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CSPS March Dinner Meeting Thursday 5 March, 2009

Buca Di Beppo – Worthington

60 E. Wilson Bridge Road (Just south of I-270 off US23)

Social Hour: 1830

Dinner: 1930 Menu: Mixed Green Salad, House Bread, and plenty of Chicken Parmigiana, Chicken with Lemon, Spaghetti with Marinara, and Fettuccine Alfredo to go around. No choosing necessary, just come and EAT! Oh yes, and cheesecake!

Price: \$19.00 per person

Program: "You want to spray that on my what?!"

Dress: Casual or your "spaghetti shirt"

RSVP to CSPS@insight.rr.com or call 614-886-6732
with names and quantity by Sunday, 1 March.
No Shows will be billed.





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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

MARCH

2,9,16,30	Mondays	Public Boat Class - 7:30 pm
5	Thursday	Dinner Meeting - see cover
24	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting - HQ
27	Friday	GG articles due for May issue
27-29	Fri.-Sun.	D/29 Spring Conference - Huron, Ohio

APRIL

4	Saturday	Commander's Ball
6,13,20,27	Mondays	Public Boat Class - 7:30 pm
23	Thursday	Sea Gals Get-together
28	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting - HQ

MAY

1	Friday	GG articles due - June info
2	Saturday	Noreaster Ice Breaker
4	Monday	Boating Class follow-up meeting
7	Thursday	Dinner Meeting
16-22	Sat.-Fri.	Safe Boating Week
16-17	Sat.-Sun.	Vessel Safety Exams @ Alum Creek

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Robert L. Prior, S



As this is written, the temperature is close to zero degrees and I am hoping that by the time this reaches you, there will be signs of spring on the horizon. While it has been a tough January and February, we are, as boaters, blessed by this cold weather and the sub freezing temperatures. Hard freezing benefits both Lake Erie and trailer boaters...frozen lakes and rivers mean less evaporation and healthier ecosystems.

Tough economic times, like miserable weather, can also bring benefits and opportunities. There is no doubt that our organization is feeling pressure on our membership roles. But rather than wring our hands and restate how bad things are, I hope this new squadron year will also bring about a new inner drive in each of us to celebrate and convey to non-members all that we know and love about our association. We are our best resource for acquiring new members. May we all spend this year with finely tuned antenna to be extra sensitive to people around us, on land and on the water, that would enjoy and benefit from squadron membership.

During this past year, it has been a great experience to be the X/O for PC Larry Whiting and we wish him all the best as he continues his treatments. Hats off also to PC Larry



Lowe for pinch hitting for our commander and all of the other things he does for the squadron, often behind the scenes.

I want each of you to know how honored I am to be your new Commander. Please know that your Executive Committee is not in office to be served; we are in office to serve. One of the major themes I am going to stress over and over to the ECOM is

that we need to communicate, communicate, communicate - - not only with each other but the entire membership. As I used to stress to my employees, there is no such thing as over communicating with a customer. Same goes here.

I am a firm believer in the open door policy. I am available and want to hear from you with any comments, criticisms, complaints, compliments or suggestions you might have. I pledge a swift response.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN



As your new Executive Officer, I would like to briefly address the issues I will focus on in the coming year. It is my goal to attend as many district conference meetings as possible in order to bring back the views and goals of National and the District Squadrons. If we are open at what works for other districts, we may find something to help us gain members and increase our presence in the Columbus boating arena. I would like for more of our members to join me at these conferences as this is a great place to get acquainted with district operations and its members.



I would like to increase the number of Vessel Safety Examiners by four persons. If we were to accomplish this goal, we would have a total of 12 examiners. With additional examiners, we can beat last year's record of 131 exams. If you are a Lake Erie summer dweller, consider becoming an examiner. You could examine boats at your marina during the week or on weekends. Additional examiners will be needed during May's Safe Boating Week as we will have an examination area at Alum Creek State Park on Saturday & Sunday. I will go to work on other opportunities for exams on the Scioto River and at Buckeye Lake.

