



United States Power Squadrons®

Midwestern Pilot

Fall 2016

District 30 Celebrating 41 years 1975-2016



Commanders's Corner

As I write this democracy in our country is in full swing. We had a National Convention last week and we have a National Convention this week. As members of the United States Power Squadrons it is no less important that our voices be heard at our own national meetings.

The Squadron Commanders and I received a survey from the National District Commanders' representative Elaine Pfaff with some really thought provoking questions. She will be presenting our responses at the Governing Board. However, the best part of her survey is that it led to some intriguing conversations with the squadron commanders and me. I feel fairly comfortable in saying I feel the pulse of the district and have some new goals in mind.

With Go-to-Meeting becoming the standard for district council meetings, time is available on Saturday afternoon after the conference for those who have recreation in mind but also leaves time for seminars and/or squadron commanders' meetings. There is quite a bit of seminar based excitement with OT in 3, Practical On-the-Water, and Vessel Safety Checks being considered for the fall and spring conferences. If you have a particular seminar you would like to see presented please feel free to get in touch and let me know.

I enjoyed tracking the activities of the squadrons over the summer. Some I wish I had known about ahead of time so I could have been there. It is kind of funny though that with all the dates to choose from more often than not you all chose the same weekend to have your event.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve at your Change of Watch but I would also like to visit when it is not an official visit. So please share your calendars with me.

It is good to hear from the squadrons that there is a surge in new members. As your numbers grow please make sure you apply for the MIRA award and share your success story. One squadron enjoyed a membership bump partnering with Sea Scout Ships and earned a MIRA Honorable Mention. District 30 may be small but we are mighty so get out there and toot your own horn and be recognized.

In October 2016 the National Education Committee will launch a Digital Media Library. The library takes bits and pieces from our seminars and turns them into video shorts that can be used as a "hook" on your website or at any public function your squadron might sponsor. Some of the topics in the library include: Vessel Safety Check; Planning Ahead; Preparing for Departure; Stopping and Holding Position; Pivot Turn; Maneuvering on Plane; Anchoring a Boat; and many more. If you would like more information please feel free to contact the DML Project Manager P/D/C Marty

Lafferty, martylafferty@uspsdml.org, 410-725-7820; or DML Resource Coordinator D/Lt John O'Reilly JN-IN, John.oreilly@uspsdml.org, 410-412-4027.

Many of us have experienced the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer either at a National meeting or a district conference. At this point in time National owns roughly 15 trainers purchased with grant money from the United States Coast Guard. At the discount price of \$15,000.00 most of us can't even begin to think about acquiring a trainer. Fortunately, the Tampa Squadron was able to construct a boating skills trainer for a tenth of the price, a mere \$1540.00, with many of the same capabilities as the trainers from National. If you think your squadron would be interested in MuVIT (Multi Vessel Interactive Trainer) then please feel free to contact the Tampa Squadron at <http://tampaps.org/MuVIT/MuVIT.html>.

The procedures for contributing to the Education Fund have changed this year. Should you choose to contribute to the Education fund, your balance to make the 2016 Honor Roll is:

SQUADRON	MEMBERS 1 DEC 2015	CONTRIBUTION AS OF 31 MAR 2016	BALANCE FOR HONOR ROLL
Boulder Valley	88	\$11	\$77
Des Moines	28	\$0	\$28
Four Rivers	48	\$3	\$45
Grand Lake	108	\$0	\$108
Kansas City	21	\$0	\$21
St. Louis	57	\$0	\$57
Waterloo	4	\$0	\$4

Contributions need to be received by 30 November, 2016. Congratulations to Grand Lake. They have already earned their place on the 2016 Honor Roll having contributed their balance since March 31st. If you have any questions or comments, please be sure to contact our district Education Fund Chairperson, Millie Steffe.

National is asking for help in finding "address unknown" members. Please help your DB2000 squadron guru locate these people and correct their address, phone and email. A good way to do this is to reach out and get the call chain going. You might find a good friend you haven't talked to in a while.

