



Akron



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Cleveland



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Mansfield



Mid-Ohio Valley



North Coast Ohio



Pittsburgh



Stark County



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Wilson's on the Water

In 2016, Akron Sail and Power Squadron members Bobby and Wendy Wilson, along with daughters Nina (then age 20), Anna May (8), Ella (6), and Mia (5) embarked on the adventure of cruising the Great Loop aboard La Cigale, a 32 foot 1986 Bayliner.



Warrior Nina, ready to fend the boat off lock walls

In 2001 Bobby and Wendy followed the journey of Bill and Ruth Bartilson—also members of ASPS—as they traveled the Great Loop on La Cigale. A dream was born. However in 2011, Mia was born with a severe and critical complex congenital heart defect. She was given only a 10% chance of surviving. The family prepared to only have her for 20 minutes after birth. But she pulled through and the family lived in a Ronald MacDonald house for 11 1/2 months until she was well enough to be discharged. All of her medical issues were such that the family decided that there may not be a tomorrow, so began to plan with the cardiologist on the best timing to leave the dock. In 2015 Bobby began to take boating classes and completed Piloting in early 2016—just in time to purchase La Cigale early that year. The first 2 times they took the boat out briefly where they learned a bit about the boat and how it handled on the water. The third time was 08/15/2016 when they cast off on the Great Loop! WOW! As Wendy said, they looked at it as going for a cruise that day. The next day they woke up and did another cruise. And so on until 99 days later they crossed their wake.



Anna May liked the coffee drink



Wendy and Bobby

There sure were some logistical challenges. They had to know where to find medical resources. Pharmacies and the like had to be researched so that they could schedule delivery and pickup of additional medications along the way. They turned the shower compartment into a closet full of essential medical equipment for Mia. The children's schooling had to continue. And, oh what an education they had while having great fun in the meantime! Of course life happened during their travels. Moments of wonder as dolphins jumped in the boat wake. And times of tragedy when Wendy's brother passed away.

The boating bug has bitten them all such that they're doing the Great Loop again in 2018. It's a little different in that Nina is [\(continued on page 7\)](#)

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**District Commander
James Holcepl, SN**

As I write this article it is still summer and the boating season still has some days before the shorter days of late fall and, of course, winter set in. I hope you have been enjoying being on the water, cruising, fishing or just messing around on your boat as much as Julie and I have. Nothing beats being out on a lake be it Lake Erie or on many of the inland lakes of Ohio.

The District has been busy with each squadron completing vessel safety checks and, having taught successful spring and early summer boating classes, now gearing up for the Fall offerings. We had a nice D7 cruise to Cleveland with 49 in attendance. The weekend weather was wonderful. Unfortunately, we did not get as many boats to come as expected. However, by all accounts, those who did come by boat were happy with the facilities and the helpful and polite staff of Rock and Dock. The Goodtime III cruise was well attended and we enjoyed dinner, music, and the sights of Cleveland at night.



Photo courtesy of D7 photographer, D/Lt Gilbert Lorenzo, AP

In early August Sam Insalaco, SN and I were invited, as Cuyahoga River stakeholders, to participate in a Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment workshop. Myself, along with a member of Old River Yacht club, represented the recreational boating concerns. This 2 day workshop (PAWSA) was led by USCG personnel who are based at USCG HQ, Washington DC. "PAWSA is a disciplined approach designed to identify major waterway

safety hazards, estimate risk levels, evaluate potential mitigation measures, and set the stage for the implementation of selected risk interventions strategies. The process involves convening a select group of waterway users and stakeholders and conducting a structured workshop to meet these objectives. The process requires the participation of professional waterway users with local expertise in navigation, waterway conditions, and port safety. In addition, stakeholders are included in the process to ensure that important environmental, public safety and economic consequences are given appropriate attention at risk intervention strategies are identified and evaluated.”

