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DISTRICT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE D/C Joyce A Newman, AP



The Fall Conference was a great success and I have so many people to thank. I can't thank everyone here but I want to make special mention to D/Lt/C Ed Hoover, AP and D/Lt Mary Wohlstein, S for creating a very special weekend. I would also like to thank the District Bridge for their invaluable contributions. Everyone that attended said they enjoyed the activities and the opportunities to socialize with fellow squadron members from across the district.

Most squadrons are busy with outstanding activities for their members. I am thrilled that there are so many activities going on in our squadrons in District 8. Whether they are social, educational or just FUN, it is exciting to see! In our squadron I just returned from a Squadron Cruise that was notable for being one of the first cruise ship to pass through the new Panama Canal Locks. Our group had a great time and allowed everyone to relax and enjoy the very special vacation. I am sure other squadrons would report similar successful activities.

We are now getting into a special time for everyone; the holiday season has its own special meaning to each of us and individually each of us will gather with family and friends and reflect on this past year. Most of our times this year have been filled with joy and happiness. Unfortunately that has not always been the case. Many of us have lost someone special this year and for that I am deeply saddened. I know though we all grow from those times and we use our strength to make the coming year better.

Speaking of the coming year, plenty of exciting things are happening in USPS. I am looking forward to meeting with many of you and discussing how we can together make 2018 our best year for helping to support boating safety in South Florida and having great fun with our friends at the same time.

It's never too soon to make a note on your 2018 calendar for the Spring Conference. We are looking for this conference to be the best yet!

So, in closing, have a truly special and wonderful Holiday season with your family and friends and we'll look forward to starting 2018 off with a bang!



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CALL TO THE SPRING 2018 COUNCIL

Per District 8 Bylaws Article 5, Section 5.2 and 5.3, District Commander Joyce A Newman, AP has called the **Spring Council meeting for 1500 on Friday, 27 April 2018 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4350 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.**

Per District 8 Bylaws Article 3, Section 3.1, voting members of the Council include the district bridge, immediate past district commander, chairmen of General Committees (Nominating, Auditing and Rules) and squadron commanders.

Any member of District 8 will have the privilege of the floor upon recognition by the Chair. All members of the District are encouraged to attend this meeting and commanders should urge bridge officers to be present.

An absent squadron commander may be represented by another bridge officer of the squadron and in the absence of an officer for whom there is an elected assistant; the assistant may act for the principal.

- The agenda for this meeting includes:
- Reports of district department chairman
- Reports of General Committees
- Reports of Standing Committees
- Announcements
- Other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Photos in this issue by

D/Lt Art Dodd, SN

Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron

(Except where otherwise noted)

CALL TO THE SPRING 2018 CONFERENCE

In accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of District 8 Bylaws, District Commander Joyce A. Newman, AP issues the Call to the **Spring Conference to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4350 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410, Saturday, 28 April 2018 at 1330.**

The purpose of the meeting is to act on matters set forth below.

1. To hear and act upon reports of officers.
2. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before the Conference.
3. To consider and act upon reports, resolutions and recommendations from the Council, officers and committees.

District 8 Bylaws Article 4 and 5 describe the Conference and its functions extensively and are recommended reading for all members.

Section 4.1: The Conference shall be composed of the Council, the past district commanders of this district who are active members of district squadrons, and the delegates which persons shall be the voting members of the Conference.

Section 4.2.1: Delegates shall be selected by each squadron on the basis of one delegate for each twenty five (25) active members in good standing or major fraction thereof as of the preceding 1 March, with a minimum of two (2) delegates per squadron.

Section 4.2.3: Prior to each meeting of the Conference each squadron commander shall submit in writing to the district secretary, a list of the squadron's delegates entitled to vote at the Conference. **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DELEGATES MAY VOTE ONLY IF NAMES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO SECRETARY PRIOR TO MEETING.**

Section 4.2.4: If a delegate is disqualified or unable to attend, the squadron commander may appoint a substitute and notify the secretary prior to the convening of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

D/Lt/C Janet L. Leh, P

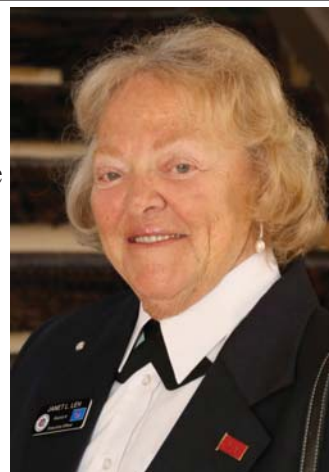
Well, we are just getting over what I've heard was a very fine D8 Fall Conference and here comes the Holidays. While at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Harold and I received emails and texts from the Conference, which really helped during the recuperation. We would like to thank everyone for making us feel as if we were there. The hospitality pictures, the picture of the card, and also the pictures of our friends were much appreciated.

