

# Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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## 17 January Meeting to Feature WW II Historian - Harold Morgan

Evansville Bend will start our New Year with a meeting on Wednesday, 17 January looking back at our area history during World War II.

Harold Morgan, a historian, will talk on the various war plants in



*Harold Morgan, center in red jacket, aboard LST for Veteran's Day Breakfast, November 10th, 2006*

the area during World War II. A graduate of Reitz High School, Harold Morgan was employed at International Steel, and later at a secret atomic plant near Paducah,

Ky. After 40 years in various engineering departments in Western Kentucky, he later retired from Apex Engineering in Mt. Vernon, In.

In recent months he has authored a series of articles in Maturity Journal. Harold has researched the Tri-State during the World War II years full-time since 2002. His book, **Homefront Heroes: Evansville and the Tri-State During World War II**, is now available in bookstores.

We will meet at Hornville Tavern for Social Time at 6pm with dinner at 7pm. Cost is only \$8.00 per person. Bill 'O Fare will be Barbequed Pork, Potato Salad, and Baked Beans with the usual beverages. Reservations are required.

The Calling Committee will be contacting you.

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## Commander's Corner



A special thank-you goes out to all who helped make the Holiday Party a success this year particularly Jay and Susie Picking for reserving the Oak Meadow Country Club.

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming months, the Change of Watch Saturday, 3 February, the Evansville OBC boat show, and the annual spring Safe Boating Class and, best of all, a new boating season.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and will have a very prosperous New Year.

*Cdr. Ron Steckler, P*

## Education Update



When you receive this report, 2006 will have passed. We will have moved into 2007. As you know, during winter time not much is happening on the water; however, there is still time to take a class before warm weather.

The Weather class is progressing nicely with all seven taking the class passing the first section. We are now well into the second section. One member is home study-

ing Piloting.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*SEO Sam Richey, SN*

## THREE RING CIRCUS UNDER THE BIG TOP

**District 24—Change of Watch  
For Richard Mahrenholz**

Join us for our Three Ring Circus at the **Evansville Marriott Hotel** on Friday, 16 March 2007. We invite you to join us in the Hospitality Room for some relaxation and later join us for the Friday evening activities beginning with a **Circus Buffet** from 1800 – 1930 in the hotel ballroom.

Immediately following the Buffet there will be a **Circus Parade** (indoors) and a **Three Ring Circus** complete with clowns and various entertainment in the rings. *As always, we have surprises planned!* You could become a “clown for a night” and join our parade.

On Saturday the spouse/guest luncheon will be at 1100 in the hotel atrium. After lunch, you will have a choice of touring the Reitz Home Museum (a historic Evansville home located in the



historic district), the Evansville Museum, or shopping at the Mall on your own. Tickets @ \$5.00 each are necessary for the Reitz Home Museum and may be purchased at the door. We will provide transportation to the Reitz Home and the Evansville Museum.

Saturday afternoon members (and guests) are invited to attend the Business Meeting to hear a presentation on the LST 325 by Bruce Voges, Treasurer of the LST 325 Memorial Association.

Saturday activities will conclude with a cocktail reception followed by the Awards Banquet and more hospitality. We are looking forward to a very entertaining weekend and hope you will join us. Registration information will be mailed to you in the District 24 Newsletter, 24th Bridge.

**ALSO....remember our  
Change of Watch, Saturday,  
3 February at Wolf's Banquet  
Hall. Invitations coming soon.**

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#### **BOAT SHOW IS A COMIN' ROUND THE BEND**



The OBC Boat Show will be headin' to Roberts Stadium on February 23, 24 and 25.

Evansville Bend will be participating again, registering people to take our Boat Smart Class. At the January meeting we will be signing up members to work at the Evansville Bend booth on Feb 23, 24 and

25, 2007 located at the Stadium. We will need members to work at the booth for 2 hour time slots. This is a fun way to get acquainted with fellow EB members and promote our Boat Smart Classes that will start on March 6 for four Tuesdays.

Keep your calendar "open" so you can help us at our display.

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#### **SAY HELLO TO NEW MEMBERS**



*Richard and Karen Rombauer* attended our Holiday Party at Oak Meadow Country Club. They are new members to EB. Richard and Karen were members of the Columbus, Ohio Power Squadron before moving to Mt. Vernon, IN. Richard has 5 merit marks and Karen has 4.

They trailer a 27' Sea Ray.

New members Mike and Janice Shirk attended our November meeting. We will feature them in an upcoming edition of the Pilot.

*We welcome the Rombauers and the Shirks to Evansville Bend!!*

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY  
WAS WELL ATTENDED**

This year, our Holiday Party moved to Oak Meadow Country Club for our annual festive gathering. Over 30 members attended this gala event. Commander -to -be, Janice Elwood, was filling-in for our commander. After a great dinner of Breast of Chicken Supreme and Port Medallions we all participated in the ornament exchange. Everyone was “civil” and no fights broke out during the exchange. Everyone seemed pleased with their new ornament.

We also collected canned food and money for the Tri-State Food Bank. A total of \$140 dollars and 30lbs of food was collected. Thanks to those who contributed to this very worthy cause at this Holiday time.



*Left, the Habermels, Richey's and Slim Graper.*



*Janice is looking for her reindeer*



*EB Members socialize before dinner*



*Dorothy Gehlhausen admires Will Trapp's Ornament*



*(L.) Nancy Hills, Vicky Trapp and Emma Lee Eberhart*

**WEATHER SITE TO CHECK OUT...**courtesy of our Assistant Education Officer and Pilot, Steve Wilson.

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