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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

D/C Denise A. Terry, AP

Overcoming Fears

No one is fearless, well except most teenagers, and overcoming one's fears is not easy but it is definitely rewarding. Personally, I have many fears. One of them is heights and another is not feeling like I am in control of what I am doing. While in Florida at the Annual Meeting, I had some time to be able to explore the area and took a trip to St. Augustine. I love lighthouses so I wanted to see the St. Augustine lighthouse. I have been to a few others but never ventured to climb up to the top. I have been trying to make some changes the last few years and while I didn't know if I could really do it, I went inside and looked up at my goal. Anxiety started to set in but I pushed on and started up the steps slowly. There are 5 landings on the journey and I took full advantage of each and every one of them. I then pushed myself to keep going, and going, and going! I made it to the top and even walked around outside (while hanging on desperately)!! Now, heading down is a whole other story... hanging onto both railings and making sure both feet made it to the same step made for a slow descent. Luckily, people behind me were very patient until we got to the next landing where I would let them go on ahead. While I started to have some physical difficulties with about 3 turns left, I made it to the bottom. Yeah me!!!! This lighthouse has 219 steps and I did it.



This still won't get me to climb up tall ladders or ride roller coasters but at least I know that I can do some things that I have avoided in the past if I put my mind to it and have some encouragement from my friends.

My year as your District Commander is winding down with just 7 weeks left as of this writing. While I haven't met all of my goals that I set for myself, I think that I have accomplished some of what I wanted to do.

The 2015 Winter Council is coming upon us soon and if you haven't gotten your registration form in yet, please do so right away. I hope to make this meeting, as well as the Spring Conference in Stamford, informative and educational. We will have officer training during the council so if you are a new officer just coming on or someone dedicated to staying on in a squadron position, please plan on attending this meeting. Those of you who have attended Council meetings the last 2 years have seen the D/2 Bridge Officers wearing white polo shirts with the United States Power Squadrons logo. D/Lt/C Gino Bottino, AP, has asked that these same shirts be available for sale at the Spring Conference but in various colors. There will be some colors available to see at the Council meeting along with a couple different sizes. You will be able to pre-order shirts that will be at the Conference for pick up. Additional orders can be taken at the Conference as well that can be shipped to you later. Prices will be available at the Council.

See you on 14 March in Fishkill.

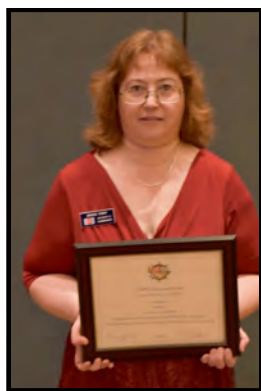
**Photos courtesy of P/D/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP
Taken at the National Meeting, January, 2015**



C/C Robert A. Baldrige,
SN, and
R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN



P/D/C Frederick E.
Mangelsdorf, SN



D/C Denise A.
Terry, AP



Ship's Store on display



Linda R.
Mangelsdorf, AP



Meal time at the D/2 Table

I would like to thank all of the contributors to the D/2 News for our being awarded the 2014 Distinctive Communicator Award from National. Please keep up submitting your articles and stories.—Editor

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This winter has been very hectic for me and the bridge. I have been to many Squadron Holiday parties, and a few general meetings with presenters. It is almost every weekend since the end of boating season that I am going somewhere for USPS. The last one was Darien's presentation by Captain Tighe who is the head of the Navy League for our district. He gave a very informative talk about what the Navy is doing, especially in new research initiatives. What was most interesting to me was their support of the Sea Cadets, that are stationed in Stamford, and who I would like to form a relationship with. Partnering with the Navy League would provide USPS many benefits as they are well connected to local government and the Coast Guard. I look forward to making this happen, not just for our squadron, but for us all to be involved

In the beginning of this year we were back down to Jacksonville for the National Annual Meeting. Time flies by quickly there is a lot going on and lots to do. My biggest complaint is always that I wish I had more time to see and be involved in many of the programs I missed. Being together with the members of District 2 provides friendship and a family like atmosphere. As EXO I spent an entire day with Stamford's incoming commander, going through all the important happenings at USPS. My separate report will be issued on the Annual Meeting.