Our new Legislative Committee Chair Don Delewese will work diligently to bring important legislative information to us.

It is vital to know what changes, enacted and proposed, the Federal Government, the State, City, County and Townships are planning for our local waters and lakes. These changes can affect our boating for the better or worse – but being kept abreast of the situation will give us the tools we need when contacting our representatives.

Each year in January & February, the squadron has a booth at the local boat shows. This is a great opportunity to meet people who are boaters or who are just getting into boating. At these shows, we introduce them to our organization and offer a public boating course. This is a great place to find new members! Show goers are there because of an interest in boating. Our members, both old and new, must be there to introduce them to our great squadron. If no one is there to man our booth, how can we entice someone to join our fun times? If you are not greeting these show goers and handing out literature about us, how will they learn of the education opportunities we provide? It is my goal to have the booth manned during all shifts at these shows.

Additionally, I will build upon the progress that my predecessor left in his wake. I will make myself available to Commander Prior in any way possible to help him "Press On" during his tenure.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Commander Larry Whiting for leading our squadron with great visions. While working through his illness, he doubled our Vessel Safety Exam numbers from the previous year. He spent many hours on the phone calling members about renewals and remind them of the benefits of membership. Under his guidance, we did "Make Headway".

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Matthew Murphy, P



About the new A/O

I have a lot to learn in a short period of time as the new Administrative Officer. First a bit about me and my family and what this means to me.

Our new X/O and former A/O (Mike and Tracey) weren't kidding when they said setting these up takes a lot of time and effort. It is fun but think of it as setting up a wedding reception once a month. I want to thank them for taking my calls and giving Deb and me a wonderful dinner and warm hand-off with lots of information.

My wife Debbie and I have four children of our own and one host daughter from Germany. Four of them are high school students and the youngest is ten. We try to stay involved with each of them and are very proud of who they are and what they accomplish. One can imagine we stay busy.

So what was I thinking taking on what I am told is the toughest position on the Bridge? Admittedly I will have a lot of help and support from my wife and other Squadron members. I have been served by others in several organizations for years including the Squadron. Although I watched the other dads on the field from a chair at my kids' sports for



years I have *really* stepped up and contributed in the last few years and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. I have coached baseball for three years now as a head coach for both Eli (16) and Nate (9). In January I was really surprised to learn from Eli and Debbie that I was Assistant Swim Coach for Olen tangy Orange High School for their inaugural season. Realizing the swim team had no boosters and no money, I had to kick off a booster club and find people to run it. Somewhere in all this I had this realization, which I hope you will all share, that organizations don't form and operate themselves.

I should note that I was not completely uninvolved with the Squadron. I have performed Vessel Safety Checks for several years. I served as Safety Officer; I have worked some boat shows; I have taken Operations, Seamanship, Piloting and I helped students last year, and will again this year, in the Public Boating Course. By the time this article is published I will have authored a small segment of the Public Boating Course covering Vessel Safety Checks and become a certified trainer. The answer to the question is I feel it is my time step up and serve. Please join me and the others that volunteer our time and resources. Remember nothing happens without people getting involved and making a difference. I encourage you to do what you can. You just might enjoy it!

March Dinner Meeting

The March dinner meeting is a little out of the formal tradition of the Squadron meetings. Buca has promised to make us comfortable and feed us well for a great price. The program will be interesting and informative and something you may not have seen before—or at least in the same way. The program title is "you want to spray that on my WHAT!?" Obviously it is meant to be intriguing and not even the Commander will know what it is about until 5 March.

A/O Staff Reports

Many of the A/O staff are seasoned veterans who already have reports and a lot of work done. They won't need much from me but a thank-you. By the April *Galley Gossip* I hope to renew and publish the Administrative Officer's Staff. I sincerely hope to have the existing staff continue the good work but some may be moving to other positions to which they were recently elected. I would love to hear from you if you wish volunteer. I expect that future reports will be more informative and represent the committees and A/O Staff.

