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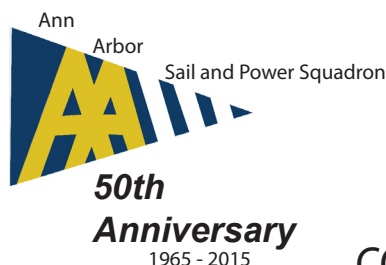
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50th Anniversary

1965 - 2015

Sail and Power Boating Education

Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
6 P.M. Monday Feb. 16, 2015
Carlyle Grill
3660 Jackson Rd.
Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W

6 pm: We will meet at the Carlyle Grill, 3660 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. West of the Lighthouse Car Wash. Order from the menu. Please call Sharon Pinsak for reservations. 734-973-0441.

Visit Carlyle Grill website to see their menu. <http://www.carlylegrill.com/>



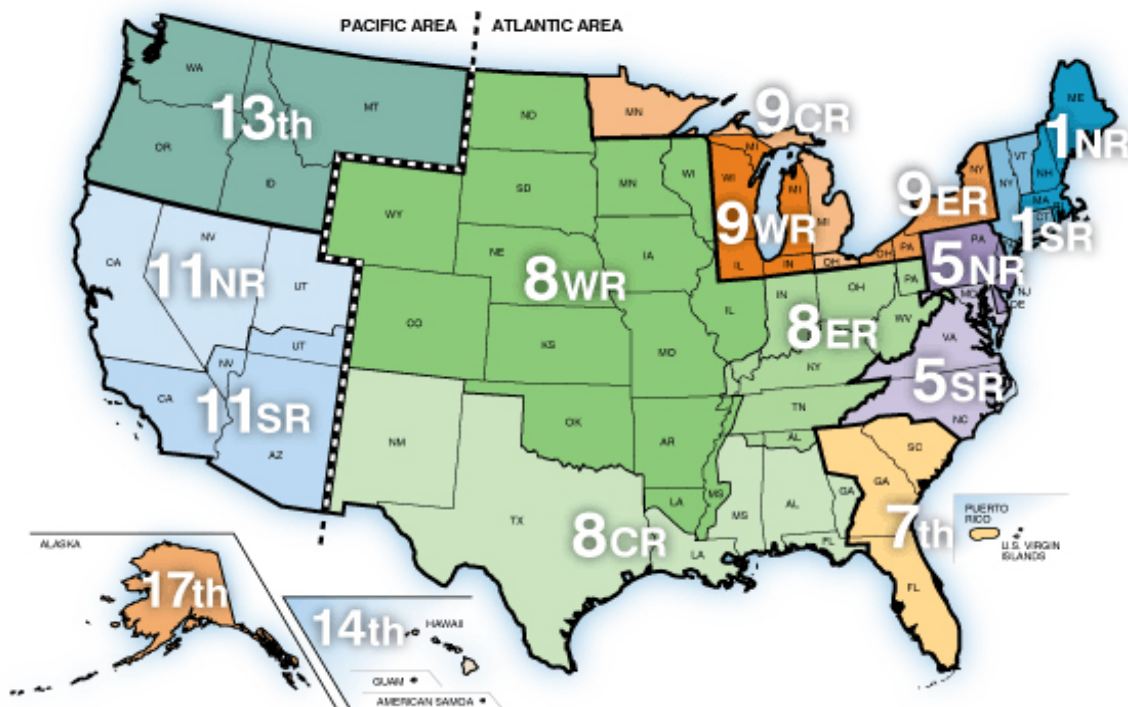
Jack G. Broadhurst, Commander
Division 18 - Detroit River
Coast Guard Auxiliary

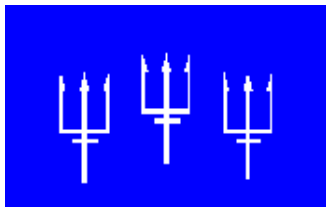


Carlyle Grill

Commander Jack Broadhurst of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will tell us about his organization.

