

# 24th Bridge

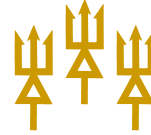


United States Power Squadrons



Commander	D/C Keith L. Williams, SN
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Joseph A. Venhoff, AP
Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Tom Woods, JN
Administrative Officer	D/Lt/C Donald R. Cloyd, AP
Secretary	D/Lt/C Richard L. Remski, AP
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Asst. Education Officer	D/1st/Lt Larry G. Samuels, JN

## Commander's Report Keith L. Williams, SN



It will be hard to top the good times we had at the Fall Conference at Clifty Falls, but what I have seen of the advance planning for the Louisville Conference has me full of anticipation. Make plans now to attend.



During my tenure as D/C my main focus has been on the issue of declining membership in USPS and the evidence of that phenomenon is all too apparent in D24 with one squadron having dissolved and with two others on the brink of making that decision. At the District level, we are somewhat limited in what we can do to reverse the downward trend other than continuing to beat the drums of retention and recruitment. So if beating the drums will help, then that's what we'll do. In that context, I've received a presentation from the National Membership Committee that I'll be sharing with you during the conference in the hope that some of the suggestions contained therein will stimulate local squadrons to redouble their efforts in increasing membership.

My term as D/C has been among the most enjoyable of my several years on the Bridge and although I'll still have a couple of assignments—Nominating Committee and Planning Committee, I'm looking forward to a reduction in e-mail, snail mail and responsibility.

I want to thank everyone who has assisted me during this and previous years. I am more than grateful for your help and am very honored by your friendship.

*Commander Keith L. Williams, SN*

## **Chief Commander's Representative R/C Robert J. Sweet, SN**

R/C Robert J. Sweet, SN has served in a number of positions in Buzzards Bay Sail and Power Squadron and National. In 1998, he joined BBPS, quickly becoming SEO while retaking some courses and completing all of the requirements for SN. Afterward, he then moved to Squadron Executive Officer and Commander. Concurrently, Bob joined the Basic Public Education Committee and shortly thereafter was elected Assistant Chairman and Staff Commander.

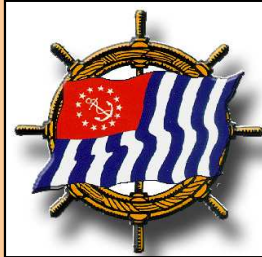
While a member of the Basic Public Education Committee, Bob led the effort to create the GPS Seminar. He was able to draw upon his professional background leading the business unit of a company developing the original GPS system. He subsequently was tasked with coordinating the development of the new Piloting and Advanced Piloting courses, establishing the Paddle Smart™ web site, and leading the effort to incorporate digital charts in USPS courses. Bob also was instrumental in developing USPS partnerships with Maptech, McGraw-Hill, and C-Map leading to discounts for members and significant technical support for our educational programs.

In January 2006, Bob was elected to the position of Assistant National Educational Officer and Rear Commander. He has spent much of the past few years helping then NEO, Spencer Anderson, and ANEO, Dick Kyle, with a variety of initiatives leading to cooperative programs with the Canadian Power Squadrons, restructuring of courses, strategic planning for the department, and plans for seminars and boat operator certification.

Bob originally completed "Boating, Seamanship, & Piloting" in 1971 and briefly joined Minuteman Squadron before job responsibilities led him to extensive domestic and international business and away from frequent boating. After relocating to Cape Cod in 1997, he and Judy decided to get back into active boating. Having earlier been avid sailors, they opted for a powerboat. They currently own a 29 foot cruiser.

Bob's professional background began as system engineering manager developing radar and naval communications systems. He was promoted business area management at GTE Sylvania, now General Dynamics Systems, and Harris Corporation. Bob was Director and responsible programs which included GPS, shipboard communications, and a number of satellite control systems. He then became President of General Defense Systems and was responsible for shipboard tracking and radar products, training systems, and commercial manufacturing. Bob subsequently became President and CEO of Elbit Systems and Inframetrics. Inframetrics, now Flir Systems, produces infrared night vision equipment such as those used on police helicopters. Bob then founded a consulting business leading the restructuring, acquisition, and alliance efforts for a number of high technology clients. Bob recently has hung up his consulting role, to write. He currently has two published book titles and six guides to his credit, and more on the way. His first books and guides are on related marine topics, and he now is working on business topics of strategic planning and staffing.

Bob and his wife July, live in Falmouth on Cape Cod. They have 2 sons and 2 grandchildren.



### ***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 at Holiday Inn Lakeview, Clarksville, IN Saturday, 7 February 2009 at 0930.

D/Lt/C Richard L. Remski AP , Secretary

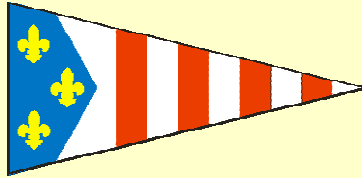
#### **UNIFORM OF THE DAY:**

Friday Evening	"Casual
Saturday Conference	Uniform "F", Blazer, or Suitable Attire
Saturday Evening Banquet	Uniform "A", or Suitable Dinner Attire

### ***SATURDAY EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST MEETINGS***

#### **SQUADRON COMMANDERS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS SQUADRON EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS AND ASSISTANTS**

Saturday morning 0730, 7 February 2009 we will have our Squadron Commanders and Executive Officers Breakfast Meeting and our Squadron Educational Officers and Assistants Breakfast Meeting. The meetings will start at 0730 (7:30AM). You will be able to purchase your buffet breakfast and take it to the nearby Churchill Room. You can pay cash, credit card, or charge to your room. We will 'pass the hat' for a gratuity for the server assisting us with beverages.



