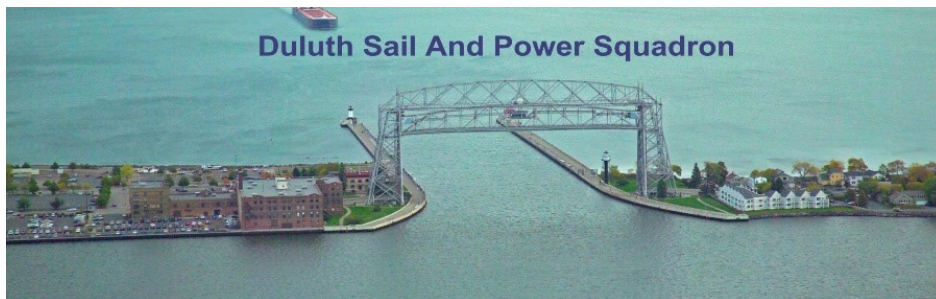
How time flies when you are having fun! My year as District Administrative Officer is coming to a close and what a fun year it has been! I want to thank the many of you who have supported me this past year. I learned many things and had a great time interacting with our membership across the District. Read on for some key information about events, membership, and member involvement. Enjoy!

Events

Fall Conference – First I wanted to send a big THANKYOU to Tom Linderholm and to all in the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron for hosting the Fall Conference. Canal Park was a great venue and we had a wonderful time. The social events, seminars, and meetings were all very well done. Special thanks go to Lori and Jason Yecoshenko, along with Len Robinson who were my main points of contact in the months leading up to the event.



D/Lt/C Dave Fine, AP



2018 Spring Conference, April 6 - 8 – Mark your calendars and book your room! The hotel block is open until March 16th (see registration form later in this publication). We have filled this conference with many fun social events, along with seminars and workshops designed to get you up to speed on the latest within the USPS, including America's Boating Club roll out in District 10. We will have "Living the Logo" apparel available for sale to help you show off your spirit and enthusiasm for the new USPS marketing campaign. We will also be conducting our conference meeting and our Change of Watch. We have worked hard to make this an affordable conference with rooms and meals at a great price. Hope to see each of you there!

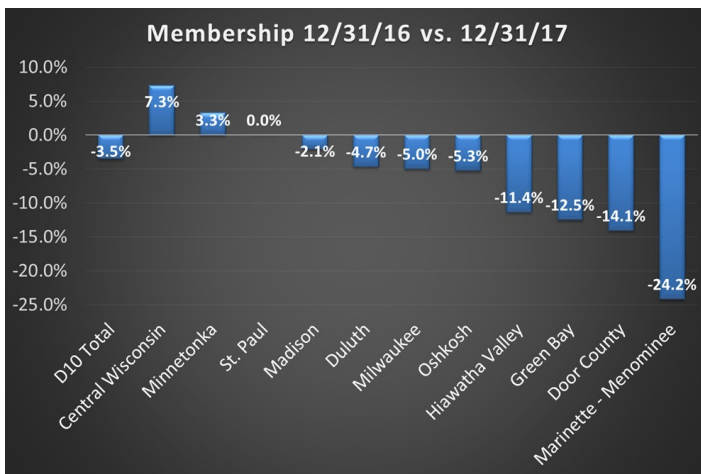


2018 Duluth Corn Roast – The Duluth Sail and Power Squadron has graciously offered to host District 10 at their annual Corn Roast on Labor Day weekend. This will be held at their dock on Lake Superior with access via boat, car, or RV possible. Our District will not be holding a Summer Rendezvous in 2018 given our hosting of the National Governing Board meeting, so this is an excellent opportunity to spend some "water" time with your friends from D10. More info to come at the Spring Conference.

2018 National Governing Board Meeting, August 12 – 19 –D10 will be hosting the 2018 National Governing Board Meeting at the Marriott City Center in Downtown Minneapolis. This issue of the Communicator contains a separate article sharing the details. This is a once in a decade opportunity for D10 to shine, so I hope you plan to join us!