During this winter season I took and completed (hopefully passed) Marine Communication Systems course. I had taken the old ME course in '87 when it was just one course but three modules. I started last year with the Marine Electrical Systems course, as it seemed obvious that a lot has changed in 25 years. Boy was I right about that. The information is so much that now it is 3 separate courses. I would hope that many of you understand this point, and consider up-dating your classes like I am. I am also taking JN that started 3 weeks ago and this weekend will start Weather. JN is offered in Stamford but Weather will be in Norwalk. Squadrons sharing responsibility for delivering courses works well. It may be to cold to be on my boat, but I am spending a lot of time enjoying boating and my fellow members through the USPS courses.

It's a good thing to review goals as it helps set the stage for future goals and what may be accomplished. At the beginning of this term as EXO, one main goal of mine is to spend more time visiting squadrons in the District and listening to what members have to say. Especially what they feel is needed for their squadron, or thoughts on the district, and if I can help. I think I have done that, and I am glad I did. My second goal was to be a good supporter of the Commander and help her accomplish her goals. Denise will tell you if I did that. What I learned from Denise is that there is way too much for the commander to do, if they want to spend any time not just doing USPS chores! Delegating is good!

I wanted to, and did, get to know all the committee heads under my department, and talked to them about how I could help them. Here is a wrap up of that:

Boat Show COM: It was getting too hard for the Norwalk Squadron to do this alone, just like it got too hard for NY Squadrons to do the NYC show and even Hartford in District 1 to do that show. We have essentially combined the force of all the surrounding Districts to help develop support of these shows. After all, attendance is from many District and Squadron areas. Although Fred Zinsser will remain Norwalk Boat Show Chair, we are now looking for someone to be the District Coordinator.

Co-Op Charting – D/Lt/C Frank E. Palmieri, JN. I am personally interested in this program and would like to see more activity in the District. I will work with Frank to make that happen. This is going back on the water to do civic duty, the program should be invigorated.

Legislative Officer. All I can do is thank P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP for all the many years of service and hard work he has put in to this for D 2 and USPS. Mel, you're the best!

Liaison Officer: P/C Anne Mahoney, P has written a report for us that is included at the end.

Thank you for this update and a great job!

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(Exec message continued from P. 3.)

This last year the Public Relations Officer was taken over by P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN, and if you have been anywhere near a computer you have been witness to the many reports and PR supplement guides that she has been sending out. Susan is on a one-man mission to get the word out about USPS! She will be giving us an update at the meeting.



At every meeting we hear a complete report from Safety Officer P/D/C Harrison R. Valante, SN. He has been doing a great job for many years; and many thanks for his service and dedication to USPS must be given. Currently National has asked that F.A.S.T. (First Aid Support team) be instituted for District Meetings which we implemented under him.

Vessel Safety Check Officer P/C Robert J. Terry, P has really stepped up to the plate and has great success in getting more participation in the District. We anticipate another good year under Robert's leadership. Starting this year is a new Visitation Program which we will help Robert get off the ground.

There is no department in District that P/R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN is not helping out in. Susan is in charge of New Squadron Development under the District Executive Officer domain, along with the other thousand things she gets done for us

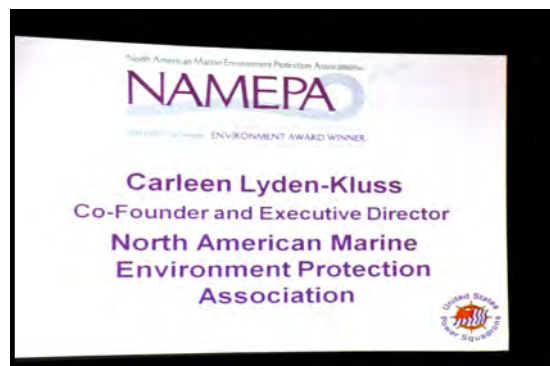
Chairman Radio Technical Com is still open but I expect to fill this position by the end of my tenure. Partnership with the HAMS can only help us grow and stay in touch better!

I have been spending a lot of time thinking about the USPS and what I can accomplish in the next year. For the last few years I have worked on the Bridge supporting the commander and doing the job of the department and committees that I was in charge of. The plan and the direction of travel were all laid out. Soon I will be in the driver's seat, you are expected to know where you are going. I am working on that and will continue to do so. The good news is that I have a lot of help, and a great team behind all of us on the Bridge!

More photos from the National Meeting



C/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN
Awarding Honorary
Membership
To
Carleen Lyden Kluss



Legislative Officer, P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP.



