



Dixie District News

Fall 2008 Newsletter

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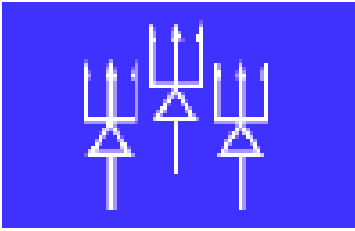
Friday Evening

Football Party

Wear your favorite football jersey and support your team. We will have a football themed party for our Friday evening's entertainment.

Show your support for your favorite college or pro football team.





Greetings from the grassy fields once known as Lake Lanier. Thanks to hurricane Faye, the lake level rose two feet in two days. However, we are still down over fifteen feet. It is great to see the many on the water activities taking place this summer all across the district. The great news is, by being blessed to live in the South, we have at least another two to three months of perfect boating ahead of us.

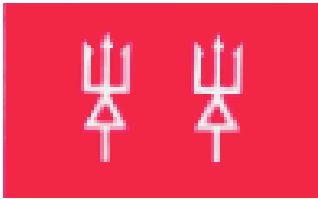
Next. It is back to school time. We have got all the kids settled in by now. So, it is time for us to hit the books. The one area USPS has done a great job in the last few years is in updating the educational opportunities and materials available to not only our members, but also what we have available to share with the public via our seminars.

Many of the advanced and elective courses have been updated to, not only reflect the technological changes in electronics and engines, but also to reflect the changes in presentation and approaches to adult education. So, if it has been a few years since you had some of these courses, you should consider taking them again as a refresher. Plus, it is a great excuse to get out of the house and be with your USPS friends each week.

Next on the agenda is our fall district conference in Huntsville, October 10th, 11th, and 12th. As you can see from the agenda, we are emphasizing this Fall Meeting to be a fun and informative weekend. Huntsville is about as centrally located as any city in our district. So, we hope to see great representation from all our squadrons. We remember what a great time we had in Huntsville two years ago.

Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez
D/C Danny Tompkins, JN





D/C Daniel R. Tompkins, JN, has called a District 17 Conference to be held during the period 10-12 October 2008 beginning with registration at 1300 to 1800 at the Four Seasons Sheridan Hotel, 1000 Glenn Hearn Road, Huntsville, Alabama 35824. The Hotel's reservations telephone number is 1 (256) 772-9661.

Article 4, Section 4.1 of the District 17 bylaws states: "The Conference shall be composed of the Council, the past district commanders of the district who are active members of district squadrons, and the delegates, which persons shall be voting members of the Conference."

Article 4, Section 4.2 further states: "Delegates shall be selected by each squadron on the basis of one delegate for each 50 active members in good standing, or major fraction thereof, as of the preceding March, with a minimum of two delegates per squadron."

Article 4, Section 4.2.3 states: "Prior to each meeting of the Conference, each squadron commander shall submit in writing to the district secretary a list of the squadron's delegates entitled to vote at such meeting."

Article 4, Section 5.6 states: "At any meeting of the conference, 25% of the members of the Conference shall constitute a quorum."

Please send the names of the squadron voters to the District Secretary, John Stewart, as soon as they are selected. E-mail address is jlstewart@knology.net.

Biography of Chief Commander's Representative**R/C Glenn Daughtride, AP**

R/C Glenn Daughtride, AP is a member of the Rocky Mount Squadron in D/27. He became a USPS member in 1978 and recently received his 25th Merit Mark. Glenn has been active at Squadron, District, and National levels. He is a former National Flag Lieutenant and has served on the OT, Planning, and Member Benefits Committees. He is currently the R/C of the Committee on Nominations.

Glenn is retired from the telecommunications industry and his wife, Patricia, is a retired teacher. He is the founder of Humor With A Purpose, Inc. and travels through the country as a humorist, keynote speaker and seminar leader for businesses and associations.

Glenn and his wife Patricia live in Tarboro, North Carolina. They have two married daughters and three of the greatest grandsons to ever draw breath on the planet earth. (According to Glenn).

**UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS DISTRICT 17
FALL COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE 2008
ACTIVITY SCHEDULE AND AGENDA
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35824
10-12 October 2008**

Friday, 10 Oct.

Dress: Casual dress. No regulation uniforms necessary

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|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1400-1800 | Registration | <i>1st Floor, Main Area</i> |
| 1600-1830 | Hospitality Room Open | |
| 1930-1930 | Dinner Buffet (Present ticket at door)
Dress for dinner - Find your favorite football jersey - or just Casual. | <i>2nd Floor, Grand Salon</i> |
| 1945-2030 | District Conference
Call to Order
Welcome to Huntsville
Welcome and Announcements

Recess Conference until Sat am | <i>2nd Floor, Grand Salon</i>
D/C Danny Tompkins, JN
Cdr Barbara Lamb,S, Huntsville Squadron
D/Lt/C Mike Scher, AP
Executive Officer
D/C Danny Tompkins, JN |
| 2045-'till | Football Party | |

Saturday, 11 Oct.