Membership and Membership Retention Update

Good news! D10 added more than 80 members to our ranks in 2017. The bad news is we lost more than 100 members and ended the year down 31 (3.5%). Membership retention continues to be a significant challenge and is a focus for the incoming Bridge. Three of our Squadrons did see growth or held their own in 2017. Congratulations to Central Wisconsin, Minnetonka, and St. Paul for that achievement! The charts below show the data across the District.

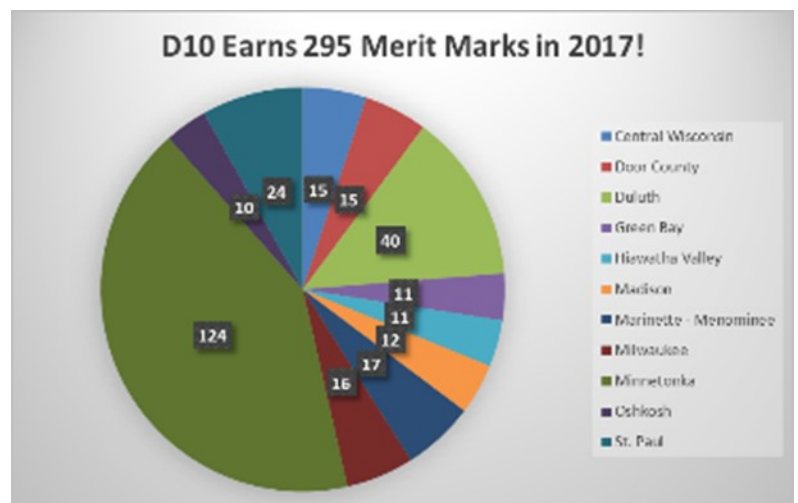


Membership (w/o WCH)	2016	2017	Net	
Central Wisconsin	41	44	3	7.3%
Door County	64	55	-9	-14.1%
Duluth	214	204	-10	-4.7%
Green Bay	48	42	-6	-12.5%
Hiawatha Valley	35	31	-4	-11.4%
Madison	47	46	-1	-2.1%
Marinette - Menominee	33	25	-8	-24.2%
Milwaukee	60	57	-3	-5.0%
Minnetonka	246	254	8	3.3%
Oshkosh	19	18	-1	-5.3%
St. Paul	84	84	0	0.0%
D10 Total	891	860	-31	-3.5%

One good indicator of membership involvement is merit marks. As the only recognition an individual gets for their service throughout the year, it is something we would like to see all our members receive. In 2017, members of District 10 were awarded 295 merit marks, which is about one out of every three members! If you look a little deeper at the squadron level, the percent of members earning merit marks ranged from 20 to 68%. We will be exploring the details, and working to come up with some strategies to engage more of our membership across the District with a goal of reducing the number of members leaving our ranks.

That's it from the Administrative Department. Thanks again for a great year, and see you at the Spring Conference!

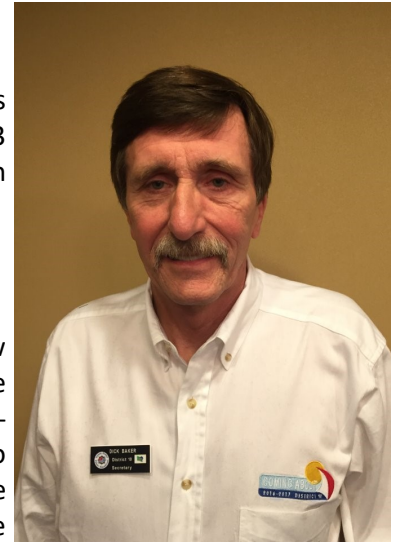
D/Lt/C Dave Fine, AP



District Secretary

This will probably be the last article I write as a member of the District 10 Bridge. It's been a long run, since I have served on the District Bridge for 12 out of the last 13 years. I started in 2005 as assistant to D10 Secretary Dave Carlson, and I had to dive in right away since I had to sit in for him at one conference that year.

In that time I have watched USPS change at every level. We have searched for new relevancy in a world that our founders never could have imagined. Years ago, as we watched our organization lose members at an astonishing rate, I suggested that perhaps this was what we needed to happen. Maybe we had to approach the point of no return before we dug in our heels and figured out a way to stop our plunge off the edge. Much like a thousand footer on the Great Lakes, it takes a long time to change course in USPS, but it's finally happening.



