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**Pier 29**

FALL 2021

DISTRICT 29

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**Columbus – Findlay – Fort Wayne – Port Clinton – Sandusky – Toledo**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**District 29 Fall Conference Meeting**  
**October 9, 2021**

Please join us for a District 29 Conference Meeting  
at 9:00 a.m.

Kalahari Resort, Sandusky Ohio

This meeting is being held during the  
USPS 5-District PENTA Conference.

The meeting room location may  
be found in your PENTA Conference materials.

## CALL TO THE 2020 DISTRICT 29 FALL CONFERENCE

**TO:** District 29 Conference Members: District 29 Bridge Officers, the Immediate Past District Commander, the Chairpersons of the General and Standing Committees, Past District Commanders, Squadron Commanders, Squadron Delegates, and all District 29 members.

**FROM:** D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P

**DATE:** August 31, 2021

Please be advised that the District 29 Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. with the Conference Meeting to follow at 9:00.

**Squadron Commanders:** A copy of the Conference Meeting Delegate Form will be sent to you. Please complete the form with a list of your Squadron Delegates and, if necessary, any replacement for the Commander. Please complete the form and send a copy to Treasurer Dennis Keyfauver, 1932 Pleasant Ridge Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46819-9513 or electronically at [k3dck3@gmail.com](mailto:k3dck3@gmail.com) by October 3, 2021.

**Uniform of the Day:** America's Boating Club or USPS Casual Attire.

**To All:** A copy of the Spring Conference Meeting minutes is included with this transmission. These minutes will be approved during the meeting.

**Registration:** Begins at 8:45.

## BRIDGE OFFICER REPORTS

### **District Commander – D/C Tom Patterson, JN**

Friends of D29,

I want to thank everyone who Zoomed in to our informational meeting on August 19, 2021. The meeting was centered around the upcoming PENTA Conference. This is a five-district **Fall Conference** which will be October 8 to 10 at the Kalahari in Sandusky. D29's individual district meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, October 9, 2021, before the educational seminars begin. If you have a concern related to COVID, please be aware the PENTA Conference will take place with all the necessary protocols in place, including masks and sanitation. If you are planning to attend, please make your room reservation by the September 9 deadline and send in your registration form for the conference itself by September 24. We are looking forward to a great turnout for this innovative fall conference.

On another note, for your planning purposes, our 2022 Winter Council will be held February 12, 2022 via Zoom. In closing, enjoy these last nice days of summer.

Tom

### **District Educational Officer – P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN**

No Report

### **District Executive Officer – D/Lt/C Leonard Buck, JN**

I vowed to always have a report.....Even if there is little to report! Please participate in your squadron's activities and upcoming district events. Check the appropriate newsletters. Stay COVID safe; it has not left...yet!

Be careful answering squadron and district emails. There are several scams ongoing. They are easy enough to spot but appeal to your inclination to help fellow members. I am not in jail. I do not need bail money. After writing this I will undoubtedly will...Who can I call now?

Enjoy the rest of your summer. See you at the upcoming National and PENTA District conferences. National is considering consolidating all the districts into 5 Regions. This is to be further discussed at the upcoming National meeting. Hum...I may never get to be a District Commander! More on this developing story as it occurs.

### **District Administrative Officer – D/Lt/C Sandra Pick, AP**

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! District 29 Members! The PENTA Conference is coming up fast and I hope as many of you as possible will attend. Due to a previous commitment, I will not be able to be there. So, I am asking you to do as I ask and NOT as I do. Enjoy the conference!

# SQUADRON COMMANDER REPORTS

## **COLUMBUS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Sherri Haring, P**

Columbus has had a good summer with plenty of boating activity including two vessel safety examination events. We are getting ready to host Marine Communications Systems September 7<sup>th</sup>, Engine Maintenance and Repair September 20<sup>th</sup>, and Advanced Marine Navigation Beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup>; at this time all classes will be in-person. We are also holding monthly dinner events beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>. Normally we meet for our monthly dinner meetings the first Thursday of the month. We have scheduled our Christmas party for December 10<sup>th</sup>, at the ever-popular Morgan House.

We are working hard to promote attendance at PENTA this fall!