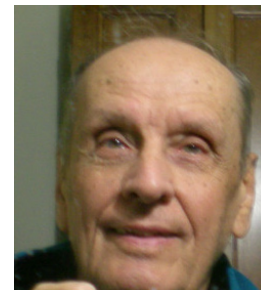
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Commander's Message

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



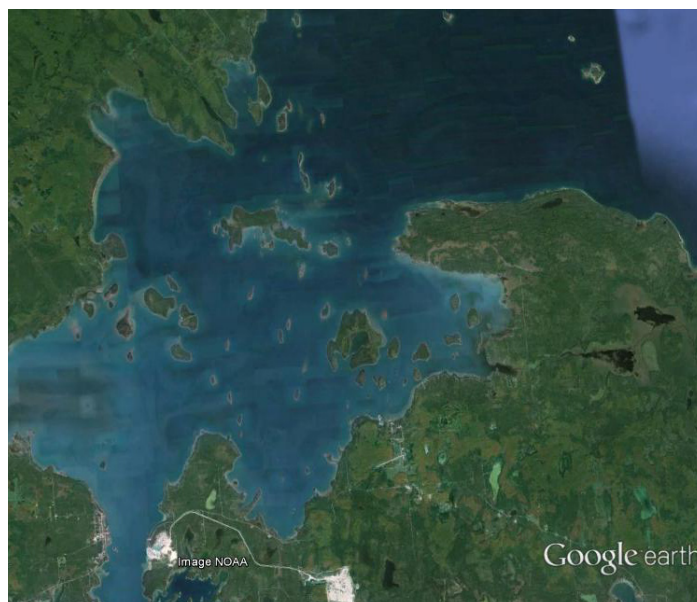
There were lots of flash pictures taken at our Change of Watch last month -- it seemed like a presidential press conference. The picture I liked best was one of key lime pie that Peggy Moller took -- it represents what we hope the next year will be -- 'easy as pie'. We will strive for that. We got one new officer and retired one; all the rest are playing musical chairs. We are a voluntary organization that teaches various boating courses, does free Vessel Safety Inspections of boats at the owners request, and has social meetings once a month from September to June with speakers at most of them. Many of the teaching, and other chores required to run our squadron have been accomplished by retired or semi-retired members. We will carry on as long as we enjoy it.



Carlyle Key Lime Pie
Photo by Peggy Moller

Shirley and I are sailboat fans and, years ago, enjoyed cruising in our small shallow draft classic wood boat, *Soft Shoal*. Two of our favorite cruising areas are Les Cheneaux Islands and Potagannissing Bay in Northern Lake Huron. We trailored our boat and launched either in the village of Hessel or Detour State Park. The State Park has easy parking (www.stateparks.com). The northern part of Potagannissing Bay is in Canada -- avoid it or deal with border crossing hassles. Both are on the 14880 chart and can be seen on Google Earth and on your Maptech or Coastal Explorer DVD that came with your ABC course -- see page 5. Coastal Explorer is the newer version and automatically jumps to different charts as you move around or zoom in or out. I enjoy a laptop cruise by using these charts and Google Earth to view pictures from the area I am 'cruising'.