D/Lt/C Richard Baker, AP

Re-branding USPS to America's Boating Club was an inspired idea that came of the realization that the only thing that never changes is the need for change. With revamped educational offerings, changes to how we operate internally, and changes to our public face, we may finally have a chance to celebrate a second century of existence.

District 10, as usual, is at the vanguard. Our "Living the Logo" committee has developed a comprehensive marketing plan that will guide us as we transition to America's Boating Club. These changes will be discussed at length in Wisconsin Dells at our upcoming 2018 Spring Conference being held April 6-8, 2018 at Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center.

At that conference we will welcome a new group of leaders to the district bridge. I have high hopes that this group of forward thinkers can re-energize our district. We have a solid succession plan for the next few years, and if you want to get involved, there are lots of opportunities.

We have a prime opportunity to spotlight our district to the rest of America's Boating Club at the 2018 Fall Governing Board meeting in Minneapolis August 12-19, 2018. I encourage you to put that event on your calendar. There are a lot of fun events to participate in, and plenty of opportunities to help out too.

See you on the water!

D/Lt/C Richard Baker, AP

Call to the Meeting

District 10 2018 Spring Conference

4-6 April 2018

Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center

Wisconsin Dells, WI

In accordance with the bylaws of District 10, Section 5.6 and 5.6.1, the District 10 2017 Spring Conference Meeting (to which all members are cordially invited) has been called.

The Council Meeting will be held on 4 April 2018 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 7 April 2018 at the Wintergreen resort and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells, and will convene at 0930 for the purpose of acting on matters set forth below:

To receive and act upon reports of officers and committees.

To elect officers and members of committees.

To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

D/Lt/C Richard Baker

D10 Secretary



District Treasurer

Ahoy from the D-10 Treasurer's Department !

Our financial position is Ship Shape! As of the February bank statements we have \$36,848.37 in checking, savings, reserve, and enrichment accounts. This amount is within \$750 of where we were this time last year. We are staying within our budget, thanks to the due diligence for budgeting and spending of the Bridge team. I really appreciate how the Bridge works together to keep an eye on the budget and the district finances. We can keep our squadrons strong by renewing our own memberships and bringing in new people who share our enjoyment of boating and community service.

I want to again take this opportunity to mention to the squadrons that now is a good time to submit an Enrichment Application to D-10 for up to \$500 to help launch a squadron membership, education, civic, fraternal, or administrative initiative. Please find this form on the district website under Treasurer.

It has been a very enjoyable voyage sailing through as District Treasurer for the past three years! I am looking forward to cruising into the next watch year ahead as I continue onboard as the District Treasurer.

There are positions available for interested members to come onboard and serve in a district capacity. Contact anyone on the bridge for more information !

I look forward to seeing the squadrons come together at the District Spring Conference at the Wintergreen Conference Center in the Wisconsin Dells April 6-8. I hope to see all of the Squadron Treasurers at the Treasurer workshop on Saturday morning. We can share and discuss the Treasurer's duties and responsibilities. Please let me know any other items you would like to cover or discuss at the workshop.

I appreciate the opportunity to have served as your Treasurer this past watch year !

Have a Safe and Enjoyable 2018 Boating Season!

Fraternally - D/Lt/C Tracy Gustafson, AP-IN

"Never Regret The Things That Make You Smile !"



D/Lt/C Tracy Anne Gustafson, AP



Hello District 10!

Dave Fine here. As District Commander Nominee, I thought this would be a great time to fill you in on my thoughts for the coming watch year. Before getting into those details, I do want to say it is very humbling, but at the same time a great honor to have been asked to take the helm of D10. This organization has many great and dedicated leaders and I look forward to partnering with those leaders and with each of you to make this a great watch year! The Nominating Committee has done a wonderful job filling the Bridge with dedicated, passionate, and enthusiastic leaders and I am excited and committed to work with this team.