I wish to report on a few items of interest to the District at this time:

Of concern to power boaters and other boaters with gasoline engines, right now most gasoline fuel contains 10% of ethanol. There has been a movement by the government to increase the ethanol content to 15%. The problem is that the higher concentration ethanol damages engines. The last I read however, is that the 15% ethanol based fuel would not be available for use in marine engines. This matter

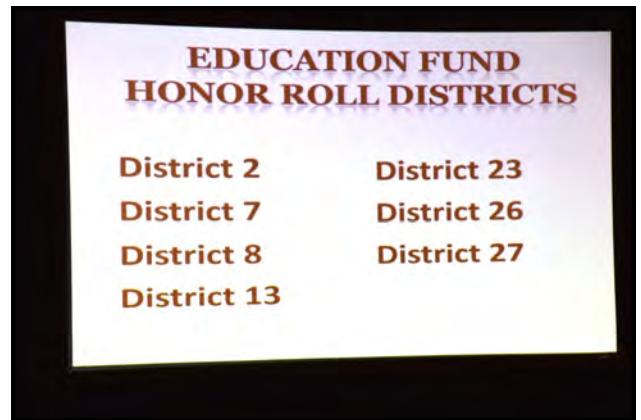
Make sure you read the article submitted by P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN, on Page 9., regarding proposed legislation being called Emily's Law, after the young woman who was killed while tubing.

Another item, for which I don't have details, I understand that there have been revisions made to the Federal Boating Laws, which may or may not affect recreational boaters.

Still more photos from the National Meeting



P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP, R/C Susan L. Darcy and P/D/C Frederick E. Mangelsdorf, SN



We did it again!



District 2 Bridge members
Attending one of the meetings.



C/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN
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National Bridge

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Solude's Buy 3, But Just Pay for 2 Special Offer extended through March 31st, for U.S.P.S. only!

Customers simply purchase any 3 gourmet, flavored or every-day coffees (8oz, 12oz or 5lb bags) and then enter the coupon code '3for2' when they check out to receive the least expensive item in their basket for free! Please note that this offer is for gourmet, flavored and every-day coffees. It is not available for single-serve or pillow packs.

Submitted by P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN.

Educational Officer: Stf/C Carl E. Filios, JN



The New Face of the United States Power Squadrons® Web Site

If you've logged in to www.usps.org since late January, you've discovered that we have a new home page. The National Secretary, Peter Mitchelson, approached the Information Technology Committee in Arlington, last September, about creating a new "public face" for our web site. The committee took on the task, making use of information that had already been prepared, to try to define what the pages should do and be. The plan was to create public pages that would serve a marketing function – in other words, sell courses and memberships. The home of page of the "old" site was a cluttered mess that was confusing for visitors and members. Additionally, some of the information is out of date and hasn't been updated in years.

Approximately four months later, in Jacksonville, the new public pages were unveiled. About a week later, they went live. We're in the process of resolving issues before we take the next step of getting the department and committee webmasters involved. They will be asked to turn all of their pages into something that has the look and feel of what's been developed – after eliminating obsolete and redundant information.

The new site requires that members log on in order to get to the pages that aren't meant to be visible to the public. Once you've logged on, you will see a new page that gives you access to the existing pages that haven't yet been updated. Pages will gradually be replaced. In case you have trouble with finding anything, we've temporarily left available the old home page. Hopefully, all the old information can be accessed without using that, but it will remain there for a while. For those of you that are used to the "Site Index", it's been augmented. The "How Do I..." page is also available from a tab at the top of the main member page. Each of the old department and committee pages are available from drop down menus under the Department tab, except that the Communications Committee pages have almost been completely converted to the new system. Information Technology pages will likely be the next to follow.

Please feel free to contact me with suggestions or problems.

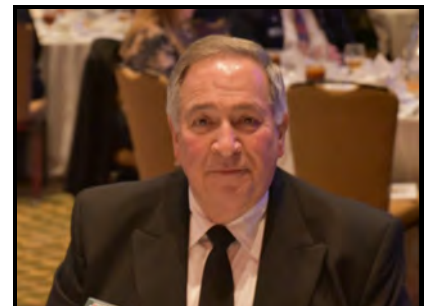
And still more photos from the National Meeting



Stf/C Carl E. Filios, JN
D/2 DEO



D/Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, AP
D/2 ADEO



D/Lt/C Vincent J. Evans, P
D/2 Administrative Officer

Administrative Officer: D/Lt/C Vincent J. Evans, P



The weekend of 13 December, I attended an Operations Training session hosted by D/Lt/C Gino Bottino, AP, at his home. My wife also participated as well as Gino and another member. Even though I wasn't scheduled to take the course again for another year, I felt that it would be good to refresh my memory now.

