



## Midwestern Pilot

Winter 2024

District 30 Celebrating 49 years 1975-2024



### Commander's Corner

Welcome to a new year and some exciting

updates coming our way.

The first update is that a new information management system with automatic renewal capability is being installed at headquarters. This new system is called IMIS, once it is up and running there will be other things we can do in the system, process squadron payments, calendaring for all squadron, district and National events, websites, plus education materials and sales will also move to the site in the future. Stayed tuned you will be hearing more about this as it comes online.

If you have not yet worked on updating and simplifying your bylaws please consider doing so. The District is completing the process and will be sending updated bylaws for review and approval soon.

### Merit Marks

I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work in 2023. D30 had 64 members receive a merit mark for 2023. We had three new Life Members, (their 25<sup>th</sup> Merit Mark) they are William Miller from Grand Lakes Squadron, Connie Johnson and Rochelle Taylor both from Phoenix Squadron., Congratulations to Bill, Connie and Rochele. D30 has two members eligible for their 25<sup>th</sup> Merit Mark in 2024, Peggy Williams Grand Lakes Sail & Power Squadron and Alicia Simpson Four Rivers Squadron.

A short bio of our three new Life members. Bill Miller joined the Tulsa Squadron D/31 April 1999. In 2007 transferred to the Grand Lakes Squadron. Bill was D31 District Commander in 2008. 2018 Grand Lakes Sail & Power Squadron and Bill transferred to D30. Bill is a member of the Nation Information Technology Committee.

Connie Johnson joined the



Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron D/28 in April 1998. Connie and the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron transferred to D30 in 2022. Connie is currently Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron Commander. 2010 through 2012 Connie was the D/28 District Commander. Connie served on National Nominating Committee for 6 years. Connie has taken and passed all of Power Squadrons courses and has a Full Certificate.

Rochelle Taylor joined the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron D/28 in December 1990. Rochelle and the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron transferred to D30 in 2022. Rochelle has served on several squadron departments and committees.

### **Executive Department**

National has reinstated the Co-Op advertising program, it will reimburse up to 50% or \$300 maximum per squadron for use in advertising costs. You can find more information about this on the Marketing web page.



### **Education Department**

#### **Check out the updated information about the Chapman award and the New Award from the Education Department:**

##### **CHAPMAN AWARD 2024**

- Focus: Excellence in teaching by an individual instructor
  - Teaching alone or as a member of a team
  - In a classroom, virtual classroom, on the water, or combination
- Eligibility
  - Expanded to include ADEOs and EdDept Stf/Cs
  - Ineligible:
    - DEOs, EdDept R/Cs, V/Cs, and C/C
    - Members of selection committee
  - Nominations may be resubmitted
- Nominees per District: Up to 2 (for 2024)
  - DEOs: Encourage all squadrons to participate
    - NEO: Will recognize all recommended instructors

## New Polaris Award for 2024

- Focus: Excellence in teaching by a team
  - In a classroom, virtual classroom, on the water, or combination
- Eligibility: Same as Chapman Award
- Process:
  - Opens: 1<sup>st</sup> week of May, with team-based forms and selection criteria
  - Nominations due by October 1
  - Everything else the same as the Chapman Award
- Nominees per District: 1 team

## Educational Department Policy on Volume Sales of ABC3 Student Manuals

The USPS Educational Department is pleased to announce that we have a new policy on volume discounts of ABC3 manuals, and it is contained in EDN-96. (17 Dec 23)

America's Boating Course Completions — January 1 Report Now Available  
The latest monthly America's Boating Course Completions report is now available, showing cumulative enrollment, testing, student completions, and courses offered through the current Educational Year (ending June 30), with comparative data from the prior Educational Year.

The EXCEL spreadsheet includes macros to reveal detailed tabs (CTRL u, unhides the detailed tabs, CTRL h hides them). The PDF file is provided for those who do not have EXCEL. For a detailed explanation of this report, see the “Legend” tab. Click America's Boating Course Completions to access the report.

For those needing calendar year data (for example, to report to state agencies) right clicking any tab of the Excel file and then clicking on unhide will allow one to reveal tabs for making that calculation for either a district or a squadron using the 1 January report for the current calendar year and the 1 January report for the previous calendar year. Detailed instructions are on those tabs.

The report reflects data that have been entered into HQ-800. We thank all Squadrons and Districts for reporting data in HQ-800 in a timely way.

Need HQ-800 help? See the updated tutorial posted on the Basic Public Education Committee downloads page, contact your District Educational Officer, or Contact Us. (04 Jan 24)

*Terry Elia, JN*  
*D30 Education*



## Administrative Department

### Save the Date!



District 30 Fall Conference is October 18-20, 2024 at The Resort Lake of the Ozarks. More information coming. Individuals can now call the reservations

department at 573-693-9988 and ask for the “Boating” group rate to make guestroom reservations or they can access the below link and make reservations directly on-line. Room rate is \$149 plus resort fee and taxes. There is a Lakeview king room available at \$179.