That is a mouthful, but does describe what took place. The stakeholders (about 30 of us) representing commercial and recreational interests focused on how to make the Cuyahoga River safe for all users. We focused on the first segment of the river and the old river channel as being primary areas of concern, with the remainder of the federal navigational channel/river to a lesser extent. There was much discussion about the Norfolk and Southern bridge #1 and the railroad had two representatives at the meeting to hear from the stakeholders. While the official report will come out in about six months, my take away from this is that more needs to be done to educate the users of the river how to be safe boaters and a bigger presence of law enforcement is needed. By boaters, I mean power and sail, PWCs, SUPs (Stand Up Paddleboard) and other paddle craft. It was quite glaring to us that the SUPs, PWCs and Kayaks were a big safety issue. This is especially true due to the location and access to rental outlets on or near the river where these users get very little training prior to taking these craft out on this very busy waterway. I hope that District 7 squadrons will continue, and in all ways possible, increase their outreach to educate all boaters, but especially those of hand powered vessels.

Speaking of education and training, I need to mention the great job that our District's DEO Jim Mason, SN has been doing to get the JUMP START program moving. This has led to new members for some of the squadrons by showing the “student” what a great organization we are, where we share our passion and knowledge of boating and become good friends in the process. If your squadron has not been active in this program, please consider doing so. Jim is more than willing to help you get the program in place in your squadron. Contact Jim at jma-son1626@cox.net for details.

Julie and I attended the Governing Board meeting in Minneapolis, MN. It was an interesting trip and the sessions that I attended were very informative. America's Boating Club has a lot of positive momentum as more and more squadrons adopt and promote the “club” aspect. Please refer to the Marketing Manual that National has on the website so that your squadron can take full advantage of this momentum while using the new marketing name correctly in your publications and with your squadron's name. The National Education department, led by our very own, V/C Craig Fraser SN, has really been busy revising and creating educational programs to meet the needs of current and future boaters. The new Boat Handling course looks really good and the pilot class will be available this fall. This course replaces the Seamanship course. I think it is better aligned to the needs of our students, especially after taking the ABC class. There are also two new online courses to be offered as well: RADAR and PROPANE SYSTEMS. Check these out!

In order for each squadron and the district to function we need volunteers to step up to make it all happen. If you are new to the organization, we need you! If you've been around for a while, we need you! If you are a life member, we need you! Please help us continue our mission of educational outreach to the general public, self-growth by taking our great boating courses, and gaining new friendships along the way. When your squadron or the district's nominating committee contacts you to help, please, please, say YES!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Fall Conference. It will be fun!

I am proud to be a member of “America's Boating Club®” .

BOATING FUN IN PA

Three Rivers Boat Show

1-3 February 2019

Pittsburgh, PA



**Executive Officer
Barbara Spraggins, SN**

Greetings from your Executive Department

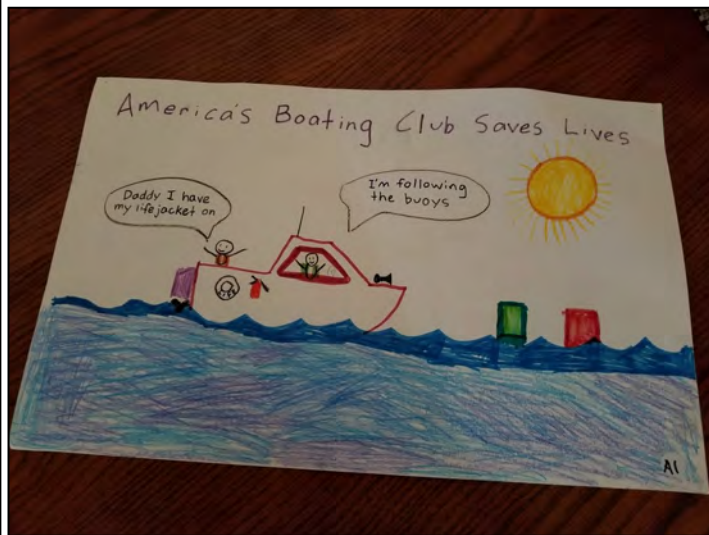
The Vessel Safety Examiners of D/7 have been very busy this past year. This is the most recent list of Squadron exams reported to National as of mid August:

Akron	293 Exams	225 passed
Berea	114 Exams	100 passed
Cleveland	13 Exams	13 passed
Mansfield	6 Exams	6 passed
NCO	175 Exams	135 passed
Pittsburgh	71 Exams	68 passed
Stark County	206 Exams	205 passed
Vermilion	134 Exams	128 passed
Total for D7	1012 Exams	880 passed

Congratulations and a big Thank You to all the VSC's.