As you work on building your bridge for next year, and for some of us that is a tough build, the following four actions have to happen 1)Elect officers (3 minimum) Commander, Squadron Education Officer, and Secretary/Treasurer; 2)Offer a United States Power Squadron approved boating course; 3)File IRS 990 (if you are reading this and haven't filed you're late and risk losing your 501c3 status); and 4)submit merit marks. I sometimes think we see the National organization as unapproachable but they are really quite helpful. As your new District Commander I have had many questions and all have been answered in a week or less. So please don't forget <http://www.usps.org> as a valuable resource.

I want to say "thank you" to the St. Louis Sail and Power Squadron for hosting the D30 spring conference at Lake of the Ozarks. The weekend was filled with good food, good company, and good conversation. I look forward to seeing everyone in Branson the weekend of October 7, 8, and 9. Four Rivers Sail and Power Squadron have great things planned for the District 30 Fall Conference. I don't know about the rest of you but we are extending our time in Branson and will swing south for a few days to take in the sights in Eureka Springs.



Finally, on behalf of the District 30 membership, "THANK YOU" P/D/C Bettie Danley for an awesome two years as our district commander. You represented us well and accomplished a lot during your tenure. I hope to be able measure up to your leadership and I will with the help of our members.

Sincerely,

D/C Terry J. Elia, JN

District 30

United States Power Squadrons



Call To Council

District Commander Terry Elia has issued a call for the District 30 Council Meeting 139 September 20, 2016. This will be an Electronic Meeting via Go To Meeting at 7 pm. Reports of all Council Members should be submitted, in writing, to District Secretary Gus Elia

prior to the Council Meeting. Council members unable to attend should mail their reports prior to the meeting. Business to be brought before the council is to be sent to D/C Terry Elia fourteen (14) days prior to the Council meeting.

Call To Conference

The Fall Conference will be October 8, 2016. The purpose of this meeting will be as follows:

1. Receive and act upon reports of officers and committees.
2. Fill any vacancies in accordance with D30

By-Laws.

3. Consider and/ or act upon properly presented business.

Dress code for the conference is Uniform T, tropical shirt, or other appropriate attire.

Friday October 7, 2016:

Registration 2:00pm-7:00pm in the Ridgeview Room 1st floor, Dinner on your own.

Saturday October 8, 2016:

The Fall Conference will be held in the Ridgeview Room on the 1st floor.

Gus Elia, JN

Secretary



Nautical Trivia:

Few people with anacrophobia become sailors. Why? What are they afraid of?



Executive Department

GEODETIC MARK RECOVERY PROGRAM



Geodetic marks are highly accurate reference points established on the surface of the earth by local, state, and national agencies.

Maintenance and preservation of these marks is of utmost importance to users of the net and to NGSD, recognizing that many valuable geodetic marks are destroyed by construction, new roads, erosion, or for other causes. Our job is to locate each of these marks and report their condition together with any change in the directions needed to locate them.

There are basically two types of marks, horizontal reference and vertical reference. Although the advances in GPS technology have made the horizontal reference marks less of a necessity in surveying, GPS cannot measure elevations accurately so the vertical reference marks are still necessary for accurate surveying. Normally, geodetic marks are round bronze disc, roughly 3 inches in diameter, firmly imbedded in concrete, bedrock or on a long rod driven into the ground. The objective of this cooperative charting geodetic mark recovery program is to locate and identify these marks and to report on their condition as Good, Poor, Not Found, or Destroyed. This is a valuable public service and, at the same time an opportunity for Squadron members to get together for a fun off the water activity.

General Requirements:

A mark recovery may not be submitted within 24 months of the last recovery unless there is a change of status from ?not found? to ?found?.

A mark may not be reported as ?Not Found? if the previous report was ?Not Found? or ?Destroyed?.

All required fields must be completed on the submittal form.

Reports must be submitted within 30 days of the investigation.

Standard Operating Procedure -- [Geodetic SOP](#).

Planning -- [Planning for your Geometric Mark Recovery](#).

Preparation -- [Preparing for your Geometric Mark Recovery Field Work](#).

Reporting -- [Geodetic Reporting](#).

