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Dear

In this edition; Merit Marks, farewells from some of the Bridge, plenty of pictures, and a new boat in our fleet (of 1). The Squadron in pictures ~ *Cmdr. M. Wohlstein*

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Merit Marks - 2016

The USPS Chief Commander has awarded a merit mark to 115 Vero Beach Power Squadron members for work totaling more than 9000 hours in calendar year 2016. This is equal to four full time employees in the business world. This is a record that all our members can look at with pride. VBPS stands high in civic activity and boating education both here in Indian River County, and across the country.

The following list includes all the approved VBPS merit mark recipients for calendar year 2016. If you are sure you put in at least 12 hours in 2016, and you are not on this list, please contact me.

Cdr. Mary Wohlstein

2016 VBPS MERIT MARK RECIPIENTS

Asby, Patricia
Barrett, Tom
Brubaker, Carole
Caldwell, Alyse
Caldwell, Chris
Campbell, Michael
Carlin, Richard
Carr, Edward
Carr, Ione
Casey, Jeremiah
Ceglady, Catherine
Chatterton, Judith
Chatterton, Paul
Cimino, Carolyn

Hornchek, David
Husbands, Nancy
Jacobs, Charles
Jacoby, Douglas
Jacoby, Michelle
Jarman, Jo Ann
Jarman, Toby
Jones, Tom
Kane, Robert
Kennedy, Eileen
Kiefer, Larry
Kiefer, Margaret
Knickman, Bill
Knickman, Rose

Olsen, Myrna
Pastirchak, Carol
Pastirchak, Vernon
Peschio, Judy
Peterson, William
Pope, Charles
Pope, Chris
Renzema, Donna
Renzema, Marc
Ritcharadson, Harley
Ritcharadson, Susan
Rouse, Chelsea
Schieber, George
Scully, Robert



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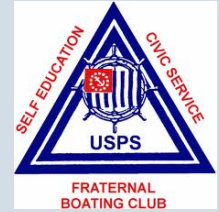


Connolly, David
Daniels, Howard
Davila, Kathy
Decerbo, Charles
Drago, Ron
Ebstein, Alan
Ebstein, Barbara
Ebstein, Bonnie
Ebstein, Lawrence
Fay, Christopher
Ferguson, Andrea
Ferguson Neil
Ford, Beverly
Ford, Ivan
Frosina, Leonard
Gerber, Gregory
Gohl, Barbara
Hamel-Miller, Susan
Hamilton, Edward
Hamilton, Nancy
Hargreaves, David
Heimbaugh, Bill
Henricks, Herb
Hill, Kenneth
Hill, Mary

Krauss, Henry
Kudriavetz, Stephen
Lavigne, William
Leh, Janet
Leh, Harold
Lembeck, Terry
Lichty, Dan
Lichty, Nora
Longmire, Margaret
Lott, Judy
Lott, Larry
Luca, John
Martin, Penny
Mathewson, Maureen
McKay, Henry
McKay, Rosalia
Michini, Joanne
Michlovic, John
Miller, Ron
Miller, Warren
Mooney, Jan
Myers, Bonnie
Myers, Richard
Nicholas, William
Oehler, Barbara

Sheehan, Catherine
Sheridan, Brenda
Sheridan,
Simon, Ellis
Simon, Marilyn
Smith, Tamara
Smith, Wayne
Spilman, John
Stansfield, Jane
Stephens, Judy
Stephenson, David
Sullivan, Patrick
Thomas, Daniel
Thomas, Katherine
Troiano, Joseph
Wangen, Michael
Ward, James
Ward, Judy
Wilkinson, Hoyetta
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Commander - Cdr Mary Wohlstein, S



2016 - The Year in Review

November 2015 was a turning point for the Vero Beach Power Squadron - that is the date that we obtained a new 25 year lease for the Squadron Building from the City of Vero Beach.

That was also the green light to attend to some much needed improvements to the Power Squadron Building. Some of the things that were accomplished this year were:



Replacement of a rotted exterior wall on the south side of the Building

Repair and replacement of the water damaged cabinets in the Library

Replacement of the sign in the front of the building to meet National Branding Standards - the old sign was relocated to the back of the building visible to boaters coming in to the City Marine or public boat ramp

Replacement and repainting of the drip edge on the east side of the building

Addition of two designated parking spaces in the front of the building

Much needed replacement of 2 grills when the bottom fell out of one at the Memorial Day picnic

Replacement of speaker system

Replacement of fans in the front room as well as replacement of damaged ceiling tile

Replacement of stove/oven thanks to a donation by Bob and Barb Scully

Addition of a 17 ft Boston Whaler to support our On The Water Training efforts thanks to a very generous donation from Jerry and Lois Casey

All of these tasks were accomplished through volunteer efforts by our members. Special thanks to John Spilman, Bob Scully, George Schrieber, Dick Myers and Larry Ebstein.

As my year as Commander draws to a close, I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support throughout the year. I could not have done this job without your help. Please extend the same level of support to the incoming Bridge.

Mike and I wish all of you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

We are Vero Beach Proud!

Commander, Mary Wohlstein

Executive Officer - Lt/C Tamara Smith, S



Happy Holidays to all our members and their families!

Our second annual Vero Beach Boat Show was held on Saturday November 19th and Sunday November 20th. Fourteen members helped man the booth which proudly displayed our new "On the water training boat". Lots of information was given out regarding membership and education to the public.



