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Wow! I cannot believe how fast the last two years have gone! It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your commander. It has been a growth and learning experience for me in many ways. As commander, I attended every Squadron and District event I could. It was so great to get to know so many of you on a more personal level through these events. I took on commander with a deep love for our squadron and USPS as a whole, and I step down with that love and pride even more strong. You guys are the best in all of USPS!

It would be impossible for me to thank everyone who helped me personally or who worked and contributed to the success of our squadron. So I will say a "Great Big Thank You!" to everyone. I am especially grateful for my wonderful Bridge Officers. They and their committees did a great job and should be very proud. I am grateful to our Past Commanders, especially P/C Michael Turner, JN for all their help and guidance as I took on new responsibilities. Of course, I appreciate P/C Tony Militello, P for his wisdom, help, understanding, patience and help throughout the last two years.

I know Lt/C Michael Haines, AP and his Bridge will have a fabulous year. I have complete faith and confidence in them and their abilities. If Michael is half as good a commander as an SEO, he will be nothing short of awesome. I am thrilled to see Lt Eunice Polloway, AP will be on the Bridge in 2011. Eunice has worked sooo hard behind the scenes for so long, it will be great to see her get the recognition she deserves.

Thank you everyone for the privilege of serving the last two years! Happy New Years, Cdr Marcia Militello, P.

OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM

7 PM Tuesday Nights in February at Cardinal Gibbons High School

The long awaited OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM (better known as OT) is about to be given. This program is designed for those who want to, or need to, know more about how the squadron operates.

It is essential for those who may wish to become candidates for elected positions in the squadron and is interesting and useful to those who have wondered just why things are done in certain ways. It covers a wide range of topics, some of which are of general value, such as parliamentary procedures.

New members, Chairs and Bridge Officers are particularly urged to attend this program. The class consists of lectures and reading: NO EXAM is required, attendance is. This is a fun informative and useful tool in understanding the squadron and how it operates. A beautiful certificate is granted once you have completed the Program.

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CRSPS 2011 Course Schedule

Squadron Boating Course®

Chair: Lt/C Michael F. Haines, AP (acting chair)

Scheduled Classes:

Operations Training: 7 PM Tuesday nights in February at Cardinal Gibbons High School

Public Boating Class: TBA



I am still working on signing up enough students for a public boating class. The date to be determined. We have a couple of new piloting grads, to be announced at the next meeting. Looking forward to 2011 and wish all of you a very happy New Year.

Lt/C Michael Haines, AP boatwisecrps@gate.net

Safety Corner

Hot bargain burns boater

A boater thought he was getting a bargain when he purchased a used electrical cord at a flea market. The cord had heat marks on the female end connector, the part that attaches to the Hubbell plug on most boats. He used the cord anyway.

After plugging in and energizing the circuits, he smelled an electrical odor and noticed wisps of smoke. Fortunately, he had the presence of mind to trip the main electrical breaker for the boat's shore power circuit. Then, he traced the source of the smoke and odor to the Hubbell plug.

He found that high contact resistance had created excessive heat and melted the connectors on both the cord and boat-side connections. Over time, corrosion within the plug can cause this to happen with these type of connectors. Heat builds up, let's say during the night, when the air conditioning, TV, microwave or other high-draw appliance causes enough current to flow through a corroded connector where there's enough resistance. The generated heat can ignite the surrounding materials. After inspecting his boat's wiring, the owner only had to replace the boat side of the connection. He was lucky.

So the next time you plug in, take a moment and check the ends of your power cord and the Hubbell connector on the boat. All electrical connections should be bright and shiny. Better yet, pay close attention to all indications of excessive heat at all electrical connections.

—George M. Painter III
Reprinted from *The Ensign*



Highlights of Squadron Minutes
Submitted by Lt/C Evelyn Northrup, AP Secretary
EXECUTIVE MEETING 1 DECEMBER 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 1900
QUORUM PRESENT
MINUTES APPROVED

CDR Marcia Militello, S: The USPS Annual Meeting will be at Disney's Coronado Springs from 31 January 2011 to 06 February 2011. All are invited to attend. Commander's Ball and Awards Night will be 26 March 2011. The D/8 Spring Conference will be held at the Boca Marriott Center 29 April to 01 May 2011. The Punta Gorda Rendezvous will be 14 to 18 April 2011 (Thursday thru Monday), everyone can decide on what days they want and drop the extra days. Revised By-Laws need to be printed for the membership.

XO Lt/C Jack McDonough, JN: Money for the Christmas Party is coming in and so far 30 have paid and he is expecting at least 10 more.

SEO Lt/C Michael Haines, AP: OUT

AO Lt/C Norm Smith, S: Change of Watch Meeting will be 12 January 2011. Call Marcia or Ann for reservations. Dania Flea Market will be coming up in March - call Norm Smith for hours you would like to work the booth.