My theme for the coming watch year is **"REDEFINE TRADITIONS... FROM STEM TO STERN"**. The USPS is an organization with a long and rich heritage filled with many traditions. Those traditions have served the organization well over the better part of our 100+ year history, but the boating community has changed and has expanded to areas where we fail to make a good connection. The demographic of our core membership is declining and with it, our membership numbers. In the last 10 years, national membership has declined 45% and D10 membership 40%. So clearly the traditions that have served us well for the last century, are not succeeding at connecting with today's boating community. So we are all called to action to examine those **TRADITIONS** and **REDEFINE** those that can help us become a healthy and growing organization. We need to look across all areas and levels of our organization, **FROM STEM TO STERN** to ensure the future viability of our organization.



The good news is the National organization has taken action and is rolling out America's Boating Club. There is a great effort in rebranding the USPS so that we may reach a wider and growing market. We have a new look, a new marketing campaign, and maybe even a new attitude and renewed enthusiasm across the organization. Here at D10 we are embracing that and have formed a Living the Logo committee to turn this branding and marketing activity, into the fabric of who we are. This is a significant focus of the D10 Bridge this coming year. To look at traditions from stem to stern, the Bridge is going beyond America's Boating Club. We did a survey of the D10 Council on our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Maybe no surprise, but we got a lot of feedback about weaknesses in membership, membership involvement, leadership succession, on the water education, and D10 communication. The District Bridge began meeting monthly last December and are establishing goals and strategies on how we can look at these areas differently to better support our squadrons. I encourage you to attend the Spring Conference in the Wisconsin Dells. We have many seminars and workshops that will focus on the goals of the incoming Bridge. In the meantime, I would challenge all of our Squadrons to examine your own traditions from stem to stern, and implement strategies that embrace Americas Boating Club, and address any weaknesses you might have.

In closing, I want you to know that my commitment to you is that the District is focused on adding value to the Squadrons and we want to help you in any way we can. We will be increasing our communication with you to let you know how we are progressing. I encourage you to do the same. We want and value your feedback!

Respectfully submitted,

D/Lt/C Dave Fine, AP

Meet the Chief Commander's Rep to the D10 2018 Spring Conference

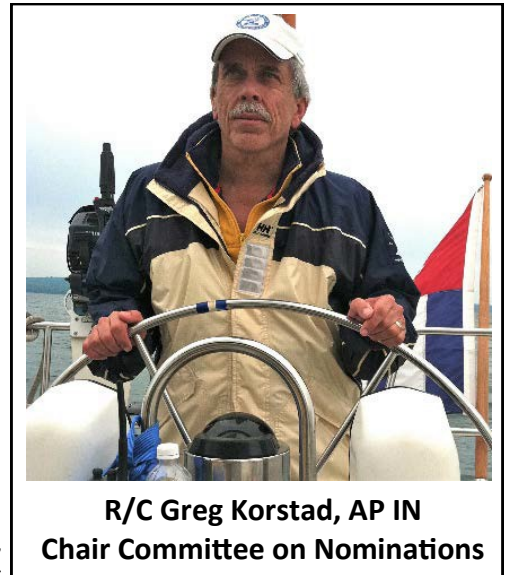
Greg Korstad has been a U.S. Power Squadron member for over 25 years and is excited to serve USPS as the chair of the Committee on Nominations. When he is not otherwise engaged, Greg and his wife, Connie, will be found aboard their sailboat, *Gaviidae*, cruising Lake Superior; or puttering about Lake Minnetonka in their powerboat, *Platypus*.

Experience. Connie and Greg have put in over 30 years cruising the “Big Lake” and know the importance of the knowledge available from USPS courses. (If you don’t like the weather on Lake Superior, just wait an hour and it will change—often dramatically! And if you don’t know why—take the USPS Weather Course.) Continuing his interest in cruising the Great Lakes, Greg has served several years on the Board of Directors for the Great Lakes Cruising Club and is the Club’s current Judge Advocate.

Teaching and Learning. Always curious and never satisfied with his knowledge, Greg continues to take USPS seminars and is working on JN and N courses. And willing to share his boating knowledge (and tales of water-borne adventures) with others, Greg has taught several courses and seminars and has become qualified as a Boat Operator Certifier.

