



The Crown



"Happy Holidays"

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN – photos by Wayne Garnsey & Gene (Marilyn) Martin

December 5th is known for a couple of very important events, such as in 1717, Blackbeard ransacked the merchant sloop "Margaret" and keeps her captain, Henry Bostock, prisoner for 8 hours before releasing him. Bostock would later provide the first recorded of Blackbeard's appearance, with specific reference to his "very black beard", providing the source for his name. Then in 1848, President Polk triggers Gold Rush of 1849 by confirming gold discovery in



California, which brought about one of the most watched TV income earners for the Discovery Channel, with Grandpa John, Young Parker, Todd, and of course, the gold dredging guy, Tony. Great fortune continued in 1932, when the German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa to enter America, and we know what greatness that brought our country.

Commander's Message

by Cdr Vince Evans, P

Our Christmas party was a great success. We met the anticipated number of attendees to fill the tables and to eat a good portion of the food that Cathy and her crew prepared. It was delicious and there was plenty enough left-overs for people to take some home.

I was thankful that our invited guests were able to make it. They included CYC Commodore Jeff Schaack and his wife Karen, Vice Commodore Ellen Coulon and her husband Craig, P/R/C Susan Darcy, JN and P/D/C Howard Sklar, AP and his wife Marcia. I would like to thank everyone who helped to put this party together and to make it the success that it was.

After dinner was completed and before desert was served, we began

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Upcoming Events

- * Wed, 06 Jan - SKPS Exec Meeting
- **Wed, 13 Jan - Annual Meeting**
- * Wed, 03 Feb - SKPS Exec Meeting
- **Wed, 10 Feb - General Meeting**
- * Wed, 02 Mar - SKPS Exec Meeting
- **Wed, 09 Mar - Change of Watch**



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In 1955, Rosa Parks became an American icon and hero with historic bus boycott that she began in Montgomery Alabama. In 1973, Paul McCartney and Wings released the record setting album, “Band on the Run.” Of course we all remember December 5th, 2008, when OJ Simpson was sentenced to 33 years in prison for kidnapping and armed robbery, perhaps “final justice” for Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.



Finally, the 5th of December 2015, Cathy and Pete put on a grand feast at the Cornwall Yacht Club for our Holiday Party – Storm King Members and wonderful Guests (see the Commander’s Message). It was a great evening, and personally, I thank all who came and added to the festivities, friendships, and great humor.

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2016 Nominating Committee Report

by P/C Tom O'Connor, P/C John Ledwith, Lt Bill Burbage

The Storm King S&PS Committee on Nominations, Lt Bill Burbage, P/C John Ledwith, and chaired by P/C Tom O’Connor, have had an especially tough assignment to produce a slate of candidates for the leadership of Storm King for another year. So many of our members have

2016 Upcoming District 2 Events

- Sat, 27 February - D2 Winter Council
I-84 Diner, 853 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524
(Intersection of Rte 84 and Rte 52)
- Fri, 01 April - D2 Spring Conference
Hosted by Storm King Sail & Power Squadron
Details to come shortly.



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the Chinese gift exchange. I explained the ground rules and was corrected on some of the finer points and rules. This is always a great time with good hearted, if not feisty exchanges by some of the participants. It was a great evening.

Paulette and I attended the holiday party that Westchester Sail and Power Squadron held this past Friday night. Again, there was plenty of food and refreshments for all. They had a gift exchange too. P/D/C Howard Sklar, AP was the Master of Ceremonies for the exchange and his assistant was Samantha. My ticket was the first called, so I had the first and last pick of the gifts for the evening.

Our meeting attendance usually drops off a bit during this time of year. Some of our members head for a warmer climate or the weather forces people to stay home to be safe and warm. We will be starting the new calendar year with some necessary business items to attend to. So if you are available, the squadron would appreciate your attendance. I am in the process of securing a speaker for the January meeting, our Annual Meeting, on the 13th. Keep up the good work everyone, and remember we are always willing to attract additional participants to our meetings. If you are interested, the District Council Meeting will be held on January 27th at the 84 Diner. Remember, three more months till spring.

retired or now have “empty nests” and have left our Squadron and moved mainly to the South, but some to the East and also to the West. For example, two of our most senior members (not meaning old), just meaning “really longterm members,” Ina and Martin Feldberg, have finally both retired and moved to Florida. For many years Ina and Martin have been supporting columns of Storm King and District 2. You are sorely missed, and there are others as well, who will be leaving in a short time.

Unfortunately, we have also had other wonderful and long term members pass away, like Tony Martin and Steve Linderman. Our Squadron – our friends – losses this past year have been very difficult for their immediate families and for their Storm King Family.

Of course, losing active, contributing members has made it difficult for the Nominating Committee, but others have “stepped up to the plate” or “taken the wheel” to help continue the Squadron and its Mission. Commander Vince Evans will be taking on two USPS Flags this Spring, as he becomes the new District 2 Commander and remains the SKPS Commander. Lots of work for Vince, demanding lots of patience and support from Paulette (“Thank you!”), and the real need for Storm King Members to add to their already generous support and give their time and efforts to Vince. Lets not forget, Captain Bob Trenz, who has done an amazing job since the loss of Nat Sobelman, keeping our education program the best. And, although there are many





more to thank for their constant, unflinching efforts, like Jeanette and Helene, and their spouses, Vingie Genco, the Squadron Secretary and Asst Treasurer keeps the Executive Committee lively and well-informed.

We have much to be thankful for in Storm King, and although there are a few “blanks” (vacancies) for this next year, our Squadron will move forward, some “veteran” and some of our “new” members will move forward and take up any slack. After all, we are a great T.E.A.M.

SKPS Candidates for 2016-2017

<http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/jn/main.htm#description>

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Winter - Spring Education

by Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP - SEO

The Navigation course students continue to make progress with their course work and anticipate completing their work soon.

The Weather course is completed. The exam was taken on November 12, 2015. The tests were sent to, and received at National

on November 20, 2015 and should be returned shortly. Again, I would like to thank Phil Cameron for a great job teaching this class. Also, a huge thank you to Wayne Garnsey for administering the test, and to Cornwall Yacht Club for the use of the clubhouse for our classes.

The re-certification of many our ABC instructors was completed at the November general meeting. 11 squadron members completed the class. Carl Filios the District



Education Officer has updated our instructor list with USPS.

The planning of our next ABC3 class is underway. We were targeting March 5, 2016 for this offering. In an effort to keep the cost of the class down the bridge has decided to request the use of CYC to present the class. We also agreed upon a price of \$45.00 for the one day 8 hour class. This price includes the book and all instructional materials. This keeps us a





little closer in line with the now offered State test (\$29.50) that people can take on line. We will be asking the students to bring their own lunches. We can provide coffee in the morning and soft drinks in the afternoon. I have asked John Ledwith to clear the date for us at CYC.

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