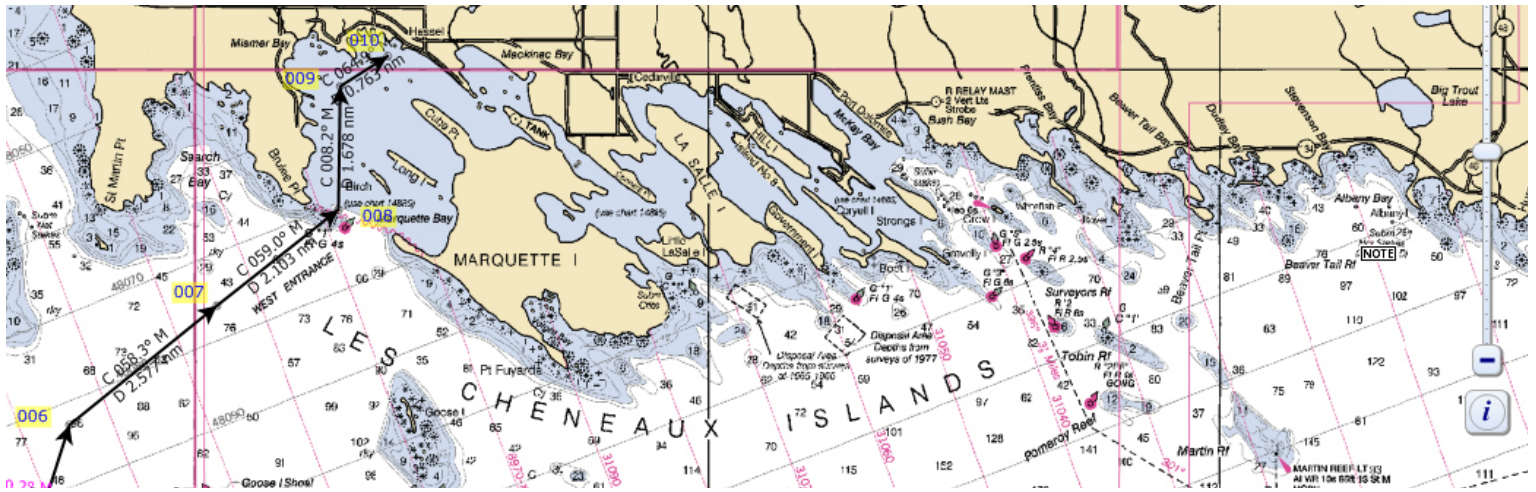
At our February 16 meeting at Carlyle Grill our speaker will be Cdr. Jack G. Broadhurst, of Division Eighteen - Detroit River - of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He will describe his group's activities.



