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In Memory of R/C John Belkengren, AP



John Arthur Belkengren, 72, of Key West, Florida, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015 at Lower Keys Medical Center. He was born on Dec. 1, 1943 in St. Paul, MN. John graduated from Corvallis High School, Oregon. He attended and graduated from Oregon State College with a degree in business. John worked as a payroll manager for Pendleton Woolen Mills in Pendleton, Oregon for many years. John and his partner of 49 years, Bill Gillette, moved to Key West in 1986. They both owned and operated the Pines Guesthouse on United Street. John also worked as a realtor for Coldwell Banker Curtis Wild Realty.

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He later worked at Key West Bank (now Centennial Bank) in customer service. John was active with Key West Sail and Power Squadron at the local, district and national levels. Surviving is his partner Bill Gillette. They were recently married on March 28, 2015 at the Key West Yacht Club. John was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Richard and Dale Belkengren.

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CALL TO THE SPRING COUNCIL

Per District 8 Bylaws Article 5, Section 5.2 and 5.3, District Commander Jon Bensman, AP has called the Spring Council meeting for 1400 on Friday, 8 April 2016 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 squadron commanders. (Please be prepared to stand and give a verbal report even if your report is already on file).
- Reports of district department chairmen.
- Reports of General Committees.
- Reports of Standing Committees.
- Announcements.
- Other business that may properly come before the Council.

Photos in this issue

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CALL TO THE SPRING CONFERENCE

In accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of District 8 Bylaws, District Commander Jon Bensman, AP issues the Call to the Spring Conference. It is to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4350 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410, Saturday, 9 April 2016 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.

FROM THE HELM

D/C Jon Bensman, AP

I am the bearer of sad news. By now most of you heard of the passing of an outstanding hard-working member of District 8. R/C John Belkengren, AP passed away this month. To R/C Bill Gillette, AP, my wife Bonnie and I offer our deepest sympathy on the passing of John.

I hope everyone in District 8 had a Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas! During the past few months since the Fall Conference a lot has happened in our District: the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show, the many Squadrons who taught ABC3 classes, and advance courses, the BoatUS Civic Service Award, Safety Reports, and Merit Marks.

Merit Marks: This past month merit marks were due to be sent in to the area monitor and to tell the truth it was like pulling teeth to get some of the Squadrons to write them up and submit them. **Squadron Commanders and Bridge:** beside some of the local awards District and Squadrons present for the hard work our members did for the District and their own Squadrons, merit marks are the only way to reward our members on making District 8 and the Squadrons an outstanding organization! Please, Squadron Commanders, take care of your members and remember you work for them!

Squadrons' Change of Watch: Commanders and New Commanders, I need to get the dates and location for your upcoming COW. Please submit by email to D/F/Lt Lee Popham by 6 January 2016 so I can plan on me or one of the bridge members to attend.

National Meeting: The 2016 Annual Meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida 15 to 21 Feb 2016. If you're planning on attending, you need to act soon if you're going to make a hotel reservation. The block is already fully reserved, but there are rooms at a nearby Rosen Hotel and shuttle service is available. Squadron Commanders, lets push on getting as many of our members, first timers and family members to join us in Orlando. They have a lot of great activities planned for that week plus great information for everyone! Get your reservation in now!

Spring Conference: This year's Spring Conference is going to be held at a new location: Embassy Suites in Palm Beach Gardens. We have planned a lot of great meetings and seminars, plus some new surprises this year. Make your reservations now and, Commanders, lets push getting many of your members to attend the conference and Change of Watch.

Squadron Activities: Our Squadron activities tie in with the Chief Commander's November message: every member of the United States Power Squadrons should be broadcasting our name. This is why co-branding USPS with District 8 and our individual Squadrons is a way to create new interest and get new students, new members and retain members in the United States Power Squadrons! We have around 1500 members in District 8 and just think if 25% or more of them wore a co-branded

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FROM THE HELM (CONT)

D/C Jon Bensman, AP

USPS/District 8/Squadron shirt to everyday activities and each of these members talked about what we are all about. We should be able to increase our membership!

I hope everyone has a Happy New Year!

