

24th Bridge



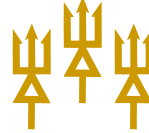
United States Power Squadrons

District 24



Commander	D/C Joseph A. Venhoff, AP
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Donald R. Cloyd, AP
D/Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Tom Woods, JN
Administrative Officer	Stf/C Richard L. Remski, JN
Secretary	D/Lt/C Paul W. Durstock, JN
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Charles W. Hamm, JN
D/Asst. Education Officer	D/1st/Lt Larry G. Samuels, SN

Commander's Report Joseph A. Venhoff, AP



The District 24 Bridge is looking forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Conference hosted by the Bluegrass Squadron in Lexington. Your involvement is necessary for the future of District 24. District 24 is blessed to have a dynamic bridge ready to try out many new ideas and make necessary changes just as USPS has done.



The past year started with the many hours of traveling to eleven COW's, 1-District, 1-USPS, and 9 squadrons, and ends with the pleasure of submitting 49 merit mark recommendations to all of you who have taken an active part in making this program a success. My sincere thanks go to the hundreds of members that have been involved.

Membership recruitment remains a frustration at all levels of USPS as it has to most all civic organizations. District 24 with 2/3rds of the 33 districts being larger still managed to rank 5th overall in advanced grades, and 6th in elective classes and in Vessel Safety checks D-24 ranked 6th. All of this was made possible by the dedicated efforts of our educational team under the leadership of Tom Woods.

We deeply appreciate the efforts of the Squadron Commanders who after participating in all their squadron activities, still had time to attend and support District 24 functions.

The past year has flown past leaving many ideas untested, therefore I look forward to supporting all my friends on the bridge in keeping the continuity flowing.

A special thanks to my wife Pat for being there to answer many of the emails and set up hospitality at the district meetings.

Also, please give a big D/24 welcome to our Chief Commander's Representative, Stf/C Greg Korstad, AP at our conference.

Commander Joseph A. Venhoff, AP

Chief Commander's Representative

Stf/C Greg Korstad, AP

Greg Korstad is the current Assistant National Law Officer for USPS and has been slated to be promoted to National Law Officer at the 2010 Annual Meeting. He has served on the national law committee for 5 years and on the National Government and Partner Relations Committee for two years.

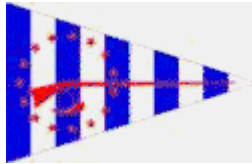
When he is not otherwise engaged, Greg and his wife Connie will be found aboard their sailboat, *Gaviidae* cruising Lake Superior or puttering about Lake Minnetonka in their powerboat, *Platypus*. Connie and Greg have put in over 25 years cruising the "Big Lake" and know the importance of the knowledge available from USPS courses. (If you don't like the weather on Lake Superior, just wait an hour and it will change—often dramatically!) Greg is a Vessel Examiner and teaches Sail as well as segments of Cruise Planning and Seamanship.

Greg has been actively involved in District 10. He has served as District Law Officer, MN, Legislative Officer, MN and currently chairs the D/10 Planning Committee. But he is really at his best in participating in the district activities: dragging his powerboat to rendezvous at Bayfield WI, Winneconne WI, Red Wing MN and Big Island MN; appearing as the Gilligan's Island "Professor" with Connie as

"MaryAnn" and as "Rhett" to Connie's "Scarlett"; and serving as bartender for the District hospitality suites at national meetings.

As active members of Minnetonka Power Squadron, Connie and Greg are involved in squadron activities and in the operation of the squadron. Greg was called upon to become commander in 2005 when just after spending \$80,000 to replace the docks at the squadron's island facility, it was discovered that the toilets, showers and well would need to be upgraded.

Oh, and by the way Greg also practices environmental and government relations law at Larkin Hoffman, an 80 lawyer firm in Minneapolis where he says he will continue to practice "until he gets it right and can retire!"