SEC. Lt/C Evelyn Northrup, AP: Newsletter will be out tomorrow.

TREAS. Lt/C Helena Friedman, S: Handed out the September and October income statements

NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Lt (P/R/C) Ron Friedman, AP Reported he is researching meeting venue ideas for 2011

ADJOURN: 1940

HIGHLIGHTS OF SQUADRON MINUTES

Submitted by Lt/C Evelyn Northrup, AP Secretary
GENERAL MEETING & HOLIDAY PARTY 18 December 2010

MEETING CAME TO ORDER 1900
INVOCATION GIVEN BY P/C DEAN JACKSON, SN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY P/C TONY MILITELLO, P
QUORUM WAS PRESENT - MINUTES APPROVED

CDR Marcia Militello, S: Welcomed all at the Christmas Party being held at Palm Aire Country Club. We were reminded to make our reservations for the January 12, 2011 Change of Watch. It will be a Italian dinner and we know how wonderful that will be. All were thanked for their donation to the Food Bank. Our Squadron donated over \$700 of food. Our guests were welcomed including Past Commodore Tony Militello from Michigan. Nominations were accepted for annual awards.

XO Lt/C Jack McDonough, JN: Thanked all for coming and wished all a Happy Holiday.

SEO Lt/C Michael Haines, AP: The next class will be 8 January 2011.

AO Lt/C Norm Smith: Thanked all for coming and wished all a Happy Holiday.

SEC. Lt/C Evelyn Northrup, AP: Reported secretary report is on file.

TREAS. Lt/C Helena Friedman, S: Happy holidays and Treasurer's report is on file with the Secretary.

NO OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURN: 1925



- D/Lt Kay Allen, P (05/11)
- P/C Joe Billera, P (Life Booster)
- Dee Billera (Life Booster)
- Hal Burke II, AP (01/11)
- P/C Al Burroughs, JN (03/11)
- Dick and Chris Cerasoli (01/11)
- Barbara Greene (05/11)
- Mae Griffin, P (10/11)
- Eleanor Grossi, P (01/11)
- Lt/C Michael F. Haines, AP (06/12)
- D/Lt Shirley E. Haines, S (06/12)
- Barb Harrison (10/11)
- P/C Jerome F. Huber, S (Life Booster)
- P/C Dean Jackson, SN (01/11)
- P/D/C Robert Leathers, (04/11)
- P/DLt/C Caryl Lucchesi SN (03/11)
- P/R/C John A Lucchesi SN (03/11)
- Lt Donna McDonough, P (01/11)
- Lt/C Jack McDonough, JN (01/11)
- Harold Miller (11/10)
- Cdr Marcia Militello, P (01/11)
- P/C Tony Militello, P (01/11)
- Lt/C Evelyn Northrup, AP (02/11)
- Lt John Northrup, AP (02/11)
- D/C Lena Parsons, JN (05/11)
- Jerry and Jill Pascoe (05/11)
- Lt Eunice H. Polloway, AP (01/11)
- P/R/C Jim Ramey, AP (11/10)
- Lt Robert Redon, P (05/11)
- P/D/Lt/C Connie Reisinger, AP (06/11)
- Lt Jean Reisinger, S (06/11)
- Penny Stephens, P (05/11)
- Harry Wardlow (11/10)



Anthony Jason Militello	1
Eric Balaban	2
George E. Pascoe	7
James C. Ramey	11
Kathy Lehrbaum	12
Barbara Harrison	27
Katherine L. Allen	28
Penelope I. Stephens	28
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www.coralridgepowersquadron.org.



Change of Watch Dinner

Join us as we welcome in our 2011 Commander and Bridge.

New Bridge

When: 12 January 2011
 Time: Cocktails at 1815 - Cash Bar
 General Meeting: 1900 General Meeting followed with dinner
 All members and guests are invited
 Pompano Beach Power Squadron Building
 (Directions: One block west of Federal Highway
 And 1/2 block north of Sample Road)

Host
P/C Tony Militello, P

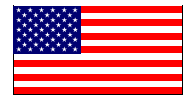
Dinner: Italian
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***Holiday Party
18 December 2010***