District and Squadron. Greg has been actively involved in District 10. He serves on the Nominating Committee and as District Law Officer and Legislative Officer for Minnesota. But he is really at his best in participating in the district fraternal activities: dragging his powerboat to rendezvous and assuring social activities never wane at District meetings. Locally, Greg is active in the Minnetonka Power Squadron’s civic and education programs, having helped it obtain the coveted Prince Henry Trophy, and is a former Commander.

Next Challenge. Greg is a mostly retired lawyer having practiced environmental and government relations law at a major law firm in Minneapolis. Having practiced for 40 years, he believes he finally got it right and can retire!



Instructor Development Program Presentation At the Spring Conference

The session will detail the process required to be recognized as a certified USPS instructor. This certification is required of all instruction delivered with a non-member audience. This program has evolved in recent years and has a specific set of steps in gaining certification. Please consider attending this session and using the knowledge to grow your squadron’s pool of instructors.

Bob DeNoto

District Executive Officer-Elect

Buon giorno: I made friends with many of you when I was your DEO: 2011-2014 and many more of you along the way. Karen and I are retired in Door County where I lead the Door County Sail & Power Squadron. I started my USPS career in Connecticut with the Saybrook Squadron, District-1, in the mid-1970s. I became a Life Member with the class of 2016.

My Dad gave me my first boat; a 14' *Brockway*, flat bottom row boat with a 5 HP *Royal* outboard, when I was eight. I haven't been without a boat since. The flagships of my current fleet are *Carefree* and *Sogni Dolci* (Sweet Dreams).



I built *Sogni Dolci* (a *Whitehall* pulling boat) in 2004, as a decompression project after retiring. The objective was to modify my type "A" corporate personality, to hopefully a "B" minus. My dear friends have confided in me; that it didn't work.

I'm very much looking forward to serving as your District Executive Officer and working with the Squadron XO's within my department. I have always been comfortable with and embraced change. I am very excited about the changes that are coming about within USPS. The goals I'm projecting for my watch, are intended to reflect our opportunities to effect change:

1. Act as an Agent of change by:
 - Promoting "America's Boating Club"
 - Living the Logo
 - Projecting an image of fun in addition to "Safe Boating through Education"
2. Stay ahead of "Boat Live 365"
3. Assist in Driving the 2018 Governing Board Meeting

See you soon.

Bob

USPS Comes to District 10

Submitted by Greg Korstad

Our next National Governing Board Meeting is set for August 12 -19, 2018, when 1000 USPS members from across the country will descend on the Minneapolis Marriott for a week of meetings, training, business and socializing. Visitors will have the opportunity to discover a True North full of History, Culture and Friends. Our District Host committee has built a brand around these concepts and is working hard to make sure attendees visiting Minneapolis will see District 10 in a positive light.

We are the Local Support for the Governing Board Meeting National Meetings are run by the National Meetings Committee, however, the committee is scattered across the country so it is important to have a local effort. The primary local role is to identify opportunities for members to see points of interest in the area. Local support is also important for entertainment and activities (like our boat tour of Lake Minnetonka). We will also have an important function in dispensing local knowledge of the city and the hotel.

What we've done We have developed an advertising campaign around our "Discover True North" brand and have received positive response from members around the country. Our Host Committee has carefully assembled tours and activities for attendees that touch on Minneapolis' world class theater and art, professional sports and local horticulture. We also put together a dinner cruise on Lake Minnetonka to show off our local waters. For the Friday Keynote Breakfast we put the National Committee in touch with Marlin Bree, a local maritime author, well known for writing about his sailing exploits on Lake Superior.

What we're going to be doing With the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, the national meeting focus will be on District 10. Our focus locally will be on recruiting volunteers to help execute the local functions. We will also continue marketing the Governing Board Meeting to members around USPS to assure they all get the opportunity to visit us.

You can help

Hospitality: D/10 Guides will provide visitor information, hotel assistance and local knowledge.

Centerpieces: We will be creating decorations and preparing venues for lunches and dinner events.