So now it's back to work for your Bridge Officers and their committees who have been planning since the day after the Conference.

We were so sorry to hear of the passing of D/Lt Bill Heimbaugh, S, head of D8 Cooperative Charting, a Past Commander, 2009 - 2010 of Vero Beach Power Squadron, also head of the Cooperative Charting of that Squadron and a very close friend of Harold and me. I'm sure he will be missed. One of the Vero Beach members and a close friend of mine has kindly offered to take Bill's place as head of D8 Cooperative Charting - P/R/C Ellis Simon, SN. I'm sure he will be an asset to D8 with his years of experience earning 50 Merit Marks. I do apologize to his lovely wife Marilyn, who after those years of volunteering right alongside him, thought they would retire. In my opinion, after working with many loyal members, you just don't leave the Power Squadron that easy. It gets in your blood.

So please, Harold and I wish everyone Holiday Cheers and hope you have fun with family and friends. Our family is coming for Christmas. Anyone have an extra washer and dryer?

Hope to see you at National in Orlando!



EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

D/Lt/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN

Remember we are now AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB™

The ABC Course is on line with an on line exam. That makes ever more important for the Squadrons to follow up on all on leads. Do you know who in your Squadron gets the e-mail notices? Are they following up? Maybe new people need to be used. The Spanish Course is now out.

The United States Power Squadrons has several Coast Guard Grants to create a media Library. It has several videos of different on water training. If you have not looked at them yet, please do so now. They could be something to show at Classes, Boat Shows and meetings.

The new AIS Seminar is now on line with a special introductory price of \$15. This will get you credit in the data base for taking it. This is not the same as the Beta test version given last year.

I keep hearing "My Squadron cannot do on water training because of a lot of reasons". The on water training exercises with each course can be taught by the course instructor and it can be any size and type of boat. Only the BOC requires specially trained instructors. Only the Inland BOC has a boat type

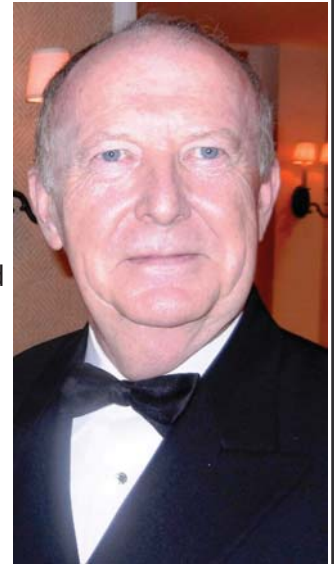


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ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

D/Lt/C Ed Hoover, AP

If you missed the Fall Conference, we missed you. To our friends unable to attend because you were seriously affected by hurricane Irma, you were, and are, in our thoughts and prayers in your recovery and rebuilding. There are others of you who have just never attended a District Conference perhaps because you haven't seen the relevance or value in it for you. We want to change that! District 8 has around 1250 members in our 13 squadrons. I would like to see twenty percent of our members see real relevance and value in attending the 2018 Spring Conference; 250 of us together for learning, sharing, having fun and renewing the energy and excitement that first brought us into USPS, America's Boating Club™. How about we make that our goal, 2 out of 10 of your members attending? We need the help of every Squadron Bridge to help us get there. Your Conference Committee has already started the planning for the 27-29 April 2018 Spring Conference and we are excited about adding new and dynamic opportunities that you will enjoy. Put it on your calendar and watch for details.



Talking about great opportunities, think about this one. Kayaking ranks second in increasing participation in all outdoor activities. In 1994 when kayaking was taking off in the USA, some 400,000 people were into it. In merely 5 years, the numbers dramatically increased to around 2.1 million. In the past 3 years participation has grown by 15%.

