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District 27



Minutes of the District 27 Spring Council and Conference Change of Watch March 19, 2016 – Atlantic Beach, NC

1. CALL TO ORDER D/27 SPRING 2015 COUNCIL

The D/27 Spring Council was called to order at 1330 by District Commander Dave Parsons, JN. D/C Parsons asked Commander Jerry Edwards, of Goldsboro Sail & Power Squadron, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and for all to remain standing for the playing of the National Anthem. District Chaplain D/Lt Pat Hakanson SN, read the names of those members of D/27 who have crossed the bar since the last meeting. She then gave the invocation. D/Lt//C John Bagby, JN, announced that there are 156 registered attendees.

2. Miscellaneous Housekeeping, Quorum and Change of the order of Business

D/C Parsons announced that the Parliamentarian for the meeting will be P/C Hugh Hayes, JN, Chairman of the D/27 Rules Committee. D/Lt//C John Bagby, JN, reported that there was a quorum present. D/C Parsons announced that if there no objections, the order of business would be changed to expedite the meeting. There were no objections.

3. Introduction of P/D/Cs, National Officers and Guests

D/Flag/Lt Harold O'Briant JN, introduced the Past District Commanders, National Officers and guests.

4. Council Voting Procedures and Eligibility

P/C Hugh Hayes, JN, Chairman of the D/27 Rules Committee, explained who is a member of the Council and who is eligible to vote in the Council Meeting.

5. Approval of the Fall Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes which had been posted on the D/27 Website in advance. The motion was passed and the minutes were accepted as published. There were no additions or corrections requested by the Council members.

6. Old/New Business

There was no Old Business,

New Business

D/C Parsons then asked if there was any new business to come before the Council.

D/C Parsons then asked Nominating Committee Chairman Stf/C Burt Pearson, SN, to make his report which was the Nominating Committee recommends Lt/C Bill Beers AP for the 3-year term on the Budget and Finance Committee, for election at the 2016 Spring Council and he so moved.

There was no discussion; D/C Parsons called for a vote, and the motion carried.

D/C Parsons asked if any delegates had not yet registered that they do so immediately. He also thanked all of the Squadron Commanders for their Reports and service.

The Budget and Finance Committee report was posted on the website and a summary was made by P/C Richard Van Dyke, AP. Since this is a committee report, no formal second to the motion is needed. The report was approved.

7. Recess the Council and Convene the Conference

D/C Parsons recessed the Council at 1359 and convened the Conference at 1400.

CALL TO ORDER D/27 SPRING 2015 CONFERENCE

The D/27 Spring Conference was called to order at 1400 by District Commander Dave Parsons, JN.

1. Miscellaneous Housekeeping, Quorum and Change in the order of Business

D/C Parsons announced that the Parliamentarian for the meeting would be P/C Hugh Hayes, JN, Chair of the District Rules Committee. D/Lt//C John Bagby reported that a quorum was present for the Conference. D/C Parsons then announced that, if there were no objections, the order of business would be changed to expedite the meeting. There were no objections.

2. Conference Voting Procedures and Eligibility

P/C Hugh Hayes, Chairman of the Rules Committee, explained who is a member of the Conference and eligible to vote in the Conference Meeting.

D/C Parsons announced that the District Secretary has posted the minutes of the Fall Conference on the Website. He asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Fall Conference. Hearing none, the minutes stand approved as posted.

3. Introduction of the Chief Commander's Representative

P/C/C John Alter, SN, introduced Vice Commander Craig Fraser, SN, National Educational Officer, and welcomed him to the best District in USPS. V/C Fraser spoke a little about the updated Marketing Plan, "Focus on the Horizon" by consulting firm R-M Marketing. Membership is stabilizing. We are one family. The plan seeks answers to who is our market, what do they want, and how do they want it delivered. Our

organization's biggest asset is you, our membership. There is a lot of high talent and dedication in our members. Nobody does it better than right here in District 27.

Our finances are difficult, but we are not running out of money. This will be discussed at the Pittsburgh Governors Board meeting. We face challenges with an aging membership and we need to bring in young men and women by providing activities and products to get them to join. Bear in mind that it is most important to keep the members we have.