Tours: To assure visitors have a positive experience on the tours and events we will provide assistance and direction

Silent Auction/Fundraising: We will be soliciting and creating silent auction items and selling chances on the silent auction and a 50:50 raffle during the meeting week

To Volunteer: Contact Kris Harmon klharmon@comcast.net



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6 - 8 April 2018

Wintergreen Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI



Agenda

Friday, 6 April

		<u>Location</u>
3:00 – 7:00	Registration	Atrium
3:00 – 5:00	Nominations Committee Meeting	Matterhorn
3:00 – 5:00	Planning Committee Meeting	Mt Blanc Front
3:00 – 5:00	Rules Committee Meeting	Mt Everest
3:00 – 5:00	Audit Committee Meeting	Mt McKinley
5:00 – 7:00	Wine / Cheese Tasting	Grand Ballroom
7:00 – 9:00	DINNER: Build-Your-Own-Taco Buffet	Grand Ballroom

Saturday, 7 April

6:30 – 10:00	Breakfast – on your own	Wintergreen Grille
7:30 – 10:00	Registration	Atrium
8:00 – 9:15	Commanders Workshop	Grand Ballroom
8:00 – 9:15	Administrative Department Workshop	Matterhorn
8:00 – 9:15	Executive Department Workshop	Mt Everest
8:00 – 9:15	Educational Department Workshop	Mt. Blanc Front
8:00 – 9:15	Secretaries Department Workshop	TBA
8:00 – 9:15	Treasurers Department Workshop	Mt McKinley
9:15 – 9:30	<i>Transition to Grand Ballroom</i>	
9:30 – 12:00pm	Conference Meeting	Grand Ballroom
12:15 – 1:00	LUNCH	Grand Ballroom
1:15 – 2:45	First Aid / CPR Certification	Grand Ballroom
1:30 – 3:30	Field Trip: HH Bennett Studio Tour	<i>Meet in Lobby</i>
1:30 – 2:30	Workshop: Member Retention	Mt Blanc Front
2:45 – 3:45	Seminar: ReDeFine Traditions / America's Boating Club	Matterhorn
2:45 – 3:45	Workshop: Instructor Development Promotion	Mt McKinley
4:00 – 5:30	Fun & Games: Nautical Skills & More (Team Contest)	Mt Blanc Front
6:00 – 7:00	Cocktail Reception; Silent Auction	Grand Ballroom
7:00 – 7:15	Grand March; Welcome	Grand Ballroom
7:15 – 8:00	DINNER	Grand Ballroom
8:00 – 8:45	Change of Watch; Awards and Recognition	Grand Ballroom
8:45 >>>>	The "Dakota Kid", Playing Country and Classic Rock	Grand Ballroom
8:45 >>>>	P/D/C Appreciation Reception	TBA

Sunday, 8 April

8:00 – 9:15	Breakfast "Round Table" with the Bridge	Mt Rainier
9:30 – 10:30	Seminar: Boat Operator Certification and Jump Start	Mt Blanc
9:30 – 10:30	Workshop: DB2000 Knowledge Share	Mt Rainier



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Registration Notes

Weekend Highlights:

Conference Meeting

Election of Officers for 2018 – 2019

America's Boating Club

Living the Logo

USPS 2018 Governing Board Meeting in Minneapolis, hosted by District

Educational Opportunities

Department Workshops

Seminars

Workshops

First Aid / CPR Certification (See Registration Note)

Fellowship/Camaraderie with D10 Members

Wine & Cheese Tasting

Team Fun & Games

Socialization over dinner and entertainment

**Given the location, this will be a kid-friendly weekend –
lots in the area to do and see in addition to the hotel's indoor water park.**

**We will provide a complimentary kids' alternate event
after dinner on Saturday evening if there is interest.
(supervised by an adult and staffed by a youth Red Cross-certified babysitter)**

Registration Notes:

- Hotel information is repeated on the registration form. Please be sure to contact the Wintergreen by the **16 March deadline**. Reservations made after that date will be subject to availability and prevailing rates. (\$129.99 if you go on line today)
- You may print, complete and mail your registration form with a check OR make your reservation and payment on line after approximately March 1. (We will send another message to announce the online process is ready to go.)
- Notice that we are offering a **\$5.00 discount** for all registrations received by Friday, March 30. This will be honored for both online registrations and those postmarked by the deadline.
- **Regarding First Aid / CPR Certification:** This is a blended learning course that includes an on-line portion (about two hours) that must be completed before attending the classroom portion at the Conference. Connection information will be forwarded upon receipt of your registration, and more details will be available in the 2018 Spring Conference Events Summary to be published online on or about March 1.