Dress - logo shirts or comfortable casual

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| 0600-0930 | Breakfast | <i>2nd Floor, Grand Salon</i> |
| 0800-1000 | Registration | |
| 0800-0850 | Breakout Sessions
Commanders, Executive Officers,
and Administrative Officers
Chaired by D/Lt/C Mike Scher, AP, District Executive Officer
Education Officers
Chaired by D/Lt/C Herman Green, AP, District Education Officer
Secretaries and Treasurers
Co-Chaired by D/Lt/C Jon Stewart, AP, District Secretary and
D/Lt/C John DiPrima, AP, District Treasurer | <i>1st Floor, Madison Room</i>

<i>1st Floor, Decatur Room</i>

<i>1st Floor, Huntsville Room</i> |
| 0900-0950 | District Council Meeting
Call to Order
Roll Call
Approval of Minutes
Old Business
New Business
Announcements
Adjournment | <i>1st Floor, Main Conference Room</i>
D/C Danny Tompkins, JN
D/Lt/C Jon Stewart, AP
D/Lt/C Jon Stewart, AP
D/C Danny Tompkins, JN
D/C Danny Tompkins, JN
from the Council |

* * Five Minute Break * *

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE AND AGENDA CONTINUED

- 0955-1200 **District Conference Meeting Convenes** *1st Floor, Main Conference Room*
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| Call to Order | D/C Danny Tompkins, JN |
| Pledge of Allegiance | D/Flg/Lt Margaret Sherrod, JN |
| USPS Pledge | D/Flg/Lt Margaret Sherrod, JN |
| Opening and Introductions | D/C Danny Tompkins, JN |
| Roll Call of Squadrons | D/Lt/C Jon Stewart, AP |
| Minutes of Previous Meeting | D/Lt/C Jon Stewart, AP |
| Chief Commander's Representative | R/C Glenn Daughtride, AP |
| Treasurer's Report | D/Lt/C John DiPrima, AP |
| Secretary's Report | D/Lt/C Jon Stewart, AP |
| Administrative Officer's Report | D/Lt/C Jeff Wise, SN |
| Executive Officer's Report | D/Lt/C Mike Scher, AP |
| District Commander's Report | D/C Danny Tompkins, JN |
| Unfinished Business | |
| New Business | |
| Announcements | |
| Adjournment | |
- 1200-1250 **"Meeting with Glenn"** R/C Glen Daughtride, AP, R/C of the Committee on Nominations
- 1250-1345 **Lunch** (Present ticket at the door) *2nd Floor, Grand Salon*
- 1400-1650 **Breakout Sessions**- See schedule of breakout seminars on Page 8.
- Dress for Saturday Evening: Business Casual.**
- 1650-1830 Hospitality Suite Open
(This is "free time" until 1830)
- 1830-'till **Saturday Dinner** *2nd Floor, Grand Salon*
- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Chief Commander's Message | R/C Glenn Daughtride, AP |
| Awards | D/C Danny Tompkins, JN |
| Glenn Daughtride will entertain us | R/C Glenn Daughtride, AP |
| Door Prizes | |

Sunday, 12 Oct. **Dress:** Casual, comfortable attire

- 0600-0930 **Breakfast** *2nd Floor, Grand Salon*
- 0900-1050 **Breakout Sessions** *See Page 8)*

SEMINARS

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SEMINARS

Times	Madison Room	Times	Decatur Room
1400-1550	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Boat Operator's Certificate</i> Herman Green</p> <p>This session will completely explain the BOC Program, the Candidates guide, and the presentation of a Certifiers Seminar.</p>	1400-1520	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Commander's Round Table</i> Mike Scher</p> <p>Squadron Commander Round Table Discussion on outstanding subjects.</p>
1600-1650	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cooperative Charting</i> Don Grotjan</p> <p>A requested repeat of presentation from previous conference.</p>	1530-1650	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Winterizing Your Boat</i> John Hearn</p> <p>John works for Erwin Marine in Chattanooga and will bring a boat from Erwin Marine in Huntsville for a "hands-on" talk and demonstration about winterizing your boat.</p>
Times	Huntsville Room		
1400-1450	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Public Relations and Publicity</i> Lisa Herdon</p> <p>Discuss the importance of Public Relations and the need for Name Recognition.</p>		
1500-1550	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Leadership</i> Glenn Daughtridge</p> <p>He will talk with us about Leadership.</p>		

SUNDAY MORNING SEMINARS

Times	Madison Room	Times	Decatur Room
0900-1050	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>USPS University Class - On Board Weather Forecasting *</i> Herman Green</p> <p>NOTE: Although the class is free to USPS members, there will be a fee of \$20.00 to cover the cost of the course manual. Please register to attend this class with Herman Green at Rhergreen@aol.com</p>	0900-0950	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Life on the Water</i> Christy Martin</p> <p>Christy is the Editor & Publisher of the new Tennessee Valley Magazine titled: "Life on the Water". It is the magazine for lake & river lifestyles.</p>
		1000-1050	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tombigbee</i> Ed Ford</p> <p>A tale of the trip that Ed took up the Tombigbee is a sailboat.</p>
Times	Huntsville Room		
0900-1050	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>DB 2000</i> Jeff Wise</p> <p>Jeff will present an update to DB2000. Bring along a wireless laptop for a good look at DB2000.</p>		