Bluegrass Power Squadron welcomes all members from D/24 to Lexington for the Spring Conference 2010

SPECIAL NOTICE — CALL TO THE MEETING

In accordance with District 24 By-Laws Article 5; Section 5.4;5.4.2 and Section 5.5 this shall serve as the official notice that the **District 24 Spring Council and Conference** will be held Saturday, 30 January 2010 at the Crowne Pointe Campbell House.

D/Lt/C Paul Durstock, JN, Secretary

UNIFORM OF THE DAY:

Friday Evening	Casual
Friday Evening Program:	Casual
Saturday Council & Conference:	Uniform "F", Blazer, or Suitable Attire
Saturday	Casual:
Saturday Evening Banquet	Uniform "A" with bow tie, or Suitable Dinner Attire



D/24 Island Adventure in the Bluegrass

There's no need to go to the Islands for the winter, just come to the Island Adventure at the District 24 Conference. "Island Dress" is required so wear your straw hat, Hawaiian Shirt, sandals, and island jewelry. Come join your fellow D/24 members, guests and the natives for a night of live beach music, dancing, games and fun. The Adventure begins Friday, 29 January, 1930 "Island Time." Conference Registration starts at 1500.

You may be a big winner in one of our gaming booths that will include the limbo, a hula hoop contest, memory test, knot tying, coconut bowling and much more. Collect the "Island Bracelets" as you move about the gaming booths for our live auction featuring many valuable prizes that will go to the highest bidder. Cash Bar will be available for your "Island Drinks."

Saturday's Outing to Historic Midway, KY

Please join Bluegrass members and your hostesses Louise and Stephanie for the Saturday outing to Historic Midway. We'll transport you to nearby Midway, a quaint and unique town nestled in the heart of the beautiful Bluegrass thoroughbred country. In the 1960s, love of culture and community inspired a group of merchants to create the famous Railroad Street shops. These include an eclectic mix of galleries, studios and specialty stores showcasing antiques and the work of hundreds of artists.



We'll browse the warm and welcoming shops looking for that unique gift or an addition to your own home or jewelry collection. Then it's on to a memorable and delicious lunch at the highly rated Heirloom Restaurant. Parking, shops and restaurants are all in walking distance of one another. We will be leaving the Campbell House at 9:30 AM and returning to the hotel at 2:15 PM. We hope you plan to spend the day with us.



The \$25.00 cost includes travel to and from Midway, and lunch (including drink and gratuities). More details about the shops and the restaurant can be found at: www.midwayky.net