<https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=16268&nights=1&checkin=10/18/2024&group=Boating&lang=en-us>

(copy & paste link into browser)



### Nautical Trivia:

What is a nautical ‘camel’?

### Treasurer:

The duties of a Squadron Treasurer are normally accomplished about the same time of the year in the Fall or Spring. Note: Financial records are to be audited prior to the change of watch.

April is when the Squadron Treasurers would review the information needed to comply with the IRS rules pertaining to Form 990 and file with tax return, if required. The Form TR1 should be sent to National Headquarters by July 15, at the latest. Normally, I send it to HQ when I complete the Form 990. Another Treasurer’s task is the notification to National Headquarters of the yearly dues amount prior to February 28. You should also receive payments for new or returning members to the United States Power Squadrons, America’s Boating Club. If the Squadron/Club recruits new or returning members they should collect the money and enter their application on the computer to National. In return, National will bill the Squadron/Club for the new membership which includes annual dues (\$60.00) and new member administrative fees (\$20.00), so for a single membership it would equal (\$80.00) billed by HQ. However, this does not include Squadron Dues or District Dues.

The Squadron should collect all dues up front. They will be billed by HQ only the HQ portion and administrative fee, the squadron keeps their portion of total dues and sends the District their portion by writing District 30 a check for that single (\$7.00) or family (\$11.00) membership. Note: Family Memberships would be billed as HQ (\$90.00) and



administrative fee (\$20.00) which would equal (\$110.00) from HQ. For example: The Des Moines Power Squadron deposits the check for the total membership fees, which includes HQ (\$60.00), District (\$7.00), Squadron (\$20.00), and administrative fee (\$20.00); for a total of (\$107.00) for a single new member. The Squadron needs to forward fees collected for the District to the District. The district is not aware when Squadron recruits new members.

Lastly, the Squadron Treasurer provides the Squadron/Club Commander with a report detailing the prior year's receipts and disbursements. In September/November, they prepare preliminary budget for the next year and then a final budget. Hopefully, this helps with an overview of the Squadron Treasurer's duties and responsibilities. The Treasurer's Manual is available online for your reference, also.



**Hobbies and Passions:**

Peggy DesCamps has submitted the following:

As members of a national boating organization we are all familiar with the vital work that lighthouses do both for recreational boating and navigation safety. But

today I would like to get personal and let you know how my husband, Richard and I have developed our obsession with lighthouses. The first lighthouse I saw was in Maine in the early 1980's. I went on a vacation with my brother and sister to Maine. We did not go specifically to see lighthouses, we went to see the ocean. One afternoon we went to Pemaquid Point. We spend a good two hours sitting on the rocks and watching the tide come in. I know that we had to change locations at least once to stay out of reach of the waves crashing on the rocks. The day was perfect, there was sunshine, a good wind and plenty of wave action. We were in love!!!

Move forward a few years to 1987. My husband and I were getting married in October and we were planning our honeymoon. He wanted to take me to New Hampshire and I suggested that we add another week and I could show him Maine. And so began our love affair with lighthouses.

In 1996 we did a trip to Maine with the intended purpose of seeing as many lighthouses as we could. There are 71 lighthouses in Maine (if my memory serves me right). We saw 43 lighthouses (we had purchased a book that gave detailed instructions for driving to each lighthouse). The days were long- we were usually on





the road by 8 and not back to our hotel until 4 or 4:30 but we loved it. Since then we have done weekend trips to see lighthouses. Anyplace we travel to we try to see any and all lighthouses that we can. It has been fun and educational.

Our obsession with Harbour Lights Lighthouses began because of a Christmas present from my brother and sister. We fell in love with these replicas- the attention to detail was unbelievable. We came back from our Maine lighthouse tour with a back of a minivan full of lighthouses. At first we thought we would only collect lighthouses we had actually seen, but that was too limiting. That is how we have ended up with a collection of over 200+ Harbour Lights lighthouses in our basement.

Unfortunately we are getting older and we find a need to downsize. This includes (unfortunately) finding good homes for most of the lighthouses. Don't worry, I am keeping some of my favorites – Split Rock Lighthouse (Minnesota), Peggy's Cove Lighthouse (Canada), Pemaquid Point (Maine), Portland Breakwater (Maine- lighthouse is only 26 feet tall) and a few other ones too numerous to mention.

But that still leaves me with a large collection to find good homes . If you have a favorite lighthouse (or more) and would like a replica please contact me and I will see if we have that specific lighthouse. I am

highly motivated to find good homes for them- so price is negotiable . Please contact me at [peggydescamps@msn.com](mailto:peggydescamps@msn.com) and I will be happy to talk to you. Tell any of your friends also. Thank you for love of lighthouses (it can be an obsession).

Peggy DesCamps



**Answer:**

A float used as a fender, sometimes called a “breasting float”, OR a float used to raise sunken structures.

**Secretary's Department:**

Upcoming Dates:

Sept 23-29, 2024 Governing Board  
Pittsburgh, Pa

October 18-20, 2024 D30 COW  
The Resort, Lake of the Ozarks, MO

Feb 1-10, 2025, Annual Meeting  
Orlando, FL