District 17 Fall Conference Hotel Information

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS DISTRICT 17 2008 Fall Conference

**Four Seasons Sheridan Hotel
1000 Glenn Hearn Boulevard
Huntsville, Alabama 35824
(256) 772-9661**

The Four Points Sheraton Hotel is located directly INSIDE the Huntsville International Airport. Featured within this facility are 146 guest rooms, a full service restaurant, bar and room service. In addition, a pool with cabana area, golf course, and a fitness center is available.

The sales manager, Laura Young, has worked well with us in reaching the needs set out by the Meetings Committee and the district members. For example, the parking fees have been waived when using the hotel's parking lot; the registration desk will validate your parking ticket, even if you live nearby and do not stay overnight at the hotel.) (NOTE: Do not park in the airport's parking deck. The hotel and the airport are two separate entities. If you park in the airport's deck, a rather steep daily rate is charged. The hotel's parking lot (open) and the airport's (covered) deck are adjacent to each other, so be alert when you are driving in.)

All guest rooms have elegant new color schemes and complimentary high-speed Internet access, satellite, pay-per-views and games, coffee makers, hairdryers, irons and ironing boards.



The price of the room has been negotiated at **seventy (\$70.00) dollars plus tax**. When making reservations, contact the hotel at (256) 772-9661 and be sure to tell the reservation clerk that you are a member of the "District 17, United States Power Squadrons,". This will ensure that the special rate will be given you. Also, the hotel will make a special effort to book our rooms as much as possible on the same floor. When one floor is filled, the guest floor just beneath the filled one will begin to be booked. That is just one more reason to get your reservations in early! "First come, first served!"

Laura Young, the Sales Manager for Four Points, will have complimentary coffee, water and mints at the tables during our business sessions and break-out hours. She and Mr. Bill Scott, the General Manager, have been most gracious and generous in our planning.

The Meetings Committee has toured the facility, slept in these beds, eaten the food cooked on site and have had conversation with the employees. Everyone we have encountered has been friendly and hospitable. We look forward to seeing you there! Any questions? Please e-mail Molly and Lloyd Cox at lcox@comcast.net.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS INFORMATION

**Four Seasons Sheridan Hotel
1000 Glenn Hearn Boulevard
Huntsville, Alabama 35824
Phone: 256-772-9661**

Make sure to mention that you are part of the District 17 meeting.



Don't forget to visit the Hospitality Room.

**The United States Power Squadrons, District 17, 2008 Fall Conference
Hosted by the Huntsville Squadron and the District Meetings Committee
Four Seasons Sheridan Hotel, Huntsville, Alabama**

Meal Reservation Form

Name (Print) _____
Other in Party (Print) _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Breakfasts 11 and 12 October 2008

Assorted Muffins, Croissants, and Yogurts served with Orange Juice and
Coffee

tickets @ \$6.00 per person per day = \$ _____

Friday Night, 10 October 2008

Dinner Beef Tips with Rice
 Lemon Pepper Chicken
 Asian Vegetables, Broccoli with cheese, & Corn
 Dessert

tickets @ \$19.00 per person = \$ _____

Saturday Noon, 11 October 2008

Lunch Soup and Sandwiches

tickets @ \$10.00 per person = \$ _____

Saturday Night, 11 October 2008

Dinner Marinated Flank Steak
 Turkey and Dressing
 Seasonal vegetables, fresh green beans
 Red Skin whipped potatoes
 Dessert -Peach and apple cobbler with ice cream

tickets @ \$25.00 per person = \$ _____

TOTAL SUBMITTED \$ _____

NOTE: All meals include iced tea and regular and decaffeinated coffee.
All meals are inclusive of tax and gratuity.

Dinner reservations must be received no later than 1 October 2008.
Make checks payable to: District 17 Meetings Committee

Mail check and this completed from to:
Lloyd Cox, AP
920 Rose Marie Court
Soddy Daisy, TN 37379

Calendar of Events

2008

- 2-7 September Fall Governing Board
Marriott Renaissance Center
Renaissance Center
Detroit, Michigan
- 10-12 October District 17 Fall Conference
Four Seasons Sheridan Hotel
1000 Glenn Hearn Road
Huntsville, AL 358

2009

- 17-22 February USPS Annual Meeting
Hyatt Regency Orange
County
11999 Harbor Boulevard
Garden Grove, California
- 20-22 March D17 Spring Conference
Mainstay Suites
410 Pine Mountain Road
Pigeon Forge, TN

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Sail and power Boating

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