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

SAVE THE DATE
District 29 Spring Conference
April 3, 2022

Please join us for the District 29 Spring Conference

Sunday, April 3, 2022

0930 to 1800

Ohio Northern University
McIntosh Center Second Floor Ballroom
402 West College
Ada, OH 45810

CALL TO THE 2022 DISTRICT 29 SPRING 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: March 3, 2022

Please be advised that the District 29 Spring Conference will be held at the Ohio Northern University McIntosh Center on Sunday, April 3, 2022. Registration and a light breakfast begin at 0900 with Educational Sessions to follow at 0930. The District 29 Spring Conference meeting and 2022 Change of Watch will be held after lunch.

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 by March 27, 2022.

Uniform of the Day: Bridge Only – Uniform F (Dark Pants, White Long-sleeve Shirt, Black Tie); All others – Appropriate America's Boating Club or USPS Attire.

To All: A copy of the 2021 District 29 Fall Conference Meeting minutes is included with this transmission. These minutes will be approved during the meeting.

Registration: Begins at 9:00.

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 2022 SPRING CONFERENCE

V/C Mike Wiedel, JN-IN

V/C Mike Wiedel joined the Milwaukee Power Squadron of the United States Power Squadrons in 1988 after many years of seeing their booth at local boat shows. Mike immediately joined the Milwaukee Boat Show Committee, and the following year took over as Chair of that committee when the previous chair passed away.

Mike served on the Milwaukee Squadron Executive Committee as a Member at Large for 2 years before being elected Squadron Treasurer in 1992. He progressed through all the Squadron elected offices, serving as Squadron Commander in 1996.

In 1998 Mike was elected District 10 Secretary and then advanced through the District Administrative and Executive Officer positions serving as District 10 Commander in 2002-2003.

After his district service, Mike joined the National Recreational Boating Safety Committee, and advanced to Chairman. Mike also served as an aide to P/C/C Ernie Marshburn, and as the National Flag Lieutenant for P/C/C Louie Ojeda. He is active in the Educational Department, teaching the Marine Electronics suite of courses and seminars, as well as USPS Public Boating Courses. He currently serves as the Milwaukee Squadron Treasurer.

Mike is also a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, where he serves as a Flotilla Commander, and the Ninth Western Region Conference Chair. Additionally, he has held various other positions on the Flotilla, Division, District and National Staff levels of that organization. He is also a member of the International Shipmasters Association and The Great Lakes Captains Association.

An active amateur radio operator, Mike participates in the SKYWARN, Amateur Radio Emergency Response (ARES), and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) Programs.

Mike's wife of 43 years, Kim, is also active in USPS. She participates in many civic and professional organizations outside of USPS as well.

Mike and Kim live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and in their free time enjoy boating on Lake Michigan, keeping their 22-foot Proline Center Console at McKinley Marina. Frequent visitors to Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks, they also routinely travel by boat on the Mississippi, Ohio, Kentucky, and Cumberland rivers, the Tenn-Tom, Atlantic Intercoastal Waterway, and the Gulf of Mexico.

2022 SLATE OF BRIDGE OFFICERS

The following have been nominated to serve on the D29 Bridge and indicated committees for 2022-2023. This slate will be voted on at Spring Conference.

Commander:	Leonard Buck, N-IN
Executive Officer:	Sandra Pick, AP
Education Officer:	Larry Cole, SN-IN
Administrative Officer:	Sherri Haring, P
Secretary:	Mary Rayburn, P
Treasurer:	Dennis Keyfauver, SN
Asst. Education Officer:	Phil Osborne, JN-IN
Asst. Secretary:	Doris Critzer, SN
Asst. Treasurer:	Judith Stout, P

Nominations Committee

Felicia Evans, AP Chair
Jason Snook, SN-IN
Tom Patterson, JN

Rules Committee

Jack Runner, AP Chair
Mark Dahlmann, SN
Jason Snook, SN-IN

Audit Committee

Robert Runner, SN-CN Chair
Glen Kubinski, P

Respectfully submitted by:
P/D/C Pam Coykendale, AP
P/D/C Felicia Evans, AP
P/D/C Jason Snook, SN-IN

BRIDGE OFFICER REPORTS

District Commander – D/C Tom Patterson, JN

My dear friends of D29, this will be my final report to our district as Commander. 2021 has been a very challenging year. The COVID crisis, still very prevalent throughout our district, affected us all in one way or another. Our Spring Conference 2021 was the first to meet face-to-face cautiously followed by the fall PENTA Conference. However, many squadrons were still holding their meetings virtually. Throughout the pandemic, there was a need for virtual learning for the classes. This is a process that looks like it is here to stay and continue into the future.