Future Dinner Meetings

We are in the process of scheduling and negotiating the dinner meetings to come. Deb and I wanted to share with you our rationale on the future meetings. We plan to offer a mix of locations that are accessible from major roads. The unofficial goal is a \$15.00 price point. I expect to see some under that and some well above that. We will try not to make the higher ones back to back months. We promise to have a bar or acceptable BYO. Whatever the price we will strive for value and an enjoyable setting and program.

I look forward to the coming year and hope to trade some boating and fishing stories with you.



The Judith A. Lowe Education Fund

"A Simple Promise of Connection"

On January 19th, 2008, the Judith A. Lowe Education Fund sailed onto the horizon. Its purpose—to connect the public to boating education by offering the USPS Basic Boating Course free of charge.

*Simply stated, it is my hope that this tribute to Judy will continue to connect the public to the USPS Basic Boating Course for years to come –
ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!*



Anonymous





Junior Navigation is off and running. Instructor Ralph Newman has four students in his class; Penny Newman, Phil Osborne, Bob Van Der Wissel, and Robert Stephens. There is no new news regarding the status of the new Navigation course. The company that produces the software has been bought out. National is negotiating with the new owners to arrange to include their software in the course.

The results from the fall Piloting course are back. We congratulate Elias Murphy, Walter McEnery and Tom Doyle. They all passed and have been notified of their successful completion.

Skip Woodruff held an Instructor Certification course the evening of January 12. Anyone who teaches in one of



our public boating courses must complete the course. Skip does a great job and compresses the course into one short, easy-to-understand session. Congratulations are due to Pam Carr, Doug Jackson, Bill Mohrman, Matt Murphy, Debbie Smith, and Bob Van Der Wissel. Their names have been submitted to District 29 and will soon be recognized by National as

Certified Instructors.

Don't forget the Squadron Boating Skills course. The first night of class is February 23rd and class meets at Grandview Heights High School on every subsequent Monday night. It is a great chance to meet with Squadron friends, make new friends, and encourage class members to join the Squadron. Any time spent working in the class is recorded and will count toward your annual Merit Mark award.

The Squadron is first and foremost an educational organization. We have opportunities for member involvement at several levels. If you are interested in any aspect of education please contact Debbie Smith.

In accordance with the Orange Township Fire Department, there is a great need to unplug power strips and extension cords when not in use. If you are holding a meeting or instructing a class, please verify that ALL power strips and extension cords are unplugged before leaving the headquarters.

WE NEED A FEW MORE VESSEL EXAMINERS !

As the weather warms and we begin our boating season, we need to keep safety foremost. One of the most effective ways to do this is to have our boats VESSEL SAFETY CHECKED by a qualified examiner. This is a FREE examination of the required safety equipment for your boat. This process can save at the least frustration when we are on the water, and at most, quite possibly a life! But to accomplish this, we need two things- boat operators who want to have this valuable service performed, and people like you who want to become involved in doing the VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS.

In 2008 the Columbus Sail and Power squadron performed 131 Vessel Safety Checks, our best year to date since the creation of the National Program in conjunction with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and local law enforcement in 2000.

This year, we would like to do better still, and we need your help ! If every member who operates a boat would contact a squadron VESSEL EXAMINER and have their boat checked, we would indeed make an outstanding commitment to boating safety.

That said, WE NEED AT LEAST 5 MORE EXAMINERS to

keep progressing. If you were an examiner in the past and have not been active, it is easy to be re-certified. We especially would like to have some NEW EXAMINERS come forward !!!

