



United States Power Squadrons®

Midwestern Pilot



Spring 2017

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Commanders's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

And what a year it's been so far. Weather in the Midwest is always a guessing game. Our friends in Boulder Valley have had abundant snowfall so far but the rest of us---oh boy! sub-zero temps, ice, fog, 70° and that's all in one week. Let's hope Mother Nature has her head on straight come boating season.

Congratulations to Des Moines, Grand Lake, and St. Louis for being recognized for their contributions to the Education Fund and their place on the Honor Roll.

It has been an active few months since the Governing Board. As the Squadron Commanders know, we had another questionnaire to complete regarding district consolidation. In the earlier questionnaire district consolidation was voluntary for districts under 250. At the Governing Board in Pittsburgh a committee was formed to consider the question of consolidation with P/C/C Robert Baldrige as Chairman. The committee is expected to make a recommendation regarding consolidation at the September 2017 Governing Board in Dallas.

Districts with less than 400 members are the districts being considered. This means District 30 is under consideration for

consolidation with 371 members as of 30 December 2016.

In doing the research, there are six districts under 400: D11 northern Ohio and Pennsylvania; D25 squadrons in and around San Francisco; D28 Arizona and southern California; D30; D32 Oregon; and D33 Puerto Rico. Four of the six districts make up the majority of the districts west of the Mississippi River. There are three more districts that are dangerously close to that target number of 400. With nine districts at risk, that's almost a third of the national organization.

I pushed the Squadron Commanders hard to complete the questionnaire and I thank you for your cooperation. Your responses will give me the voice I need at the Annual Meeting to state our case and rest assured I will not stay quiet.

The times---they are a changing. This year is shaping up to be almost as unpredictable as the weather itself. You have my promise that I will advocate for you and keep you informed.

On a much cheerier note, the Spring Conference is not that far away. Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron will host the event April 28th to 30th 2017. They have reserved cabins at Eagle's Landing Resort and Recreation (www.eaglesresort.net) right on



Grand Lake. If you are a camper you are welcome to reserve a campsite instead. We will have the Clubhouse all weekend which includes a theater room and game room. Another added treat is the newly completed Casino within walking distance of the resort.

While we were there for the Grand Lake Change of Watch we checked out the local attractions. We spent the better part of one day at Har-Ber Village which is a village made up of buildings from the late 1800s showcasing life as it was in northeast Oklahoma and northwest Arkansas. There is also an opportunity to check out various locations along “the Mother Road”.

Speaking of conferences, a big “thank you” goes out to Four Rivers Sail and Power Squadron for a great Fall Conference in Branson Missouri. I can safely say a good time was had by all. Many of us extended our stay one way or the other to take in additional activities. Gus and I went to the Top of the Rock just 10 miles south of Branson. It was a close up and personal tour of all the Ozark Mountains has to offer. You rent a golf cart and travel through the scenery at your leisure. As we started into the museum we met some of our friends from Grand Lake coming out.

When it comes to district conferences I think the District 30 squadrons present some of the best conferences anywhere. Many thanks to all of you who make these conferences the successes that they are.

The Digital Media Library has been launching videos non-stop since the beginning of October. I hope you have received notifications when the videos come out and have viewed them. Remember, part of their purpose is to be a “hook” on your website to connect the public with what your squadron has to offer in the way of education.

Best wishes for the upcoming boating season. I look forward to seeing everyone in April.

Sincerely,

D/C Terry J. Elia, JN

District 30

United States Power Squadrons



Welcome to our Chief Commander's Representative

N/F/Lt Mike Wiedel, JN-IN

N/F/Lt Mike Wiedel joined the Milwaukee Squadron of the United States Power Squadrons in 1988 after many years of seeing their booth at local boat shows. Mike immediately joined the Milwaukee Boat Show Committee, and the following year took over as Chair of that committee when the previous chair passed away.

Mike served on the Milwaukee Squadron Executive Committee as a Member at Large for 2 years before being elected Squadron treasurer in 1992. He progressed through all the Squadron elected offices, serving as Squadron Commander in 1996.