I want to give thanks to my 2021-2022 Bridge: Len, Sandra, Phil, Mary, and Dennis. They have given me a tremendous amount of support. Additional thanks to Larry Cole and Jason Snook, the Sandusky Squadron, and my flag officer, Jack Runner, for their assistance. The role of the District Commander is not one of a solo command but one that takes the efforts of many - thank you to all who helped. During the last year, there was never a time when I asked for help that anyone turned me down. Wishing our new Bridge the best of everything. Now it is my turn to help and support.

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

Our Spring Conference is just around the corner and boating season will be right behind that. Once again, we will be at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio for our Conference and Change of Watch, and we will have some interesting courses on the menu.

P/R/C Robert Rayburn, SN-IN will be instructing an instructor recertification class that is greatly needed. There are squadrons in the district that need to have their instructors recertified, and this will be a great time to have this done.

Also in the line-up, P/C Dick Sorensen, SN will be conducting a Weather Seminar just in time to assist you with forecasting the weather for those summer rendezvous and family outings. Dick will be at his best after being cooped up for the winter and this promises to be an exciting course in weather like you have never experienced.

District Executive Officer – D/Lt/C Leonard Buck, N-IN

My report may be shorter than usual. My "secretary" is out running errands. I type poorly as I took Latin in high school instead of a Typing class. Anyway, I want to remind you of the upcoming Change of Watch on Sunday, April 3 at the Ohio Northern University McIntosh Center. The new National Administrative Officer will be in attendance. He is driving down from Wisconsin. It will be good to meet him as he will likely be on the National Bridge for another six years. Please consider attending. It is a good way to renew previous friendships and make new ones with members from Squadrons other than your own. The attendees will be a great group of interesting people. Further details about our District COW are elsewhere in this *Pier 29*. Thanks to all the folks working on our behalf to make this event a success, especially Pam who is doing this while recovering from neck surgery! I am humbled to be working for a very capable Bridge, District Committees, and multiple other ABC members both elected and appointed. Thank you! Please say 'yes' if you are asked to help in any way.

My Father was a storyteller. Unfortunately, he frequently repeated the same tale over and over.... The older I become, the more I act like my Father! Sorry. I believe I came by this trait genetically. However, I strive

not to retell the same stories over and over again. With that warning... My phone rang several weeks ago as I was working in my home office. "Hello. This is the United States Coast Guard, Key West Sector. Do you have a 35-foot sailboat in Key West Harbor?" No, why do you ask? "Well, this Florida registered craft is documented to belong to you." What kind of boat is it? To shorten this story, the manufacturer and Hull Identification Number matched my power boat. The sailboat had sunk which appears to be how it came to the attention of the USCG. "Oh, by the way, do you know... (someone whose name sounded like a drug lord)?" No, I replied. If I can be of further assistance, please call again! Darn, for a moment I thought I could be the owner of a new-to-me sailboat!

We are all looking forward to spring and the return of boating in northern Ohio. Until my next report in the *Pier 29* let us all remain healthy. I, for one, will be on the lookout for more, hopefully interesting, stories.

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

No report

SQUADRON COMMANDER REPORTS

COLUMBUS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Sherri Haring, P

No report

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

Our Change of Watch was scheduled for the same day as the Winter Council Virtual Meeting. We had a wonderful time in the afternoon at Quarry Hill Orchard and Winery in Berlin Heights. Good fellowship augmented with good wine and food.

We also have a group of students in our Boat Handling Course that started February 8th who are planning to also take the Piloting Course upon its conclusion.

Plans have been made for our annual joint rendezvous with Port Clinton Power Squadron for the July 4th weekend at the Huron Boat Basin. We are still in the planning stages for additional boating activities for this summer.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Conference!