All of the instructional material is available online, as is the exam. I am willing to assist anyone with the process, which consists of reviewing the VESSEL SAFETY CHECK manual, and taking an online open book exam. You then will pair with an active Examiner and do 5 Vessel Safety Checks. At that point you will be able to do them on your own, for your friends, dock neighbors, etc. You will be provided all examination supplies at no charge . It really is a lot of fun and people appreciate the service- especially when they find out something which could have been an issue later!

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK begins MAY 16th- you have plenty of time to get "on -board" and become a CERTIFIED VESSEL EXAMINER for your squadron!

Please contact Lt. John Pruitt, AP - Vessel Safety Chair at 614-216-5203, or via e-mail at jmep Pruitt@prodigy.net if you want to participate.



Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Minutes of the Executive Committee 27 January 2009

(These minutes will be approved at the February Executive Committee meeting.)

Acting Commander Larry Lowe, SN, called the meeting to order at 1930 at the Squadron headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH

Invocation: Chaplain Lt Debbie Smith, AP.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lt/C Robert Prior, S.

Roll call was taken by sight and the Secretary, Steve Smith, JN confirmed a quorum was present.

The following Executive Committee members were present: Executive Officer Robert Prior, S, Secretary Steve Smith, JN, Education Officer Lt/C Dave Clark, AP; Treasurer John Mattis, S; Immediate Past Commander David Michael, P; Lt Pam Carr-Jackson, P; Lt Wade Grosz, AP; Lt Doug Jackson, JN; Lt Jeff Mirgon, S; Lt Sue Nadolson, AP.

Also present were P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP; P/C Phil Osborne, AP.

With no objection, the order of business was varied to expedite the meeting.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved with two changes. First, the date of the meeting was 16 December, not 26 December. Secondly, the motion to approve the budget was not made by Lt/C Robert Prior, S, but by Lt Wade Grosz, AP.

Acting Commander's Comments:

Commander Whiting called me from his hospital bed last evening and asked me to conduct this meeting for him tonight. I sincerely wish that he were here instead of me. Let us all keep him in our thoughts and prayers and wish him a speedy recovery.

Welcome all of the incoming officers to tonight's meeting. Current officers, please sit at your designated location.

Report of Officers:

Executive Officer Lt/C Bob Prior, S:

This is the season for a flood of invitations for the squadron to be represented at Change of Watch and Commander's Ball ceremonies throughout the district. I hope that we can spread the obligations out among the old and new ECOM so that we will be well represented whenever possible. From personal experience, I attended the Sandusky Christmas Party last month and it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. One can never have too many acquaintances in life, especially with others in the boating community. If you have never been to another squadron's meeting, let me encourage you to do so. It is a rewarding experience.

If you went to the Cleveland Boat Show, I am sure you observed what I did – it was dramatically scaled back compared to prior years. Many past exhibitors were not there while many of the old standbys reduced their exhibit space. While I understand the need to cut expenses in down times, I have often questioned throughout my career why sales expense is usually one of the first targeted for cuts. Logic would seem to indicate that in tough times a firm should be pressing harder than ever to drive sales.

Regarding the January Columbus show, the cutbacks were not, at least to my eyes, that dramatic. I recently sent an email to Tim Lauckhaupt to inquire as to what his floor traffic was versus last year. It will be interesting to see if I hear from him. But I



should go on record as stating that he and his team were very supportive and helpful regarding our show efforts. In closing, hats off to Larry Lowe for his seminar presentations at the show. The last one I saw was a full house! All involved, especially Tracy Garrett's team, also deserve special credit.

In my final report as X/O, I would be remiss if I did not express to those of you who are leaving the ECOM how grateful I am for the opportunity to have served with each and every one of you. You have been a credit to yourselves and the squadron. To those who are now coming aboard to join the 2009 Executive committee, I look forward to working with

you to advance the squadron's business. To the entire squadron membership, I express my humility and gratitude for entrusting me with the Commander's role. Please know that at all times I will do my level best to secure the long term best interests of the squadron and its members.