Paddle sports, specifically kayaking, is not just a growing outdoor and leisure sports activity, it provides one of the best enticements we could offer people to participate in USPS. Four years ago Toby Jarman championed the start of a paddle group in the Vero Beach Power Squadron. The success of the group has exceeded his expectations and is growing, great job! It appeals to the younger demographic; persons interested in fitness and exercise; as a boating activity, it's a whole lot less expensive; it supports strong social involvement; it puts you close to nature and is an opportunity to partner with local paddle related businesses. Vero Beach has developed a terrific template for any squadron to develop a paddle group. What it takes is for your squadron to have a "Toby", someone willing to take the ball and run with it....especially if you are scratching your heads as to how to develop membership. Sebastian Inlet also has an extremely active kayak group thanks to the hard work of Dave and Karen West. Wouldn't it be great to have a couple more paddle groups develop within the District, perhaps as a cooperative between two squadrons! There is no question in my mind that your squadron will benefit and I will commit to you the support and help by the district in your efforts. Email me at skipperhoover@sbcglobal.net.

Colette and I want to wish you and yours a wonderful Christmas Season, Blessed Hanukkah, and healthy happy 2017.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT (CONT'D)

D/Lt/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN

and size. We really need to do more on water activities. I want to give credit to Palm Beach and Vero Beach which have gotten boats for training. Pompano Beach has been using a member's boat. Lets get more training on any boat!

The Annual meeting again this year will have an expo on Friday. You can meet with any or all of the committee members with your questions and suggestions.

FALL CONFERENCE AWARDS 2017

(See pictures on Page 8)

To win the Educational awards takes a combined effort of the Commander, SEO and members.

Rowland Award for achievement in S,P,AP,ID & SA

- 3 Vero Beach 6.25 %
- 2 Palm Beach 12.5%
- 2 Hollywood 12.5%
- 1 Sebastian Inlet 15.6%

Saul Sabad Award for achievement in S,P,AP,JN,CP, EM,ID,ME,SA & WX

- 3 Hollywood 12.5%
- 2 Palm Beach 18.0%
- 1 Ft. Lauderdale 31.8%

N Club for achievement in S,P,AP,JN & N

- 3 Sebastian Inlet 4.8%
- 2 Vero Beach 5.9%
- 1 Palm Beach 13.0%

Mehrer Award for achievement in S,AP & CP

- 3 Sebastian Inlet 30.1%
- 2 Hollywood 62.5%
- 1 Palm Beach 87.5%

Prince Henry for achievement in JN & N

- 2 Vero Beach 1.38%
- 1 Palm Beach 4.5%

The **Pfenniger On-Water-Training Award**--That is for all on water training--BOC, exercises from all Courses and Seminars.

- 2 Vero Beach 76
- 1 Sebastian Inlet 102

Educational Proficiency

Charles A. Decerbo, AP Vero Beach
D/C Joyce Ann Newman, AP Palm Beach

Chapman Award-- We only had 2 Squadrons submit entries this year. The runner up is D/Lt/C John Goebel, SN, St. Lucie River. The District winner is P/C Darryl C. Aubrey, SN, Palm Beach.

Wornick Award for Growth in Membership

- 3 Hollywood 11.1%
- 2 Ft. Lauderdale 24.7%
- 1 Sebastian Inlet 24.99%

Squadron Reaching 50 years--Coral Ridge (see Page 15)

Mira Award for Retention of Membership

Vero Beach Lt Kathy Thomas, P
St. Lucie River Lt Rosalie & D/Lt/C John Goebel, SN

NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD 2017—DALLAS

Meetings, Donor Recognition, Fellowship



Photos were taken by National Photographer Steve Erickson, JN, and include the Governing Board meeting, Donor Awards Breakfast and lots of fellowship and hospitality opportunities.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

D/Lt Don Robertson, S

Retention, Internal and External

We think of retention as keeping the members that we have. The failure of retention is losing members who quit our squadrons. Let's call that **external** retention. Well, there's another aspect of retention that's as important, but mostly overlooked. When a really capable, really involved person...say on the Bridge or Board, or a committee chair.....suddenly stops participating.

How do they typically go about it? They ask not to be in that position for the next squadron year, or worse yet they resign mid year. When that happens, you've just lost one of the "pistons" that has been powering your squadron engine.

That's **internal** retention. They're still paying dues and on the roster, but you've lost them as a participating team player. Can you afford for that to happen much?

What do we do about that? Think about who in your squadron has done this in the past few years. Was anything done to rectify it? Maybe such a person is just waiting for someone to ask what happened.

In any human organization, things go wrong. Mistakes are made, inadvertently. We sometimes treat others badly and we don't even know we did it. But THEY know! Over time feelings can cause someone to decide that their volunteer time can be spent better elsewhere.