Worksheet -- [Geodetic](#)

Field Guide and Summary -- [Geodetic Mark Recovery](#)

Education Department

Reminder of Seminar Pricing and HQ-800 Student Completion Entries

This is reminder that USPS Headquarters invoices squadrons for seminar completions (separately from the seminar materials) based on the number of attendees reported in the HQ-800 system or via BCA. When pricing seminars, squadrons and districts will need to include this attendee completion fee in the pricing calculations as the fee will not be included in the USPS price of the seminar kits. More information is available on the [Seminars web page under News](#). (31 Jul 16)



Administrative Department

Marketing

The newly updated branding manual is available at:
http://www.usps.org/images/Exec/Marketing/Branding_Manual.pdf



Youth Poster Contest:

Announcing the 2016 National USPS Youth Annual Poster Contest

This year's theme is:
"Make it Personal!
It's Your Life ... It's Your Lifejacket!".

For details check out:

http://www.usps.org/national/membership/memcom/awards_index.html

National level deadline is Thursday, 1 January 2017. Squadrons and Districts set their own judging dates.

All files are in PDF format:
[Rules and Application](#)
[Poster Submission Form](#)
[Tips and Tricks to Promote](#)
[FAQs](#)
[Certificate of Participation](#)



Trivia Answer:

Ancaophobia is fear of the wind.

Secretary's Department



Did you miss the last National meeting or want to know what business is being conducted at National meetings?

You may view minutes from the Governing Boards, Annual meetings and Board of Directors meetings on the Secretary's Department Web page.



Mark Your Calendars:

2016

August 21-27 Governing Board Pittsburgh, PA
Sheraton at Station Square

October 7-9 Fall Conference Branson, Missouri
hosted by Four Rivers, Grand Plaza Hotel

2017

February 19-26 Annual Meeting Orlando,
Florida, Rosen Centre

April 28-30 Eagle's Landing Resort, Grove,
Oklahoma

September 12-17 Governing Board Dallas,
Texas





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We welcome you to Branson, Missouri hosted by The Four Rivers Sail & Power Squadron!

Friday October 7 - Sunday October 9, 2016

Hotel : Grand Plaza Hotel

The Grand Plaza Hotel and Conference Center is a 3 Star hotel located just off of Branson's world famous Highway 76. Surrounded by shows, attractions, and outlet shopping, this hotel is just a short walk away! The Grand Amenities include a full service restaurant and bar with a luxurious view of the Branson strip and rolling hills. Then enjoy the full hot and cold complimentary buffet breakfast available every morning! With 200 rooms available, the Grand Plaza Hotel and Conference Center is your grand home away from home!

Room Rate \$93.00 + Tax for Standard Room, Group code D30SQ. Reservations for the Hotel are due by September 5, 2016. The Room Rate is good thru Tuesday if you want to come and stay a few extra days.

{This guest room is furnished with earth tone décor which offers two queen beds or 1 King, 25" TV featuring cable and HBO, mini refrigerator, desk with chair, telephone, free wireless internet, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board.}

REGISTRATION/MEET AND GREET:

Friday October 7, 2016 2:00pm-7:00pm Ridgeview Room 1st floor
Dinner on your own.

SATURDAY:

The Fall Council and Conference will be held in the Ridgeview Room on the 1st floor. Lunch and Dinner will be on the 9th floor in the Table Rock Room with a scenic view of Branson. Saturday evening after dinner we will go to the New Shanghai Theatre 645 State Highway 165 to see the Acrobats of China.



MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Lunch:

Soup and Sandwich Buffet

{Choice of Turkey and Cheese or Ham and Cheese sandwich, two soups, salad, rolls, dessert, and tea, coffee or water.}

\$16.00x _____ =\$ _____

Supper:

Barbecue Buffet

{Barbecue Pork, Barbecue Beef, Smoked Brisket served with Baked Beans, salad, dessert and tea, coffee or water.}

\$30.00 x _____ =\$ _____

Saturday Entertainment:

Chinese Acrobats

\$25.00 x _____ =\$ _____

Total \$ _____

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Squadron _____

Please send your reservation to:

Kent Simpson

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Albany Il 61230.

Make Checks payable to Four Rivers Sail and Power Squadron

Reservations are due FRIDAY, September 23, 2016.