District 24 Spring Council and Conference 2010 - Host: Bluegrass Power Squadron

Saturday, 30. January

0600-0715	Breakfast On Your Own	Hotel restaurant will be open
0830 -0900	Squadron Commander's Meeting	D/Lt/C Don Cloyd, AP
	Squadron Education Officer's Mtg.	D/1/Lt/C Larry G. Samuels, SN
0930	Convene 2010 Spring Council	D/C Joseph A. Venhoff, AP
	Presentation of Colors	Sea Scouts
	National Anthem; Pledge of Allegiance	D/Lt/C Don Cloyd, AP
	Invocation	Dt/L Maureen Samuels, JN
	Squadron Roll Call & Quorum	D/Lt/C Paul Durstock, JN
	Approval of 2009 Fall Council Minutes; and Adjourn Spring Council	Approval of Summer Council Budget
	Convene D/24 2010 Spring Conference	D/C Joseph A. Venhoff, AP
	Introductions: D24 Bridge; Stf/C Greg Korstad, AP ; Past District D/C's;	D/C Joseph A. Venhoff, AP
	First Timers & Guests	D/C Joseph A. Venhoff, AP
	Chief Commander's Message	Stf/C Greg Korstad, AP
	Treasurer's Report	D/Lt/C Charles W. Hamm, JN
	Secretary's Report	D/Lt/C Paul Durstock, JN
	Admin. Officer's Report	Stf/C Richard L. Remski, JN
	Executive Officer's Report	D/Lt/C Don Cloyd, AP
	Nominating	Stf/C William J. McDonald, AP
	Rules	P/Lt/C Dale Powell, AP
	Auditing	D/Lt Maureen Samuels, JN
	Planning	Stf/C William J. McDonald, AP
	<u>Appointed Committees</u>	
	Budget & Finance	P/D/C David R. Hufnagle, JN
	Law	D/Lt Kevin J. Hopper, AP
	Personnel	P/D/C Richard Mahrenholz, JN
	Marketing	P/D/C Damon Davis, AP
1200	Recess for Lunch	
1330	Reconvene Spring Conference	D/C Joseph A. Venhoff, AP
	District Commander's Report & Awards	D/C Joseph A. Venhoff, AP
	Dismissal of 2009-2010 Bridge	D/C Joseph A. Venhoff, AP
	Retire D/C flag	Cdr. David Robertson, AP
	Call for Nominating Comm. Report	Stf/C William J. McDonald, AP
	Installation of Officers	Stf/C William J. McDonald, AP
		Stf/C Greg Korstad, AP
	New D/C takes Gavel	D/C Don Cloyd, AP
	Posting D/C flag	P/C Clyde A. Lawton, JN
	Introduce New Bridge	D/C Don Cloyd, AP
	Ceremonial Activities for P/D/C Venhoff	
	Present flag, Shoulder Boards	D/C Don Cloyd, AP
	Ceremonial Activities for P/DEO Woods	
	Present flag, Shoulder Boards	P/D/C Joseph A. Venhoff, AP
	D/C Remarks; Unfinished Business, New Business, Adjourn Spring Conference, Reconvene Spring Council	D/C Don Cloyd, AP
	Approve Appointed Committees	D/C Don Cloyd, AP
	Benediction by District Chaplain	D/Lt/C Tom Woods, JN
	Adjourn 2010 Spring Council	D/C Don Cloyd, AP
1800	Reception for Saturday Banquet	
1900	Welcome and Introduction	D/C Don Cloyd, AP
1905	Invocation and Dinner	D/Lt/C Tom Woods, JN
2000	Chief Commander's Message	Stf/C Greg Korstad, AP
2030	Gifts and Presentations	P/D/C Joe Venhoff, AP
	Bluegrass Power Squadron Change of Watch	
	Recognition of Conference Committees and Comments:	D/C Don Cloyd, AP
	Benediction	D/Lt/C Tom Woods, JN
2115	Adjournment	D/C Don Cloyd, AP
	<u>Sunday, 31. January</u>	
0900-1030	District Bridge meeting	

**DISTRICT 24 UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON
 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: 29 - 31 January 2010**

RANK: _____ NAME: _____ GRADE _____

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SQUADRON: _____ GUEST: _____

	Saturday Member Lunch \$30.00	Saturday Guest Trip and Lunch \$25.00	Saturday Banquet \$45.00	Totals
Delegates	#	██████████	#	#
Members	#	██████████	#	#
Guests	██████████	#	#	#
\$\$ Totals	\$	\$	\$	\$ Enclosed

**Designated Delegate (\$75 conference fee paid by D/24 or your squadron)
 DELEGATES MUST REGISTER WITH THIS FORM**

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION AND FEE TO ARRIVE 30 December 2009
 Make check payable to: D/24 Spring Conference

MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM TO: Lt/C Debbie Bond
 3937 Wyndham Ridge
 Lexington, KY 40514 - 1168
 E-mail: d.bond@insightbb.com

Hotel Reservations:
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 30 December 2009
 Crowne Plaza Campbell House, Lexington, KY
 Reservations: (877) 2 CROWNE or local (859)255 - 4281; Fax (859) 254 - 4368
 \$89 plus tax per night, includes complimentary breakfast the following
 morning(2) for two persons per room. You will need to specify code "USP"
 for discount rate. Cut-off for discount rate is: Wednesday 30 December.

*Note: The meal costs include not only the actual meal fees but all of the hotel
 costs for meeting room rentals, room set-ups, hospitality, etc.*