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DESK

D/Lt/C Allan B. Furtado, SN

Last month I copied a “cute” article I found in one of the District 4 newsletters about the passing of “Someone else”. That article hit close to home. In the early years of my Power Squadron experience, it seemed that all functions for the squadron were indeed performed by “someone else” That may have been due to my inexperience and lack of knowledge of the inner workings of the organization.

At one point someone approached me and asked if I would like to help on a project. That was the first time I said “I’ll do it”. That project happened to be a squadron picnic (at USGC Pavilion off Sandy Hook NJ in District 4). I had a ball taking on the project and seeing it through to completion. I was responsible for all of the food and cooking same for the weekend. I had a special purveyor that I got all my fixing’s from and at a very low price. We had BBQ ribs, chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers. Fun and food was had by all. After that I was told that the work would earn me a merit mark. I had no idea what that was or why I wanted one.

Well, that was a long time ago and looking back, if that certain someone had not asked me to become involved, I might not have even continued being a member. That is where YOU come in. When was the last time you approached a new member and introduced yourself? Did you sit down with them and engage in conversation? That is a critical point in a new member’s mind as to “what is the Power Squadron all about?”

You don’t have to just approach new members. Look around your squadron and see if there is anything that you can apply any of your skill sets to assist or improve any given project. If you already have a project, ask one of the new members if they would like to get involved and assist you. The idea of this is to have fun, enjoy the new members, share the experiences and teach the process to someone else.

This is especially true if your squadron is going to have a raft-up. Invite your new member to join your raft-up. If they do not have a boat, invite them onto yours and ask them to enjoy the day with you and other members. This brings me back to that “cute” article from last month. Now you have become “I’ll Do It”.

Remember, this is your organization. As we say “Come for the boating Education, stay for the

R/C JOHN BELKENGREN, AP

P/R/C Nigel E Hargreaves, SN

Our organization is grieving from the passing of one of our hardest working members, sadly R/C John Belkengren, AP passed away on 1 December, his 72nd birthday. John had been in declining health for some time, but never neglected his Power Squadron responsibilities, as Treasurer of Key West Sail & Power Squadron, a position he held on and off for more than 15 years, he managed to attend and report at their November Executive Committee meeting. He was a member of the District conference committee for more years than he would care to admit and currently served the National organization as Rear Commander on Ship's Store.

John had just achieved his 24th Merit Mark, one for every year since joining USPS on 1 December 1991. John became Commander of Key West in 2001. He also served as District Treasurer from 2007 – 2009. In 2012 he was elected Staff Commander of Ship's Store before achieving Rear Commander in 2014. He also served as Aide to Chief Commander Creighton Maynard.

It is impossible for me to write this article without making reference to Bill, they had been together 49 years and were an inseparable partnership, in the newspaper obituary on page 1 Bill has included some of their life before joining the ranks of USPS. Peter and I had the honor of being witnesses at their wedding earlier this year and I gave the toast; at the Celebration of John's Life I also thanked John for his service but more importantly his friendship, Peter and I have lost a good friend, and while we remember the good times, our hearts go out to Bill to give him strength, we are not alone in sending Bill our love, the messages and cards from across the USA have been pouring in. Please include John and Bill in your prayers and thoughts.

EDUCATION NEWS

D/Lt/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN

Since the last newsletter we have had some changes to our department. D/1st/Lt Howard Kaufman, SN has resigned. I want to thank him for his service to D/8. At the Fall Conference we elected Lt/C David "Mag" Mangold, SN as the new D/8 Assistant DEO. I am sure he will be a great asset to our Department.

Just a reminder about the HQ800 system. Squadrons should list all Courses and Seminars in the system. This lets members from other Squadrons know what is being taught in our District. It also lets the public know about courses they might want to take. By teaching to the public we get more students in the classroom, more income to your Squadron and new members. This is a win win deal. Let's all make sure we do it.

The Annual Meeting will be held in Orlando at the Rosen Centre on 15 to 21 Feb 2016. On Thursday the Educational Department will hold open meetings. Friday there are a lot of seminars including EXPO. Saturday we have the Annual Meeting and every member can attend. I hope everybody has a very good Holiday Season.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

D/Lt/C Joyce Newman, P

Greetings fellow District 8 members, I'm sure your holiday season has been as busy as ever. So, while you're relaxing and planning the upcoming year, I want to call your attention to two important events coming up fairly soon.