In conclusion, what have I seen at District 27? You are certainly the top or near the top District. I have heard no derogatory remarks while talking with many of you. I believe in the Chief Commander's "Grip and Grin" policy, so please come up and talk to me.

4. Bridge Officer Reports

D/C Parsons stated that all bridge officers' reports have been electronically posted to the District website and in the February *Carolina BITTS* for viewing. He asked each of the bridge officers to give a one minute summary of what has been posted, which was done.

Treasurer	David McMahon
Secretary	JB Bagby
Admin	Paula Stewart
Educational	Clay Helm
XO	Gene Alligood
Commander	Dave Parsons (deferred until COW)

5. Committee Reports - Standing and General

Committee reports were previously posted at the District website under the Calendar tab at www.uspsd27/calendar. Committee reports brought by the Chair are considered a motion. For posted Committee reports, generally no formal second to the motion is needed.

In the absence due to injury of Ann Bailey, Audit Committee Chairman, member P/D/C Jerry Hall, SN reported that the Statement of Income and Expense of District 27 of USPS for the period 1 April 2015 to 28 February 2016 has been reviewed, and no material modifications are needed for it to be presented. D/C Parsons accepted the report.

Budget and Finance Committee report was posted on the website and a summary was made by P/C Richard Van Dyke, AP. Since this is a committee report, no formal second to the motion is needed. The report was approved.

P/C Hugh Hayes, JN, Chair of the District Rules Committee reported no requested action has come before the committee this past year. The report was approved.

D/C Parsons reported that the Educational Fund Committee Chair P/D/C Ann Bailey, AP, is recovering from an injury and the report has not been received.

D/C Parsons called on Planning Committee Chairman P/D/C Robert Howd, JN. He reported that the committee met and recommends that Squadron Commanders should be reminded at the training meetings to keep the conduct of Changes of Watch appropriate. Stf/C Harold O'Briant will add this to the Leadership Development course. Member Burt Pearson suggested that the D27 nominating committee consist of six or seven members rather than the 20 members it now consists of. Burt will chair a sub-committee to put a proposal together for further submission to the Rules Committee and the counsel/conference. D/C Dave Parsons made a suggestion that the large traveling awards be made into non-traveling virtual awards. The winner would have their picture taken with the award and then be put on the D27 website. A small permanent award would be presented to the winner. We recommend that an award chairman be established. We recommend that the bridge implement this recommendation. D/C Parsons called for a motion which was made; there was no discussion and the report was approved.

Nominating Committee Chairman Stf/C Burt Pearson, SN reported that the D/27 Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for the year 2016 – 2017:

Commander	D/Lt/C Gene Alligood AP	Pamlico
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Paula Stewart AP	Charlotte
Educational Officer	D/1st Lt David Osmolski SN	Charlotte
Administrative Officer	D/1st Lt Greg Shay JN	Raleigh
Secretary	D/Lt/C JB Bagby JN	Fort Macon
Treasurer	Stf/C David McMahon AP	Raleigh
Asst. Educational Officer	P/C Julie Canny AP	Southport
Asst. Administrative Officer	D/1 st Lt Pat Hakanson SN	Charlotte
Asst. Secretary	D/1 st Lt Dawn Gaskill AP	Winston Salem
Asst. Treasurer	P/C Lynn Dail SN	Raleigh
Rules Committee, 3-year term	P/C Alec Wrenn SN	Greensboro
Audit Committee, 3-year term	Lt/C Mary Chaney JN	Charlotte
Nominating Committee Chair	P/D/C Dave Parsons JN	Goldsboro

D/C Parsons asked Secretary Bagby if he had received any other candidates for office by petition, and he responded that he had not. He then entertained a motion that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the election of the candidates as presented by the Nominating Committee, which was done. There was no discussion, and the motion carried.

6. Upcoming District Meetings Approval

D/C Parsons asked District Commander-elect, Gene Alligood AP, to announce the proposed District meetings scheduled for 2016 - 2017.