## **FINDLAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Jeffrey Roth, P**

No Report

## **FORT WAYNE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Richard Manter, AP**

No Report

## **PORT CLINTON POWER SQUADRON – Commander Dennis Timple, AP**

No Report

## **SANDUSKY POWER SQUADRON – Commander Jack Runner, AP**

Since our last communique, we have been busy boating. The warm weather we had this summer was perfect for pursuing our favorite recreational past time.

We had a nice turnout for our sail-away with PCPS. Several boats came to the Huron Boat Basin. We had over 70 dinners served at our steak fry.

Plans are under way for a busy autumn. Hopefully, there is plenty of boating still to be had. We have scheduled our Fall ABC Course to start September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and plans are underway to query the membership for which elective course they would like to see this season.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fall PENTA Conference at Kalahari this October.

Stay well, and Happy Boating!

## **TOLEDO SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Keith Rooks, P**

Tempus Fugit – This summer has been flying by as quickly as the beginning of the year, so I'm sure the end of summer will be on us quicker than we'd like. Hopefully, everyone has been able to get out and enjoy this summer, more than we've been able to do for a while, in between rain drops and 90+ degree days.

We have had a few well attended rendezvous so far this summer with one more that's being planned. The next is at Put-in-Bay; it's the Historical Weekend rendezvous, September 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>.

We will be working on getting some more classes in over the next few months. Along with planning the end of year meetings, we are hoping to keep these face-to-face but time will tell. Our September General Meeting, the first one back from the summer break, will be in person. It's on the second Tuesday of the month due to the Labor Day holiday.

We are looking forward to attending the PENTA Conference in October. Hope to see a lot of people there.

Please be safe and enjoy the rest of the summer.

## D29 SPRING CONFERENCE 2021 MEETING MINUTES

The District 29 Winter Council Meeting of February 7, 2021 was reconvened by District Commander Jason Snook, SN-IN at 1014 on April 24, 2021 at the Sandusky Yacht Club. Hearing no old or new business to discuss, D/C Snook requested a motion for adjournment of the Council Meeting. A motion was made and seconded. It was carried; the 2021 Winter Council Meeting was adjourned at 1015.

The District 29 Spring Conference 2021 was then called to order by D/C Snook at 1016. Executive Officer Tom Patterson, JN directed the Color Guard to present the colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by P/D/C Charles David, AP. D/Lt Sue DuBray, P offered the invocation.

The squadron commanders came forward to announce the names of those who have joined the list of last horizon honorees since the 2020 District Change of Watch. They are as follows: P/C Ron DeCario, Columbus; John McCall, Columbus; P/D/C Douglas Kerr, Findlay; P/D/Lt/C Gerald Smetzer, Port Clinton.

Immediate Past District Commander Felicia Evans, AP introduced the Past District Commanders present: P/D/C Charles David, SN; P/D/C Jack Runner, AP; P/R/C Robert Rayburn, SN-IN; P/D/C Robert Runner, SN-CN; P/R/C Dick Manter, AP; P/D/C Al Hess, AP; P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN; P/D/C Doris Critzer, SN; Stf/C Larry Cole, SN-IN; P/D/C Bob DuBray, AP; P/D/C Pam Yarletts-Coykendale, AP.

D/X/O Patterson introduced Lou Schultz, a retired teacher and administrator, who spoke to the group on The Military Operations in Ohio During the War of 1812 as They Relate to the Battle of Lake Erie.

District Secretary D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P took the roll. All Bridge Officers as well as the chair of the Rules Committee, Cdr Dennis Timple, AP and chair of the Audit Committee, P/C Charles Kletecka, JN were present.

Commanders and Delegates Present – Cdr Sherri Haring, P (Columbus) – 3 Delegates  
Cdr Jeffery Roth, P (Findlay) – 3 Delegates  
P/R/C Richard Manter, AP (Fort Wayne) – 3 Delegates  
Cdr Dennis Timple, AP (Port Clinton) – 3 Delegates  
P/D/C Jack Runner, AP (Sandusky) – 4 Delegates  
Cdr Keith Rooks, P (Toledo) – 5 Delegates

A quorum was present. The minutes of the Fall 2020 District Conference were included in the Spring 2021 *Pier 29* newsletter. P/D/C Larry Cole's name was added to those present at the conference. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended. Passed.

