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District 27



Minutes of the District 27 Spring Council and Conference Change of Watch March 18, 2017 – New Bern, NC

1. CALL TO ORDER D/27 SPRING 2017 COUNCIL

The D/27 Spring Council was called to order at 1403 by District Commander Gene Alligood, AP. D/C Alligood asked P/D/C Dave Parsons, 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 Alec Wrenn, read the names of those members of D/27 who have crossed the bar since the last meeting. He then gave the invocation. D/Lt/C John Bagby, JN, announced that there are 170 registered attendees.

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

D/C Alligood announced that the Parliamentarian for the meeting will be David Simons, Chairman of the D/27 Rules Committee. D/Lt/C John Bagby, JN, reported that there was a quorum present. D/C Alligood 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

P/D/C Harold O'Briant JN, introduced the Past District Commanders, National Officers and guests. He announced that Rear Commander Michael Skelley, AP, National Planning Committee, is the Chief Commander's representative.

4. Council Voting Procedures and Eligibility

David Simons, 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 Alligood then asked if there was any new business to come before the Council.

D/C Alligood then asked Nominating Committee Chairman P/D/C David Parsons JN, to make his report. The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers:

District Commander	D/C Paula F. Stewart, AP
District Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Greg D. Shay, JN
District Educational Officer	D/Lt/C David H. Osmolski, SN
District Administrative Officer	D/Lt/C Patricia W. Hakanson, SN
District Secretary	D/Lt/C Dawn A. Gaskill, AP
District Treasurer	D/Lt/C Harold Lynn Dail, SN
District Assist Educational Officer	D/1Lt Julie Canny, AP
District Assist Admin Officer	D/1Lt Hugh F. Hayes, SN
District Assistant Secretary	D/1Lt Robert H. Bruner, AP
District Assistant Treasurer	D/1Lt Barbara J. Beers, S

and he so moved. No second is needed.

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

D/C Alligood 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/D/C Burt Pearson SN. In order to keep the budget sustainable, we must increase assessments. Dave Simons referenced the By Laws article 2.10.2 that changes in dues can be made "in the next USPS dues year" which is 1 April. The budget package is posted on the District website. He proposed to present the report to the Conference.

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 Alligood recessed the Council at 1449 and convened the Conference at 1350.

CALL TO ORDER D/27 SPRING 2017 CONFERENCE

The D/27 Spring Conference was called to order at 1350 by District Commander Gene Alligood, AP.

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

D/C Alligood announced that the Parliamentarian for the meeting would be Dave Simons, Chair of the District Rules Committee. D/Lt/C John Bagby reported that a quorum was present for the Conference. D/C Alligood 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

Dave Simons, Chairman of the Rules Committee, explained who is a member of the Conference and eligible to vote in the Conference Meeting.

D/C Alligood 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/D/C Harold O'Briant JN, introduced Rear Commander Michael Skelley, AP, National Planning Committee, and welcomed him to the best District in USPS. R/C Skelley spoke a little about changes that are coming in the way we do business in USPS. He elaborated on "where are we?" and "where do we go from here?" He recognized District members who helped him in Orlando and congratulated all for a great year of volunteerism.

"Fraternity and education will be emphasized this year. The Chief Commander is driving most of the changes. We are going to let struggling squadrons be a boating club. We are revitalizing the use of 'America's Boating Club' as a Trade Mark good until 2022 and is a better description of what we do. We are financially stable with \$57K in the black, no debt, and \$5M in assets.

"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

At 1548, D/C Alligood 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	Greg Shay
Educational	David Osmolski
XO	Paula Stewart
Commander	Gene Alligood (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 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 2016 to 28 February 2017 has been reviewed, and no material modifications are needed for it to be presented. D/C Alligood 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.

David Simons, Chair of the District Rules Committee reported no requested action has come before the committee this past year. The report was approved.

D/C Alligood 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 Alligood 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 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 Alligood 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 Alligood 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 2017 – 2018:

Commander	D/Lt/C Paula Stewart AP	Charlotte
Executive Officer	D/1st Lt Greg Shay JN	Raleigh
Educational Officer	D/1st Lt David Osmolski SN	Charlotte
Administrative Officer	D/1 st Lt Pat Hakanson SN	Charlotte
Secretary	D/Lt/C Dawn Gaskill AP	Winston Salem
Treasurer	P/C Lynn Dail SN	Raleigh
Asst. Educational Officer	P/C Julie Canny AP	Southport
Assist Admin Officer	D/1Lt Hugh F. Hayes, SN	Shalotte River
Assistant Secretary	D/1Lt Robert H. Bruner, AP	Rocky Mount
Assistant Treasurer	D/1Lt Barbara J. Beers, S	Catawba
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 Gene Alligood JN	Pamlico

D/C Alligood 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 Alligood asked District Commander-elect, Paula Stewart AP, to announce the proposed District meetings scheduled for 2017 - 2018.

The 2017 Governing Board is scheduled for 10 – 17 September 2017 in Dallas, TX.

The District Rendezvous is scheduled for 25 – 26 August 2017 in Wilmington, NC. Hosting squadron is Charlotte.

The Fall Conference is scheduled for 20 – 23 October 2017 in Durham, NC

The Winter Training Day will be held at the Resurrection Lutheran School in Cary on January 20, 2018. This is the one-day training day for all members with emphasis on Squadron Bridge Officers.

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 2017ons Conference

D/C Alligood recessed the Spring Conference at 1659, and announced it would remain in recess and will be reconvened at the Change of Watch this evening.

Reconvening the Conference and Change of Watch

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

1. Introduction of the 2017-2018 Bridge

D/C Alligood asked Officer of the Deck P/R/C James McCurry, AP, to introduce the District 27 incoming bridge officers for 2017-2018.

District Assistant Treasurer-elect Barbara J. Beers, S
District Assistant Secretary-elect Robert H. Bruner, AP
District Assist Admin Officer-elect Hugh F. Hayes, SN

District Assist Educational Officer-elect Julie Canny, AP
District Treasurer-elect Harold Lynn Dail, SN
District Secretary-elect Dawn Gaskill, AP
District Administrative Officer-elect Hugh F. Hayes, SN
District Educational Officer-elect Julie Canny, AP
District Executive Officer-elect Greg D. Shay, JN
District Commander-elect Paula Stewart, 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:

Rear Commander Michael Skelley, AP, National Planning Committee, and
Rebecca Skelley
P/R/C James McCurry, AP and Cdr Sarah McCurry, AP
D/Lt/C Gene Alligood, AP and Sharon Alligood, S

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

3. Post-dinner Awards and Special Recognition

D/C Alligood 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.
- 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 2016 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 Greg Shay.

4. Relieve the Bridge, elected Officers and Flag Lieutenants

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

5. Over the Stern

D/C Alligood delivered a review of the accomplishments of the District in 2016. He then called on R/C Skelley, SN, for his remarks and to conduct the installation of the new Bridge.

6. Change of Watch

R/C Skelley relieved D/C Alligood and conducted the Change of Watch.

7. Adjourn the Council and Conference

At 2042, District Commander Paula Stewart, AP, adjourned the Council and Conference.

Respectfully submitted.



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