Solutions:

1. Be very attentive to who WAS active in your squadron, but no longer is. Exclude those whose age (or job, or family situation) made it difficult or impossible to participate any more.
2. Ask them if there is a reason, and if they'd be willing to talk about it. Hint: don't necessarily take their first response as their last! This can be an uncomfortable issue, and they may say something foggy like "It's a personal situation" without giving any details. Tell them that their absence has been noticed, and that others care. Maybe even suggest a breakfast or lunch to talk it over privately.
3. After the damaging issue has been revealed, heal the wound! One or more apologies may be in order! And corrections made so that the same mistake is not made again in the future. If we can't learn from our mistakes, we'll continue to repeat them!

With declining Power Squadron memberships across the country, the last thing squadrons need is to lose really capable, involved persons on their management teams, for what are essentially "personnel problems". Be aware and responsive and caring!

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

P/R/C Marjorie Baraff, AP

Become a USPS D8 Vessel Examiner

in one day during our spring Conference

No charge for VSC book or exam

**Join with us and have fun while becoming part of an
important, growing public service**

See page 11 for details and pre-registration

FALL CONFERENCE Meetings and Awards



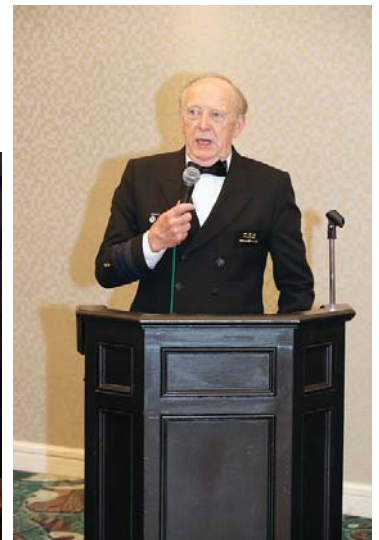
FALL CONFERENCE

Seminars and Fun



FALL CONFERENCE

First Timers, Hospitality and Banquet



VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

P/R/C Marjorie Baraff, AP

Something New for Spring

Districts are a conduit for the flow of information and assistance to the squadrons. With that in mind, let's try something new for our D8 VSC Program during the D8 Spring Conference at the Embassy Suites. We together are going to organize a program, to take place during the Saturday morning period, to assist our squadrons in certifying new Vessel Examiners throughout D8 right then, right there.

Yup you read that correctly and here's how we can do that with your help.

First, if you are seriously interested in becoming a Vessel Examiner you will pre-register with me now for our "Spring Conference New VE Program" and I will email the VSC Manual and a Study Guide to you. Then you read and study the manual before the Conference. There is no cost for either the VSC manual or the VSC exam.

Second, we need 5 boats on trailers, with their registration papers, life jackets, required safety equipment etc. to be at the Embassy Suites PGA outside parking lot east of the front entrance on that Saturday morning.

I know we have 2 squadron boats that could be volunteered for our use and I'm sure we have at least 3 member boats to add to this. They can be powerboats, sailboats, PWC, even a kayak...

Please contact me to volunteer to bring your boat or your squadron's boat.

And we also need at least 10 of our currently certified VEs to volunteer - one stationed at each of the 5 boats as the "owner"; and 5 more VEs at the boats to assist the "students" as a mentor during their 5 required supervised inspections. Remember I could remove some of the safety equipment from the boats from time to time and replace the items later so that not all inspections will be the same - yes really!

Hey, BTW there are Merit Mark hours in this for you too.

Our schedule on Saturday morning starts in one of the Embassy Suites seminar rooms from 0800-1000 for a Q & A and open book exam with pencil and paper and immediate exam grading and feedback. From 1000-1200 we all will go outside, obviously, and inspect the boats. There will be no Plan B for rain so dress appropriately please. Remember "stuff happens". I will file all the completed paperwork on the following Monday and within a week, D8 will be ready to go with more Vessel Examiners to cover our approximately 400 miles from Key West to Sebastian Inlet.

I need to hear from you ASAP so this can get coordinated and pulled off without a "hitch" (Get it? Trailer Hitch? Sorry, LOL.) We can do this. We can have more D8 VEs in one day with your help.