### **BRIDGE REPORTS –**

**Executive Officer D/Lt/C Tom Patterson, JN – Deferred to New Business**

#### **District Education Officer P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN –**

- I would like to thank everyone for their attendance here and surviving the coronavirus. We are still struggling with not being able to gather face-to-face in our classrooms, however some squadrons have gone to Zoom teaching. We have struggled with this, but it works. Columbus just had a Zoom ABC class with 30 students from different communities including 4 or 5 students from Norris Lake, Tennessee.
- During the past few months, some squadrons have had problems entering the ED-80's; however, I think everything has been straightened out.
- As everyone knows, the annual meeting was closed as far as membership being there in-person, but, as of now, I believe the Governing Board Meeting in Raleigh, NC will be held face-to-face from August 29 to September 5, 2021.
- There is a USPS website that may assist SEOs with their jobs. The site has hints on running a public boating course, a public seminar, an advanced member course, and other helpful information.
- There is a list of boaters' apps for iPhone, Android, iPad, or computer on the USPS website. The apps are not endorsed by USPS but rather are listed for your convenience. Subjects include astronomy, medical & healthcare items, navigation, general reference, weather, etc.
- P/R/C Bob Rayburn presented some information on the upcoming October PENTA Conference. The focus of the conference will be education. DEOs from the five participating districts (7, 9, 11, 24, 29) are assisting with obtaining speakers. There will be large room presentations as well as smaller venues. Subjects include NWS, NOAA, the ABC app, Coast Guard info, cruising locations, online teaching and learning, hands-on learning, and opportunities for open discussions with fellow instructors.

#### **Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Leonard Buck, JN-IN –**

- Rita and I just welcomed our new grandson a few days ago.
- The Administrative Department Committee members will remain the same as those in 2020.
- Please remember to follow the COVID masking, hand washing, and social distancing protocols. Even with the vaccine, these actions are still important in the fight against the pandemic.

#### **Secretary D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P –**

- Thank you to the members of my department for all their work this past year: Assistant Secretary P/D/C Doris Critzer; Photographer D/Lt Ruth Wilcox, S; Roster Editor / D200 Updater Advisor Stf/C Larry Cole; Information Tech Advisor / Web Master D/C Jason Snook.
- The 2021 rosters are being distributed at this meeting. Again, thanks to Larry for all he did to make this happen. It's a big job!!
- Deadline for Summer 2021 *Dock 29* articles will be June 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Treasurer D/Lt/C Dennis Keyfauber, SN –**

- The district has received \$3,184.89 in income and paid out \$949.73 in expenses for a net gain of \$3,067.71 since my last report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES –**

- **USPS Educational Fund** – Stf/C Cole reported District 29 had 100% participation in the fund by its squadrons.
- **Conference** – No report
- **Budget** – No report

- **Planning** – No report

#### **GENERAL COMMITTEES –**

- **Nominating** – A new member is needed for the Audit Committee. P/C Charles Kletecka, JN will be joining the Nominating Committee.
- **Rules** – No report
- **Audit** – Committee Chair P/C Kletecka announced the district's annual audit was completed with no irregularities observed. He provided a signed copy for district records. A motion to approve the audit was made and seconded. Motion passed.

#### **COMMANDER'S REPORT –**

- I will be attending the NASBLA meetings on behalf of District 29 this year.

#### **SQUADRON COMMANDER REPORTS –**

**Columbus – Commander Sherri Haring, P –** No report

**Findlay – Commander Jeffrey Roth, P –**

- COVID has been brutal for our squadron though we have been having Zoom meetings.
- The squadron is working on updating and improving our website.
- ABC and Boat Handling classes will be offered in May.
- P/D/C Doug Kerr passed away.
- Looking forward to being able to return to face-to-face meetings.

**Fort Wayne – P/R/C Richard Manter, AP –**

- The squadron held five ABC classes.

**Port Clinton – Commander Dennis Timple, AP –**

- An ABC class began on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Planning an in-person meeting at Ciao Bella.
- Gerry Smetzer passed away. Memorial is planned for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Gwen if you would like to attend.
- Will have our annual Steak Fry with Sandusky on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Huron Boat Basin unless COVID interferes.
- There were 31 boating fatalities on Lake Erie in 2020, several of which involved paddleboaters. Need to do what we can to provide safe boating education opportunities for these folks.