In February, the Annual USPS National Meeting & Change of Watch will take place in Orlando – almost in our back yard.

We're heading back to the Rosen Center Hotel after a few years in Jacksonville! We Floridians know it's a great town, a fantastic hotel, and convention and entertainment town. Plus, it's located on International Drive, right in the center of the action. Parks, entertainment, restaurants and more are all within an easy walk or trolley ride from our hotel.

I'm going and looking forward to some good fun. Like Friday we don Uniform (T) (tropical shirts) to celebrate D/33's own Louie Ojeda's upcoming installation as Chief Commander. And of course, Saturday night we make it official at the banquet celebration.

Of the many GREAT activities, Friday mornings Keynote Speaker at breakfast will be extra special. He's the NASA Chief Knowledge Officer Dr. Weiping Yu and he is the founder of the Universal Particle (Uon) Theory of Everything. Imagine the fascinating things he'll talk about.

In April, the District 8 Spring Conference and Change of Watch will be heading to a NEW venue, the Embassy Suites in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. I'm sure you've seen my emails regarding significant events at the conference. I'll have more for you very soon.

So, make your plans to be in Palm Beach Gardens 8-10 April 2016 and have a GREAT time with the rest of us at the Embassy Suites. By the way, there will be a surprise welcoming in the Embassy Suites Lobby.

Saturday Evening is the banquet celebrating our new District Commander Al Furtado and First Lady Jan who will be dancing to the music by Valery White.

In addition, the hotel will be providing complimentary Shuttle Service to the Palm Beach Gardens "upscale" shopping mall for those who want to shop or dine!

Remember, **EVERYONE IS INVITED!** So, come join in the FUN with your friends. And don't forget Workshops, and Hospitality Parties are FREE!

SO SAVE THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

15 – 21 February 2016

USPS ANNUAL MEETING – Orlando

8 – 10 April 2016

D/8 SPRING CONFERENCE

See you there!

SPRING CONFERENCE and CHANGE OF WATCH 8 - 10 APRIL 2016

Time is getting closer for the District 8 Spring Conference. We are continuing to plan **BIG** things for this event. Today, I'm sharing two very special activities that deserve your attention at the conference.

Sometimes, the United States Power Squadrons doesn't make enough noise about its investments in education. For example, a couple of years ago the USPS took on the challenge to create a less expensive way to give new boaters a taste of what it's like to go out on the water without the expense of an actual boat, gas, etc.

They wanted a vehicle for teaching boaters how to perform common boating tasks like departing the dock, working with spring lines, handling moorings, docking, and on and on. Well the time has arrived and an amazing simulator has been created. This simulator can do all that was requested and more. It's called the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer and it's truly amazing. Here's what it looks like:



You sit down in front of three computer monitors, a steering wheel, throttles and other controls and perform tasks as you would on the water. The simulation is very realistic especially when you add in wind, currents and day/night scenarios.

We will have this very simulator at the conference and we invite you to come give it a spin. We promise no permanent damage will happen to our "virtual" boat with you at the controls.

This is a positively fantastic tool to assist new boaters in techniques of proper boat handling and safety. It may even come in handy for some "old salty dogs".

The simulator will be ready for your inspection and drive and it won't cost you a dime.

By the way, bring your buddy along and challenge him to see who can get through the slalom faster.....backwards. What a hoot!!!

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SPRING CONFERENCE and CHANGE OF WATCH (cont) 8 - 10 APRIL 2016

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In another area we'll be holding a totally updated version of the Operations Training course. (Who, on earth, ever gave it that name.....It's really everything you wanted to know about how to get things done, but, didn't know who to ask.) It covers your local squadron, the district and National. And, we do it all in 3 short hours.

Everyone can get good value from this workshop. It doesn't matter if you currently are an officer, committee chairman or just want a peek into the workings of our organization. This is for you.

Our resident expert on "getting things done", Anita Walker SN, will be handling this workshop. You can get more details from her at anita5040@bellsouth.net.

