

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON

DISTRICT SEVEN



FALL CONFERENCE SEAT PACKET
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D7 Secretary

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Agenda for the Conference 24 October 2105, 1400

Call to Order D/C David Bialorucki, SN

Invocation Chaplain Robert A. Winter, SN

Pledge of Allegiance D/Lt/C Eileen Rickard, SN

Verification of Quorum D/Lt/C Lynda Leque, SN

Introduction of Guests & Bridge D/C David Bialorucki, SN

Chief Commander's Message TBA

Introduction of Past District Commanders

Explanation of Voting Rules and Role of Conference

Approval of Council Minutes D/C David Bialorucki, SN

In accordance with a motion adopted at the last conference meeting, the minutes of the D/7 Conference held 21 March 2015 and the Council Meeting held on 28 September 2015 were approved by the designated committee and no further action for the approval of those minutes are required. The minutes are included in the seat packet for your information.

Presentation of Consent Agenda D/Lt/C Lynda Leque, SN

Reports of District Officers

Executive Officer D/Lt/C Eileen Rickard, SN

Educational Officer P/R/C Barbara Spraggins, SN

Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Jane Brandenstein, SN

Secretary D/Lt/C Lynda Leque, SN

Treasurer D/Lt/C S. Thomas Hancock, P

Commander D/C David Bialorucki, SN

Reports of Committees Auditing, Nominating, Planning, Rules

Unfinished Business

New Business

If there is no further business to come before the Conference, the meeting is adjourned. We will reconvene at 1900.

2015 Fall Council Meeting Consent Agenda

1. That the agenda be adopted.
2. That the Council allows the District Commander to alter the agenda as needed to expedite business.
3. That the Council recommends the Conference approve the final report of the 2015 Spring Conference hosted by RRSPS. (item #1)
4. That the Council recommends the Conference approve the final report of the 2015 District 7 Summer Rendezvous at Middle Bass Island. (item #2)
5. That the Council recommends that the Conference approve the Boat Show East budget. (item #3)
6. That the Council recommends that the Conference approve the Boat Show West budget. (item #4)
7. That the Council recommends that the Conference approve the final report of the 2015 Boat Show West. (item #5)

1. That the Council recommends that the Conference approve the advancement of \$500.00 for the 2016 Spring Conference to host squadron Stark County Power Squadron. (item #6)
2. That the Council recommends the approval of the proposed budget for the 2016 Spring Conference hosted by Stark County Power Squadron. (item #6)
3. That the Council recommends that the Conference accepts the Pittsburgh Sail & Power Squadron's edit to the criteria for the Dobler Membership Award Deed of Grant. (item #7)
4. That the Council recommends that the Conference approve the advancement of \$400 deposit for Huron Boat Basin for the 2016 D7 Summer Rendezvous. (item #8)
5. That the Council recommends that the Conference approve the appointment of P/R/C Barbara Spraggins, SN, to serve as District Education Officer for the remainder of the term previously held by D/Lt/C John Whiteley, SN, who can no longer serve due to health issues.
6. That the Council authorizes a committee of the following- the District Commander, Executive Officer, and the Administrative Officer to approve the minutes of this Council meeting.

District 7 Council Meeting Minutes

28 September 2015

Call to order at 2014 by District Commander David Bialorucki, SN.

Attendance was taken.

The following officers were present:

Commander Dave Bialorucki, SN

Executive Officer Eileen Rickard, SN

Educational Officer Barb Spraggins, SN

Administrative Officer Jane Brandenstein, SN

Secretary Lynda Leque, SN

Assistant Secretary Janice Vittucci-Ehrman, P

Treasurer Tom Hancock, P

Assistant Treasurer Liana Mihalca, SN

The following Squadron Commanders were present:

Mike Thal-Cleveland

Dan Fortman-Mansfield

Carolyn Figore-Pittsburgh

Jim Kosmos-Stark County

Jim Holcepl-Rocky River

Mary Anne Kastl-Vermilion

In addition, the following member of the council was present:

Past District Commander Michael Siwek, SN

General Committee Chairs:

Nominations-Wayne Powers, SN

Planning-Liz Glassell, AP

Rules-Charlie Tarbert, JN

Eighteen council members were present out of twenty-six members. We had a quorum. Voting procedures and who are members of the council was explained. The consent agenda was presented and moved that the agenda be approved. Eileen Rickard seconded. The consent agenda passed. (Consent agenda & items are included in the seat packet.)

Officer Reports

Executive: The Boating Skills Virtual Trainer will be available for both the Boat Show West & East. West will get it December 8. This should be a good draw to the D7 booth. Volunteers who will be demonstrating the trainer will need basic training & should contact Chairman Jeff Evans. Sign up for regular volunteers will take place electronically in mid-November. VSCs are being compiled. Reminder to record reports quickly.

Tall Ships will be returning to Lake Erie this summer with stops in Fairport Harbor & possibly Cleveland. Details pending. Volunteers will be needed for escorts & booth. Plans are to have a Virtual Trainer available.

Educational: R/C Craig Fraser will speak at the Conference SEO meeting with updates on new ABC3. Susan Harris needs trophies brought to Conference and will be collected at registration table. Instructor recertification will be held at conference. Also need certification classes. Berea is doing a certification class.

Administrative: 2016 Governing Board is to be held in Pittsburgh, Sheraton Station Square. Jane would like to meet Sunday of Conference to discuss. According to Tall ships America they will not come into Cleveland, but will go to Fairport Harbor.

Secretary: Thank you to all who got D7 News articles in on time. Merit marks due to Secretary by 15 October 2015. District seat packet articles due 9 October. Bridge officers will contact your committee chairs for articles.

Treasurer: There was a \$5,000 gain from a dissolved squadron. We are also receiving quarterly checks from license plate sales.

Committee Reports

Auditing: No report. Planning: No report. Rules: No report.

Nominations: Wayne Powers reported that the committee met last week & they are interviewing candidates.

Unfinished Business

Discussion regarding D7 email Blasts. Carolyn Figure said that she is not getting them. Dave stated that National is looking into this.

New Business

Webmaster, Irene Rodriguez, presented the need for a D7 mobile-friendly website. There is currently an \$84 per year promotional rate. After that it is \$180 per year. She is waiting for a USPS-created template. Discussion followed. Treasurer said that we currently have \$50 in budget for website. Website will still be available via computer. A motion was made by Irene to go ahead with creating a mobile website, projecting \$84 for the first year and an additional \$180 for the 2nd & 3rd year. Seconded by Jane Brandenstein. Council approved. The Council recommends that the Conference approve the motion.