The following is a brief overview of my attendance at the USPS National Meeting held in Jacksonville, Florida in January. I registered to take the Leadership 101 course on Friday the 23rd. The session is recommended for new Admin officers. The normal fee of \$99.00 was reduced to \$49. Over 40 members enrolled for the class. I met many new people from all over the country. Our own R/C Susan Darcy, JN, is the Leadership Development Committee Chair.

The instructor was very knowledgeable as she has spent many years in the corporate environment. The class focuses on developing leadership skills to successfully aid in planning and execution of events. It was a good refresher for me. A concept that is taught is called RACI. It stands for responsibility, accountability, consult or communicate, and inform. Using this method as a leader will allow you to better manage a project, or situation. The class was split up into teams to take a fictional situation and develop possible solutions to problems that were stated.

The all day meeting on Saturday was used to conduct business at hand, and recognize members for their contributions and accomplishments to USPS. The National Bridge was reinstalled, as there were no changes this year. Some of the Bridge members will be replaced next year as their three year terms will be concluded. A marketing group will continue to develop the "branding concepts" that is deemed necessary to promote continued growth of USPS. Membership loss and growth are still major concerns, as the overall numbers continue to drop. At the time, there were 32,416 active members reported. There have been some enhancements to Member Benefits. Check the USPS website for details.

There will be quite a few COW's in the next two months. I will attempt to make as many of them as possible. The month of March will be very busy for me. My squadron's COW is on the 11th and the Winter Council is the 14th. I have been asked to preside at Sacandaga's COW on the 15th, and I will be an instructor at Storm King Squadron's ABC class on the 21st. The D/2 Change of Watch will be held at the Stamford Hilton on 19 April.

And still more photos from the National Meeting



D/Lt/C Gino C. Bottino, M.D., AP
D/2 Executive Officer



R/C George Hallenbeck, AP

The following was submitted by P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN.



R/C George R. Hallenbeck, AP

Four Greenwich high school students were enjoying a beautiful afternoon on the water last summer when tragedy struck. Emily Fedorko, 16, was on a tube with another friend off Greenwich Point last summer when she was struck by the propeller of the boat towing her. The girls fell off the tube and the driver of the boat reversed to pick them up, without turning off the ignition. Emily died and her friend had a bad leg injury. The driver and spotter were both 16 and all girls had their safe boating certificates.

Senator Scott Frantz and three other Greenwich legislators have introduced Bill 699 – Emily's Bill. The proposed bill establishes the minimum age of 16 for towing any person by vessel and requires the completion of a safe towing course prior to engaging in such towing by vessel.

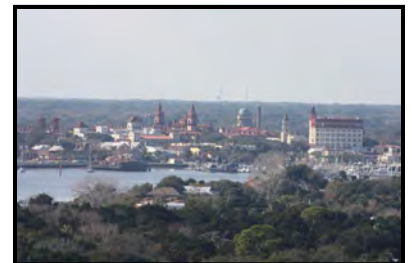
On 28 February, P/C Frank Kemp, JN, of Darien, P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN, of Greenwich and R/C George R. Hallenbeck, AP, of Stamford went to Hartford to testify in favor of Emily's Bill. Other members of Connecticut Squadrons sent in written testimony.

The Fedorko family were there, and gave us laminated labels to give our safe boating course students. These give safety tips on safe towing to the driver and the rider to affix onto power boat ignitions.

Giving poignant testimony to the Senate Environment Committee, Joe Fedorko said: "We need to learn from this so we can protect someone from the pain we feel every day. As a legislative body you have the ability to require better education and training in order to prevent another tragedy."

George is already working on adding content on towing to our ABC3 course and gave the draft to the Fedorko family to ensure they were in agreement. Thank you, Frank for spearheading this effort; and thank you George for your usual diligence.

Photos courtesy of D/C Denise A. Terry, AP, Views from the St. Augustine, FL, lighthouse.



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

D/2 Winter Council

Saturday, 14 March 2015

Held at the I84 Diner 853 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524-1561

PHONE – 845.896.6537



The cost for the day is \$25 - includes full Lunch and breaks. The room is located on the

left side of the I84 Diner, park on the left and use either the side entrance or the front.

