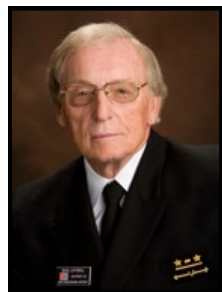


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Members, one and all, thank you for your attendance at the Greensboro Governing Board meeting and the D22Fall Conference. This reaffirms the fact that our members support District - 22 in all aspects of its USPS® operations.

Congratulations to all the Squadron winners of awards, whether at the Governing Board, or at the Fall Conference. It shows that many hours of hard work pays off. We are in competition, but only with ourselves to better each one of us as members and the Squadrons we belong to, and USPS in general. Two of the top National Awards : The National Radio Public Service Relations Committee Award, and the Carl C. Manken Commanders Cup Award were presented to Crystal River Power Squadron, these were presented by the National Marketing and Public Relations committee.

Our District third quarter statistics for membership continue to increase. We know that getting the application is always the easy part. Then we need to continue to nurture these individuals until we can fully bring them into our Squadron organizations. Our Chief Commander's rep, for the Fall Conference V/C Robert Baldrige, SN, also pointed to the general increase in membership for USPS. We have to be doing something right. Keep up this good trend. We have the tools, now we have to put forth the effort to increase our membership's.

Thanks to all the members we have such a great organization.

Up Coming Events

January-March 2012

18 Dates — Listed on Page 4

D/22 Squadron's Changes of Watch

At various locations throughout our district

25 — 29 January 2012

Jacksonville, FL

USPS Annual Meeting

<http://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetings.php>

12 — 15 April 2012

Sarasota, FL

D/22 Spring Conference

And Change of Watch

4 —7 October 2012

D/22 Fall Conference

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Our Executive Department team members worked most of the summer in preparations for the District Fall Conference. From the Executive Dept., six Round Tables were developed and well presented on various topics and initiatives of importance to our squadron operations.

R/C Jim Strothers, SN, Coop Charting Committee Chair, brought his round table attendees up to speed on CC operations. Jim turned around and in a 2nd session presented the new SERAT initiative, i.e. Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team program.

D/LT Harold Anderson, AP took on the always important subject of Boating Safety with a most interesting and professional presentation. Talk about a team effort; three of our guys, P/D/C Fred Sellenraad, SN, D/LT Howard Rothstein, SN, and Lt. Glenn Dobos, AP made two related subjects into one Round Table. The 3/2/1 play involved Liaison and Homeland Security and just how these programs can and must work for better communication and security.

R/C Gregg Scotten, SN conducted a two-session Round Table on Public Relations; the subject which each and all of us must always be working at if we are to be successful within our communities.

Hopefully, if you attended our Round Tables, you came away with some ideas and motivation to make your squadron a bit better. My sincere thanks to our Executive Dept. team members for all your time and efforts to help our D22 squadrons be better at what they do.

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Having just completed the Fall Conference in Sarasota, I would like to take this opportunity to report on the conference and thank the members of the Administrative Department who contributed.

No District Conference can begin to take shape without a Chairperson and P/R/C Charles (Chuck) Troike has without a doubt the hardest, thankless job of all. If anything goes wrong during the weekend; Chuck gets the blame, if all goes well and there are no complaints, sometimes we forget to give Chuck and his committee the thanks they deserve. A lot of detailed planning takes place behind the scenes to bring off a successful conference. Beginning with your District Bridge Officers instructing Chuck as to what they expect, to Chuck meeting with his committee who must carry out the Bridge's instructions. We all know that sometimes instructions are miscommunicated, or misunderstood. Even written orders can be confusing among the flurry of emails, texts, and notes taken at planning meetings before a conference. Putting together the many aspects of a district conference is a tough job, but somehow in the end it all comes together, and sometimes you just have to grin and bear it.