P/R/C Sam Insalaco, SN reported that the Lake Erie Marine Trade Association (LEMETA) is interested in a broader relationship with USPS to provide class opportunities for dealers and boat shows to compete with the 4-hour internet webinars.

The [Mid-America Boat Show](#) is scheduled for January 17-21, 2019 at the IX Center. Our Boat Show- Chairmen P/R/C Dave Rickard, AP and Cdr Elliott Manke, JN will be sending out more information and schedule information closer to the Boat Show time. Boat Show- East Chairman, P/D/C Jane Brandenstein, SN, reports the dates for the [3 Rivers Boat Show at the David Lawrence Convention Center](#) in Pittsburgh are 1-3 Feb. 2019. The 2019 Boat Show in Monroeville PA dates are January 11-13, 2019 and January 18-20, 2019.



Berea Sail & Power Squadron presented two "Boating/Water Safety Classes for Kids". I am happy to announce that one of the posters done at the class won First Prize in the National Competition for the 6-8 years old division (see picture bottom left). Finn Monnett, the grandson of member Gary Adkins and his wife, Theresa., was the winner!



Photos above courtesy of D/Lt/C Barb Spraggins, SN



D/C Jim Holcepl, SN (2nd from right) accepting the award for Finn. Photo courtesy of National Photographer, Steve Erickson, JN

Looking forward to seeing you at the D/7 Fall conference.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**United States Power Squadron's
Annual Meeting**

**17-23 February 2019
Orlando FL**

Call to the Conference Meeting

Uniform: USPS polo shirt, blazer, or appropriate attire

Date: 3 November 2018
D7 Fall Conference Meeting 1400-1530

District Commander, Jim Holcepl, SN, encourages all members of the Conference to be present at this meeting. In accordance with the By-Laws of District 7, the members are the D7 Council (defined as the D7 Bridge, General Committee Chairs, immediate P/D/C and each squadron Commander) and Squadron Educational Officers, the Past District Commanders of this District, and the delegates appointed by each squadron commander.

D7 Committee Reports for the seat packet are due 15 September to the District Secretary and appropriate Bridge Officer. Please discuss any new business with the District Commander before the meeting in order to expedite business. Any motion should be submitted in writing. Motion forms will be available at the meeting or from the Secretary prior to the meeting.



Educational Officer
James Mason, SN

New “Boat Handling Course” to Debut Sept 10th in a Pilot Program.

It will eventually replace the “Seamanship 2016” Course. I encourage all SEO’s to contact National and be part of this Pilot Program. The students will get the same credit as if they took Seamanship. National would like to hear the feedback from the instructors.

Boat Handling will debut as a single course, comprised of six two-hour sessions:

- Rules of the Road – A Practical Approach
- Confidence in Docking and Undocking – Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- Boating with Confidence – Handling Your Boat Underway
- Anchoring with Assurance – Don’t Get Carried Away
- Emergencies on Board – Preparation for Handling Common Problems
- Knots and Line Handling – The Knots You Need to Know

Jump Start Program Notes.

As the District Chairman of the Jump Start Program, I have tried very hard over the past several months to encourage squadrons to participate in this program. Through the grapevine I did hear that a couple squadrons managed to complete one or two classes, but officially, I have not got-

ten any feedback. As the NCO Jump Start Program Chair, I just wanted to say that our program was an overwhelming success. As of this article’s submission, NCO had 27 requests and completed 18 of them. Our program got so busy, I had to recruit instructors from Cleveland, Mansfield and Vermilion to keep up. All of the boaters who participated only had very high praise and the instructors who agreed to perform a class, immediately came back and wanted to do more of them. These classes are a lot of fun and it does seem that we can make a difference with the boaters. I have sent one enthusiastic couple from one class to Akron for membership. In the end, NCO will probably get 3 couples to join. We will discuss this program again in greater depth at the Spring Conference. I just encourage all squadrons to give the Jump Start Program a try.