General Directions:

- ☐ **From: South.** Take the NY State Thruway (Interstate 87) North to Exit 17 (Route 17K) – follow the directions from the West below.

or

Take the Taconic State Parkway to Interstate 84 W – follow the directions from the East below.

- ☐ **From: North.** Take the New York Thruway (Interstate 87) South. Take the Route 17K exit, Exit 17 toward Newburgh/Stewart Airport. Merge onto Interstate 84 East. Take Exit 12 (Route 52 – Fishkill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right and right again into the I84 Diner parking lot.
- ☐ **From: East.** Take Interstate 84 West. Take Exit 12 (Route 52 – Fishkill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 52 South. After the underpass, turn right into the I84 Diner parking lot.
- ☐ **From: West.** Take Interstate 84 East. Take Exit 12 (Route 52 – Fishkill). At the end of the ramp, turn right and right again into the I84 Diner parking lot.

Registration will begin at 0830

Reservations must be received by **4 March 2015** - Late Registration fee: **\$5.00**

Mail reservations and payment to: P/D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

7 Hutchinson Lane

Lenox, MA 01240-2217

Questions? Call (413) 637-2275 or susan@darcy-systems.com

CUT & MAIL

District 2 Winter Council Due Date 4 March 2015

First Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____

Second Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Squadron: _____

Email: _____ Confirmation of reservations will be sent via Email.

The “**Anchoring**” seminar will be presented by a member of Darien, at the conclusion of the Winter Council.

Member cost for the seminar is \$40 – non-member cost is \$70. Register thru HQ800 and pay at the door to receive credit and seminar materials. Don’t want credit for the seminar? Just sit behind the registered attendees.

For more information, please contact the DEO Carl Filios, JN at: cefilios@verizon.net

Seminar Registration: <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-5848>

LUNCH: \$25.00 PER PERSON

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: USPS DISTRICT 2 Amount Enclosed _____



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District 2 Spring Conference
Change of Watch

Hosted by Stamford Sail and Power Squadron



Friday April 17th - Sunday April 19th 2015

Hilton Stamford Hotel and Executive Meeting Center

One First Stamford Place, Stamford CT

Room Reservations are to be placed directly with the Hilton

Group rate: \$109 + tax per night if reserved prior to March 16th

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Hotel will increase cost for meal reservations received after March 16th

Reservations must be received by 16 March 2015 - Late Registration fee: \$5.00 - **CUT & MAIL**

Friday April 17th Dinner in the Hotel Wine Room.

Open menu. Separate Checks. Number attending Friday Dinner? _____

	No.	Total
Saturday April 18th Continental breakfast and lunch	\$45 x _____	= \$ _____
Saturday April 18th Dinner Dance	\$89 x _____	= \$ _____
Total Amount Due	\$ _____	

Wine compliments of Commander Gino Bottino

Black Angus Filet Mignon with ginger & Teriyaki glaze. _____

Wasabi Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Roasted Vegetables. _____

French Cut Chicken stuffed with wild Mushroom Duxelles and a Bercy Sauce _____

Chef's Choice Vegetables & Starch _____

King Salmon with Lemon Dijon Beurre-Blanc Sauce _____

Basmati Rice Pilaf & Asparagus _____

Vegetarian Lasagna _____

Do you have any special Dietary Requirements? _____

District 2 Spring Conference Due Date 16 March 2015

First Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____

Second Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Squadron: _____

Email: _____ Confirmation of reservations will be sent via Email

First Time Attending a District Meeting? Yes or No

Registration forms with checks to Stamford Sail & Power Squadron and Mail to:

Lt Ellen M. Blum, AP

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esbl@snet.net

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Yonkers, NY 10710-1102**

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Sail and Power Boating



D/2 Planning CALENDAR

2015

8 March, Daylight Savings Time Begins.
14 March, D/2 Winter Council.
17 March, St. Patrick's Day.
20 March, First Day of Spring
29 March, Palm Sunday.
3 April, Good Friday.
5 April, Easter Sunday.
4-11 April, Passover*
17-19 April, D/2 Spring Conference.
10 May, Mother's Day.
16 May, Armed Forces Day.
14 June, Flag Day.
18 June, Ramadan Begins.
21 June, Father's Day.
21 June, First day of Summer.
04 July, Independence Day.
18 July, End of Ramadan.
26 July, Parents' Day.

***Note: All Jewish holidays begin the evening before the date given.**

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