Conference Chair Lynn Fortner stated that 38 rooms had been reserved so far. There are 2 hospitality rooms reserved. Registration will be in front of the Indigo Room. She asked for AV requirements. Dave has message in to National to see what is required for the webinar. There is free WIFI. Lynn also asked for Auction basket donations.

Commander's Report

Reminder of dates for Fall Conference. Speakers for the conference were announced: Jeff Collingworth, from ODNR, on Fish Nets in Lake Erie; Sarah Orlando, from Ohio University, on Clean Marine; Brian Logan on membership; and Jeff Hoedt, guest speaker at lunch. Susan Harris will do Instructor recertification.

6 new 50 year members will be presented with plaques & pins:

Donn Bell-Akron

Richard Melkerson-Cleveland

Rodney Allen-Mansfield

W. Chandler Stevens-Mansfield

Charles Palmer-Pittsburgh
Edwin Koethe-Vermilion

Announcements

Liz Glassell informed the Council that RRSPS has 4 microphones, 2 stands, and one mixer that were purchased for RRSPS's Spring 2015 Conference and now belong to D7. There is a need for an understanding that a D7 member needs to be in charge of these at a conference, not the hotel. The hotel will charge a fee for any handling of AV equipment.

Annual Meeting will be 15-21 February in Orlando. Tentative date for spring council meeting is February 1st.

Squadron Reports No reports.

Meeting adjourned at 2126.

Respectfully submitted,
D/Lt/C Lynda Leque, SN

Approved by Cdr Dave Bialorucki SN, Executive Officer Eileen Rickard SN, and Administrative Officer Jane Brandenstein SN on 15 October 2015.

SEAT PACKET REPORTS

Commander's Department

D/C Dave Bialorucki, SN

Welcome to the 2015 Fall Conference, sadly we will be laying our boats up for the winter. Where has the summer gone? The time since the Change of Watch in March has gone quickly with many boating and special events have happened. I was able to attend many of your Changes of Watch and thank you for your hospitality and friendship also to many of your rendezvous, VSC events and CO-OP charting sessions. I would like to thank D/Lt/C Eileen Rickard, SN for chairing the Boating

and Fishing Fest at the East 55th Marina. A lot of work goes into making this event work because many of the people who come are not boaters and do not understand what we do as an organization and as boaters. It does not amaze at all to see what our members in D/7 do on a daily basis to keep D/7 in the forefront of this great boating organization. Many hours are spent in doing VSC's, setting up the rendezvous, dinner meetings, and CO-OP events. What I have witnessed is the interaction of members going to other Squadrons' events, which is a good thing. We had a successful D/7 Cruise at Middle Bass Island, Gilligan's Island. Thanks to the committee for putting on a wonderful weekend. It would not have been a success without the D/7 members supporting the cruise, so I personally thank you for making this a great weekend.

I attended the Governing Board meeting in San Diego. We had a great hotel, excellent weather, good meetings and some good tours. Some of the things that came out of the DC/XO meetings were that we are not having any Districts disappear, but we have had three Squadrons move to other districts. The new budget was approved, not pretty but it passed. We will not have a National rep at any Conference that is not having a Change of Watch. We will have a Town hall meeting with the Chief Commander via Go To Webinar. If any member is interested to take the Leadership Development class 101, there will be a special meeting in Raleigh, NC the third weekend in November. There will be a \$90.00 dollar fee which will include the material for the class two lunches and a Friday buffet. You also will tour Headquarters, meet some of the people who work at headquarters, and meet with members of the National Bridge. At the Annual meeting in Orlando, 102 and 103 will be offered. There are many things that came out of the Governing Board meeting and I will report at our meetings at the Conference. Appreciate seeing you at the Fall Conference.

D-7 Commander's Challenge – Fall 2015- PDC Brian Logan, SN

D7's District Commander's Challenge is meant to recognize squadron excellence. It is based on the USPS Bowsprit criteria, adapted to the squadron level. It compares squadron performance for the calendar

year, Jan 1 - Dec 31, to the previous year. Because it compares the squadron's improvement over its prior year, large squadrons and smaller squadrons are evaluated on a level playing field.

This report summarizes the Commander's Challenge this year, from Jan 1 through Fall, 2015. The District Commander's Challenge evaluates each squadron's performance in six different areas: Membership, Member Retention, Public Boating Class Registrations, Member Education (both Advanced and Elective Grades), VSC, and Co-op Charting.

Details of the award and criteria are:

at:<http://www.usps.org/d7/Cdr%20Challenge%20AWARD%20AND%20PROGRAM.pdf> (and <http://d7usps.org>)

This report was generated in early September. Some categories, like membership and retention, can change considerably, especially with the "trial members" who may or may not join/renew when they are billed. Other categories, like Advanced and elective grades, Boating Classes, Co-op Charting, and VSC usually increase at year end, as the classes finish and reports are turned in.

As always, each squadron should evaluate their performance, and use this to set goals for improvement.

For this preliminary report, a "+" indicates the squadron has exceeded, or is close to exceeding, last year's performance. The final report, at the Spring Conference, will assign points based on the percentage improvements, so squadron improvements can be compared overall.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SPREADSHEET IN THIS REPORT FOR THE DETAILS FOR EACH CATEGORY.

Category 1. Membership Be aware that Membership numbers can drop considerably by Dec 31, as non-renewals can occur throughout the year. There are currently 129 “trial members” in D7, most of whom will be up for renewal before December 31, and those that do not renew will reduce the current membership totals.

Category 2. Boating class student registrations Akron, Vermilion, and Mid-Ohio Valley had membership equal to or greater than Jan 1 of this year. Other squadrons doing well are Pittsburgh and Mansfield.

Stark, Vermilion, Mansfield, and Akron have surpassed their ABC Class registration over 2014. Pittsburgh and Ten Mile are close to their 2014 enrollment. Again, squadrons with ABC class graduates in the next few months will see an increase in their numbers from those published here.

Category 3. Member Education, both Advanced and Elective grades These statistics will change by Dec 31, since Fall Classes are not yet completed. Akron had by far the most AG graduates through September. Mansfield, Pittsburgh, and Rocky River are close to their 2014 performance. Akron and Rocky River exceeded 2014 EG graduates, with Stark County approaching its 2014 performance.

Note that there is often a lag in reporting fall classes, due to the time it takes to grade exams. If that is the case, the classes will be counted for the following year.