We would have our collective heads in the sand if we failed to acknowledge that the world economy in general and our squadron in particular were not facing stiff head winds. The tried and proven way to resolve seemingly intractable problems is to "press on" with a sense of urgency – and that is exactly what we are going to do.

Administrative Officer Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN: (Absent – read by Lt/C Steve Smith, JN)

Dinner Meetings:

The January dinner meeting was election night held at Scioto Boat Club. We had a great turnout of 72 members and guests. Several new members and prospective members were in attendance. This gathering place was a nice change from other venues. David Michael won a magnificent 50/50 drawing; Glen Kubinski picked up the Dick's Sporting Good certificate. Pam & Doug Jackson gave a wonderful presentation on the North Channel while the ballots were being counted. Congratulations to the newly elected 2009-2010 Members at Large and Bridge.

February 7th is the Change of Watch being held at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Café. Social hour at 6:30pm; dinner at 7:30pm. Make your dinner selection of Marinated Top Sirloin with Hunter Sauce OR Grilled Chicken Breast with Madeira Wine Sauce. Cost is \$30 per person. Uniform A or Business Attire. RSVP before Feb 2nd. No shows will be billed.

Tracy & I have really enjoyed organizing the dinner meetings this past year. You may have noticed we shook things up a little bit, giving our membership a variety of venues, dynamic speakers and topics, all the while bringing down the price of the dinners. I feel confident that my successor, Matt Murphy, will continue to build upon this framework. Good luck Matt!!!

Membership:

Attendance was down this year at the January boat show; however, interest at our booth was up. We have a list of people interested in taking the Public Boating Class – this can result in new members for our squadron.

Cruises & Rendezvous:

Report will be given by Ron Lavelly.

Civic Activities:

Everyone who worked the January boat show wore inflatable life jackets that were donated to us by USPS. There was much interest in these new life vests as show goers would walk over to our booth just to get a better look. Part of our responsibilities for



receiving these life jackets is to wear them in front of the public to generate interest in wearing a life jacket. Thank you to all members who assisted us.

Member Benefits:

One of the benefits of being a member is working the boat shows. Not only do you meet people who are interested in boating, but you have the opportunity to view the show with no cover charge. Please sign up to work the February show.

The Kroger card is available for purchase. Kroger will give back 5% of your purchases from this re-loadable card. Purchase one today to give back to your squadron.

Treasurer Lt/C John Mattis, S:

John presented the December financials.

Education Officer Lt/C David Clark, AP:

National has reported that Tom Doyle, Walter McEnery, and Elias Murphy all successfully completed Piloting. We extend to them our congratulations.

Skip Woodruff held an Instructor Qualification course the evening of 12 January 2009, here at HQ. Squadron members completing the course are Pamela Carr-Jackson, David Clark, Douglas Jackson, William Mohrman, Matthew Murphy, Debra Smith, and Robert Van der Wissel.

Junior Navigation began with its first class last Wednesday night. We currently have five students in that class. Advanced Piloting, Weather, Sail and Marine Electronics will begin in February.

(Larry Lowe stated that there is nothing to report regarding remote education.)

Secretary Lt/C Steve Smith, JN:

At the 8 January 2009 dinner meeting/elections, there were two motions made and approved. The first **MOTION** was to approve the 2009 budget. It was approved by vocal proclamation. The second **MOTION** was to destroy all ballots from the election. It was approved by vocal proclamation.

Immediate Past Commander, David Michaels, P

Phil Osborne, Ruth Wilcox and I attended the Toledo Change of Watch.

Regarding safe boating week, I suggest we contact the Scioto Boat Club and the Buckeye Boat Club at Hoover for session sites for the public boating courses.

There will be a youth fishing seminar at Westerville High School. Should I make contact to try to be an exhibitor there? It is the weekend before our public boating course.

Galley Gossip articles are due.

Member at large reports

Lt Pam Carr-Jackson, P

Doug and I will be thinking of the squadron at the change of watch, while we are sailing in the BVI.

