



# United States Power Squadrons®

## Midwestern Pilot

Spring 2018

District 30 Celebrating 43 years 1975-2018



### Commander's Corner

I am not going to start this message with the weather, although on the last day of January it is supposed to be 60°. I am going

to share my great sadness at missing the lunar trifecta. Cloud cover was so thick that I didn't get to see the lunar eclipse, blood moon, and super blue moon. Maybe I will get another chance before another 150 years goes by. Rumor has it our next trifecta is 2037. I'll be 94 but anything is possible.

Membership in the district appears to be holding steady with a minor gain. Thank you for all your dedicated work presenting the public boating course and creating an interest in the organization with your students.

Speaking of education, the Instructor Development committee will be presenting an Instructor Re-certification seminar at the annual meeting. My certification has lapsed so I will be taking the seminar while there. It is my hope that I will be able to present an Instructor Re-certification at the district conference for those who also allowed their certification to lapse.

The Environmental Committee has reached out to the Educational Department and instructors at all levels to make sure we are telling new boaters about the importance of practicing clean and green boating habits. Let's make sure boaters understand the need to avoid leaving anything manmade or processed in the water, including abandoned

boats and other vessels.

As of the end of January, the interactive online version of the Partner in Command seminar has a new name: Crew at the Helm. The name change better conveys what the seminar is about.

I also hope you took time to read the *Educational Horizons* (pages 26 to 28) article in the Winter 2018 Ensign. The Education Department did a very good job of summarizing and updating all that is taking place in education at the United States Power Squadrons.

Vessel Examiners should have received vessel examiner business cards with the America's Boating Club logo. 50,000 business cards were printed and sent to 270 squadrons. America's Boating Club promotional items will be given out at the annual meeting while supplies last so I will see what I can get my hands on for the district. A flyer will also be available with instructions on how to easily edit discounted standard membership and vessel examiner business cards as well as Decal Awareness Program Posters.

Congratulations to Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron. The Grand Lake squadron was selected as one of the United States Power Squadrons Top Ten Squadrons in the 2017 BoatU.S. Distinguished Civic Service Award Recognition program. Please take the time to visit Grand Lake's website and/or Facebook page to see everything they do as a squadron for their community. Keep up the good work Grand Lake!

Thank you to the Kansas City Sail and Power Squadron for an outstanding Fall Conference at the Double Tree Hotel in



Overland Park Kansas. Gus and I had a corner suite that was just perfect for visiting with district friends attending the conference. Saturday night's entertainment is hard to beat. We all went to the New Theater Restaurant for a great dinner and a great showing of Driving Miss Daisy. It was an outstanding venue and it felt good to see a dinner theater comeback.

Thank you to the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron for the privilege of presiding at their Change of Watch November 11<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed a quick trip of the lake (before the chill of a setting sun set in) with Commander Bruce Watson and his wife Lynda and then had dinner at the Parrot with Ken and Mary Alice Moore joining us. On Saturday we took in a flea market and a movie before heading to the Change of Watch.

Finally, I want to say "thank you" for the honor and privilege of having served as your District Commander these past two years. I have truly enjoyed visiting many of the squadrons whether for a Change of Watch or to celebrate an anniversary. I am very proud of the time and dedication I see put forth by each of the squadrons with many of us performing multiple jobs on behalf of the United States Power Squadrons. Congratulations to the Bridge-elect. May you have as much fun, loyalty, and support as I received

Sincerely,  
D/C Terry J. Elia, JN



### **Nautical Trivia**

The running lights of a boat tell you what three things about the vessel

## **Chief Commanders Representative**



P/C/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN, Past Chief Commander for 2016, P/C/C Robert Baldrige of Baton Rouge, LA joined the Baton Rouge

Squadron in 1976 as a college sophomore so his father would let him take the boat out by himself. His first job was on the squadron phone committee. He went on to serve on the Executive Committee, Seamanship instructor, Chairman of Local Boards, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, and squadron Commander. He continues to serve as Membership Chairman. In District 15, he has served as Computer Systems Committee Chairman, Rules Committee Chairman, Nominating Committee Chairman, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, and Commander.