Category 4. Member Retention The most accurate picture of “Member Retention” looks at all members who renew their dues (life members are also considered “renewals”). Since “Trial Members” have not yet paid, they should not be considered a “member” until they join 6 months after becoming a “Trial Member”. Therefore, a Trial Member who does not renew after the first six months is not considered in the annual calculation.

An indication of renewal can be seen by looking at the ratio of renewing members versus the number that have been billed. This “Fall” report is based “total non-renewals” from the overall “Member Status

Summary,” from 1 Sept 2014 to 1 Sept 2015. This report does not break out “Trial” non-renewals.

Vermilion, South Hills, and Mid-Ohio Valley have had 100% renewal for the twelve month period. Mansfield, at 95%, has also done well. Squadrons who wish to see current non-renewal status, should look at the USPS dues reporting system on the National website, <http://www.usps.org/dues/reports/districtsummary.php>, for Squadron and District reports.

All squadrons should note that Member Retention is an excellent measurement of “Member Satisfaction”.

Category 5. Vessel Examinations So far, Vermilion has exceeded last year’s VSC’s. Pittsburgh and Stark County have also done well. South Hills leads D7 in this category.

Category 6. Cooperative Charting Stark County, Vermilion, Mansfield, and Berea have exceeded last year’s Co-op credits. Akron, Stark County, Vermilion, and Mansfield have achieved “Honor Roll” status so far in 2015. Honor Roll is indicated by an asterisk in the “Points” column, and is based on level of participation within the squadron. Stark County Power Squadron continues to lead D-7 in Co-op Charting.

Respectfully Submitted, P/D/C Brian Logan, SN

District 7 Commander's Challenge				Fall 2015				
Based on USPS Bowsprit								
Total Active Membership				Boating Class Students				
Goal # 1				Goal # 2				
Squadron	12/31/2014	9/1/2015	%	Pts.	2014	9/1/2015	%	Pts.
	Total	Total	Goal		BR	BR	Goal	
Akron	221	263	119%	+	71	73	103%	+
Berea	157	131	83%		46	20	43%	
Cleveland	59	45	76%		0	0	0%	
Kanawha River	56	37	66%		0	0	0%	
Mansfield	119	116	97%	+	9	11	122%	+
Mid Ohio Valley	18	18	100%	+	0	0	0%	
Pittsburgh	78	77	99%	+	17	15	88%	+
Rocky River	109	92	84%		60	16	27%	
South Hills	33	29	88%		0	0	0%	
Stark County	84	70	83%		4	12	300%	+
Ten Mile	30	25	83%		9	8	89%	+
Vermilion	59	66	112%	+	6	12	190%	+
D7	1023	971	95%	0	224	167	75%	0
Vessel Safety Checks				Coop Charting				
Goal # 5				Goal # 6				
Squadron	2014	9/1/2015	%	Pts.	2014	9/1/2015	%	Pts.
	VSC	VSC	Goal		Credits	Credits	Goal	
Akron	369	100	27%		1063	929	87%	+
Berea	193	94	49%		33	46	>110%	+
Cleveland	10	0	0%		0	29	0%	
Kanawha River	5	0	0%		20	0	0%	
Mansfield	46	10	21%		6	330	>110%	++
Mid Ohio Valley	0	0	0%		237	0	0%	
Pittsburgh	22	21	95%	+	130	4	3%	
Rocky River	161	99	37%		12	10	83%	
South Hills	574	313	55%	+	50	0	0%	
Stark County	76	71	93%	+	2896	3232	>110%	++
Ten Mile	29	0	0%		0	0	0%	
Vermilion	91	112	123%	+	4	323	>110%	++
D7	1578	780	49%	0	4453	9953	224%	

* 3 bonus points for Honor Role status

Educational Program Graduates						Member Retention (Sept-Aug)			
Goal #3			Goal #3			Goal #4			
2014	9/1/2015	Pts.	2014	9/1/2015	Pts.	12 mo billed	12 mo Non renewal	Ret. %	Pts.
AG	AG		EL	EL					
25	20	+	10	22	+	234	42	82%	
14	2		16	1		129	13	90%	
0	0		0	0		58	8	86%	
0	0		4	0		45	8	82%	
5	4	+	0	0		112	6	95%	+
4	0		2	0		17	0	100%	+
4	3	+	0	0		82	7	91%	
5	4	+	0	3	+	104	9	91%	
0	0		0	0		29	0	100%	+
2	0		16	14	+	67	7	90%	
0	0		0	0		27	2	93%	
3	0		0	0		60	0	100%	+
62	33		48	40		964	102	89%	0

Educational Fund P/R/C Barbara Spraggins, SN

The purpose of the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) Educational fund is to promote the development and the furtherance of educational programs and techniques in boating, seamanship, navigation, engine maintenance, marine electronic equipment, sailing, weather, boating safety and other marine activities by issuing grants. All contributions to the fund are fully deductible from income, gift and estate taxes.

The USPS Educational Fund is a legal trust, operated by six (6) trustees elected by the USPS governing Board. It is a separate entity, apart from USPS, governed by its own board of trustees. The Internal Revenue Service has determined it to be a “qualified organization” under section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Presently the fund has assets worth more than 3 million dollars and has awarded more than \$16,000 in grants this year. So far this year contributions have totaled over \$9,100.

The following squadrons in D/7 have donated to the USPS Educational fund – Akron Sail & Power Squadron, Berea Sail & Power Squadron, Cleveland Power Squadron, Pittsburgh Power Squadron, Rocky River Sail

& Power Squadron, South Hills Power Squadron, and Ten Mile Power Squadron. If your squadron has not donated please send in a check for \$1.00 per member so D/7 can be among the elite districts that achieve 100%.

Grant Administrator D/Lt/C Eileen Rickard, SN

Once again this fall we have submitted a grant proposal to the State of Ohio to purchase a Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (BSVT) for District 7. The BSVT, which has been developed by United States Power Squadrons using a Coast Guard grant, is a table-top simulator that allows the student to practice skills of driving a small boat in many situations. The simulator is fully portable and easy to transport by car between squadrons.

If the grant is successful, our Ohio squadrons will be able to use this simulator to teach their ABC students, their Seamanship students, and present special seminars based around the simulator. We will also be able to use the simulator at Ohio boat shows, D/7 conferences held in Ohio, and other events

in Ohio. Unfortunately, since it is an Ohio grant, the simulator could not be used outside Ohio. We will not know for two or three months whether the grant proposal is successful.