New, On-Line ED80 Forms.

As the D7 Conference gets closer, it will be time to start thinking about filling out the ED80 for your Educational Department for next year’s bridge. Note that this year, all ED80 forms will be completed online. I will have a copy of this procedure for you at the SEO Meeting, Saturday morning of Fall Conference.

Final Notes:

We will have a Chapman Award candidate this year. All of the Chapman Award Documentation is being reviewed now and will be sent off to National by Aug. 15th for their review.

The List of Certified Instructors who have been approved to teach ABC Courses will be available at the Saturday Morning SEO Meeting during Fall Conference.

Hope to see all of the D7 SEO’s at the Saturday morning SEO meeting. I have a lot of information to pass on. I look forward to seeing everyone.

CHECK IT OUT

[Cleveland Boat Show](#)

17-21 January

Cleveland IX Center

“Would You Want to Join this Club?”

Groucho Marx was quoted saying, “I wouldn’t want to belong to any club that would accept me as a member.” Let’s ask a different question, from the point of view of a typical boater – “Why would I want to join ‘America’s Boating Club’©?”

For years, USPS has said that 90% of our members join for education. I use that statistic with our ABC students – whether it is accurate or not. However, once a member has taken all the classes he/she wants (not all of us want to be an SN), why should they remain a member?

On a National level, USPS offers benefits to its members, including discounts on boat insurance, Office Depot, and Budget Rent-a-Car. But I’m not sure many members join or renew to take advantage of those.

A better reason to join “America’s Boating Club” ©, is for the squadron activities that are available from a local squadron. This includes dinner meetings, interesting speakers, social activities, boating activities, and of course, Education, including seminars.

Now is the time to plan your 2019 calendar. What classes are you going to offer? Where do you want to have a cruise or rendezvous? Can you get a speaker about Customs and Immigration (travelling to Canada by boat), kayaking, or a trip to the North Channel?

In Akron, we take last year’s schedule, update the dates of our meetings to 2019, update the list of classes we plan to offer, look for speakers and programs, and start planning rendezvous dates. This schedule goes through 5-10 updates, so it doesn’t have to be the “final version” right away. In fact, we often update the programs, rendezvous locations, and other events as we go through the year.

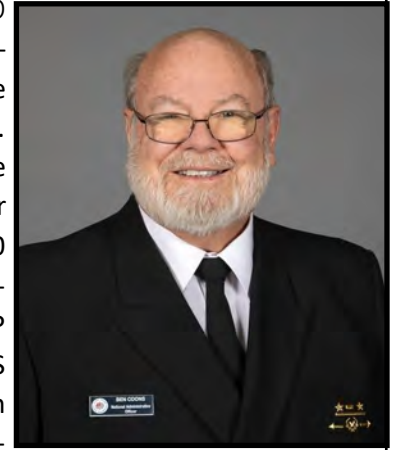
If you’re a smaller squadron, and don’t have the resources to hold many rendezvous, consider joint meetings or boating activities with other squadrons. While it may be hard to attend a class in a neighboring squadron, a lot of us boat in the western basin, so it’s fairly easy to join another squadron’s rendezvous.

The secret to a strong membership, is to give your members a reason to join (and renew) this club!

Respectfully submitted,
P/D/C Brian Logan, SN
America’s Boating Club ©

Meet V/C Ben Coons, JN-CN at Fall Conference

America’s Boating Club© V/C Coons became our National Administrative Officer in February 2018. Ben and his wife Marie make their home in Prior Lake Minnesota (30 minutes south of Minneapolis). P/D/C Marie Coons, P is also very active in USPS having served as both squadron and district commander. Ben and Marie purchased their first boat in 1993 and joined USPS shortly after that. With his aviation background, Ben expected to take some sort of written exam and associated “check ride” before taking delivery of their 34-foot, twin screw 700 hp, five-ton boat. They were relieved to find the St. Paul Sail and Power Squadron and its boating courses and have been “true believers” ever since. Ben and Marie currently are boating on Lake Michigan, where they put their USPS training to good use cruising the “Inland Seas.” Prior to that, they spent 22 years exploring the Mississippi River out of Red Wing Minnesota. Their current boat is a 42-foot Ocean Alexander named Oh! My Marie.