The Governing Board is scheduled for 21 – 28 August 2016 in Pittsburg, PA

The District Rendezvous is scheduled for 17 – 19 June 2016 in Washington, NC

Hosting squadron is Pamlico?

The Fall Conference is scheduled for 14 – 16 October 2016 in Greensboro, NC
Hosting squadron is ?

The Winter Training Day will be held at the Resurrection Lutheran School in Cary on Jan 7, 2017. This is the one-day training day for all members with emphasis on Squadron Bridge Officers.

The 2017 Spring Council/Conference and COW is on March XX 2017 at YY.
Hosting squadron is.

A motion was made and seconded. There was no discussion, and the motion to approve the District meetings schedule carried.

7. Old/New Business

There was none.

8. Recess the D/27 Spring 2015 Conference

D/C Parsons recessed the Spring Conference at 1516, and announced it would remain in recess and will be reconvened at the Change of Watch this evening.

CALL TO ORDER THE D/27 SPRING 2015 COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE

At 1822, D/C Parsons announced that the District 27 Spring Council and Conference are now reconvened. He called on D/C-elect Gene Alligood who lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then called on our Chaplain, D/Lt Pat Hakanson, SN, for our invocation.

1. Introduction of the 2016-2017 Bridge

D/C Parsons asked Officer of the Deck P/R/C James McCurry, AP, to introduce the District 27 incoming bridge officers for 2016-2017.

Assistant District Secretary-elect Dawn Gaskill, AP
Assistant Administrative Officer-elect Patricia W. Hakanson, SN
Assistant District Educational Officer-elect Julie Canny, AP
District Treasurer-elect David McMahan, AP
District Secretary-elect John E. Bagby, JN
District Administrative Officer-elect Greg D. Shay, JN
District Educational Officer-elect David Osmolski, SN
District Executive Officer-elect Paula Stewart, AP
District Commander-elect Gene Alligood, AP

2. Introduction of the Chief Commander's Representative and Head Table

Officer of the Deck P/R/C James McCurry, AP, introduced the head table:

Vice Commander Craig Fraser SN, and Liana Mihalca, SN

P/R/C James McCurry, AP and Cdr Sarah McCurry, AP
D/Lt/C Gene Alligood, AP and Sharon Alligood, S
D/C Dave Parsons JN and Linda Parsons, S

Officer of the Deck McCurry then introduced PDCs, national officers, and guests

3. Post-dinner Awards and Special Recognition

D/C Parsons recognized P/R/C Ken Link for a special presentation. He then announced that Megan Bridges from Snead's Ferry, NC (New River Sail & Power Squadron) won 2nd Place in the National Poster Competition, Age 9 – 11 Group.

- Educational Achievement Awards to P/C Ron Tilmon SN of Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron and Edward Miller SN of Greensboro Power squadron.
- Life membership Awards: All Life Members present were recognized and were then asked to provide an Honor Guard to receive New Life Members.
- Recognized as New Life Members were ??????????????????
- New Governing Board Emeritus Member was announced as Hubert Bordeaux and honored on becoming a Governing Board Emeritus member.
- Cape Fear, Fort Macon, and Lake Norman SPS were Top Ten Finalists for the BoatU.S. Foundation and USPS 2015 Distinguished Civic Service Award. District 27 was Top District for having three finalists.
- Co-Op Charting recognition for 100% Squadrons on the Honor Roll due to efforts of D/Lt Bo Ibach SN Co-Op Charting Chair.
- Commander's Cup for Outstanding Squadron was presented to New River
- James H. Pou Bailey Award for Outstanding Member was awarded to Barbara Bruner.

4. Relieve the Bridge, elected Officers and Flag Lieutenants

D/C Parsons thanked each individually and relieved each individually.

5. Over the Stern

D/C Parsons delivered a review of the accomplishments of the District in 2015. He then called on V/C Fraser, SN, for his remarks and to conduct the installation of the new Bridge.

6. Change of Watch

V/C Fraser relieved D/C Parsons and conducted the Change of Watch.

7. Adjourn the Council and Conference

At 2042, District Commander Gene Alligood, AP, adjourned the Council and Conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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