Respectfully Submitted,

D/Lt/C Eileen Rickard, SN

Law Officer Report P/C Michael Thal, P

The end of the boating season is fast approaching. As boat owners prepare their vessels for storage, precautions are in order. I have previously mentioned that care must be taken to prepare one's vessel for the season-now is the time to insure that "all is safe" for the next 5-7 months.

First and foremost, follow the instructions/warnings of the vessel/engine manufacturers. Pull the batteries and store in a dry environment (a

wood pallet). PFDs should be removed from the vessel & also stored in a dry environment. Place ownership/insurance papers at your residence.

Use the off-season to review new products, warnings, results of testing, etc. that will affect your vessel. A departure from warnings and/or recommendations will, in all probability, void your warranty and damage

its operation. Take a boating course. At the beginning of the season, schedule a Vessel Safety Check! I just heard a plethora of horror stories- old coil, cracked belts, fouled spark plugs. If you purchase a vessel, demand a copy of all service records.

Executive Officer's Department

D/Lt/C Eileen Rickard, SN

As usual D/7 has had a superior Co-op Charting year. Thanks to the leadership of D/Lt Joanne Hancock and D/Lt/C Tom Hancock, D/7 ranks second nationally in nautical work and has participated in the newly reintroduced geodetic mark work, with eight squadrons taking part. Stark County ranks first in the country and Akron ranks 17th. Joanne and Tom take first and second places nationally. Check out their report in the seat packet for more details.

Both D/7 Boat Shows will utilize the USPS Virtual Trainer in 2016. Because there is an overlap weekend again this year, Boat Show West will use the trainer 14-18 January in Cleveland, then it will be transported to Pittsburgh for the second week of the Boat Show East 22-24 January. This is a win, win, win. Both Boat Shows use the trainer, each only covers half of the transport cost, and we have a great cooperative effort in D/7.

Make a special effort to attend one of these events to try your hand at docking the boat, drive through the serpentine either forward or backward, at slow speed or up on plane. The great thing for a new boat purchaser is you cannot damage the paint on our trainer. While one

family person drives the boat, USPS volunteers talk about boating education....with the other. Help us make this work!!

Both boat shows will need a few extra volunteers to utilize the trainer. If you can use a computer mouse, with a little training you can use the trainer. To volunteer to work with the trainer, contact D/Lt Jeffrey Evans (Boat Show West, 330-441-1180, jeffevans@zoominternet.net) or D/Lt/C Jane Brandenstein (Boat Show East, 412-512-0836, Jane.brandenstein1@verizon.net.)

District 7's VSC program has been working hard to try to make up for the loss of Kenneth Campbell of South Hills, who passed away earlier this year. Ken was a long-time member who is sorely missed by South Hills and all of District 7. Ken was a member of the Century and Millennial club and he and his fellow squadron member Mowry Miller regularly did 350-400 VSCs each year. Mowry has already achieved Century Club status this year. There is a new VSC manual available for download from the website. Check P/D/C Garry Schroeder's seat packet report for a reminder of what we need to do with the life jacket program and other VSC information.

Making United States Power Squadrons and its national logo the primary brand on all our squadron websites, promotions and publications is still a major goal of the Marketing and Public Relations groups. See P/R/C Dave Rickard's seat packet report for a good discussion of the reasons this is important and approaches to make this happen.

The Tall Ships are touring the Great Lakes again this year and will be visiting the south shore of Lake Erie near Cleveland this summer. We will be looking for volunteers to man a booth with the boating simulator and possibly

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volunteers to provide a boat escort to the tall ships. See D/Lt/C Jane Brandenstein's seat packet report on the Tall Ships for more information.

As many of you know, boat engines are not designed to work with 15% ethanol fuel. The Government and Partner Relations Committee at

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national has posted the USPS position statement opposing the proposed ethanol mandate the committee's website.

Respectfully Submitted,
D/Lt/C Eileen Rickard, SN

2015 Fall D7 Co-op Charting Report-effective 09/12/15

Member participation: 74
Ranked 2nd nationally, 6760 points
Reports submitted: 40

Squadron summary:

Stark County: ranked 1st nationally, 11 participants
Akron: ranked 17th nationally, 18 participants
Participating squadrons: Akron, Berea, Cleveland, Mansfield, Pittsburgh, Rocky River, Stark County, Vermilion

Individual summary:

Joanne Hancock: ranked 1st nationally
Tom Hancock: ranked 2nd nationally

Geodetic work

District summary:

Member participation: 4
Ranked 4th nationally, 62.5 points
Reports submitted: 6

Respectfully submitted by:

D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN
D/Lt/C Tom Hancock, P

Vessel Safety Check 2015 fall report:

The District has 65 Examiners, down from 75 last year. The District Examiners have performed 914 exams to date. Last year the District Examiners performed 1496 exams by the end of the year.

Kenneth Campbell from South Hills Power Squadron, a member of the Century and Millennium Club, has passed away. Our sympathy's go out to Ken's family. Ken and Mowry Miller alone conducted between 350 and 400 Vessel Exams each year. With the previous in mind, District 7 squadrons are behind what has in the past entitled South Hills Power Squadron to be 2nd Squadron in USPS and District 7, 4th place in USPS. I realize it is very difficult to pick up 200 +/- VSC'S per year. I made the following challenge that fellow District 7 examiners perform additional VSC's so we can pick up the number lost with Ken's passing. The numbers this year to date is 572 VSC's recorded on the web site less than this time last year. Some of this number will be picked up because members still need to record their VSC's. I ask each examiner to do an additional 5 exams next year to improve our numbers. If there are exams that need to be recorded, now is the time to do so.

The District has one examiner who has already achieved the Century Club for 2015. Mowry Miller from South Hills has already achieved Century Club Status.

I want to thank all squadrons for their participation in the program. All squadrons have been submitting their exams to Headquarters as noted on the web site in a timely manner. This process went very well this year.

The following is from the VSC web site on the new VSC updated Manual:

"The purpose of this message is to announce the release of a new Vessel Safety Check Manual, effective 06 OCT 2014. All prior versions of the Vessel Safety Check Manual and the USCG Auxiliary Operational Facilities guide are canceled and superseded by this new version.

Members will notice that the manual is now in a new format, consistent with a typical Commandant Instruction and other USCG Auxiliary Manuals. The "Comic book" feel and illustrations have been replaced by the new format, which is intended to be less ambiguous and more instructive for Vessel Examiners. This change in presentation will also allow the manual to be updated and corrected more frequently than we have seen in the past.

While the format of the new VSC Manual differs from the old, it does not represent any material changes to the Vessel Safety Check program. Going forward, the VE mission will continue as it has previously, except the updated manual will guide VSC activities and act as a stronger resource to build proficiency in USCG Auxiliary and US Power Squadrons Vessel Examiners.