Ben has served District 10 as Administrative Officer, Executive Officer and District Commander. At the National level, he has served on the Squadron Development Committee, the Committee on Nominations and the National Meetings Committee. Most recently Ben chaired the National Finance Committee. He served in the US Navy as an aircrewman on an antisubmarine aircraft, and was involved in 85 carrier missions. He has held a commercial pilot license for 50 years with multi-engine and instrument endorsements; he also holds flight and ground instructor certificates. Ben’s professional life has been in the radio communications arena, working for Motorola, and starting his own family owned business in 1988. Ben helped establish Hiawatha Valley Sail and Power Squadron as one of the first Provisional Squadrons chartered in 2000. At his Squadron, he currently serves as Education Officer and previously served as Commander. He was also the first Commander and a charter member of Chippewa Valley Sail and Power Squadron in Eau Claire, WI (squadron is retired). Ben and Marie have attended more than 40 National Meetings and have 27 consecutive Merit Marks.



**Administrative Officer
Lynda Leque, SN**

North Coast Harbor Marina (aka Rock & Dock) in downtown Cleveland was the site for the 2018 D7 Rendezvous. We had 40 members and 9 boats in attendance for this “out-of-the-ordinary” fun Rendezvous! Beautiful weather, the sights of downtown, a wonderful dinner cruise on the Goodtime III, and a Sunday breakfast brunch at Lakeside Marina were highlights of the weekend. Thanks go out to Rendezvous Chair D/Lt/C Jim Mason, SN, and his committee for their combined efforts and time spent on organizing this event!

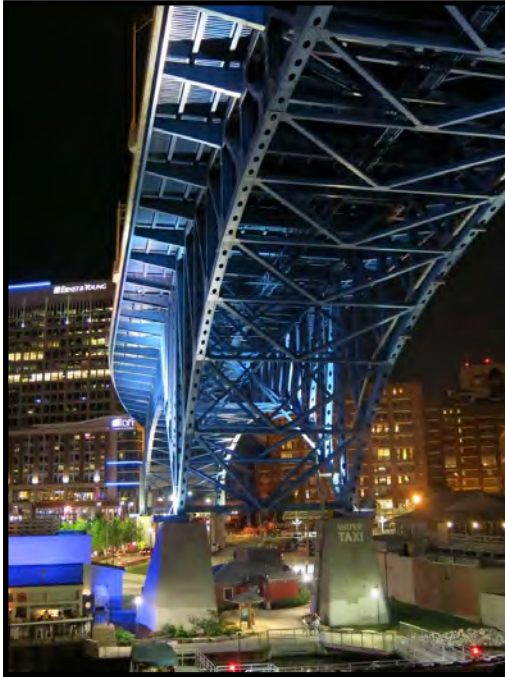


Photo courtesy of D7 photographer, D/Lt Gilbert Lorenzo, AP

Make plans NOW to attend the 2018 Fall Conference “WINTER WONDERLAND” 2-4 November at the Holiday Inn in Independence. Our Co-Chairs and their committees are planning a wonderful “HOLIDAY” themed weekend, outstanding entertainment, great food, and interesting meetings and seminars. There are 4 Hospitality rooms for \$100 per night, so reserve them now. You can also go to the [D7 website](#) to download the file to register. Once you type in your certificate number, it prefills some information and does the math for you. It’s easy!

Congratulations to Akron Sail & Power Squadron for receiving National recognition at the recent Governing Board Meeting held in Minneapolis. They were among 6 squadrons nationwide that were honored for participation in the “2018 Summer of Membership Recruitment Contest”. Thanks to P/D/C Brian Logan, SN, for creating a winning power point presentation, highlighting ASPs’ many summer activities!