His first national job was as a member of the national Computer Systems Committee in the mid 80's. He went on to chair that committee and serve on the Marketing and Planning Committees. He was an aide to Chief Commanders Gordon, Kennedy, Jensen and Maynard and has served as the Assistant National Secretary, Secretary, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, Chief Commander and now, as Immediate Past Chief, he is a member of the Board of Directors. He is a Life member with 33 Merit Marks.

A lifelong resident of Baton Rouge, Baldrige has been employed by Wilson Warehouse Co. for 38 years and currently serves as its President. He is a Past President of the Southeastern Warehouse Association and is a member of the International Warehouse and Logistics Association.

Baldrige received his Bachelor of

Science in Electrical Engineering from Louisiana State University in 1979 and continued on to earn his MBA, also from LSU, in 1981.

Married in 1983, Robert and Nancy Baldrige have two boys, Taylor and Noah. The entire family enjoys boating aboard their SeaRay, MUCH ADO, mostly in the rivers and lakes of Louisiana and along the Gulf Coast. P/C/C Baldrige's two sons, Taylor and Noah, Senior Members of the Baton Rouge Squadron, joined hoping their father would let them take the boat out by themselves and are now avid power and sail boaters



## Nominating Committee Report

Commander:	Kent Simpson
Executive Officer:	Tracy Simpson
DEO:	Ed Bialecke
Admin Officer:	Rosemary Bialecke
Secretary:	Gus Elia
Treasurer:	Ken Danley
Auditing Committee	
Lynda Watson	1 year
Robert Steffe	2 years
Harry Hammond	3 years
Rules Committee	
Marjorie Burgess	1 year
Nominations Com	
Betty Danley	1 year
Bruce Watson	2 years
Terry Elia	3 years

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*



## Call to Council



There will not be a council meeting prior to the Cspring Conference. Reports of all Council Members should be submitted, in writing, to District Secretary Gus Elia prior to the Spring Conference. Council members unable to attend should mail their reports prior to the meeting.

## Call To Conference

The Spring Conference will be April 14, 2018. 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.
- Friday USPS Polo/Logo/Uniform T or other appropriate attire. Dress code for the conference is Uniform F, or other appropriate attire.

Business to be brought before the council is to be sent to D/C Terry Elia fourteen (14) days prior to the Spring Conference meeting.

*Gus Elia, JN*  
*Secretary*

## Executive Department

### **USCGA & USPS Reciprocity for VE and Instructor Certification**

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadrons (USPS) have long shared the vital mission of educating and assisting members of our Nation's boating public to safely conduct their recreational activities on

the water. Both the Coast Guard Auxiliary and USPS have leveraged their long-standing histories and experience to develop outstanding training programs that are used to qualify members of their respective organizations in competencies that are essential to successfully performing this mission: Vessel Examiner (VE) and Instructor (IT). Pursuant to discussion and agreement between U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary National Commodore Richard Washburn and U.S. Power Squadrons Chief Commander Louie Ojeda, it is therefore appropriate, prudent, and fitting for both organizations to extend reciprocity to their members who have achieved these competencies.

### Safety

National Safety Committee is promoting “America’s Boating Club”  
The Decal Awareness Program received a grant from the “United States Power Squadrons” Board of Governors to purchase 35,000 Vessel Examiner (VE) business cards and ship them to all VE’s. This card serves as a segue for promoting “America’s Boating Club” which also benefits the Vessel Safety Check program. Please expect your cards to arrive later this month, and thank you for your support.