So, if you're brand new to the organization ("you really should be in this"), a seasoned veteran or just want to see "what's new", then this is for you.



Anita promises you will enjoy this session and have fun participating.

We'll have more details about the conference soon. So, make your plans to be in Palm Beach Gardens 8 to 10 April 2016 and have a GREAT time with the rest of us at the Embassy Suites.

EMBASSY SUITES by Hilton at 4350 PGA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Remember, EVERYONE IS INVITED! So, come join in the FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS!!

WORKSHOPS AND HOSPITALITY PARTIES ARE FREE

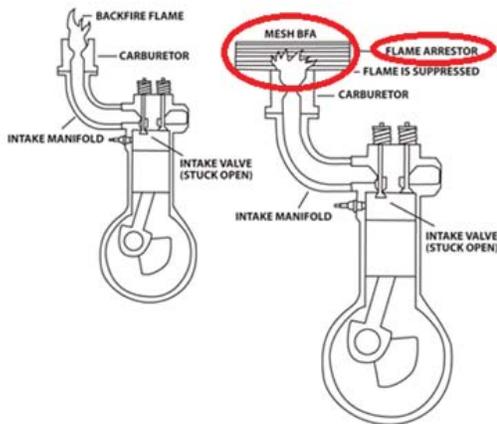
For more information, call D/Lt/C Joyce Newman, P at 561-624-7121 or email jannpb@aol.com

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

P/R/C Margie Baraff, AP

Let's review a bit about Backfire Flame Arrestors. There are very good reasons to know the use for one, why only certain types of engines have an arrestor, where the arrestor is located, what it looks like and how to evaluate its serviceable condition.

I admit that I have needed to check probably less than 10 flame arrestors in all the years I have been a Vessel Examiner. Can you guess why? (No, I don't inspect only kayaks and canoes – LOL – nice try though.) The answer is that I generally inspect boats built after 25 April 1940 with outboard gasoline engines or diesel powered engines. Only inboard gasoline engines are legally required to have an acceptable means of backfire flame control.



Just like a car engine with a carburetor, an internal combustion engine in a boat can backfire. Engine compartments can build up gas vapors and fumes that can then ignite with a stray spark or flame. Occasionally engines can backfire. The backfire sends a flame back up through the carburetor and into the engine compartment. The backfire flame arrestor's function is to muffle and stop any spark or flame, which could result in an onboard explosion. The arrestor is, in some respects, theoretically similar to a sacrificial plate on an outboard propeller in that both of these objects take abuse to avoid greater destruction.

So what does the flame arrestor look like? It looks like a metal air filter. It has metal screen material and baffles that flames cannot get through. The arrestor sits on the air intake and is tightly secured with flame tight connectors.



Now, what are we looking for during a VSC inspection? We check them for Coast Guard and/or SAE and/or UL approval number, tightness, and cleanliness as best you can without disassembly of any part of the vessel. It is critical for the arrestor to be clean and undamaged with all of the mesh material intact. If there is a hole in the mesh grid, or if it is not securely attached, it will not work properly. If you, or the boat owner, see any holes, the flame arrestor needs to be replaced. If the flame arrestor is dirty with oil or gasoline residue, it should be removed and cleaned by washing it with soap and water. After it is clean, rinsed and completely dry, it can be reinstalled.

Also, during the Vessel Safety Check on a boat with a gasoline inboard engine, you might suggest to the boat owner that checking the backfire flame arrestor be added to a periodic safety check list for their boat. The arrestor might need to be checked monthly on a boat with a lot of hours of engine use.