REMEMBER.....

The Member Benefits link should be explored often, because benefits change from time to time and provide great monetary value to all members. Members that utilize these benefits typically save more than the annual cost of membership.

The Membership web pages are designed to help every member navigate through the member experience. The pages also assist Squadron and District Membership and Member Involvement Chairs to provide that assistance. The links and tools are intended to make your USPS membership a vibrant and rewarding self-service experience. Let’s see all squadron Administrative Officers bright and early, 8 am Saturday morning of the Fall Conference, for updates and sharing!

Wilsonson on the Water

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Ella lost a tooth!

home house watching while the rest of the family travels.

This year’s challenges include returning to Ohio every 3 months to check on Wendy’s malignant melanoma. Then in July Mia had a hard fall and broke her arm while in Canada. In late August Wendy’s dad became critically ill. Thankfully, all are doing better now.

Despite all that, their faith, sense of humor, and joy of life comes through vibrantly in their posts. So, go ahead, click on the link (or if you’re receiving a paper copy of this, go to

www.facebook.com/WilsonsonOnTheWater)

and enjoy living through the moments with the wonderful Wilsonsons.



Mia’s back in the swing again despite a broken arm



**Secretary
Janice Vitucci-Ehrman, P**

Hello, everyone,

This is my first article so I figure I should introduce myself. My husband, Jim, and I joined Akron Power Squadron, as it was called then, in early 2005. I served as Secretary for several years beginning in 2007. I have completed Akron's annual roster since 2009, and edited Akron's monthly newsletter from April 2012 - May 2017. As Assistant District Secretary the past 3 years, I submitted Merit Mark information for D7. And now, I also get to be the editor of your D7 News. You can see by my previous jobs that I have a lot of experience pushing paper. Mechanical and spatial expertise matters are best left for my husband.

This is the first issue of the D7 News that will be delivered electronically. Members for whom we have no valid email address will still receive this issue as a hard copy. Some of you will receive both the electronic version (e-version) as well as the paper version since, in order to reap the benefit of the very inexpensive bulk mail non-profit postal rate, we will be mailing out a minimum 200 hard copies. As editor, I'd like to point out some new features that you can use in this new e-version of your D7 News.

- On page 2 in the Bridge Officers section and anywhere else, you may notice that email addresses are in a different color. That is because they're a hyperlink, which means if you click on the email address, it will open an email that you can send to the person.
- In the same manner, you will notice web addresses, or sometimes just the words in a feature, are in a different color. Examples of this are within [Barb's article on page 4](#). These, too, are hyperlinks which you may use to jump directly to that webpage or even another page within the issue.
- As much as possible, hyperlinks to each squadron's website are on the front cover page. Note they're in a different color. In addition, links to outside pages will be provided wherever possible so you don't have to try to find them yourself. Unfortunately this can't be done for any USPS® pages as you have to login to the USPS site to access certain USPS content.
- Best of all, those of you able to view the e-version see the entire issue in **COLOR!**

We expect that we may receive some rejects from Electronic Service Providers (ESPs) to our blast email to deliver this e-version. Some ESPs will not deliver the email with the D7 News to your inbox since it knows the email is going to hundreds of people. It may throw the email into

your spam folder. We may try to send this out in different ways in order to compensate for these issues. Please forgive me if you receive our e-version more than once. I appreciate your patience with this learning curve.

More importantly....if you have not been able to receive this e-version and would like to do so in the future, please update your email address with us. You can do so by logging into usps.org, then click on Manage Profile on the right hand side. While there, you could check all of your pertinent personal contact information to ensure it's correct. Please also inform your squadron Secretary of any changes. Or, you could just email me at jandjehрман@neo.rr.com with your relevant updates and I'll take care of it. Thank you for taking the time to ensure your squadron and all of America's Boating Club® have the ability to contact you to keep you informed.