Lt Doug Jackson, JN

I received notice the ODNR that our grant is officially closed. No further report is necessary. I will be teaching the sail course with Ken Spilke. I am also working on the squadron roster and learning DB2000 for updating National's data base.

Lt Jeff Mirgon, S

We currently have approximately 40 students signed up for the public boating course. This is very good to have so many

students this early. On Monday, 16 February we will have a public boating course staff meeting at 1900 at the Grandview High School Library. All of those planning on helping with the course should plan to attend.

Lt Sue Nadolson, AP

I enjoyed being on the bridge and helping with the strategic planning committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Rules Committee Chair: P/C Robert Van der Wissel, AP

We successfully passed the SOP for the Judith A. Lowe educational fund. P/C Roger Hankle, SN, will take over as chair of the rules committee at the change of watch.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Sea Gals: Lt Debbie Smith, AP

On 20 February there will be a Mardi Gras Party at Michael & Tracy's house. Look for information.

SEATING OF NEW OFFICERS

Report of new Administrative Officer Matthew Murphy, P

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New Business:

The squadron has an LCD projector in need of repair. After a discussion of the projector and the costs of repair vs. replacement a **MOTION** was made for Larry Lowe to spend of to \$350 toward the repair of the LCD projector. Motion passed.

Mile Post:

Sick Bay:

Cdr Larry Whiting is home

P/Lt/C James Meyers is recovering at home from heart surgery
Joyce Rogers' mother is in hospice care

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Marion COW is 28 February

Winter Council Meeting is 8 Feb in Ada, OH

USPS Annual meeting in Anaheim, CA 17-22 Feb, 2009.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on 24 February 2009 at 8492 Cotter St., Lewis Center, OH 43035.

The meeting adjourned at 2100.

Member of the Year 2008

This year's recipient is a person that everyone in this room, has, at one time or another, been in awe of their talent and creativity. Especially our Commanders.

This person has been a member of our Squadron for thirteen years and has earned 11 Merit Marks. Some other notable activities are:

- Chaired and worked on several District Meeting committees
- Has been a member of the Commander's Ball committee for 11 years
- Has organized and worked on several rendezvous
- It is very seldom that you don't see this person at a



Joyce Mattis receives the Member of the Year Award.

Squadron monthly meeting

- This person has been a chairman of a committee in the Education Department
- This person's willingness to help anyone with anything has not gone unnoticed
- This person is probably best known for organizing great Christmas parties and as a Co-Commander of the Sea Gals for three years.

This year's Member of the Year is our friend Joyce Elaine Mattis.

In all the years this award has been presented Joyce is the third woman to receive it.

Visit the Ship's Store!

Proudly display your boat name embroidered on:

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District 29 Spring Conference

*hosted by the Port
Clinton Power Squadron
at Sawmill Creek in
Huron, Ohio.*

**March 27-29,
2009**

*See page 11 for
the registration
form!*

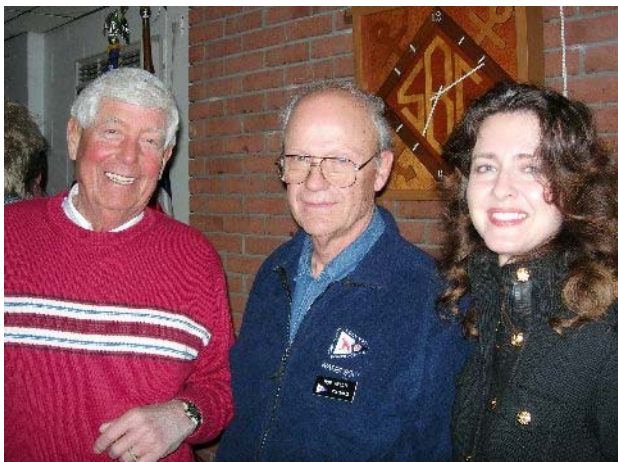


Mary Card & Jane Clark discuss the ballot.