In 1998 Mike was elected District Secretary and then advanced through the District Administrative and Executive Officer positions serving as District Commander in 2002-2003.

After his district service, Mike joined the National Recreational Boating Safety Committee where he advanced to become the Chairman in 2013. Mike is a Vessel Safety Check Examiner, and Program Visitor participant. He is



also active in the Educational Department, teaching many of the public and member educational classes offered by our organization including the on water boat handling certification offerings.

Mike's is also a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, where he has served in various Flotilla, Division, District and National elected and appointed offices. He is also a member of the International Shipmasters, The Great Lakes Captains Association and is an active amateur radio operator, participating in the SKYWARN, Amateur Radio Emergency Response and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service Programs.

Mike's wife of 38 years, Kim, is also active in USPS, serving on the National Meetings Committee, and is the aid to the First Lady. She is also active in many civic and professional organizations outside of USPS.

Mike and Kim live in Milwaukee, WI and enjoy boating on the Great Lakes, keeping their 25 Foot Four Winns at McKinley Marina, in Milwaukee. They also routinely travel by boat on the Mississippi, Ohio, and Kentucky Rivers, the Tenn-Tom and Atlantic Intercoastal Waterway's, and the Gulf of Mexico.



Nominating Committee Report

Commander: Terry Elia
Executive Officer: Jim Sweeten
DEO: Dick McGaughy

Admin Officer: Peggy Des Camps
Secretary: Gus Elia
Treasurer: Ken Danley

Auditing Committee

Robert Steffe 3 years

Rules Committee

Kent Simpson 3 years

Nominations Com

1 open slot

All nominees have indicated that they are willing and able to serve in the positions noted, if elected.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marjorie Burgess

Nominating Committee Chair



Nautical Trivia:

In nautical terms, what is a diamond?

Executive Department

At the recent Annual Meeting some committees in the Executive Department were merged and consolidated to streamline reporting processes. These Committees were combined into The Public Affairs Committee: Government and Partner Relations; Public Relations. This eliminates two rear commander positions and streamlines the reporting process.





Call To Council

District Commander Terry EIA has issued a call for the District 30 Council Meeting 140 April 5, 2017. This will be an Electronic Meeting via Go To Meeting at 7 pm. Reports of all Council Members should be submitted, in writing, to District Secretary Gus

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



Call To Conference

The Spring conference will be April 28, 2017. The purpose of this meeting will be as follows:

1. Receive and act upon reports of officers

and committees.

2. Fill any vacancies in accordance with D30 By-Laws.
3. Consider and/ or act upon properly presented business.

Dress code for the conference is Uniform F, or other appropriate attire.

FRIDAY APRIL 28

Registration / Reception: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Join our members for wine/drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron

SATURDAY APRIL 29

07:30 – 08:30 am Breakfast

08:30 - 11:30 am District Meeting

12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch

1:30 - 3:30 pm Afternoon activity

Weather permitting, you will take a 2-hour pontoon boat tour of Grand Lake. You will likely need a jacket, sweatshirt, windbreaker, etc. If the weather is not permitting, P/C Bob Hunt N will present "America's Great Loop."

GLSPS Monthly Dinner Meeting

6:00-7:00 pm Social hour (drinks provided by Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron)

7:00-8:00 pm Dinner

8:00-8:30 pm Business Meeting .

Gus EIA, , JN

Secretary

Education Department

The Boating Primer Now Available in Limited Distribution

The United States Power Squadrons has

introduced *The Boating Primer*, a 30 page booklet designed to be presented at no-cost to new boaters who have just purchased a boat, bridging their probable boating knowledge gap from purchase until attending a basic boating knowledge course such as *America's Boating Course*. *The Boating Primer* is presented courtesy of the United States Power Squadrons in the interests of boating safety, reducing accidents and injuries, and of special importance – recruiting new members.

We will be working with The Brunswick Corporation and the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) for distribution to boat buyers in concert with Brunswick Advantage-participating United States Power Squadrons. Another use for *The Boating Primer* is at public events such as boat shows; it is a great contact aid leading to boating discussions on items such as features and benefits of membership. Note that the centerfold is an easily detachable full size membership application form. Additional uses could be in concert with vessel safety checks and ramp-day forums.