In the coming months, I expect that an updated certification test and training will be released to complement the new Manual. As details on the timing of those changes become available, our 9WR VE team will work to inform you of their timing and if they will impact any of our current certification procedures.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this new manual or the VSC program, please forward them on through your Chain of Leadership.”

The new MARPOL Placard was announced September 20, 2014.

LIFE JACKET PROGRAM

The inflatable life jackets are your squadron’s allocation and are to be worn by your Public Educator’s, Vessel Examiners, and others representing the squadron in public events such as Boat Shows, Safety Fairs, etc.

Record Keeping:

Records must be maintained at the squadron level by the Squadron Safety/VSC Chair or Commander. These records and accounting for all inflatable life jackets within the squadron’s responsibility must be provided to the District VSC Committee Life Jacket Loaner Program Chair annually, no later than November 15th of each year. These inflatable life jackets were supplied to USPS Squadrons by the United States Coast Guard and remain government property. We are required to provide our latest inventory, its location, and status of any lost damaged or destroyed jackets to the USCG annually.

All squadrons who have not notified me will be approached at conference with hope that we reach a 100% response following conference.

Maintenance:

- Each squadron will be responsible to insure that the periodic maintenance, as prescribed by the manufacturer, is performed

on each inflatable life jacket under their control and this report forwarded with the annual accounting records.

- Each squadron is also responsible to insure that eligibility requirements are being met, on an annual basis, and for the retrieval of inflatable life jackets as required. A form is provided on
- the National VSC web site for this purpose.
- All squadrons will be receiving a mailing or text from me, asking for their report on the life jacket program.

At Conference, I will need the squadrons not reporting prior to the conference to report to me then. The District Commander has announced at the Council Meeting to commanders present, that the life jacket report is due to the D7 Safety Officer prior to Nov. 15.

In closing, Kenneth Campbell will be missed. I hope that we, the examiners of District 7, will pick up the numbers Ken did, as well as grow the program and get our District's numbers back up around 1,500 exams per year. We can educate more boaters and have fun doing it as well. The boats are back. Now let's go get them.

Respectfully Submitted,

P/D/C Garry Schroeder

District 7, Safety/VSC Chairman

Educational Officer Report P/R/C Barbara Spraggins, SN

NOAA designates USPS as a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador

NOAA and its National Weather Service have recognized the major contribution that USPS makes in weather education for recreational boaters. The recognition took the form of USPS (and all its districts and squadrons) being designated a "Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador™." The new designation is part of NOAA's Weather-Ready Nation initiative that emphasizes building situational awareness and community resiliency in facing increased vulnerability to extreme weather and water events.

All districts and squadrons are authorized and encouraged to use the new *Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador* logo. For more details about NOAA's initiative and the use of the logo go to:
<http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/wx/files/wrn.pdf> The logo is also available separately at
<http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/wx/images/wrn-logo.png>

Procedure for Enrolling Nonmember Students in USPS University and Ordering Exams

Exams can be ordered for nonmembers, but they first must be enrolled in USPS University. Please go to the USPS.org/eddept home page for enrolling the nonmember students in USPS University, ordering exams, and issuing certificates of completion. The nonmember will get a certificate number that may be used for all future courses and seminars and will become their membership number on joining USPS. The enrollment only needs to take place once for each student. Note that USPS University members do NOT get a course completion certificate from USPS Headquarters for advanced courses, so it is incumbent on squadrons to provide [this acknowledgment](#).

Weems and Plath Discount

Weems and Plath is offering USPS members a 25% discount on anything ordered via their web site. Check out the details at the [Weems and Plath store](#). The discount program has been extended again.

PARTICIPATION IN USPS COURSES BY MINOR AGE STUDENTS

A potential problem looms within USPS whereby student personal information collected for "official" uses by state and government agencies, or even seemingly benign class pictures, may violate the rights of minor-aged students (under 18 years of age) unless authorized by the responsible parent or guardian. Additionally, such authorization is required for post-course contact for membership reasons and/or to enjoy the benefits provided by USPS partners.

Registration for the USPS courses and seminars includes collecting a large array of personal data using the ED-46 Course and Seminar Registration Form. The majority of the personal information is required by the respective states for use in positive identification and preparation of state boating operator cards. The squadron transfers the data for ABC3 course students from the ED-46 to the HQ-800 electronic ED-26 Course Completion form. The filed data is automatically distributed under Memorandum of Understanding provisions to state boating law administrators (BLAs), and unless the ED-46 OPT OUT box is checked, made available to USPS partners and Membership for follow-on communications. Since the ED-46 is familiar and in use, it has been modified to provide for parental review of how we use the information then sign the document as authorization for the minor-aged student to attend the class. The signed form is retained for 6 years.

The ED-46 will serve as the file document of parental/guardian approval for the minor-aged student firstly to participate in the USPS course, and secondly approve of any post-course communications. The [ED-46 Course and Seminar Registration Form](#) (20 Feb 2014) is now being shipped with course materials and is available from the EdDept homepage under "EdDept Forms". Of significance, it includes:

- On the back of the form, describes use of data, probable class events such as classroom photos and even student photos for identification purposes, why the "last 4" entry is needed, why we need personal identification data such as hair and eye color, and so on.
- The front page has a place for the parent/guardian signature and legible printing of the name on the line below. Parent or guardian signature on the front of the ED-46 signifies that the minor-aged student has parent/guardian approval to take the course.
- No unauthorized post-course contact is assured by computer programming, which recognizes the date of birth (DOB) being entered is for a minor-aged student. A computer generated check is automatically placed in the OPT OUT box. This item requires SEO or course administrator action.

When the student DOB entry leads to checking the OPT OUT box, the SEO or class administrator should review the OPT OUT provision and its implications with the parent or guardian. If the parent or guardian so authorizes communications for membership and/or partner benefits, the SEO or class administrator may remove the check in the OPT OUT box using the HQ-800 Student Management provision.

The "Managing ABC Internet Students, Squadron and District Guide" has been modified to parallel this procedure before the proctored examination, and is available from the "[Downloadable Material](#)" section of the ABC home page. Lacking parent/guardian written approval, the minor-aged student is NOT allowed to enroll in the course.

Administrative Officer's Department **D/Lt/C Jane Brandenstein, SN**

This is the report of the committees comprising the Administrative Department of D7. Thanks to all of the busy people doing work in this area. There are some holes as your AO did not get all of the blanks filled in.