**District 24 Spring Council and Conference 2009**  
**6 — 8 February**  
**Holiday Inn Lakeview, Clarksville, IN**

The Louisville Power Squadron is pleased to invite you to our  
Spring Council and Conference in Clarksville, Indiana

## **Monte Carlo Night**

2000—2200; Friday, 6 February 2009; – This could be your **LUCKY NIGHT!!**  
Play games of chance and build your “cash” reserve. Be a High Roller and win  
all you can, because when the “casino” closes, the auction begins. “Cash” will  
be distributed at the door of the Monte Carlo. Use your “winnings” to bid on that  
special item you can’t live without.

Breakfast Saturday and Sunday is individual choice. The restaurant in the hotel  
serves a breakfast buffet at 6:30 AM for \$8.95 or you can order off the menu  
starting at 6 AM.

1200 — Spouse/Guest Luncheon on Saturday will be held at the hotel in the  
Sidewalk Café. After lunch, Rick Bell will give a presentation on the 1937 flood.  
Information on local shopping and sites of interest will be provided in the regis-  
tration packets for anyone planning individual activities.

The conference lunches are \$21.00 and banquet dinners are \$40.00

Special needs meals for the luncheons and banquet can be made available.  
The request must be received no later than 20 January . Please send a de-  
tailed e-mail request to Brenda Fisher at [kbfisher2@insightbb.com](mailto:kbfisher2@insightbb.com) listing items  
to be avoided, which meals and number of meals the request includes.



**District 24 Spring Council and Conference 2009**  
**6 — 8 February 2009 - Host: Louisville Power Squadron**

**Friday, 6 February**

1500-2000	Registration	Hotel Lobby
1600-1800	Hospitality	TBD
2000-2200	Monte Carlo	Shakespeare/Chaucer rooms
2230 – 2400	Hospitality	TBD

**Saturday, 7 February**

0730-0900	Squadron Commanders/Executive Officers and SEO/Assistant SEO Officers' breakfast. Purchase personal buffet breakfast from the restaurant, then meet in the Churchill Room	
0830 -0930	Registration	Byron/Elliott Room
<b>0930</b>	<b>Convene District Council</b>	D/C Keith Williams, SN
	Action on Minutes	D/C Keith Williams, SN
	Voting Procedures	D/Lt/C Dick Remski, AP
	Council Business	
0945	Convene District Conference	D/C Keith Williams, SN
	National Anthem	D/Lt/C Joe Venhoff, AP
	Pledge of Allegiance	D/Lt/C Joe Venhoff, AP
	Invocation	P/C Maureen Samuels, JN
	Introductions	D/C Keith Williams, SN
	D/24 Bridge, Chief's Representative, Past D/Cs	
	First Timers and Guests	
0955	Chief Commander's Message	Chief's Representative
1100	Officer Reports	
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1130	Membership Presentation	D/C Keith Williams, SN
1200 - ?	Spouse/Guest luncheon	Sidewalk Café'
1200-1300	Member's Luncheon	Poolside
<b>1330</b>	<b>Reconvene Conference</b>	
1330	Squadron Reports	D/Lt/C Joe Venhoff, AP
1345	D/C Report	D/C Keith Williams, SN
1400	Dismissal of Bridge	D/C Keith Williams, SN
1400	Installation of New District Commander	Chief's Representative
1405	Installation of DEO	Chief's Representative
1410	Installation of New Bridge	Chief's Representative
1415	Shoulder Board Ceremony	
1425	D/C Remarks	D/C Joe Venhoff, AP
1445	Old Business	D/C Joe Venhoff, AP
	New Business	D/C Joe Venhoff, AP
1500	Benediction and Adjournment	District Chaplain
1600-1800	Hospitality Room	TBD
1800-1900	Reception and Cash Bar	Royal Ballroom
1900-2030	Dinner Banquet	Royal Ballroom
2030- 2130	Program	Royal Ballroom
2130-2330	Hospitality Room	TBD

**Sunday, 8 February**

0830-1000	District Bridge Meeting	Hospitality Room
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**DISTRICT 24 UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON  
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION — 6 - 8 February 2009**

RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON: \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>MEALS</b>	<b>Saturday Guest Lunch \$21.00</b>	<b>Saturday Member Lunch \$21.00 ea.</b>	<b>Saturday Banquet \$40.00 ea.</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Number</b>				
<b>\$ Amount</b>				<b>\$</b>

\_\_\_\_\_ **Designated Delegate** (\$61 conference fee paid by D/24 or local squadron)  
**DELEGATES MUST REGISTER WITH THIS FORM**

**Note: Squadron Commanders/XO's and SEO officers' breakfast must purchase buffet breakfast from the restaurant and meet in the Churchill Room.**

**PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION AND FEE TO ARRIVE BY: Monday 19 January**

**Make check payable to: Louisville Power Squadron D/24 Spring Conference**

**MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM TO:** Lt/C Brenda Fisher, S  
10 Arctic Springs Drive  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130  
812-284-0634  
Email – kbfisher2@insightbb.com

**Hotel Reservations: HOLIDAY INN LAKEVIEW**  
505 Marriott Drive  
Clarksville, IN 47129  
Tel: (812) 283-4411

**Room rate is \$80.97 per night (tax included).**  
**A suite is \$122.04 (tax included).**

**HOTEL REGISTRATON DEADLINE: 6 January 2009 to guarantee the room rate**

**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.**