Overall, with just a few minor glitches, this last Fall Conference turned out just fine. Chuck's committee of Susan Parrish, Julie McGarr, Sami Lucas-Hurn, Kit Dabney, Bill Lucas, Elliott Hartman, and last minute pinch hitter, Lew Dance, deserve our heartfelt thanks for all of their hard work in planning and implementing the conference.

Others who contributed to the Administrative Department side of the conference and deserving of my thanks are; Sandy Krupa and Nadene Boyle for greeting our 1st timers who attended on Saturday morning, and to Connie Beckman and again Sandy Krupa for presenting Round Tables sessions on Protocol and Membership/Member Retention.

Now that the dust has settled, we can all start again, working toward the D22 Spring Conference and C.O.W., on 13-14 April 2012.



Some of our District's Attendees at the National Governing Board Meeting in Greensboro, NC. Thanks to George Musco for providing the photos.

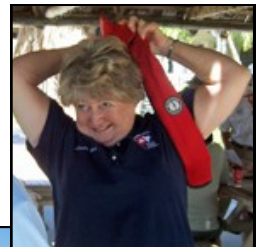


2012 Change of Watch Schedule

as of November 1, 2011

- 06 Jan Friday **Fort Myers** Power Squadron
P/C Ruth Miller, S 239-997-1914 ruthm239@comcast.net
- 07 Jan Saturday **Tampa** Power Squadron
Cdr Tom Thompson, P 813-476-7642 tpd449@tampabay.rr.com
- 13 Jan Friday **Sarasota** Power Squadron
P/D/C Howard Levine, SN 941-358-8330 plastxman@aol.com
- 14 Jan Saturday **Lakeland** Sail & Power Squadron
Cdr Joe McDonough, P 863-698-8175 joemcd@tampabay.rr.com
- 20 Jan Friday **San Carlos Bay** Sail & Power Squadron
Cdr Mary Smelter 239-463-8445 msmelter@comcast.net
- 22 Jan Sunday **Clearwater** Sail & Power Squadron
Lt Marcia Freeman, AP 727-441-4630 mefree@juno.com
- 03 Feb Friday **Crystal River** Power Squadron
Cdr Peter Ward 352-746-4969 ppward@embarqmail.com
- 04 Feb Saturday **Boca Ciega** Sail & Power Squadron
Cdr Bob Keller, SN 727-392-6136 rakel@verizon.net
- 08 Feb Wednesday **Marco Island** Sail & Power Squadron
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- 10 Feb Friday **Venice** Sail & Power Squadron
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- 11 Feb Saturday **Manatee** Sail & Power Squadron
Cdr Myles Gee, JN 941-750-9346 mkgee@msn.com
- 19 Feb Sunday **Naples** Sail & Power Squadron
Cdr Emery Viazanko, AP 239-292-2771 emery@eviazanko.com
- 21 Feb Tuesday **Sanibel-Captiva** Sail & Power Squadron
P/C Carol Allen, AP 612-210-1525 cballen6@comcast.net
- 24 Feb Friday **Cape Coral** Power Squadron
Cdr Fred Van Slett, S 239-541-9948 vanslett7100@comcast.net
- 25 Feb Saturday **St. Petersburg** Sail & Power Squadron
P/C M Van Goey, JN 727-501-6345 mvangoeyf@tampabay.rr.com
- 28 Feb Tuesday **Peace River** Sail & Power Squadron
Lt/C Linda Bick, AP 941-697-2163 lindabick@embarqmail.com
- 02 Mar Friday **Anclote Key** Sail & Power Squadron
Cdr Donna Lines, S 727-937-6368
- 03 Mar Saturday **Anna Maria Island** Power Squadron
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Having fun at the D22 C&R held at Burnt Store Marina on 11-12 November. Kudos to the Cape Coral Squadron for helping all have a good time.



National Annual Meeting

25 — 29 January 2012

Hyatt Regency Riverfront Jacksonville

225 Coast Line Drive East, Jacksonville, FL 32202

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