**Treasurer
Liana Mihalca, SN**

The District 7 account balance as of August 31st was \$25,240.92, an increase of \$1,860.74 since March 31st, the beginning of our fiscal year. Membership dues receipts as of August 31st are down \$540.00 or 13.2% from the same period last year. We have received \$760.00 from 26 Life member donations. We have received \$86.66 from the State of Ohio, which represents the purchase of 23 USPS plates. These funds will be distributed to the Ohio squadrons after the first of the year. Since the program started, 207 USPS plates have been purchased. The complete mid-year financial report will appear in the 2017 Fall Conference Seat Packet.

The Bridge of District Seven would like to send a huge **THANK YOU** to all Life Members who responded to our request for donations. You know the privilege of a life member is not to pay dues after earning 25 merit marks. As more and more members reach this milestone, it impacts on the working budget of the District.

This year we received contributions from 31 members totaling over \$700.00. The notes that accompanied the checks were heartwarming. One was from the son of a member who takes care of his father's finances stating how he remembered boating as a child and how important USPS was to his father.

Giving back is a wonderful thing.

[Thank you again to all who contributed.](#)
P/D/C's Bob, SN and Jane Brandenstein, SN

Donations to D7 from Life Members

Adams, Joan	Leque, Ken	Schulz, Patricia
Brandenstein, Bob and Jane	Logan, Brian	Smith, William
Cassidy, Donald	Long, Richard	Spraggins, Wayne and Barb
Engle, John	Manke, Elliot and Louise	Stark, Donald and Marjorie
Figley, Dennis	McFate, Thomas	Stein, Daniel and Janet
Foss, Ray	Packer, Mark	Stevens, W Chandler
Horvath, Robert and Virginia	Reining, Chris	Timmins, Robert
Kusnir, Richard and Jane	Rickard, Eileen and David	Treat, Theodore
Lendau Calvin	Rodriguez, Ricardo and Irene	

District 7 Presents Winter Wonderland

Fall Conference 2-4 November 2018

It is our pleasure to welcome our special guests, Chief's Rep V/C Ben Coons, JN-CN and his wife P/D/C Marie, P. Please give them a warm D/7 welcome throughout the weekend. V/C Coons will be presenting the Chief's message to us during Saturday luncheon.

Other Highlights of the Weekend include

While enjoying entertainer, Chad Hoffman, have your photo taken in Santa's Photo Booth (we'll have props for you to share but be sure to check your closet for your favorite holiday sweater).

**Ice Breaker is only \$20/person
Total per person package including Registration is only \$87.00!**

We will have another D/7 Raffle and ask that you donate a special gift of your choice.

Interesting speakers:

Seminar Speaker – Doug Kusak

Doug Kusak is a historical interpreter for the Cleveland Metroparks at the Canalway Center. Doug's presentation for the "Emerald Necklace" publication is about the "Great Lakes Exposition 1936-1937". The biggest party Cleveland has ever seen was held on a lakefront garbage dump! As a Historical Interpreter, he takes an irreverent look at how trashy things got above ground, and how great it was for the city of Cleveland history and gossip abound.

Seminar Speaker – P/D/C Brian Logan, SN

P/D/C Brian Logan, SN is a member of Akron Sail & Power Squadron. He's been a member for 30 years and has 26MM. Brian has served USPS in many positions including P/D/C of D/7. Brian and Coralee sail on a 30-foot catamaran sailboat named "Island Girl". Brian will present "How to improve the Commander Challenge Scores" and membership statistics for the 2020's.

Seminar Speaker – Stf/C Eileen Rickard, SN

Stf/C Eileen Rickard, SN is a member of Berea Sail & Power Squadron. Eileen has been a USPS member for 31 years and has earned 29MM. She has served USPS in many positions including P/D/C of D/7. She is the Assistant Chairman of the Educational Outreach Committee. Eileen and Dave sail on their 44ft Sail Boat. Eileen will present "The procedure for Ordering eBooks and Redeeming eBooks Keys".

Guest – V/C Ben Coons, JN

The National Administrative Officer will conduct a Round Table Discussion. The bio for V/C Ben Coons is on page 6.