Please contact me if you want to: become a new D8 VE during our Spring Conference weekend, if you can bring a boat and safety equipment, if you want to be an inspection mentor, or if you want to hang out with us and help with the paperwork. Call me (H 954-436-2009). Call or text me (C 772-538-1405) or email to baraffkatz@bellsouth.net with the subject line as D8 Spring New VE Program.

I am really excited about this and hope you are too!

Kidde Recalls Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles Due to Failure to Discharge and Nozzle Detachment: One Death Reported

Name of product:

Kidde fire extinguishers with plastic handles

Hazard:

The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.

Remedy:

Replace

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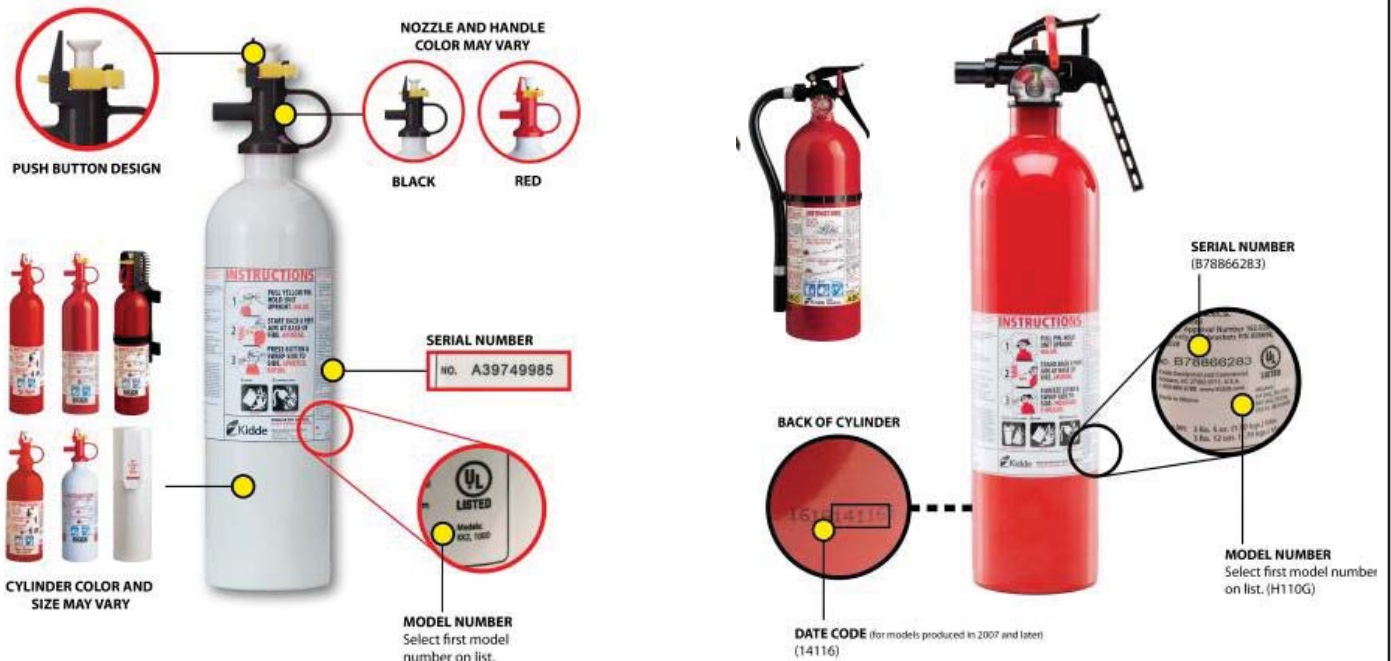
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<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and>

Consumer Contact:

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DISTRICT 8 SPRING CONFERENCE 2018

**Embassy Suites by Hilton
Palm Beach Gardens
4350 PGA Boulevard
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410
TEL: 1-561-622-1000
FAX: 1-561-626-4860**



Spring Conference 27-29 April 2018
Room Rate: \$138 King; \$143 - 2 Doubles
Special Rate Code: DUP

Deadline for Rate 10 April 2018

District 8 members can make your hotel reservations and then send a check to R/C Bill Gillette, AP, 1415 Truman Ave, Key West, FL 33040 to take advantage of the savings available to us.

This is our annual Change of Watch. Come support our incoming District Commander, Janet Leh, P and show your appreciation for the outgoing District Commander Joyce Newman, AP. Saturday seminars will include Identity Theft and VSC including hands-on boat inspection and VE Certification.