**Sandusky – Commander Jack Runner, AP –**

- Our third ABC course just started with 12 students enrolled.
- Will be presenting Engine Maintenance as a lab class which will include visiting some boat maintenance businesses in our area.
- Will resume in-person social events in May.

**Toledo – Commander Keith Rooks, P –**

- ABC courses are being taught.
- We plan to hold an in-person membership meeting in May.

- Forty-five vessel safety exams have been completed.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FROM 2021 USPS ANNUAL MEETING**

D/C Snook presented the following awards:

- Vessel Safety Checks – 100/year for 16 years: Dennis Ladd, Port Clinton
- National Education Fund Honor Roll: Columbus, Findlay, Fort Wayne, Lima (merged with Toledo in 2020), Port Clinton, Sandusky, Toledo
- Co-op Charting: Mike Shabeck, Toledo
- Distinguished Communicator – Newsletters: Columbus, Port Clinton, Sandusky, Toledo
- Distinguished Communicator – Websites: District 29, Sandusky

The 2021 Spring Conference was recessed by D/C Snook at 1210 for lunch. The meeting was reconvened at 1326. D/C Snook discharged the Bridge and all committees appointed by him. All but the secretary left the Bridge. (The secretary subsequently left when her final obligation was met.) Eight bells were sounded. D/C Snook turned the meeting over to National Executive Officer Vice Commander Craig Fraser, SN-IN who conducted the 2021 Change of Watch.

These elected individuals were installed as District 29 Bridge officers for 2021:

- Commander D/C Tom Patterson, JN
- Executive Officer D/Lt/C Leonard Buck, JN-IN
- Education Officer P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN
- Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Sandra Pick, AP
- Secretary D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P
- Treasurer D/Lt/C Dennis Keyfauver, SN
- Assistant Education Officer D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Ralph Newman, N
- Assistant Secretary P/D/C Doris Critzer, SN
- Assistant Treasurer D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Judith Stout, P

Following the Change of Watch, P/D/C Snook thanked his Bridge and the membership of D29 for their assistance and cooperation in this strange pandemic year. He reminded everyone to keep in mind our organization’s main purpose – fostering boating safety through the education of boaters. P/D/C Evans presented the Past District Commander’s half/past flag and plaque to P/D/C Snook. D/C Patterson and P/D/C Snook exchanged epaulets.

V/C Fraser shared a pre-recorded message from Chief Commander Mary Paige Abbott followed by some personal remarks. Sandusky Commander P/D/C Jack Runner, AP presented a gift of appreciation to V/C Fraser. D/C Patterson presented one to Liana Mihalca, SN also. P/D/C Runner recognized the members of the Host Squadron Conference Committee: Cindy Patterson, Kathy Runner, Pam Yarleets-Coykendale, Charlie David, Sandy Pick, and Dennis Keyfauver.

PENTA Conference Chair P/D/C Evans shared further details about the October 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> event at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. There will be a Meet & Greet Friday night. Each district will have a one-hour business meeting Saturday morning followed by educational sessions before and after lunch. Dinner will be served at



1800. An educational program for children is planned for Sunday morning. Watch your e-mail for a save-the-date flyer. Each district is being asked to provide \$1.00 per member seed money and a \$50.00 raffle item to help offset conference expenses.

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

- D/C Patterson proposed having a virtual Summer Council on July 31 and asked squadron commanders to meet with him briefly following this meeting to discuss their opinion on this.
- He would also like to see some type of social event to get the district together after PENTA and before the end of the year, perhaps a Christmas Ball including guests if the pandemic subsides sufficiently.

### **REMARKS FROM D/C PATTERSON –**

- I prefer to work as a team. During my tenure the district will be 'We' and not 'Me' so I will be seeking your input on our direction as a district. Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts.
- P/D/C Jason Snook will serve as my liaison to National and attend National events in my stead.
- D/Lt Ruth Wilcox was unable to be with us today due to surgery. We miss you, Ruth!
- I would like to suggest Sawmill Creek in Huron as a potential location for the district's 2022 Spring Conference.

Hearing no further business, D/C Patterson asked for a motion to adjourn. P/R/C Bob Rayburn so moved with a second by Cdr Sherri Haring. The motion carried. D/Lt/C DuBray gave the benediction. The Color Bearers retired the colors.