Martha & Harold Beidel dining on Hoggy's Catering.

8 January Elections & Dinner Meeting Scioto Boat Club



Roger Hankle, Bob Wells and Karen Mesenburg catch up.



Tom Doyle, Steve Newton and David Michael discuss the elections.



New member Dale Roberts receives his membership certificate from P/C Larry Lowe.



Jeff Mirgon (left) hands his ballot to Michael Hughes.



*"The Columbus Sail and Power Squadron" cordially invites you to attend;
"The Commander's Ball"
"Press On"*

*To honor our new Commander,
Robert L. Prior, S and Patricia*

*Saturday The Fourth of April 2009
To be held at "The Crown Plaza" Dublin*

Menu

Your choice of;

*Chicken Marsala, with Mushroom Slices, accompanied by
Long Grain Rice and Fresh Green Beans.*

Or

*Seared Flat Iron Steak with Dijon Mustard and Brandy Cream,
Portobello Mushrooms, Baked potato and Fresh Green Beans.
Both Served with House Garden Salad, Rolls and Butter and Dessert.*

\$38.00 per person

Guest Welcome

Uniform "A" with Bow Tie, Formal or Appropriate Attire

Prepayment Requested

RSVP by The Twenty Fifth of March to:

Colette Cramer

1966 River Road

Delaware, Ohio 43015

740-595-3344

ccramer homewoodhealthcare.com



*Reception from 1800 to 1930
Dinner and Program Thereafter.
Entertainment by "Kevin Clark"*

USPS D/29 Spring Conference Registration

“Don’t Give Up the Ship”

27-29 March 2009, Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron, Ohio

Hotel Reservations

You must register by 27 February 2009 in order to guarantee the room rate of \$101 plus applicable fees. All room reservations are to be made directly with the hotel. Sawmill Creek Resort, 400 Sawmill Creek, Huron, Ohio 44839. The reserved rooms are on the second floor and are in close proximity to the hospitality area and meeting rooms, and elevators. For reservations phone 800.729.6455, or 419.433.3800 and mention that you will be attending the USPS D/29 Spring Conference.

Conference Information

Please print and send the completed form with your check payable to Port Clinton Power Squadron to:

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4863 E. Woodland Dr.
Port Clinton, OH 43452-3145,
to be received before 15 March 2009.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>*Delegate?</u>	<u>Lunch?</u> (Please Circle Choice)	<u>Dinner?</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>Ham/Turkey</u>	<u>Chicken/Pork</u>
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Home Phone (____) _____ Squadron _____

Is this your *first* district conference? _____ Yes

If so, please visit the “*First Timers Welcome Aboard*” table next to the registration table.

Lunch = \$17 Dinner = \$26 Lunch and Dinner = \$43

Lunch menu: Ham Croissant, Potato Salad, Fresh Fruit, Dessert, and Beverage (coffee, lemonade, iced tea) **or** Turkey Croissant, Pasta Salad, Fresh Fruit, Dessert, and Beverage (coffee, lemonade, iced tea).

Dinner menu: Chicken Marcella, Rice Pilaf, Asparagus, Salad, Pie, Beverage (coffee, lemonade, iced tea) **or** Pecan Crusted Pork Loin, Redskin Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Salad, Pie, Beverage (coffee, lemonade, iced tea).

Special dietary needs? Please specify: _____

Total Lunches _____ Total Dinners _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please direct questions to: D/1st/Lt Gerald Smetzer, AP at 419-797-4313 or gsmetzer@roadrunner.com

***Note:** Even if you are a delegate, you must still complete this registration form. Squadron Treasurers should send their delegate fees to the attention of Assistant District Treasurer, D/1st/Lt Gerald Smetzer, AP, and made out to “Port Clinton Power Squadron”.



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