2018 NATIONAL MEETING Orlando, FL

**Rosen Center
9840 International Drive
Orlando FL 32819
Telephone: (407) 996-9840
Rate: \$156.55**

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For registration and hotel information, go to:
<http://www.usps.org/php/reservations/>

**Orlando, FL
18 Feb-25 Feb, 2018**



CORAL RIDGE SQUADRON CELEBRATES 50 YEARS 12 Nov 2017 in Oakland Park



Cdr Lena Parsons, JN & P/Lt/C Kay Allen, P in front of a display of memorabilia: a list of P/Cs, the original charter, the 'signed' Cdr's flag and boards of many pictures.

It was great to see past commander Carin & Roger Imhof



Pictures from *way back* were continuously playing in the background.



P/C Dean Jackson, Jr, SN was there in full uniform to greet and give the invocation.

Photos and details from
Lt/C Eunice Polloway, AP

WHO WAS THAT MASKED MAN?

Cdr Marshall Bellin, AP, Pompano Beach

The heading is somewhat misleading. Most of us know who the person is, but not everyone knows about the ranks and grades that are used by USPS. I take no credit whatsoever for the content that follows. All information was gleaned from the pages of the USPS Operations Manual. I merely edited to give some semblance of order and to fit the information on these pages.

The basic **RANKS** used at Pompano Beach Sail and Power Squadron are:

Cdr – Commander. Usually this is reserved for the primary Bridge Officer.

Lt/C – Lieutenant Commander. This is the rank given to the Bridge Officers: The Executive Officer, the Administrative Officer, the Squadron Educational Officer, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

1st/Lt – First Lieutenant. Assistant to a Bridge Officer

Lt – Lieutenant. Appointed by the commander. (Business Mgr., Photographer, Cruise Planning, etc.)

Flag Lieutenant. May travel with or for the commander and may assist in handling such details as will expedite the duties of the commander.

Fleet Captain. Keeps boat-owning members apprised of information relating to boating and local waterways. In squadrons with waterfront facilities, may serve as dockmaster.

The **GRADES** are earned for educational proficiency. They are:

S – Seaman. Completion of the Seamanship course.