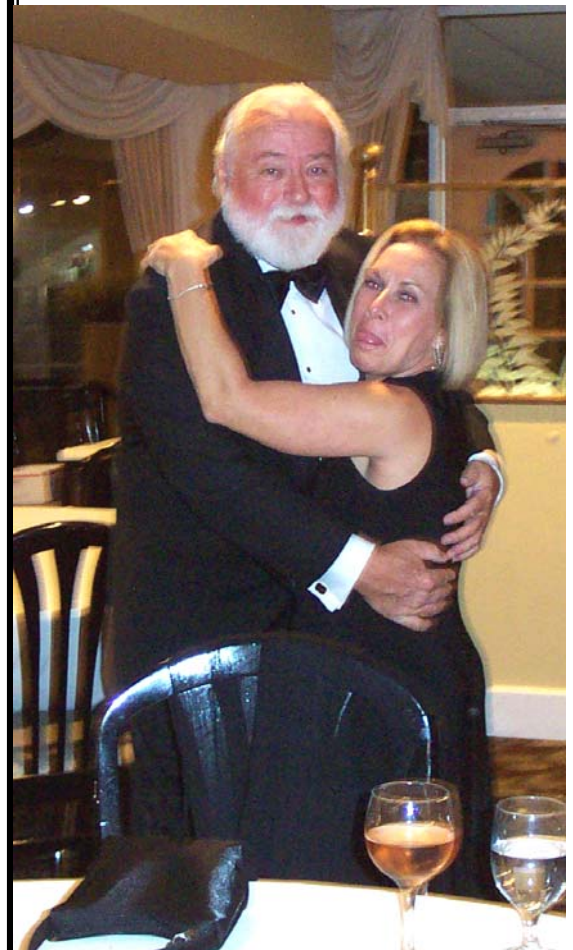
Mortimer C. Crockett Humanitarian Award

In a Squadron year, from one Change of Watch to the next, to be eligible for the award, a member should demonstrate a sincere commitment to assist other squadron members, non-squadron individuals, and/or non-profit organizations in the areas of:

- helping those less fortunate acquire food, clothing or shelter:
- showing compassion for the infirmed or needy through visitation, transportation, or communication and:
- volunteering for civic organizations, groups and committees dedicated to assisting those in need in legal, health, or scholastic areas.

Nominee and why:

Please e-mail or mail your nominee choice to Cdr Marcia Militello, S: E-mail: marciamkc@cs.com or 3304 SW 14th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312



Join USPS At Disney In 2011, Jan 31 to Feb 6

Want Excitement? Join Us At Disney's Coronado Springs

If you didn't attend the 2010 Annual Meeting, it's not my fault that you missed the fun.

The meeting, to say the least, was well attended beyond our expectations.

Some of the meetings and presentations had to have additional chairs brought in. That's a fact.

This year we expect an even larger crowd of those who didn't attend.

We are making changes that you don't want to miss.

EXPO will be on Thursday for example. We will have more outside presenters and interesting outdoor boating events on the schedule.

If you missed some things you wanted to go to at

Disney, you will get to see them this time. No one sees Disney in one visit or two for that matter. So put on your walking shoes and plan on seeing more this time.

Also, we are providing a bus to the "House of Blues" and Cirque Du Soleil as a package. See the show for only \$66.65, including the bus ride.

You may pick from the menu at "House of Blues" and order as much or as little as you like. You can get dessert or just a drink, because it is a la carte and "Dutch Treat". Meaning, you pick from the menu and pay your own bill.

Don't worry the meals are very reasonable and the food is good.

Change In USPS Program, New Year

Your cries for more interesting National Meetings have not gone unheeded!

We are moving the meetings in that "more interesting" direction.

Change comes slowly when people have been used to doing things one

way for years. Pay attention to the great line-up of meetings from the Educational Department.

Also, we moved EXPO to Thursday to give the members who come in for the Wednesday Leadership classes something to

do on Thursday. Fridays schedule was always too crowded.

What we are trying to do is move away from some of the dull Thursday administrative meetings to more instruction and seminars. (continued on Pg 3)



C/C and NOAA's Weeks

USPS National Meetings Committee Publication

Volume 1, Issue 1
November 15, 2010

Special points of interest:

- Register today on-line for the USPS Annual Meeting in Disney
- Register today for House of Blues and Cirque du Soleil event
- Register for Leadership Classes
- Participate in On the Water Training

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12 January: Election Night - General Meeting
6:15 Cash Bar - 7PM Meeting followed by Italian Dinner
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31 Jan - 6 Feb, 2011 USPS Annual Meeting
Disney's Coronado Springs

Operations Training: 7 PM Tuesdays in February at Cardinal Gibbons HS

Fleet Review is in February - Date to be announced - This will be our
General Meeting for the month (No Wednesday meeting)

Dania Marine Flea Market
March 17 - 20, 2011 at Dania Jai Alai
See Lt/C Norm Smith, P

26 March: Commander's Ball and Awards Night—Location TBA
This will be our General Meeting for the month
(No Wednesday meeting)

D/8 Spring Conference: 29 April, 2011 to 1 May, 2011
at the Boca Marriott Center



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