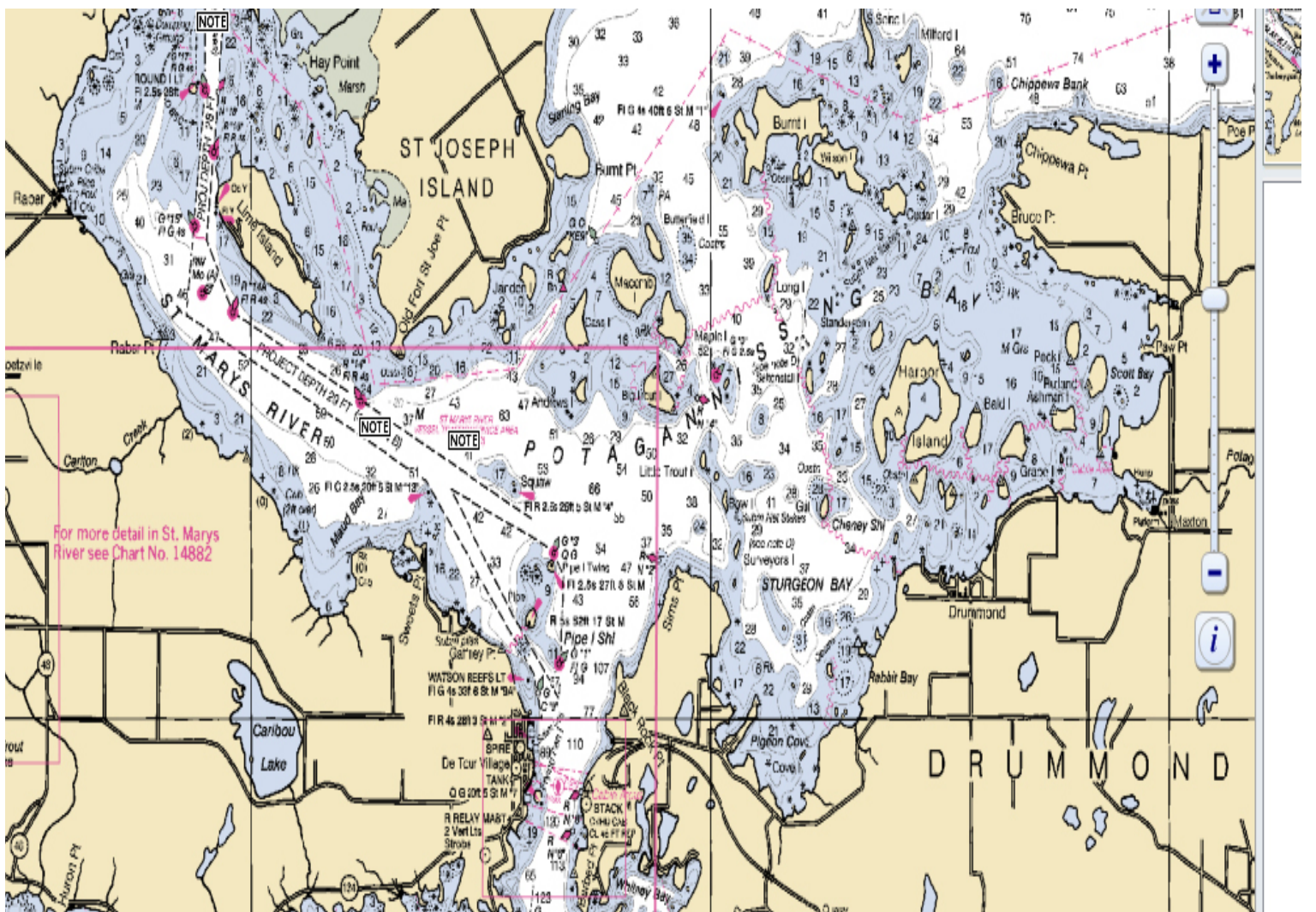
Potagannissing Bay

The D9 Spring Conference description and registration form are on pages 12 and 13 of this issue of the Porthole.

Favorite Cruising Waters



Les Cheneaux chart



Potagannissing Bay chart

Soft Shoal cruising the Les Cheneaux Islands with Shirley at the helm



Shirley at the tiller



Assistant Secretary's Message

Lt/C Bob Buchanan



At our squadron Change of Watch meeting on January 19th, District Commander Jay Stevens presented some amazing numbers from the 2013 USCG Report on Boating Accidents. You may be familiar with this information but it is well worth a review. The conclusions from Commander Jay's presentation becomes obvious. These include both injuries and deaths.

First, the boat operators involved were age 36 to 55, 60% had at least 100 hours in commander. I will add that most also occurred in good weather with normal sea conditions.

Second, of the operators of the 1949 vessels involved above, 24 had taken our USPS course and 104 had taken a USCG Auxiliary course. This means that 1821 or 93% were not educated. For 301 accidents resulting in death, 4 had a USPS course and 4 a USCG course so 97% had no training. We who are careful boaters cannot assume that the other operator knows the rules and procedures. As an experienced sailor, I have frequently had to give way to avoid an issue even when I was the "stand-on" boat. My basic rule is: "all boats have right-away over me." I never argue over right-of-way except when racing; then I become a screaming terror!

The story becomes worse. Of 398 fatal drownings, 61 people were wearing PFDs which is 15%. The reason for the higher number of deaths described here is that this includes falling off the dock, not necessarily underway.

Lastly, contributing factors for accidents including deaths are listed next by accidents with deaths in parentheses. 1. Alcohol; 236 (75 deaths) 2. Navigation rules violations; 208 (15) 3. Improper or overloading; 76 (42) 4. Incorrect anchoring; 26 (5) 5. Riding on the gunwale; 36 (14)

Dr. Larry Marentette and I have a phrase that we tell our students in the ABC. "Your boat will get you out; the ABC course will get you back." Also boating is meant to be fun. The courses show how to make it fun.

Pictures from our January 2015 meeting.



P/C Art Pinsak, SN

P/C Bob Buchanan, P

Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan

More pictures from our January Meeting



Lt. Peggy Moller, Evrard Ohou

D/C Jay Stevens, SN Cdr. Jack Broadhurst, CGA



P/D/C James Knaggs, SN

P/C Carolyn Knaggs, P

Lt. Maureen Smith

Lt. William Smith, AP



P/C John Barr, AP

Lt/C Marlene Barr

John Barr Jr.



Lt/C Karen Snyder, P

Peter Hinman, S

Pictures from our Change of Watch

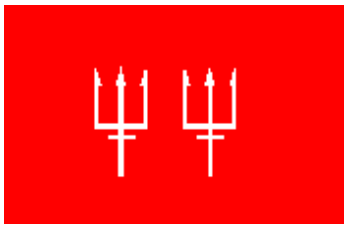


D/C Jay Stevens, SN administers the Commander's oath to Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN. Photo by Peggy Moller



D/C Jay Stevens, SN administers the oath to L/Cdrs. Marlene and John Barr, Bob and Jeannine Buchanan and Karen Snyder

Photo by Peggy Moller



Education Officer's Message

Our ABC class starts May 12 at Washtenaw Community College. We already have 2 students enrolled.