TOLEDO SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Rickie Waugh, P

Commander Rickie L Waugh, P reporting on behalf of Toledo Sail and Power Squadron, America's Boating Club of Western Lake Erie. We are having a great start to the new year and looking forward to an exciting and safe boating season. The Toledo Squadron hosted our Founders Day Celebration Tuesday, February 1 at Jolly Rogers Sailing Club; 38 members attended the meeting as Lt/C Michael Schabeck, AP took us through a journey over the past 50 years of Toledo Sail and Power Squadron. The Squadron also celebrated Lt/C Michael Schabeck's 52-year membership with USPS. We congratulate and thank Lt/C Mike for all his hours and work over the years; he has an impressive record of teaching boat safety.

Boat Handling class and ABC courses are scheduling now and filling up fast! Our March 5 class at Riverview Yacht Club has 31 students registered so far. April 6th begins the 6-week Boat Handling course led by SEO P/D/Lt/C Christopher Hoover, AP followed by another ABC course at Perrysburg Twp. Fire Department starting May 7th. Coming soon we will host a "First Mates" class geared toward the role of the first mate and communications with the captain.

One of the goals for the watch year is to increase membership and membership involvement. We recently welcomed 6 new members and our membership committee continues to interview and present new members. The 2022 Officers of the Bridge are committed to the "Membership is Job One" motto; we encourage our members to Get Involved, Be Invested and Join the Fun.

Toledo Squadron invites all D29 members to get on board with us for our 2022 Rendezvous kicking off May 20 with the Annual Shake-Down Cruise to Put-In-Bay; June 17 to Vermillion; June 24-26 trailer boats will cruise the Kentucky River from Carrollton, Ky to Frankfort; July 1, we partner up with the Sandusky and Port Clinton Squadrons for the Annual Fourth of July Cruise to Huron Boat Basin; September 9th Historical Weekend at Put-In-Bay closes our Rendezvous schedule. The Commander's Rendezvous is currently in planning, more information to come.

As Commander of Toledo Sail & Squadron I am excited about and look forward to the coming months of boating fun and promoting and teaching boating safety. We have a lot of work to do, and I am up for the challenge. Thank you for trusting and working with me during my watch...

D29 FALL CONFERENCE 2021 MEETING MINUTES

The District 29 Fall Conference 2021 was called to order by D/C Tom Patterson, JN at 0901 on October 9, 2021. District Executive Officer D/Lt/C Leonard Buck, JN-IN led the Pledge of Allegiance. Cindy Patterson, S offered the invocation.

District Secretary D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P took the roll. All Bridge Officers were present with the exception of Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Sandra Pick, AP.

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

Past District Commanders Present – P/D/C Charlie David, AP
P/D/C Jack Runner, AP
P/R/C Robert Rayburn, SN-IN
P/D/C Richard Manter, AP
P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN
P/D/C Doris Critzer, SN
P/D/C Larry Cole, SN-IN
P/D/C Bob DuBray, AP
P/D/C Dan Mullane, SN
P/D/C Pam Coykendale, AP
P/D/C Felicia Evans, AP
P/D/C Jason Snook, SN-IN

A quorum was present. The minutes of the Spring 2021 District Conference were included in the Fall 2021 *Pier 29* newsletter. P/D/C Felicia Evans, AP moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Second by Cdr Sherri Haring, P. Passed.

BRIDGE REPORTS –

Commander Tom Patterson, JN –

- Thank you to P/D/C Felicia Evans, AP and P/D/C Larry Cole, SN-IN for all the work they did putting together the 5-district PENTA Conference.
- Thanks to all of you for attending today's D29 meeting.
- The 2022 Spring Conference will be a one-day event which will include educational items, a business meeting, and the District Change of Watch.
- Over the next couple of months, I plan to attend squadrons' holiday parties and Changes of Watch.

Executive Officer D/Lt/C Leonard Buck, JN-IN –

- I attended the USPS Governing Board Meeting in Raleigh, NC in September.
- National is considering revamping the district structure by changing it to five regions. Our area would likely be in the Central Region.
- No firm date had been set for when this change will occur as further study is needed. It will likely be one to two years down the road.
- Present thoughts are that such a change will help with travel concerns while allowing more focus on assisting local squadrons rather than managing 30 districts.

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

- Thank you to all members of District 29 who assisted with the PENTA Conference.
- Squadrons are starting classes and rendezvous again. I encourage you to advertise what your squadron is offering and invite members from other squadrons to join you.
- Port Clinton has submitted a nominee for the Chapman Award.

Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Sandra Pick, AP – No report

Secretary D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P –

- Articles for the Winter 2022 *Dock 29* will be due on December 28, 2021.

Treasurer D/Lt/C Dennis Keyfauber, SN –

- The district has received \$3,163.40 in income and paid out \$1,152.48 in expenses for a net income of \$2,010.92 since my last report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

GENERAL COMMITTEES –

- **Nominating** – P/D/C Pam Coykendale, AP reported that the committee members are preparing the slate of officers for the 2022-2023 Bridge
- **Rules** – No report
- **Audit** – No report

STANDING COMMITTEES –

- **USPS Educational Fund** – All squadrons have paid into the USPS Educational Fund for 2021.
- **Conference** – Potential locations for the 2022 Spring Conference / Change of Watch were discussed. The one-day event will include educational breakout sessions, lunch, and the 2022 Change of Watch. A suggestion was made that the conference be held in April after Easter.
- **Budget** – No report
- **Planning** – No report

SQUADRON COMMANDER REPORTS –

Columbus – Commander Sherri Haring, P –

- A dinner event with a speaker is planned for October 14th.
- Our summer rendezvous were well-attended and very enjoyable.
- We have a one-day ABC class coming up on November 9th.

Findlay – Commander Jeffrey Roth, P –

- Our monthly meetings have been very active.
- Twenty-two students participated in our ABC class.
- A holiday party is being planned.

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

- ABC classes are being planned.
- We do not have any new members to report currently.

Port Clinton – Commander Dennis Timple, AP –

- An ABC class with 48 students was conducted.
- Our squadron has gained two new members.

Sandusky – Commander Jack Runner, AP –

- Please refer to report in Fall 2021 *Dock 29*.

Toledo – Commander Keith Rooks, P –

- Four rendezvous were held this summer.
- We have returned to in-person meetings and classes.
- An ABC class is planned for October.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

- The February 13, 2022 Winter Council meeting will be held via Zoom.
- It was suggested that when a squadron is planning a meeting with a special speaker, they share the information with the newsletter editors so other members who may wish to attend can do so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- Columbus Commander Sherri Haring, P invited everyone to a Thanksgiving dinner event on November 4th.
- Port Clinton Commander Dennis Timple, AP invited everyone to a special Thanksgiving event at the 1812 restaurant.
- P/R/C Bob Rayburn, SN-IN gave a brief overview of the educational offerings that would be occurring this morning and afternoon as part of the PENTA Conference.
- P/D/C Felicia Evans, AP announced that author Bob Adamov will be the lunch speaker.

Adjournment at 0945.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Rayburn

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

The registration form for the conference can be found on the following page.



**USPS D/29
SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**



**April 3, 2022
Ohio Northern University
525 South Main Street
Ada, OH 45810**

Anyone attending this Conference and partaking in lunch must register using this form. **Delegates must use this form to register.** Your squadron will send your fees directly to the D/Treasurer.

Is this your 1st District Conference? Yes ____.

Lunch Menu: **Buffet Lunch**

Coffee, Tea and assorted muffins and danishes will be provided during Registration

Special dietary needs? Please specify _____

Adult Cost: \$ 37.00

Please print & fill in the information below and mail to the address indicated.

Rank	Name	Grade	Lunch Buffet	Delegate? Circle one yes no
_____	_____	_____	_____	yes no
_____	_____	_____	_____	yes no
Guest	_____	_____	_____	
Guest	_____	_____	_____	

Total enclosed \$ _____

Please send this completed Registration Form and Check – Payable to **USPS District 29**.
Mail to: **D/Lt/C Dennis Keyfauver, SN, 1932 Pleasant Ridge Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46819**

DEADLINE: REGISTRATION AND CHECK *MUST* BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 25 MARCH 2022.

REGISTRATION CHECK-IN: 9:00 AM, 2ND FLOOR BALLROOM

BREAKOUT ROOMS: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

BUFFET LUNCH: 12:00 PM WITH MEETING AND CHANGE OF WATCH TO FOLLOW

DRESS CODE:

Bridge Only - Uniform F (Dark Pants, White Long Sleeve Shirt, Black Tie).

All others - Appropriate America's Boating Club or USPS Attire.