Margie

Images: (http://www.ehow.com/info_8181153_backfire-flame-arrestors-boat.html) Chris Stevenson/contributor)

MORE NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DESK

D/Lt/C Allan B. Furtado, SN

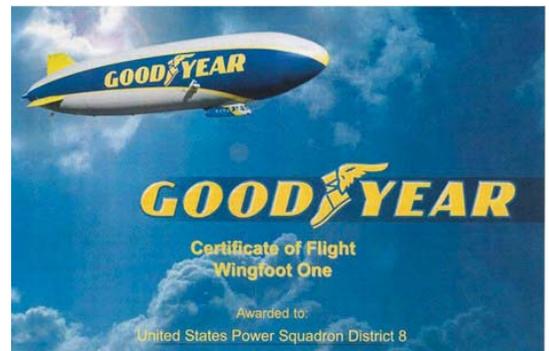
One of the most fulfilling experiences of being a member of the USPS is attending the USPS Annual Meeting. Just as our District has a Council meeting where the business of the District is performed, National has a Governing Board meeting in the fall and all of their work is voted upon at the Annual Meeting. Being a part of this is exciting. Every two years the National Bridge conducts its Change of Watch where our new Chief Commander and his/her bridge is installed. In Feb 2016 V/C Louie Ojeda, SN will be our new Chief Commander.

That brings me to the upcoming Spring Conference 8 - 10 April 2016. On Friday afternoon we will again have our Council meeting and as you know this is where the business of District 8 is conducted. Short reports from each Squadron Commander will highlight their greatest success this year and perhaps an item they might need assistance with.

We have the Virtual Trainer scheduled to be available and for your use during the workshop hours Saturday morning. Our Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Joyce Newman, P (soon to be "AP") has scheduled several workshops for your education including OT in 3 (see article on Page 13). So you should find it interesting, informative and fun.

On Saturday after lunch the Conference will be assembled and the business of the Council will be discussed and approved. Prior to the end of the Conference the Change of Watch will take place. It is my pleasure to announce that our Chief Commander Louie Ojeda, SN will be conducting the installation. After the Conference and Change of Watch, I will be hosting a Hospitality suite and everyone is welcome.

Dinner will be held in the main dining room and music will be provided by Valery White. After dinner, we will have an auction and the main item of interest is a Ticket for 2 to ride on the new Goodyear Blimp "Wingfoot One". Our Auctioneer Cdr Rick Wood, JN will be presenting this item for auction. Be sure to bring your check book; you don't want to miss an opportunity to fly in this Airship.



Please hold the dates of 15 - 17 July 2016 open for the District 8 Summer Rendezvous at Hutchinson Island. I have invited District 22 to come and share in this event. We are looking forward to visiting and meeting new friends. The Elliot Museum has some exciting new exhibits, too.

Again, we have been offered a special discount at the hotel. Dinner will be held at the Prawn Broker Saturday evening.

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MORE NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DESK (cont)

D/Lt/C Allan B. Furtado, SN

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the above mentioned events where we plan to have fun and fellowship. Remember, this is your organization. As we say "Come for the boating Education, stay for the Friends".

FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

R/C Bill Gillette, AP

Important News about the Annual Meeting in Orlando

If you are planning on going to the Annual Meeting, you will be able to save the amount of the Room Tax.

Write a check for the room x the number of nights you are staying. You also need to add 1% for the Orlando Conference Center surcharge. So, if your room is \$139 per night, you'll need to multiply the number of nights times \$140.39. If you have upgraded to a more expensive room, multiply the nightly rate times 1.01 to include the surcharge.

Make the check out to District 8 and mail it to me at 1415 Truman Avenue, Key West, FL 33040. Include your confirmation number which should begin with the letter R. Mail this no later than 1 February 2016. I will prepay your room on the District Credit Card. The Front Desk Clerk will still ask for your credit card to cover any incidentals you might incur such as room service or Spa. If you have any questions email me at bigille@earthlink.net and I will be happy to clear them up for you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



**"Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year"
from the Furtados**

*Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year!*

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

D/Lt/C Jan Furtado, AP

It's time to think about OD-2 Form Processing

With many squadrons coming to the end of their Watch Year and a Change of Watch event on the calendar, it's time to start preparing the OD-2, Listing of Squadron Officers and Committee Chairs, Form. USPS Headquarters needs to know who is "installed" in each position in your squadron. As secretary, you can assist your incoming commander with this task for the 2016-2017 year.

Even if your squadron has their Change of Watch later in the year, the OD-2 form must be completed by 1 February 2016 in order to update all National information for mailings and contacts.

After you have logged into the USPS web site, go to the OD-2 processing page at this link <http://www.usps.org/php/hqforms>.