JN class is progressing. This course teaches celestial navigation -- determining your position from sextant sights on the sun. We have found that the Gallup Park Launch Site on Geddes Road east of Huron Parkway is a convenient place from which to take sextant sights. The class is meeting Tuesday evenings at St. Joe's Hospital Womens Health Center 2nd floor classrooms.

On-Line seminars are now available -- developed by USPS and Boat US. Three online seminars now available - Weather for Boaters, Partner in Command and Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes. <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/promos/quimby-ad-finals.jpg> or <http://www.boatus.org/course-preview/pic/index.html>

We have a variety of 2 hour seminars to choose from with no exams, just pure pleasure. We will offer some of these if we have students interested. See <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/seminars/main.htm>

Please send me (aapsclasses@aol.com) a list of the USPS courses and seminars that you want to study during the next 5 years, so we can plan and advertise these and attract more students.

Please look at the variety of boating topics we offer at United States Power Squadron's website, www.usps.org If you have a desire to enhance and share your knowledge in any boating subject, please let me know. We can probably get others to share the teaching responsibilities. It's fun to teach and learn.

USPS Basic Boating Classes can be found at toll free 1-888-367-8777 (1-888-FOR-USPS) Or go to www.usps.org

USPS offers On-the-water training, and certifications for Inland and Coastal Navigation. Go to www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/main.htm#news If you are interested in this, please call me 734-769-3476.

Environmental Branch US Army Core of Engineers - Detroit District <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/>

Great Lakes water levels: <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/GreatLakesInformation/GreatLakesWaterLevels.aspx>

Put NOAA charts into your Garmin GPS <http://www.gpsfiledepot.com/tutorials/creating-raster-noaa-charts-for-garmin-gps-units-with-moagu/>

Web sites of ocean cruisers and other subjects of interest;

Randy Tisch's world cruise www.tischtravels.com

Blue Planet Odyssey <http://cornellsailing.com/sail-the-odyssey/blue-planet-odyssey/>

American Sailing Association <http://www.asa.com/>

American Sailing Institute <http://americansailinginstitute.org/>



Boating is fun... we'll show you how

Download NOAA Booklet Charts free and treat yourself to a desktop cruise. <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/BookletChart.html> Use google earth to see pictures from the area.

There are many companies that give discounts to USPS members. To see this list go www.USPS.org and click on Index, then member benefits.

Internet sites for other Squadron activities. For quick access to any of the D-9 Squadrons, click on the Links section of our website www.aaspsq.org and select District 9 Squadrons.

D-9 websites: <http://d9-usps.org/>

Please check USPS website www.USPS.org and websites of squadrons near you for their activities that you might want to attend.

A Partial List of Events .

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
Feb. 16	AASPS	General Meeting at Carlyle Grill. Cdr. Broadhurst CGA, will describe the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
Feb 14-22		Detroit Boat Show in Cobo Hall
Mar. 16	AASPS	General Meeting at Carlyle Grill. John and Marlene Barr will present a cruise from Portugal to Italy
Apr. 20	AASPS	General Meeting at Carlyle Grill
April 24-26	D9	Spring Conference at Shanty Creek, Bellaire, MI. See page 13-14

From Dearborn Power Squadron's Newsletter: A new bill signed by Governor Rick Snyder changes the blood alcohol level that is considered a DUI for boats, snowmobiles, and ORV's to 0.8. The bill brings the recreational vehicle limits in line with the limits for motor vehicles.

The USPS® Pledge

"I do solemnly pledge to Abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons; Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship: Maintain my boat and operate it legally: Render assistance whenever possible: And conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor, and respect to the United States Power Squadrons."