*Stf/C Bob Bales*



## Education Department

New EDN 93 on Policy for Educational



## Materials Modified or Developed by Squadrons

Educational Department Note 93 has been issued, with effect from January 23, 2018. (23 Jan 18)

## Student Materials for Seamanship and the Mastering the Rules of the Road Seminar

USPS's Seamanship course and Mastering the Rules of the Road seminar now use the U.S. Coast Guard's Navigation Rules and Regulations Handbook. The Handbook may be ordered in hard copy from USPS or downloaded (free of charge) from the U.S. Coast Guard's Department of Homeland Security website. Squadrons that have our earlier reference text, Wing's One Minute Guide to the Rules of the Road, may continue to use it. (21 July 17; updated 22 Jan 18)

## Great Lakes Cruising Club School Webinars Update

We're pleased to announce that the partnership arrangement with the Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC) will continue for the coming year. All GLCC on-line cruising-related webinars are available to USPS members at reduced USPS registration rates. Many webinars are planned for the 2017-2018 GLCCSchool curriculum year. Note that there is now a NEW discount code for the coming year, so be sure to use this new discount code when signing up for a webinar. Details are available on the USPS GLCCSchool web page. (22 Jan 18)

## JN Errata Corrected

We have reprinted the JN 2014 student manual to replenish our stock. The 2017 printing is the same as the 2014 printing,



except that all previously reported errata have been corrected. Corrected pages are available for substitution in the earlier edition. (13 Dec 17)



**Nautical Trivia Answer:**

The direction the vessel is traveling, the size and what the vessel is doing.

**Administrative Department:**

Upcoming meetings:

2018

April 13-15 St Louis D30 Spring Conference

TBA Fall Conference Boulder Valley

2019

TBA Spring Conference Des Moines

TBA Fall Conference Grand Lake

**Secretary's Department**

**Historian's Department Reminder:**

Please submit your Historian forms after your Change of Watch if you have not already done so!

**Web Page:**

Please send your photos and activities to Alicia Simpson [vwbuggirl4@gmail.com](mailto:vwbuggirl4@gmail.com)

**Newsletter:**

I am always looking for articles to share with the District and National, please feel free to send me information.

Tracy Simpson [d30usps@gmail.com](mailto:d30usps@gmail.com)

**Tentative Schedule**  
**Spring Conference:**



**Friday:**

Registration, Commander's Reception

**Saturday:**

Free Breakfast at Drury

8:30—12:00 D30 Spring Conference

12:30 Catered Lunch

1:00—5:00 Afternoon free to take the trolley to Ameristar Casino, Main Street and other local attractions.

5:30—7:00 Hospitality at Drury featuring: ***Drury Hot Food & Cold Beverages.***

7:00 pm Dinner at Trailhead Brewing Company (private room, **WE WILL BE ORDERING FROM THE MENU**)



# DISTRICT 30 SPRING CONFERENCE

April 13—15, 2018

Hosted by the St. Louis Sail and Power Squadron



Drury Plaza Hotel  
Room Rate \$129.99 + tax per night

Drury Plaza Hotel  
380 Mulholland Drive, St Charles, MO 63303  
St. Charles, Missouri 63303

Call or online reservations 636-724-5772  
Ask for group rate 2321472  
Group Name "US Power Squadrons District 30"  
**Deadline March 13, 2018**

Rooms available with one king size or 2 queen size beds.

*"The Extra's Aren't Extra at Drury Hotels"*

**FREE HOT QUICKSTART Breakfast**—At Drury, "hot" means fresh pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, sausage and more.

**FREE 5:30 KICKBACK**— From 5:30-7:00 pm each evening kick back, relax and enjoy a rotating menu of hot foods and cold beverages.

**FREE WI-FI** Free internet access in all rooms and the lobby.

**Free Soda and Popcorn**—From 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm every night in the lobby



**Meal Reservations:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Lunch Choices:**

Smoked Turkey Sandwich\* # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00=Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Baked Ham Sandwich\* # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00=Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Top Round of Roast Beef Sandwich\* # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00=Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Veggie Wrap\* # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00=Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Includes Drink, Chips and Gourmet Cookie. Please indicate your choices of sandwiches so that we have the exact count for the caterer.**

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your check made payable to:  
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Doug Warden  
3272 Saddleridge Drive St.  
Charles, MO 63301.  
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***NOTE: Due date is March 13, 2018.***