Auxiliary Advisor- P/C Susan Rothacker, P D/7 currently still has only one official auxiliary. The Riverbelles, of the Rocky River Sail and Power Squadron. Social events for the Riverbelle's and anyone who is interested in attending are a Dinner Out, generally in November. This year Liz Glassell is handling this event. No location yet, but date is Nov 4. A Theatre night(s), which is variable and can be any time within the theatre season. The Riverbelles attend a variety of plays/venues and invite anyone to join in. If enough want to attend a performance, we get a group rate. Contact past President Kay McCartney 216-780-8872. Each month there is a get together/meeting hosted by Riverbelle members. Sometimes it is a potluck, a cookout, picnic, or just desserts! Always fun! They meet monthly (except Jan/Feb/Aug) for a business meeting and social event, at a member's home or at a restaurant,

themed potlucks, dessert meetings, and attend theatre programs as a group.

Riverbelles also attend boating classes and mingle and share RRPS stories and member benefits with the students, as well as their own interests in the club encouraging membership and camaraderie.

Each Christmas season we support worthy causes in the community with donations to organizations such as Battered and Abused Women, Children's homes, Cancer support organizations, animal shelters, and homeless men's organizations, as well as canned goods and clothing. Additionally, we donate funds to Rocky River Sail and Power Squadron for education, equipment, and items for fundraising raffles.

We wear many hats as many of our members are also members of RRSPS, or other squadrons, and serve in leadership roles in the squadron, district and national levels. We welcome all ladies of the district to our events if they are so inclined to participate, as we are, at this time, the sole remaining auxiliary in our district.

Boating Activities – D/Lt Dylan Serrage, SN The committee solicited each squadron within District 7 for a schedule of each squadron's activities. The purpose being to provide a list of all activities within the district to be posted on the district website thus allowing an opportunity for interaction among squadrons and providing members with a resource of events to fit their schedule.

Seven squadrons provided information for a list that totaled 51 events. In addition to these, 6 events were included that impacted the District. These include boat shows, memorial service, and district events. The list provided the hosting squadron's name, date of event, name of event, contact information, and location. Irene Rodriguez posted the information on District 7's website and updated information when squadrons submitted changes.

Conference – P/R/C Liz Glassell, AP Listed below is a schedule showing District Conference assignments from Spring 2015 through Spring 2018. Please check it carefully and note the dates for which your Squadron will be responsible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me so that we can discuss. I have not taken the schedule any further than Spring 2018 due to the lack of participation from some squadrons. It is my suggestion that the District Bridge along with the

Conference Committee and the Planning Committee discuss this problem prior to the Spring 2016 Conference and make a proposal to Council and Conference.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE SCHEDULE	
<u>Spring</u>	<u>Fall</u>
2015 Rocky River	Mansfield
2016 Stark County	Vermilion
2017 Akron	Pittsburgh
2018 Berea	

Please remember the following points as you begin to prepare for your Squadron’s scheduled Conference.

Category 6. Cooperative Charting Stark County, Vermilion, Mansfield, and Berea have exceeded last year’s Co-op credits. Akron, Stark County, 1) If you are considering contracting with a hotel that has not hosted a Conference previously or that has been recently remodeled, please contact me to make a sight visit in order that we may be sure that the number of meeting rooms is sufficient and that they are large enough for our group.

2) Remember that it important to negotiate prices for sleeping rooms, hospitality rooms and food. This will greatly affect your Conference Budget and your attendance. Hotels expect you to do

this. Don't throw away an opportunity to save money for your District. If you need help, contact me!!!

3) Remember also that you must inform me, the District Commander, and the District Administrative Officer of the costs being discussed for sleeping rooms and hospitality rooms and any changes that you would like to make to normal Conference events prior to signing a contract or presenting your plans and budget to Council and Conference. Also remember that I must review and approve your contract prior to your signing.

4) Your Preliminary Conference Budget and your request for a District advance of \$500 are due to the District Commander, the District Administrative Officer, and the District Conference Chair for presentation at Council and Conference prior to the Conference you are hosting. Your final Conference Budget is due for presentation at the Council and Conference following your Conference.

5) I am well aware that the D/7 Conference Planning Guide is outdated and will make every effort with the help of the Planning Committee to correct this problem by Spring 2016.

6) Contracts for the Conferences to be presented by Mansfield and Vermilion have been approved by me and have been signed by these squadrons.

If you have any questions concerning your Budget or the events during your Conference, please contact me.

Cruise and Rendezvous – P/R/C Liz Glassell, AP The 2015 cruise was a huge success with lots of fun on Middle Bass Island. You will hear of the success of this cruise during the meeting. (Liz I believe you wish to tell us about the Cruise for 2016.)

Meetings and Programs – D/Lt Greg Arnold, JN Greg has agreed to maintain a database of speakers, their topics, and charge if any, for squadrons looking for a program. He cannot maintain this database

without input from all of us. If you have recently had a program you'd recommend, please send Greg the information at oday23@aol.com.

Member Benefits – Cdr Carolyn K. Figure, S Carolyn reports that there are new member benefits being added all of the time. Check the USPS website and after you log in as a member, click on “benefit of the week” to make sure you are utilizing benefits that are helpful to you.

The newest benefits are: **Pyrocool** a personal aerosol super-fast fire suppression device. It is non-toxic foam and is environmentally neutral. It is completely biodegradable. Members get 52% discount, free shipping and insurance.

Life Lock is the industry leader in identity theft protection. Special offer is 10% off.

Solude Coffee in Westport, Ct. Following a purchase a 20% donation is sent by Solude to members' local Squadron. It has unique air roasting of the finest of coffee beans.



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Membership- As you can see on the chart below, D7 is still losing members from most squadrons. Kudos to Stark County and Vermillion as the 2 Squadrons who have grown. The numbers below are comparing total squadron members end of October 2014 to end of August 2015.

	10/31/2014	Membership 8/31/2015
SQUADRON	TOTAL	Total
Akron	280	263
Berea	138	131
Cleveland	51	45
Kanawha River	43	37
Mansfield	111	116
Mid-Ohio Valley	17	18
Pittsburgh	80	77
Rocky River	115	92
South Hills	30	29
Stark County	69	70
Ten Mile	26	25
Vermilion	<u>50</u>	<u>68</u>
* DISTRICT TOTAL	1010	971

Please try to make membership growth a priority to your squadron. An increase in number of members=an increase in dues received. This helps USPS stay healthy. The Cyber members remain out there for picking. Try to contact them to change to membership in your squadron. Also your squadron contact person is notified every time someone within 100 miles takes ABC3 On-line or an on-line seminar or webinar. They are what I call 'low hanging fruit', pick them and get them as members

Operations Training – P/C Susan R. Harris S Susan reports she has done no Operations Training classes in 2015 and no squadrons have reported that they have offered OT.