**This Conference will be unique in that it is not being hosted by a specific squadron.
Therefore, we are in need of a few volunteers to assist with the registration desk
from 3:00 to 6:30 on Friday evening and 8:00 to 10:30 on Saturday morning.
Please contact Kris Harmon (klharmon@comcast.net) if you are willing to help out.**

We look forward to seeing you in the Dells!

Dave Fine

Dick Baker

Kris Harmon

Kevin Wehrmann

Karen Christenson

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Registration

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ -

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ -

Squadron _____ Sq Position/Role/Job/Dept _____

Phone(s) _____ E-mail _____

Children's Names & Ages _____

EVENT	Cost	Number	Total
Friday Wine & Cheese Tasting	\$ 5	_____	\$ _____
Friday Dinner: Build-Your-Own Taco Bar Buffet <i>(Includes Beverage, Dessert)</i>	\$ 15	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch: Comfort Food Buffet: Mac 'n' Cheese, Bourbon Meatloaf, Peas-and-Carrots, Fruit Fluff Salad; <i>(Includes Beverage, Dessert)</i>	\$ 15	_____	\$ _____
CPR/First Aid Certification Class <i>(Pre-Work Required)</i>	\$ 75	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Dinner: <i>(Bread, salad, vegetables & dessert are included)</i>			
Chicken Breast stuffed with homemade sausage, topped with mushroom sauce	\$ 23	_____	\$ _____
Prime Rib served medium, with au jus	\$ 23	_____	\$ _____
Special Dietary Requests: Please describe _____			
Discount for registrations received by 23 March			\$5.00
TOTAL			\$ _____

Please help us plan! Insert the initials of each registrant who is likely or planning to attend each of these events.

Dept. Workshop (Specify below)	Member Retention		Sun: Breakfast with the Bridge	
	ReDeFine Traditions/AmBoatClub		Sun: BOC & Jump Start	
Field Trip HH Bennett Studio	Promoting Instructor Dev		Sun: DB2000 Knowledge Share	

Register On Line, or Make checks payable to: USPS District 10

Reply no later than: 30 March 2018

Mail form & check to: Kris Harmon
700 Stonewood Road
Eagan, MN 55123
(651) 651-688-6464
klharmon@comcast.net

See Page 2 for Hotel Details
and Event Descriptions.

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

Hotel Information: Group Rate Reservation Deadline: 16 March 2018

Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center

60 Gasser Road

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

(608) 254-2285 or (800) 648-4765

¾-mile north of I-94 on US-12 (exit 92)

In-room mini-refrigerator and microwave

<http://www.wintergreen-resort.com>

Ask for the
District 10 Block, at \$89.00 per night
for a room with king bed or two queens.

Hot buffet breakfast available for \$10.99
on Saturday & Sunday in
The Wintergreen Grille.

Workshops/Classes/Seminars/Meetings/More

Department Workshops (Sat 8:00-9:15, open to everyone)

Conference Meeting (Sat 9:30-12:00)

Key topics will include America's Boating Club, D10's Living the Logo initiative, Planning for D10 hosting the 2018 National Governing Board Meeting in Minneapolis, and Election of Officers)

First Aid/CPR Certification (Sat, 1:30-3:45)

"Field Trip" to H.H. Bennett Studio (Sat 1:30-3:40, <https://hhbennettstudio.wisconsinhistory.org/>)

Workshop: Member Recruiting/Involvement/Retention (Sat 1:30-2:30)

Seminar: ReDeFine Traditions / Putting America's Boating Club in Practice (Sat 2:45-3:45)

Workshop: Promoting Instructor Development in your Squadron (Sat 2:45-3:45)

Fun & Games: Nautical Skills & Team Contests (Sat 4:00-5:30)

Breakfast with the Bridge: Roundtable discussion (Sun 8:00-9:15)

Seminar: Implementing Boat operator Certification & "Jump Start" for the public (Sun 9:30-10:30)

Workshop: DB200 Knowledge Share (Sun 9:30-10:30)

Friday Night

Wine & Cheese Tasting

Meet and greet old friends and new for a tasting of international fine wines and cheeses, hosted by D/c-Nominee Dave Fine.