Instructions are on the form and you will need the "Updater" password which should be provided by your Commander. You will need the certificate (or E number) for each office holder. The name, rank and grade will populate automatically.

The OD-2 form is a must for all squadrons. Everyone in USPS who is looking for information about who to contact in your squadron will depend on this information. The National Committee chairs use it to contact the squadron chairs occasionally with news. The key to this form is to put a name in each category. You are NOT committing them to do the work of that position. All they have to do is commit to forwarding anything associated to the position to the Commander. If the position does not have a member's name next to it, then the squadron may lose communications (aka "I never received that information!"). It is also what is used to complete the rosters at national, district and squadron.

Please help the incoming Commander get this completed before the deadline of 1 February 2016. You can submit the form at any time, AND you can come back and EDIT it at any time. Therefore, there is no reason to wait. The form asks for the Change of Watch date so you can be assured the information submitted will not be visible to anyone until that date. Again, it can be edited before or after the COW date.

ONE LAST THING: A smart Commander will task the Secretary with requesting members to **UPDATE THEIR MEMBERSHIP RECORDS**. This may mean printing out a complete, current roster and taking it to your next few meetings (including your ANNUAL MEETING) and having the members review it and insert corrections. This way, the information is up-to-date before the printed rosters are distributed in the spring and the member won't miss out on any information.

A FEW MORE NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DESK

D/Lt/C Allan B. Furtado, SN

In anticipation of the D8 Spring Conference, Jan and I went up to the Embassy Suites PGA in Palm Beach Gardens the other day to check out the amenities.

We drove around the area to check out various restaurants and shopping. There is an abundance of these across Military Trail a little west of the hotel.

The room we checked into was super. It had a large sitting room complete with wet bar and separate sleeping quarters. That evening we went down to the Managers Hospitality put on every evening between 1700 - 1900 in the foyer and enjoyed a couple of drinks.

The following morning we partook of the breakfast that the hotel offers everyone. It had, in addition to the normal breakfast bar, omelets and eggs made to order and pancakes.

Later on that afternoon we met with the Director of Catering and he provided us a "tasting session" to decide on the food to be served at the Change of Watch dinner. We chose a wonderful salad consisting of romaine spears with focaccia parmesan croutons. The main entrees consist of a choice between Grouper, Chicken Piccata or New York steak. We could not believe how good the food was. All entrees will be served with parmesan potatoes and asparagus spears. Dessert will consist of a plate of three mini treats. Of course the dinner includes rolls, butter, iced and hot tea and coffee. Price is being held to the same as last year and is really good value for a dinner of this quality.

I am really excited and looking forward to sharing this great meal with all of you. Keep a watchful eye for the booking information which will soon follow.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

R/C Anita F. Walker, JN

OT in 3 (Operations Training - in 3 Hours)

You asked for it - We heard you. 'OT in 3' - that's Operations Training in 3 hours! The Leadership Development Committee is rolling out 'OT in 3' at the Annual Meeting in February at the Orlando Conference. It's intended for new and veteran members alike. First-Timers, Old-Timers and OT Refreshers will all be welcome. D/Lt Betty Dysart, JN wrote this and it's a great program. Attention Administrative Officers - come be a part of it - judge for yourself. Attendees will also be given access to slides, notes and handouts to be used in your local squadrons.

We will also be presenting this on 9 April at our D/8 Conference. If you have questions call me @ 954 781 8061 or e-mail at anita5040@bellsouth.net.

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS!

The following new members have joined squadrons in our district since 13 April 2015. Please encourage each one of them to participate in activities - educational, civic service and fraternal that USPS, District 8 and your squadron offer. We look forward to seeing all of you at our district functions.

Ft. Lauderdale

Patricia A. Bolden
Ana S. Flores Duran
Scott Gubilee
Shanna K. Hendrick
Michael F. Kennedy
John S. Morris
Adrian Ninausz
Lourdes Zagami

Key West Sail & Power

John D. Borgens
Steve Breines
Robert T. Hesse
Tim A. Tschanz
Anne E. Tully
Pamela M. Vereb
Paul R. Vereb

Marathon

James Keith Knutson

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