Sea Scouts Liaison- D/1/Lt John F. Whiteley, SN John has no report at this time.

SERAT- P/C Bob Mueller, JN Tall Ships are coming to Lake Erie! The tall ship visits represent a unique opportunity for United States Power Squadrons to get in front of the public and participate in a really fun and exciting activity on the water. The Tall Ships have partnered with USPS and would like to have USPS vessels escort the Tall Ships during the parade of sail as they enter each host harbor.

SERAT stands for Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team. This team of USPS members coordinates with local government resources to become a force multiplier for local government during incident response on the water. The vast majority of USPS members, already have most of the training necessary to become a SERAT member. Participating in the Tall Ships visit as a SERAT member will help a great deal! Once you have completed the SERAT training program, you can display the “PATROL” banners on your vessel. These banners are absolutely critical to being recognized on the water as part of the Tall Ships Escort. You can escort the Tall Ships without being a member of SERAT. However, you must be a member of SERAT to display the “PATROL” banners. Without the banners, most members of the public will assume that your vessel is just another spectator vessel, and it’s very unlikely for the public to maintain a safe distance from the tall ships, your vessel, or recognize your vessel as an escort.

The additional training that SERAT provides will also prepare your members to assist in the event of an incident on the water. Missions such as Search and Rescue for a lost Kayak or MOB to assisting in establishment of a perimeter around an incident site, SERAT can participate in a number of ways. The SERAT training will help you understand how the government goes about incident response, so that you can become a part of the team. The last thing that you want is to be in the way and prevent the government resources from completing their own assignments.

Secretary’s Department
D/Lt/C Lynda Leque, SN

The District Secretary is responsible for the following committees and activities:

- Historian
- Publications
- Newsletter Editor
- The Ensign correspondent
- Computer Systems
- District Roster

Both District and Squadron secretary duties are outlined in detail in our District and Squadron bylaws. It is important to be familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the secretary. As well, it is important to seek advice and assistance from the previous secretary and consult the USPS Operations Manual as a constant reference.

I would like to urge each squadron secretary to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or concerns. I would also like to sincerely thank our past District secretaries, Jane & Emogene, our Assistant District secretary Janice, and our D7 News editor Jim for their ongoing advice and assistance.

Reminders that Historian reports are due within 30 days after your squadron Change of Watch. Merit Marks are due to National by 15 November. Although the deadline for District merit marks is past, please contact me with late submittals.

Please remember to submit your squadron website and/or newsletter for the Distinctive Communicator Awards by completing the evaluation and contacting the publication advisor for District 7, P/C Vicky Jefferis, AP at 179 Saint Andrews Glenn, Waverly, Georgia 31565. Her email is vickyjefferis@bellsouth.net. The website advisor is Lt William Quick, S. His address is 5402 Overland Trail N., Charleston, SC 29420-9024. His email is wwq@swg.com.

District Roster

It is important for squadron IT Contacts and members to verify that member information on the national DB2000 is correct and up to date. It is difficult to put together an accurate district roster with outdated

mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. I will be downloading a new roster in December so it is necessary the corrections be done before then.

Here are directions for updating your own information:

<http://www.usps.org/index.html/> --> Log in --> at the top of the page menu "How do I" then look for [Update my personal data online](#) or [Update my personal data](#)

In Mid-December, the current squadron commanders and district bridge officers will receive a spreadsheet form by email that will need to be filled out and returned to me by Mid-January so work on the new roster can begin. Be looking for this form. If you receive the form and someone else will be filling it in, please forward it and check to make sure the information of new officers is returned in a timely manner.

P/D/Lt/C Irene Rodriguez, SN
Roster Chair

D/7 Website

It is always nice to have recent pictures of D/7 activities on the D/7 website. The easiest way to get them there is for members to upload them to Sail Angle in the D/7 group or on your own page.

Here's how:

From your Sail Angle page go to "My Photos" or "My Groups" → "District 7" → "Photos"

Upload your pictures to a new album. Copy the web address of the album and send it to me at rrodriguez001@neo.rr.com. I will put some pictures on the D/7 site for all to see and a link to the Sail Angle album for members of Sail Angle to see.

P/D/Lt/C Irene Rodriguez, SN
D/7 Webmaster

Treasurer's Department

D/Lt/C S. Thomas Hancock, P

The transition of Treasurers has been completed. The District's accounts have been transferred from Fifth Third Bank to Citizens Bank and all accounts have been consolidated into one account. All requests for reimbursement should be sent to me via email at lilboy@neeo.rr.com or via U.S. mail to: 426 Emerson Ave., North Canton, Ohio 44720-2308.

We are off to good start for the first five months of this fiscal year. We realized a onetime gain of \$5,547.12 from the treasury of the former Mountaineer Power Squadron. We have received the proceeds from the 2014 Summer Cruise and the 2014 Fall Conference. We also have received the first check from the State of Ohio for our share of the new license plate program. These funds will be distributed to each D7 Ohio squadron on an annual basis.

Our Federal and State of Ohio tax returns have been filed. The USPS from TR-1 has been completed and sent to the National Treasurer. Reminder - all squadrons are required to file the TR-1 with National by August 1st of each year.

Our combined account balance as of August 31, 2015 was \$27,341.48, an increase of \$11,220.54 since March 31st. Please review the financial report in the seat packet for more details.