Please join us one and all

Contact Liz Glassell at lglassell@yahoo.com for Hospitality Room Information & Reservation.

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Glassell at lglassell@yahoo.com or Wayne Spraggins at wgsboat@cox.net

District 7 Presents Winter Wonderland

2 – 4 NOVEMBER 2018

THE HOLIDAY INN CLEVELAND SOUTH INDEPENDENCE, OH

Your D/7 Conference Committee is pleased to invite you to attend our first Conference the weekend of 2 November – 4 November 2018 at The Holiday Inn Cleveland South which will be totally renovated just in time for our visit. Sleeping Rooms, Meeting Rooms and Ballrooms will all have a brand new look all at the same low prices: Sleeping Rooms – \$95 plus tax & Four Hospitality Rooms available at \$100 per night.

Our Committee chose the theme *Seasons* and our first Conference will celebrate the beauty and fun of a *WINTER WONDERLAND*.

The *ICE BREAKER* reminds us of a Christmas Eve Open House with *FOOD STATIONS* serving everything from appetizers to entries to desserts all at a cost of \$20 per person and be sure to check out our Bar for holiday surprises. Enjoy conversations with D/7 friends and holiday guests and meet a new star on Cleveland's horizon, *CHAD HOFFMAN*, a solo-acoustic musician for singing & dancing.

Saturday brings officers meetings and presentations by guest speakers and D/7 members, lunch at The Impulse Bar and a *SPECTACULAR HOLIDAY DINNER AT A SPECTACULAR PRICE OF \$34.00* per person.

- TOTAL PER PERSON PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDING REGISTRATION FEE IS \$87.00.
- And yes, we will host another awesome D/7 RAFFLE & ASK THAT YOU DONATE A SPECIAL GIFT OF YOUR CHOICE.

Watch the D/7 Website soon after this meeting & your Squadron & D/7 Newsletters and Websites and your emails for Registration Forms and Conference Details.

Email me at lglassell@yahoo.com or Wayne Spraggins at wgsboat@cox.net if you have any questions.



Holiday Inn Cleveland South
6001 Rockside Rd
Independence, OH 44131
216-524-8050, ext 298



Registration for D7 Fall Conference, November 2 - 4, 2018

Important Dates:

Registration form and payment must be received by **October 27, 2018**.

Hotel reservation must be made by **October 21, 2018** to secure this rate.

Certificate Number	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Grade	Squadron

Address _____ City, State Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Is this your first conference? **Yes No**



Registration Fee	\$10	x	=
Required for each person attending one event or entire weekend			
Ice Breaker	\$20	x	=
Food Stations serving everything from appetizers to entries to desserts. Entertainment provided by Chad Hoffman, solo acoustic musician for singing and dancing.			
Lunch Selection			
EXECUTIVE CHOICE	\$23	x	=
Tossed salad, sliced turkey breast, ham, roast beef, salami, assorted cheeses, old fashioned potato salad, pasta salad, relishes, kettle chips, assorted breads & condiments, cookies & brownies, beverages			
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS	\$23	x	=
Please explain: _____			
Spectacular Holiday Dinner Selection			
ROASTED PORK LOIN	\$34	x	=
with apple, walnut & bread crumb stuffing, apple cider glaze, mixed green salad with strawberries & mandarin oranges, whipped potatoes, broccoli with lemon butter crumbs, Oreo cheesecake			
YANKEE POT ROAST	\$34	x	=
served over mashed potatoes, mixed green salad with strawberries & mandarin oranges, carrots, cabbage & celery, Oreo cheesecake			
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS	\$34	x	=
Please explain: _____			
Total Amount Due			\$ _____

Make your check payable to **District 7 - USPS** and mail with this form to:
 Tom Hancock, 426 Emerson Ave., North Canton, OH 44720-2308.

Questions and Hospitality room information contact Liz Glassell at 440-333-0768

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Holiday Inn at 216-524-8050, ext. 298.

Please identify yourself as a member of D7 USPS to receive the special rate.

Room rate: \$95/night + taxes.

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