P – Pilot

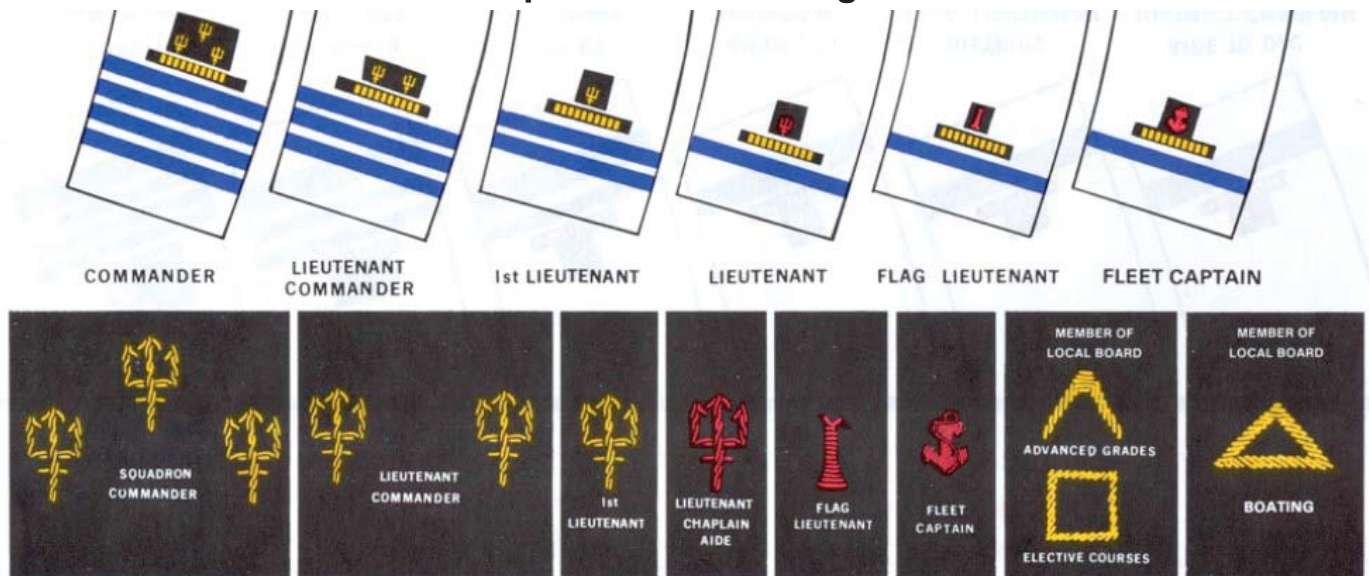
AP – Advanced Pilot

JN – Junior Navigator

N – Navigator

SN – Senior Navigator

Squadron Rank Insignia



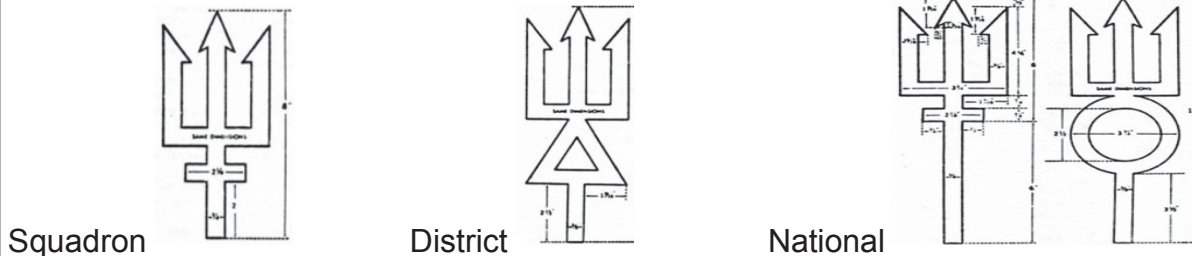
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WHO WAS THAT MASKED MAN? (CONT'D)

Cdr Marshall Bellin, AP, Pompano Beach

The small vertical bars below the tridents on the sleeve indicate Merit Marks earned. One bar is worn for each year the wearer earned a Merit Mark.

Trident. The trident forms the basic element in all ranks of USPS. It is found in gold, silver or red, depending respectively on whether its wearer is an active elected officer, a past elected officer or an appointed officer. Squadron officers wear short-staffed tridents, district officers wear mid-length-staffed tridents and national officers wear long-staffed tridents.



Insignia for advanced grades are various combinations of stars and bars.

Educational Proficiency is awarded to anyone who has achieved a grade level of Advanced Piloting (AP) and completed at least three Elective Courses. Shown is an AP insignia with the Educational Proficiency bar below it. The bar is also added to the JN and N insignia to denote Educational Proficiency.



The Educational Achievement Award recognizes those who have passed all Advanced Grade Courses, which results in a grade of Navigator (N), plus any six Elective Courses. This is the highest educational recognition award given by USPS. A person with this award is known as a Senior Navigator, and uses the printed grade designation of SN. In the past, a Senior Navigator was referred to as a "Full Certificate" and used the printed grade designation of N.



Note: Grade, Service, and Educational Advancement insignia may be combined. An individual might be a life member with a grade of AP with Educational Proficiency. They would have an insignia with an AP grade, an Educational Proficiency bar under that, and a life member V and laurel leaves under the bar.

Port Captain - Anyone who is an approved [Port Captain](#) may wear the patch shown below and fly a [flag](#) indicating they are a Port Captain. There is no written designation for this qualification.



Special Recognition:

25 Year Member - Anyone who has paid dues for 25 years is allowed to wear a 25 year membership pin. This device has a silver braid. There is no written designation for this qualification.

Note: A 25 year member is not necessarily a Life Member but a Life Member is a 25 Year Member.

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WHO WAS THAT MASKED MAN? (CONT'D)

Cdr Marshall Bellin, AP, Pompano Beach

50 Year Member - Anyone who has paid dues for 50 years is allowed to wear a 50 year membership pin. This device is the same as a 25 year pin except that it has a gold braid. There is no written designation for this qualification. Note: Sustaining and Life Members gain credit for paying dues for each year after achieving that status.

LAPEL BUTTONS and TABS



Certified Instructor - Anyone certified by USPS to be a qualified instructor. This is awarded to anyone who has completed the [Instructor Development Course](#) or who has comparable teaching experience. Recertification is required every 4 years. There is no special device or written designation for this qualification (the symbol below is used by PBS&PS).



Vessel Examiner - Anyone who has completed the Vessel Examiner course, has passed the examination, and has performed at least 5 examinations under the supervision of a qualified examiner. A minimum of 5 examinations must be done every year to maintain qualification. VEs may wear special [hats, shirts and patches](#) designating them as USPS vessel examiners. They may also wear the pin shown below. There is no written designation for this qualification.



PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER D/Lt Robert G. Scully, SN

Greetings all,

Here are a couple of thoughts regarding public relations. The 2 attachments have been generated for ABC classes.

I just posted to The Mariner the 2018 Schedule of ABC classes for Vero Beach Power Squadron. All you need to do is send your up coming courses one month ahead of the class dates to ahoy@floridamariner.com

The local newspaper (TC Palm) has an opportunity for anyone who joins them to submit ([Submit Your Stuff](#)) articles at no charge (<http://static.tcpalm.com/submit-forms/>) . You may want to check out your local newsletter. There is also something called We Sponsor Treasure Coast. Here is a link <http://www.tcpalm.com/story/marketplace/2016/10/12/we-sponsor-treasure-coast/91943626/>.

Here is a link to our national PR site <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/12000/12540-public-relations>. Also note numerous changes to the Branding Standards Manual https://www.usps.org/images/Exec/Marketing/Branding_Manual.pdf. Here is a link to our new logo <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/12000/12400/2015-03-13-02-02-55/2015-06-10-17-32-13>

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS!

The following new members have joined squadrons in our District from 29 July 2017 to 26 November 2017. Encourage each one to participate in activities – educational, civic service and fraternal – that United States Power Squadrons®, District 8 and your squadron offers. We look forward to seeing all of you at our District functions. Congratulations to Ft. Lauderdale for 58 new members in 2017 . . . So far! Miami and Pompano Beach are doing great, too!

Ft. Lauderdale

Frank Alexander
Christopher Bishop
Drew Briggs
Albert Callegari
Dante Consonero
Giovanni G. Flores
Lucas Franco
Kenny Garcia
Kyle Green
Ernesto Hernandez
Christopher A. James
Jonathon Kappock
Jack Langford
Johan Macias
Michael R. Miller
Richard Newman
Jordan Pickerill
Daniel Ramirez
Brandon Sanchez
Christoffer Tracey
Tyler Vazquez
Osean Verdi
Karl Wenk

Miami

Kevin Dennis
Dagoberto Gonzalez
Judah O. Hernandez
Jane Herron
Chuck Keyser
Ricardo Losada
Christy D. Morris
Misty A. Morris
Ulla Mostrom Lamadrid
Robert T. Rosson
Jesus J. Vega

Palm Beach

Ivan J. Roman
Sandra C. Worssam

Pompano Beach

Quinn A. Atkinson
Laura A. Booth
Joan E. Derrig-Heacox
Ariel Diaz Suarez
Daniel L. Grostick
James R. Harris
Susan A. Hart

Pompano Beach (cont'd)

Andrea Keyser
Theresa G. Storch
Judi D. Temple

Sebastian Inlet

Al Thiessen
Linda Thiessen

St. Lucie River

Ruth A. Frederick
Linda D. Jones
Mark A. Norton
Daneen H. Read
Harold J. Read, Jr.
Peter A. Rodaway
Kathy A. Willard

Vero Beach

Thomas M. Chance
Robin A. desRosiers
William G. desRosiers
Carolyn A. Gavin
Alicia A. Kalhammer
Jacquelyn J. Kalhammer
Anne LaViolette

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

R/C Kathleen Lambert, AP

There has been a change in the United States Power Squadrons public site URL from usps.org to beyondboating.org. This is an exciting new site with great graphics, videos, and easy to access information.

BOOSTERS

D/Lt Ronnie and Lt Kathy Babin 6-18

Stf/C Allan and D/Lt Jan Furtado 2-18

D/Lt/C Janet and Harold Leh 2-19

Cdr Richard A. and Lt Phyllis Schewe 5-18

Sebastian Inlet Sail & Power Squadron 12-17

If your name is in RED, it is renewal time!

Thank You All!

D/Lt John W. Northrup, AP, Booster Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS


2018

18-25 February	USPS National Meeting, Orlando, FL
27-29 April	District 8 Spring Conference Embassy Suites, Palm Beach Gardens
13-15 July	Distict 8 Rendezvous, Bahla Mar Marina, Fort Lauderdale
12-19 August	2018 Governing Board, Minneapolis, MN
26-28 October	District 8 Fall Conference Embassy Suites, Palm Beach Gardens

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

2018

4 Feb	Pieces of 8 articles due for March Issue
10 April	Embassy Suites, PGA, Spring Conference



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