

24th Bridge

District 24

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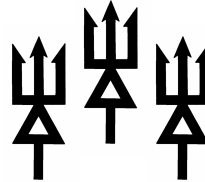
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The Bridge

Commander	Commander Jack E. Banister, AP
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C William J. McDonald, AP
Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Thomas R. Larimer, SN
Administrative Officer	D/Lt/C Richard E. Mahrenholz, JN
Secretary	D/Lt/C Keith L. Williams, SN
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Joe Venhoff, AP
Asst. Education Officer	D/1st/Lt Tom Wood II, JN

Direct Currents

District Commander,
Jack Banister, AP



Our focus on quality is gaining importance to District 24 members. Already I see evidence of a renewed effort to examine each squadron's activities with an eye to improvement of quality.

I encourage each D/24 member to examine ways to improve the quality of their membership. **Raise your level of intolerance**; don't tolerate poor squadron performance; don't be complacent with sloppy planning or leadership. Examine how **YOU** can participate in your squadron's activities and let your leaders know what you expect from your membership.

Squadron leaders, what are you doing to improve the value of membership of your squadron's members? Do you know if all of your members' wants are being met? Is there a person or group that feels left out? What are you doing to make sure that each member feels like they are an important member in their own way? Are you providing the educational programs your members want? Are they having FUN?

Our National concern about the loss of membership should not be the driving force in this District. I view "non-renewals" not as a problem but a symptom of a problem. The problem is that we are not providing what some of our members want and we have not made a strong enough effort to determine what it is that we must do to supply the quality in our organization to fill the wants of all of our members.

When I was working for a living I heard managers grumble that some customers were too stupid to buy their products. The careers of those managers usually were truncated.... that is if their companies survived! I have never found that blaming your customers for poor products or services was the way to success.

Let's face it, our members are our customers. If we don't fill their wants they will take their business elsewhere. Providing quality in the execution of our basic cornerstones will take care of the renewal symptom and our membership will grow.

Members...insist on good leadership. If you can do better, offer to be a part of the leadership. Don't be shy in letting your leaders know what you expect from your membership.

Leaders...lead! Don't try to do everything yourself; you'll fail if you do. Ask your members to help. Ask them for ideas. Be inclusive; don't let anyone feel left out.

Nominating Committee...Start NOW! Don't be afraid to explore even your newer members desires to lead. Promote squadron leadership and Operations training.

— Your District Administrative Officer has planned an improved schedule of food and of activities for the Summer Rendezvous. Dick Mahrenholz promises a healthier and a tastier menu this year. Come and experience some new ways to enjoy an old District tradition, the D/24 Summer Rendezvous.

— I have asked the District Budget & Finance Committee and the District Planning Committee to perform some specific studies and to report the results at the Summer Council at Craig's Creek. Both committees have completed much of their work and will report on time.

— I will report on the Spring Governing Board meeting in Charlotte, NC. Squadron Commanders, let me know of any

concerns which should be addressed at the Fall Governing Board meeting in Portland, OR, in September.

Have a great Summer!

All the best,

D/C Jack E. Banister, AP

SPECIAL NOTICE — CALL TO THE MEETING

In accordance with District 24 Bylaws Article 5, section 5,4; 5.4.2 and Section 5.5, this shall serve as the official notice that the **District 24 Summer Council** meeting will be held at Dan's Marina, Warsaw, Kentucky, on Sunday, 31 July 2005 at 1000.

Uniform of the day; D or E or suitable attire.

D/Lt/C Keith L. Williams, SN, Secretary

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!

District 24's mission is to make certain that all members receive the D/24 Bridge in a timely matter to make reservations for the various conferences, council meetings, and other events.

Every effort is being made to accomplish this goal. You can help by sending an email to P/C Ronald Eberhart, P. We are emailing the 24th Bridge as an attached PDF file.

If you want to receive the newsletter this way in addition to the regular mail, please respond. Title the email subject — "24th Bridge". In the body just say "...":Add me to your email list". Be sure to indicate your squadron Obviously, if you received this newsletter in your email, there is no need to respond. We

currently have over 150 members in our email data base.
Ron's email address is:

roneberhart@sigecom.net



The Great Ohio River "Boat" Race

It's the highpoint of the rendezvous!! The most anticipated activity!! The ingenuity of each D/24 Squadron goes into overdrive to build their very special boat for "The Great Ohio River Boat Race"!! Will it float?? Will it sink??? Who will be this year's winner???