Build-Your-Own-Taco Buffet

At 7:00, the evening continues with a cash bar and a Build-Your-Own Taco Buffet dinner: seasoned beef and chicken, Soft & hard taco shells, refried beans, Spanish rice, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, salsa and all the fixin's. And there will be dessert!

Saturday Night

**Cocktails, Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle
Dinner, Change of Watch and Awards
Entertainment by The Dakota Kid**

The evening begins with a cash bar from 6:00 to 7:00. You will also have one last chance to bid on Silent Auction items and purchase tickets for the 50/50 Cash Raffle.

Dinner will be served at 7:15, to be followed by a short program including the Change of Watch.

By 8:45, we will be listening to The Dakota Kid, a one-man band featuring country and classic rock favorites. (The Dakota Kid is also known as Arlan Opstedal of the Minnetonka Power Squadron.)

Sometime during the evening, be sure to stop by new P/D/C Bill Dohr's suite, where he will be providing hospitality in appreciation for all who contributed to the success of the 2017-2018 Watch Year.

Suggested Attire

Friday Afternoon:	Living the Logo / USPS Casual
Friday Evening:	Casual
Saturday:	Living the Logo / USPS Casual D10 Bridge - Team Vest/Shirt
Saturday Evening:	Men - Business Attire or Uniform A Women - Dressy
Sunday Morning:	Living the Logo / USPS Casual



District 10

Slate of Officers for Election, 2018-19

In accordance with the Bylaws of District 10 of the United States Power Squadrons, the District 10 Nominating Committee is submitting this report of nominees for the 2018-19 watch year. The slate of nominees listed below are members who have agreed to serve for the positions indicated, and have been selected and nominated by the Nominating Committee.

For: Commander	D/Lt/C David Fine, AP
Executive Officer	Cdr A. Robt. De Noto, JN
Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Wesley Koplitz, AP
Administrative Officer	P/C Kevin Wehrmann, S
Secretary	Cdr Nancy Gagich, S
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Tracy Gustafson, AP
Assist. Treasurer	D/1 st /Lt Lori Yecoshenko
Immediate Past Commander	Pending acceptance

Nominees for current election are those with terms expiring in 2021. Other committee members and their expiring dates of service are listed for information.

Rules Committee (3-year term)	P/D/C Al Harmon, AP		2019
	P/R/C Jim Pahl-Washa, JN		2020
	No nominee		
Planning Committee (3-year term)	P/C Bob Satterfield, AP		2019
	P/D/C Ted Smyczek, SN		2019
	P/D/C Kris Harmon, AP		2020
	P/C Rob Gaddes, P		2020
	P/C Lance Olson, P		2021
Audit Committee (3-year term)	P/C Len Robinson, S		2019
	Lt/C Onis Budde, AP		2020
	No nominee		
Nominating Committee (3-year term)	Lt/C Bernadette Dohr, AP	Central Wisconsin	2021
	P/R/C Alan Wentworth, SN	Door County	2019
	P/D/Lt/C Dave Carlson, SN	Duluth	2020
	Cdr Wayne Dunbar, AP	Green Bay	2019

Nominating Committee
(continued)

P/D/C Marie Coons, AP	Hiawatha Valley	2021
Julie Pahl-Washa, P	Madison	2021
P/C Jim Goodman, S	M & M	2020
P/C Chuck Kersey, AP	Milwaukee	2019
Vacancy	Minnetonka	
Vacancy	Oshkosh	
P/C John Gagich, S	St. Paul	2019

Nominating Committee Alternates	Central Wisconsin	No nominee
(1-year term)	Door County	No nominee
	Duluth	No nominee
	Green Bay	No nominee
	Hiawatha Valley	No nominee
	Madison	No nominee
	M & M	No nominee
	Milwaukee	No nominee
	Minnetonka	No nominee
	Oshkosh	No nominee
	St. Paul	No nominee

It is anticipated that further members will be nominated from the floor at the Change of Watch meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Wentworth, SN
Chairman

D-10 Staff

District Commander	D/C William Dohr, SN-CN	billdohr@charter.net
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