Adjournment at 1449.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mary Rayburn*

D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P  
D/29 Secretary

For your convenience, the previously distributed **registration form** for the PENTA Conference has been attached below. Please note that it is due by *September 24, 2021*.

Hotel rooms must be reserved by *September 8<sup>th</sup>*.



# PENTA 5 Districts 7, 9, 11, 24, and 29 2021 Fall Conference October 8-10, 2021

**Registration for PENTA Fall Conference at Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, OH**  
Conference registration form and payment must be received by **September 24, 2021**.

Certificate Number	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Grade	Squadron

Address	City,	State	Zip
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**Is this your first conference? Yes No**

<b>Conference Fee</b>	<b>\$85 includes Ice Breaker, Lunch and Dinner</b> <i>Required for each person</i>
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<b>Ice Breaker</b>	<b>Friday Night 1900-2100 w/ Appetizers - CASH BAR</b>
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Conference Attendees	<b>Saturday Lunch w/ Speaker 1200-1300</b>
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**Barbecue Menu:** Mixed Greens/Ranch & Italian Dressing, Southern Style Potato Salad, Green Bean Casserole, Baked Beans, BBQ Roasted Chicken Breast & Thighs, Low and Slow Pulled Pork, Variety of BBQ sauces, Cheddar Skillet Cornbread. # \_\_\_\_\_

**Vegetarian** – Baby Kale and Romaine Salad with Bleu Cheese, Walnuts, Roasted Apples, and Cider Vinaigrette.  
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**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS** Please explain:

<b>Saturday PENTA Celebration Dinner 1800-2100</b>
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**Choose One Entrée for each person by checking that Entrée.**

All entrées served w/ Field Greens w/ Garden Vegetables, Radishes, and Citrus Herb Vinaigrette.

- Stuffed Herb Chicken Breast w/ Boursin Cheese, Sun Dried Tomato Stuffing, Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Asparagus. # \_\_\_\_\_
- Pan Seared Salmon w/ Carrot Puree, Roasted Apple, green Onion, Roasted Carrot. # \_\_\_\_\_
- Chianti Braised Beef Short Ribs w/ Creamy Polenta, Roasted Baby Carrots, Spinach Gremolata, Green Beans. # \_\_\_\_\_
- Vegetarian & Gluten Friendly: Cauliflower Steak w/ Sun Dried Tomato, Olives, Arugula, Quinoa Hash. # \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS** Please explain:

<b>Total Amount Due</b>	
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Make check payable to **District 29 – USPS** and mail payment with form to:

**Larry Cole**  
**5004 W Albain Rd,**  
**Monroe, MI 48161**

Questions - please contact: Larry Cole at [boater734@chartermi.net](mailto:boater734@chartermi.net)

**Remember** the conference registration form and payment must be received by **September 24, 2021**. **No refunds will be issued after this date.**



## **PENTA 5 Districts 7, 9, 11, 24, and 29 2021 Fall Conference October 8-10, 2021**

**Remember, room reservations must be made by September 8, 2021** to secure special discounted rates. Two ways to make Kalahari Resort Sandusky reservations: A dedicated website is available to book your rooms.

**Booking Website:** <https://book.passkey.com/e/50026206>. **OR** you may call Kalahari Resort – Sandusky. **877- 254-5466**. Please use **Booking ID #34265** to receive the special rate. Room rate: \$139.00/night + taxes. Additional Nights 10/7/2021 & 10/10/2021 @ \$119.00 + taxes, no resort fee.



*“Coastie the Tugboat”* is coming to Kalahari.

### **Registration for Children’s Sunday Education Program (no charge) October 10, 2021**

This program is most enjoyable for children **ages 4-6**, but older children are welcome. Coastie will meet with children ages 4-6 from 1000-1030 (Session 1) and then meet with children ages 7-9 from 1045-1115 (Session 2).

Families who have children in both age groups can choose to attend the first session at 1000. Parent(s), older sibling or grandparent must accompany the child.

Please fill out child's name, age and preferred session. Age is important since the program will be tailored to the age of the children in attendance. **There is a limit of 25 children per session.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Issues or concern: \_\_\_\_\_ Session \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Issues or concerns: \_\_\_\_\_ Session \_\_\_\_\_

Will an older sibling accompany the child? Y N Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron \_\_\_\_\_