Please note: There have been some changes made to the Boat Building Contest. *Anderson Squadron* will provide all materials needed to construct a boat. Due to safety concerns, no power tools will be allowed.

Life jackets must be provided by contestants. Otherwise, all you need is your imagination! Good Luck!!

RENDEZVOUS ACTIVITIES

Friday, 29 July 2005

- 1900 – 2000 **Barbeque**—Evansville’s “Famous” Pulled Pork Barbeque, Cabbage Salad, Ranch Potato Salad, Rye bread, Buns, Pickles, Onions **(Bring a dessert to share)**
- 2000 – 2100 **Video and Power Point Presentation of Boating**

Accidents in and around Locks and Dams, courtesy of Corps of Engineers (they hope to include some of the most recent accidents that we have been reading about and seeing on the news).

Saturday, 30 July 2005

- 0800 **Coffee will be served in the Shelter House**
- 0900 – 1030* **Meet at Markland Lock & Dam Visitor’s**

Center for a visitor tour. Note: Due to Homeland Security, a complete tour of the dam may not be permitted; however, they will allow us to tour as much of the facility as possible depending on the security level. *Time frame will depend on amount of tour allowed.

- 1045 – 1230 **Boat Race Orientation and Construction**
Anderson Squadron
- 1230 – 1330 **Lunch**—Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, Marinated 3-Bean Salad, Potato Chips
- 1330 – 1500 **Boat Construction**
- 1500 – 1600 **Boat Race**
- 1730 – 1830 **Happy Hour**
- 1830 – 1930 **Dinner** — Sesame Grilled Chicken, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Southern Green Beans, Crunchy Romaine Salad **(Bring a dessert to share)**

1930 – 2030 **Entertainment – “Grandpa Jones”** – Kentucky Humanities Council Chautauqua Player, Dave Hurt, will do comedy and songs from Grandpa Jones’s (Grand Old Opry) earlier years (in character). Thanks to the Kentucky Humanities Council for presenting D/24 with a grant to allow this program at a reduced cost.

Sunday, 31 July 2005

- 1000 – 1200 **D/24 Summer Council**
- 1200 – 1300 **Clean-up All Squadrons**

NOTES: All times are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) We will not be able to handle special dietary needs. We can, however, keep your food cool.

Beverages Available: Canned Beer, Wine, Cokes and 7-up (Diet and Regular), Lemonade, Bottled Water
(Drink tickets – 3 for \$1.00)

**REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATIONS
D/24 RENDEZVOUS — DAN'S MARINA, CRAIG'S CREEK,
WARSAW, KY 29-31 JULY 2005**

Name: _____

Squadron: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Number of Adults (16 and Older) _____

Number of Children _____

Registration Fee (Pay for Adults only) Adults: _____ x \$2.00 = \$ _____

Friday Barbeque Adults: _____ x \$7.00 = \$ _____

Children: _____ x \$4.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch Adults: _____ x \$6.00 = \$ _____

Children: _____ x \$3.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Dinner Adults: _____ x \$8.00 = \$ _____

Children: _____ x \$4.00 = \$ _____

Total Number of Meals: _____ Total \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **D/24 RENDEZVOUS**

Please send your reservation in no later than 8 July 2005.

Mail check to: **D/Lt/C Richard E. Mahrenholz, JN**
4901 Kuebler Road
Evansville, IN 47720

Docking Information: Harbormaster/Dockmaster: P/Stf/C Sam Richey, SN
Phone: 812-568-4403; Fees: \$0.75 per foot per night. Docking first come/first
serve basis. Upon arrival contact D/24 Dock Master on VHF channel 16

Camping Information: Camping will **not** be available this year.

Motel Information (please make your own reservations):

Carrollton, KY (13 miles)

Vevay, IN

Holiday Inn Express 502-732-6661
Best Western 502-732-8444
Days Inn 502-732-9301
Hampton Inn 502-732-0700
Super 8 502-732-0252
Port William Motel 502-732-5985
General Butler State Park 502-732-4384

Belterra Resort 888-235-8377
Ogle House 812-427-2020

**Note: These motels sometime fill
up early. Make reservations early
to ensure your choice.**

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