The Boating Primer is a great recruiting tool, useful when discussing United States Power Squadron membership anytime members are discussing boating matters with genuinely interested boaters. *The Boating Primer* is not free or intended for unattended distribution. It is intended for use during discussions that include receipt of follow-on contact information and



then presentation of the Primer. Aids to closing the membership "sale" are a Boat Show Training presentation (5209KB, PPT), a Boating Primer Use presentation (4270KB, PPT), and a reproducible Contact Data form (306KB, PDF) or (877KB Word, DOCX) as discussed in the Boat Show Training presentation.

Before *The Boating Primer* is shipped, and to ensure the necessary training and education for members manning boat shows or similar events, the squadron/district officer requesting copies of the Primer will be asked to confirm:

1. Download of the two above PowerPoint presentations and Contact Form,
2. That the two PowerPoint presentations will be used to educate every member manning the booths or otherwise distributing the Primer,
3. That the Contact Forms will be used when distributing the Primer and that completed forms will be placed with squadron membership personnel for action, and
4. That each presentation will highlight the centerfold membership application in the Primer.

The procedure for obtaining *The Boating Primer* is to submit a request by email to padipro@gulftel.com with the following information:

5. The name and position of the person submitting the request,
6. The intended use of *The Boating Primer* and intended dates for presentation,
7. The address to which the booklets are to be shipped, and

8. Confirm intended compliance with each of the four provisions above for shipment.

Questions may be directed to the Chairman of the Basic Public Education Committee. (05 Feb 17)

Administrative Department

At the recent Annual Meeting some committees in the Administrative Department were merged and consolidated to streamline reporting processes. These Committees Leadership Development and Squadron Development were combined. Squadron activities and Member Benefits were combined into Membership. This eliminates three rear commander positions and streamlines the reporting process.



Trivia Answer:

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

Secretary's Department



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

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



**United States Power Squadron, District 30
Spring Conference
on Grand Lake O' the Cherokees
Friday April 28 & Saturday 29, 2017
Hosted by Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron**



Eagles Landing Resort in Grove, Oklahoma, is a 76-acre resort with RV parking, tent spaces, and cabins. Amenities include kayaking, water trikes, zero entry pool (outdoor), mini golf, pickleball court, basketball court, club house with game room and theater room. There is a boat ramp and a dock with boat slips (not covered) available. Cabins have a kitchenette with basic dishes and appliances and a TV. Internet access is available at the clubhouse. More information and pictures of the property, cabins, and activities on site can be seen on Eagles Landing Resort and Recreation Facebook page and on their website:
<http://eaglesresorts.net/>

Room Rates per night*:

1 BR Cabin \$65 (Queen bed)

2 BR Cabin \$77.50 (Queen bed, 2nd BR twin beds, larger bathroom and living space)

2 BR Suite \$130, only 1 available (2 Queen BR's, 2 bathrooms – accommodates 2 couples)

RV Sites \$25

Pet Fee \$25 for stay (shot record required)

*Includes all taxes and boat slip rental. Check-in Time: 3 PM; Check-out Time 11 AM

MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS BY FRIDAY APRIL 7th

To make room reservation, call or email Eagles Landing:

918-786-6196 or skyles@eaglesresorts.net

(Cancellation deadline April 14)



CONFERENCE AGENDA & REGISTRATION FORM

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Name _____ Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Squadron _____

Conference Registration \$75 / person. Includes all meals & drinks:

MAKE CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS BY FRIDAY APRIL 7TH

Make checks payable to **Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron (GLSPS)**

Please send Conference reservations and payment to:

Lynda Watson

63290 E. 257 Lane

Grove OK 74344

For information on local attractions, restaurants, casinos:

<http://www.grandlakeareainfo.com/>

<http://www.groveok.org/visiting-grove/what-grove-has-to-offer.html>

<https://www.travelok.com/maps/view.casino>