Executive Officer's Message

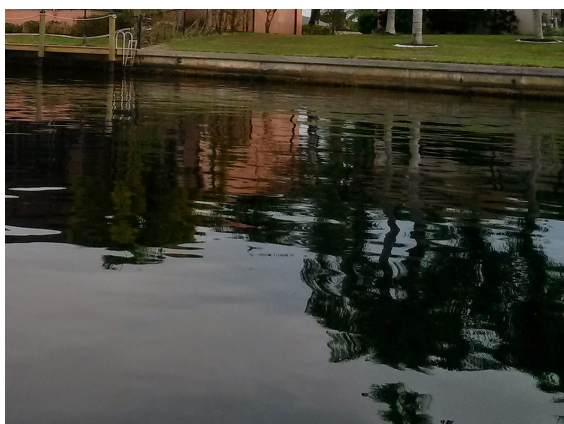
Lt/C Frank Hoy, JN



A Hoy everyone!

I have sent some daytime pictures of Bimini Basin in Cape Coral FL. You can anchor here for 3 days without any cost, but then must move your boat. Also, there are photos of some of the houses along the canal. As you can see they range from above average to grandiose.

I have some good news from my doctor. My heart muscles have recovered from the damage incurred during my heart attack. My cholesterol is down to 150 total, and I have less than a 3% chance of having another heart attack in the foreseeable future. So I'm feeling very good about this report. Thank you all for your thoughts and well wishes for me.



D9 Spring Conference

Shanty Creek Resorts, Bellaire, MI on 24-26 April, 2015.

Go to the D9 web site for more information

<http://d9-usps.org/>



The theme for the Friday night hospitality rooms will be “Musicals” and squadrons will really show off their creativity. Seminars and programs will offer something for everyone, and there is special entertainment on Saturday evening. Look for your registration information as we get closer to the date.

In addition to officers’ meetings, here is a sampling of the Saturday schedule:

- Virtual Trainer Demonstrations
- Boating Activities for Your Squadron
- Hiking to North Manitou Island (A first hand account of 4 men who crossed the frozen Manitou Passage in 2014, as told by participant Bob Sutherland, owner of Cherry Republic.)
- Mackinaw Maritime Museum Program
- Vessel Safety Checks (Highlighting the new book)
- Seamanship/Piloting
- Electronic Navigation

From South Bend Sail & Power Squadron’s February/March 2015 issue of the SpringLine

USPS D9 2015 Spring Conference

Theme: *D9 the Musical!*

Pick your favorite stage or film musical and give it your own D9 twist!



Conference Registration Form

United States Power Squadrons - District 9 - Spring Conference 24 - 26 April 2015

Rank _____ Last Name _____ First Name _____ Grade _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Squadron _____ Phone () _____ E-Mail Address _____

☐ Check if a **First Timer** at a district conference

Lunch \$16.00 each

_____ **Lunch Ticket**

_____ **Special Diet** Specify _____

Dinner \$45.00 each

_____ **Roasted Salmon** (Tarragon, parsley, and garlic marinated salmon served with caper lime sauce)

_____ **Flank Steak** (Grilled with mushroom wine sauce)

_____ **Special Diet** Specify _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Reservations must be received by **20 Apr 2015**

Questions? Contact Mike Rachuk mike.rachuk@gmail.com 586-876-5818

Please Make Checks Payable To:
USPS District 9
Mail Check & Registration to:

Dave Dudek
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New Baltimore, MI 48047



Room Rates

Guest Room (2 beds)
\$99.00

Studio Parlor (1 king bed)
\$109.00

To view hotel info or photo tour of the hotel, <http://www.shantycreek.com>

To make reservations: **(There is a separate hotel reservation form.)**

Mail or Fax the hotel reservation form **by 23 March 2015.**

Please note that hotel check-in time is not until 5:00 p.m.

Early check-in may be available but is not guaranteed.

Hospitality Rooms Reservations:

Rate: \$109.00 per night for the room. One time fee of \$55.00 for bed removal, 2 tables, and 5 chairs. Additional tables or chairs come with an additional fee.

Use a separate registration form for the hospitality room. Write "Hospitality Room" in the "other" section at the bottom of the form for "Special lodging requests."

Please send me (mike.rachuk@gmail.com) an e-mail after you have made your reservation for a hospitality room. In the e-mail tell me the name of the squadron and the name of the contact person with e-mail address or phone number of the contact. The information will help us make sure your hospitality room is taken care of properly. Please also copy the same information to Fred Hoitash (cfdist@comcast.net).