



# Midwestern Pilot

Spring 2023

District 30 Celebrating 48 years 1975-2023



## Commander's Corner

Let's start gearing up for the Annual meeting in Kansas City! This is your chance to experience a nearby National Meeting.

Also mark your calendars for the District 30 Fall Conference October 27 to 29 in Moline Illinois. Reservation information is contained in this newsletter.

It is with great sadness that I share the following news, George Beard {Kansas City} passed away March 18, 2023, P/D/C Robert Morris {Kansas City, St Petersburg} passed away March 27, 2023. Former National Secretary Harry Hebb passed away in March as well. Our deepest sympathies to their friends and families.

*Tracy Simpson, AP  
District 30 Commander  
America's Boating Club  
Heartland*



## Help Wanted

We the District need your help to define our role. With the Bylaws changes, you as the Clubs are in control, How do you want the District to be involved or lead? How do we revitalize our education programs? Do

we need to develop more localized content and focus less on ABC3, more on Boat handling and advanced courses? Civic activities?

How can we improve Communication, share resources, start growing our local profile and participation? We will be discussing this at the Fall Conference, please share your thoughts.

## America's Boating Channel

Have you checked out America's Boating Channel? There is a new season of videos available.

The production team is looking for help, they need field producers, viewership promotion, smart tv operations, and inlet Drone videos. If you think you could help or have an idea to share contact Marty Lafferty, [Marty.Lafferty@AmericasBoatingChannel.com](mailto:Marty.Lafferty@AmericasBoatingChannel.com)



## Nautical Trivia

In nautical terms, what is a diamond?

## Rules Committee

Have you started the process to update your Squadron Bylaws or have you completed the process?

There have been multiple changes made by National Rules

Committee to the Bylaws to help eliminate or simplify what is needed to run a local Club and District. Please take advantage of the Model Squadron Bylaws to update. If you have questions our Rules Committee representative Mary Ann Jensen can assist.

## **Executive Department Cooperative Charting is Back!**

Cooperative Charting is Back!  
The Cooperative Charting program is more than just Geodetic survey markers and chart verification. Did you know it also includes ATON verification, Bridge verification and Marina Surveys. These are great activities for a rendezvous or just a fun outing of a few members. Check out the Committee page on the Members website under the Executive Department.



### **Nautical Trivia Answer:**

A Knot - There are also granny, wall and overhand knots.

### **Committee on Nominations:**



Please Consider Saying Yes if asked to serve. We can use your help!

## **Fall Conference**

The District 30 Fall Conference will be held in Moline Illinois at the Moline Wyndham on John Deere Commons, 1415 River Drive. We will plan a Dinner Cruise for Saturday Oct 28 on the Celebration Belle in Moline. Reservation and Meal information are on the following page.

Additionally if anyone is interested in a cruise on the Mississippi after the meeting Here is the link for additional information for The Twilight, <https://riverboattwilight.com/>. They do a 2 day cruise from Le Claire, Iowa to Dubuque, Iowa, stay overnight and return to Le Claire, Iowa. It is a lovely trip.

### **Tentative Schedule:**

#### **Friday Oct 27**

Check in 3 pm  
Registration , Meet and Greet Cmmanders  
Suite  
Dinner on your own

#### **Saturday Oct 28**

Breakfast  
8:30 D30 Fall Conference and COW  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 pm reconvene if needed  
(if business has concluded, the afternoon is free to sight see on your own.)

5:00 meet in lobby to caravan to Celebration Belle. Cruise is 6:30-9



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Moline on John Deere Commons

## LOCATION

- Downtown, off of I-74
- Next to the Vibrant Arena Conference Center
- Bass Street Chop House Attached
- Across the Street from the John Deere Pavilion
- On the Banks of the Mississippi River
- Walking Distance to Over 20 Restaurants and Bars



## ROOM RATE:

Single King Suite Rooms @ \$119 per night (current tax rate 13%)

Double Queen Rooms @ \$109 per night (current tax rate 13%)

Reservations Deadline: September 26, 2023, **copy and paste link** below to get rate.

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham/moline-illinois/wyndham-moline-on-john-deere-commons/rooms-rates?&checkInDate=10/27/2023&checkOutDate=10/29/2023&groupCode=102723DIS>

## CONTACT:

1415 River Drive

Moline, IL 61265

Direct: 309-764-1000

## HOTEL AMENITIES

- Rate Includes Hot Breakfast
- Parking Included
- Complimentary Wifi
- Complimentary Daily Newspaper
- NEW Simmons Beautyrest Mattresses
- NEW Wynrest Linen Package
- NEW 50" TVs
- Proudly Serving Complimentary Starbucks<sup>®</sup> Coffee

## ENTERTAINMENT/ACTIVITIES:

The John Deere Commons offers many unique opportunities for entertainment and activities. The John Deere Pavilion showcases modern-day and vintage John Deere equipment and interactive displays about agriculture. The adjacent John Deere Store features merchandise with the renowned Deere name and trademarks. The Historic Block offers unique shopping at Watermark Corners. All are located within a few minutes of Vibrant Arena at The MARK and downtown Moline. Please visit [www.molinecentre.org](http://www.molinecentre.org) for more information.

**Meal Reservations**  
**Deadline for Reservations is September 26, 2023**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Allergy/food restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch:

BBQ sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

includes Sides : Chips, Homemade Salad, Drink, Dessert

Saturday Dinner Cruise:

Tickets (price includes Tax and gratuity) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 60.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Our Famous Carved Prime Rib  
Baked Cranberry Glazed Boneless Breast of Chicken  
Alfredo Pasta with Vegetables  
Chef's choice of Potato & Vegetable  
Toss spring salad with peach dressing  
2 Cold Salads  
Rolls and butter  
Dessert

Coffee and Iced Tea are complimentary with dinner

**\*Menu subject to change\***

Total Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Reservations and make payment payable to District 30 to:**

**Ken Danley**  
**2706 E Tiffin Ave**  
**Des Moines, IA 50317**