District 7 2015 Financial Report
For the Period April 1 - August 31, 2015

Description	Actual	Budget
Membership Dues	4,660.00	8,200
D7 Cruise	1,474.72	100
Merchandise	0.00	100
Conference Rebate	282.85	200
License Plate Income	63.75	0

Boat Show	223.58	0
Miscellaneous	5,547.12	0
Total Income	12,252.02	8,600

Description	Actual	Budget
Advertising	0.00	50
D7 Conference	0.00	600
Council/Telephone	11.70	225
Commander		
Allotment	0.00	1,000
Exec Allotment	0.00	400
Admin Allotment	0.00	400
DEO Allotment	0.00	400
Treasurer Allotment	0.00	400
Secretary Allotment	0.00	400
Newsletter	0.00	1,000
Governing Board	0.00	850
Photography	0.00	25
Postage & Delivery	374.84	400
Printing & Copies	0.00	400
Sunshine Fund	0.00	75
Supplies	44.25	200
Website	0.00	50
Annual Meeting	0.00	800
Change of Watch	153.85	325
Membership	0.00	100
Roster	342.78	500
Bank Fees	9.06	0
Total Expense	936.48	8,600
Gain/(Loss)	11,315.54	0

Item #1 - Final Budget Spring Conf 2015

Final Budget Report
D/7 Spring Conference
20-22 March 2015
Sponsored by RRSPPS

Expenses

Holiday Inn - Total Meals & Facility Charges	\$7734.60
Casino Night - Advance for Chip Sales	\$200.00
Entertainment - Gaming Rental	\$460.33
DJ Ice Breaker	\$250.00
Saturday Night	\$550.00
<u>Décor</u>	\$659.10
Programs & Advance Printing	\$154.95
Reimbursement for \$200.00 Advance	\$200.00
D/7 Hospitality Suite –Includes \$300 Advance	\$308.15
TOTAL	\$10517.13

Revenue

Chinese Raffle & Wheel Barrow Raffle	\$1016.00
Holiday Inn – Total Meals	\$8667.00
Chips Purchased for Gaming	\$195.00
Advance for Chip	\$200.00
Advance – D/7 –Hospitality Suite Expenses	\$300.00
Advance – Conference Expenses	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$10578.00
PROFIT TO D/7	\$60.87

Item #2 - MBI Cruise Final Report

Lake Erie Cruise

Middle Bass Island State Park

July 31st - August 2nd

<u>Receipts:</u>	Amount	
Checks	11,025.00	
Total Receipts:	\$11,025	147

<u>Expenses:</u>		Amount
David A. Bialorucki	advance 1396	200.00
JF Walleyes	meals 1402	9,620.00
MBIYC	donation 1393	100.00
Patti Barnhart Badge	materials 1392	93.03
David A. Bialorucki	supplies 1391	59.37
Jackie Covert	supplies 1390	35.20
Mary Anne Kastl	supplies 1389	280.70
Craig Fraser	Supplies 1388	9.98

Total Expenses: \$10,398.28

Gain on Event: \$626.72

Item #3 - 2016 Boat Show East

BOAT SHOW EAST

As in past years it will be held at the Monroeville Convention Center. It will be held over two weekends, 15-17, and 22-24 January 2016. The hours are 5-10 on Friday, 10-10 on Saturday and 10-6 on Sunday. Coverage for the hours will be provided by Pittsburgh, South Hills and Ten Mile Squadrons in D/7 and New Castle Squadron in D/11. In previous years we have not covered the late day hours due to lack of man power and few attendees during these times. We will be sharing the Virtual Trainer for the boat show. Boat Show West will use the trainer 1-14-16 through 1-18-16 and Pittsburgh will get it for 1-22 through 1-24-16. We will share shipping costs. Thanks to D/Lt/C Eileen Rickard, SN for making the arrangements with Headquarters.

Budget for 2016

Income \$50.00 from each squadron participating: total \$200.00

Expenses

Shipping of Virtual trainer approx.	\$150.00
Printing fliers	50.00
Total	\$200.00

Item #4 - Boat Show West 2016 Budget

BOAT SHOW WEST BUDGET

The Cleveland Boat Show will be held this year from Thursday 1/14/16 through Monday 1/18/16, concluding on Martin Luther King Day as it has in the past few years.

This year our Power Squadron booth will have a new draw. We will have the Power Squadron Boating Skills Virtual Trainer, a sophisticated simulator for training in handling a 21-foot outboard boat. The simulator will be shared with Pittsburgh Boat Show which will use it the following weekend.

As in the last few years, sign up will be on the internet. Look for the information about how to sign up to work the show in early November.

The simulator will be arriving on 1/8 to give us time to train several members in how to provide attendees with a good experience. We will need one person at the booth at all times who knows how to work the simulator. If you would like to help in this role, please contact Jeff Evans at 330-441-1180 or jeffevans@zoominternet.net.

Item #5 - Boat Show West Final Report

2016 BOAT SHOW WEST BUDGET

Exhibitor Parking Permits	\$120.00
Electric	170.00
Misc. Office Supplies and Copies	170.00
Gas	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL	\$490.00

Respectfully Submitted,
D/Lt Jeff Evans, AP

Item #6 - SCPS Budget Spring 2016 Conf.

The 2016 District 7 Spring Conference Committee is submitting our budget. We are also requesting \$500.00 to cover advance charges and Commander's Reception. Please make the check payable to Stark County Power Squadron and mail to Joanne Hancock, 426 Emerson Ave., North Canton, OH 44720.

Thanks,
Stark County Conference Committee
Joanne Hancock, chair
Dave Guertal
Lori Guertal
Tom Hancock
Jim Hoffee
Cindy Kosmos

Jim Kosmos
Ken Leque
Lynda Leque
Irene Rodriguez
Rick Rodriguez
Kathy Russell

**Stark County Power Squadron
Budget Spring Conference 2016
1 - 3 April 2016**

Income:		
Weekend Packages	9,200	
Advance from D7	500	
Raffle	500	
50/50	<u>200</u>	
Total		10,400
Expenses:		
Guest Meals	400	
Registration Packet & Printing	100	
Entertainment	200	
Decorations	200	
Repayment of Advance	200	
Commander's Reception	300	
Hotel	<u>9,000</u>	
Total		<u>10,400</u>
Gain (Loss)		0

Suggested Pricing:

Weekend Package	\$95
Single meals or at the door:	
Ice Breaker	\$20
Lunch	\$35
Dinner	\$60

Item #7 - Dobler Award Change

Pittsburgh Power Squadron would like to edit the judging criteria for the Dobler Membership Award.

As the USPS focus on membership is total members, the award should follow the same guidelines. The criteria shall be based on the numbers recorded on the USPS membership website as of the last day of February.

The criteria is the total number of members of the squadron on that date of the current year compared to the same date the previous year as a fraction ie. current year/previous year.

Unanimously voted by members of the Executive Committee of the Pittsburgh Power Squadron on 10 September 2015.

Cdr. Carolyn K. Figure, S D/Lt/C Jane Brandenstein, SN
Lt/C Robert A. Merlino, AP Lt Caroline Mitchell, P

Item #8 - Deposit Request 2016 Cruise

Deposit Request-Liz Glassell/Huron Boat Basin 2016 D7
Rendezvous

Here is my request for a \$400 deposit for Huron Boat Basin for the 2016 D7 Cruise. I need to send this to them right after the Fall conference.