The Vero Beach Christmas Land Parade was held on Saturday December 3rd on Ocean Drive. The line up of our "On the water training boat" was followed up by many beautiful cars that were all decorated with lights and signs promoting Vero Beach Power Squadron to the community. Thanks to all who participated in this event!

The 61st Vero Beach Power Squadron Change of Watch is Sunday January 15th at 5 pm at the Vero Beach Yacht Club. Please come "Thank" your outgoing bridge for a job well done and "Welcome" the incoming bridge.

The United States Power Squadron Conference is being held in Orlando from February 19th - 26th. Saturday February 25th, Ellis Simon SN Lt. will be honored with a 50 Merit Mark Award!

As the year comes to an end for me as Executive Officer, I would like to "Thank" each of my committee members for their dedication and hard work....John Spillman, Bill Heimbaugh, Toby Jarman, Bob Scully, Chris Caldwell and Dan Thomas. Special "Thanks" to all the event chairs and the many volunteers under them who make the Vero Beach Power Squadron such a success!

Happy New Year
Tamara Smith
Executive Officer

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Education Officer - Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP



Personal Enrichment

As your SEO, many times I have encouraged each VBPS member to pursue our education opportunities. As we begin the New Year 2017, I want to again prioritize this thought to you.



This encouragement to all members is based on our Squadron's belief that relevant understanding and knowledge is very important for boating enjoyment and safety. To that end, I want to share all the ways to enrich your boating experience through educational opportunities that are available to you.

I need to begin with our **ABC Basic Boating education program**. A 7 hour - one day classroom session that meets the requirements set by the state to attain a Florida Safe Boating Identification Card. (Required of all greater than 10 hp boaters on FL waters born after January 1, 1988)... an excellent first boating course.

Classroom.... This has been and continues to be the preferred method of learning, as we feel the classroom interaction between students and the instructor offers a terrific way to learn. The winter classroom series is starting this month.... Contact me if you want to enroll, we have a few days remaining. 978-578-5099 or edu@verobeachpowersquadron.com.

Online Courses and Seminars... The USPS has established an online course/seminar offering to the public and members. You can learn more about the USPS program at this link: http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/eocom/online_courses.htm

This USPS Program is provided through a cooperative arrangement with The University of West Florida.

This maritime focused offering is provided for those who cannot attend the classroom program due to location or personal schedule. Not all USPS courses are available... many are: The information is available at: <https://uwf.augusoft.net/index.cfm?method=ClassListing.ClassLiistDisplay>. Check it out to learn more.

Calendar

January 2017

Friday Night Socials - Every Friday @5:30 PM

Paddle Group-Sat. 7th --The Amazon @ 9 AM--Toby Jarman

Executive Board Meeting - Monday 9th @ 6 PM --Cdr. Mary Wohlstein

General Membership Meeting - Monday 9th @ 7:30 PM--Cdr. Mary Wohlstein

Bowling Group @ Vero Bowl - Tuesday 10th @ 6:15 PM--Nora Lichty

Birding Group starts Thurs. 12th at Ind. River Treatment facility@ 9AM--Carolyn Cimino

America's Boating Course - Saturday 14th @ 9 to 4:30 PM--John Spilman

Change of Watch @ VB Yacht Club - Sunday 15th @ 5 PM--Tamara Smith

Book Club Lunch- Wednesday 18th - Vero Beach Yacht Club @ 12:30 PM--Carole Brubaker

On the Water Training-Saturday 21st starting @ 9 AM--Bob Scully

New Member Orientation-Monday 23rd at squadron from 7 to 9 PM--Dan & Kathie Thomas

The ARC awards presentation @ The ARC campus-Tuesday 24th @ 10:30 AM--Toby Jarman

Lunch Cruise @ Harbortown Marina-Wednesday 25th @ 11:30 AM--TBA

Boat "Beach-Up" -Sat. 28th at SL-2 @ 11AM--Joe Troiano

Ye Olde Friends Social - Monday 30th @ 5:30 PM--Kathie Thomas

Birthdays

January

Online Digital Media... This is a repository for multiple formats of digital media focused on boating safety and safe boating education. Videos, slideshows, audio presentations and more. More information can be found at: <http://www.uspsdml.org>

On the Water Training... Your Squadron now has our own (thanks to a generous donation by members Jerry and Lois Casey) 17ft Whaler for valuable actual on the water training. Bob Scully is the program chair and is open for business throughout the year. This is an important, terrific new education opportunity for all VBPS members. Contact Bob to get further details. 772-453-4966

Check this info out....Perhaps you didn't realize all of the resources available to you.....SO, THIS YEAR RESOLVE to develop additional skills to become a better Captain and Passenger...

Happy New Year !

Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP
Education Officer

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Administration Officer - Lt/C Richard Myers, JN



My last report as AO, And I am looking forward to my year as your XO. What a year this has been. When I volunteered for this assignment, I knew that there would be some challenges, and there were a few challenges that came quite unexpectedly. The best part of my term as AO was the amount of help and support I received, from the willingness for volunteers to step forward to the participation of the many events that were put on as part of the AO's responsibility.



My successor Larry Ebstein I'm sure will do as great and even better job in 2017 especially if he can count on the support that you all showed me in 2016. And what a nice sendoff we gave 2016, with the final social event of the year. Tamara and Wayne Smith did a great job with planning and actually producing the informal Christmas party. There were over 100 members present and two guests performing with the Tropical Winds. Two of the performers are members, Bonnie Myers (clarinet) and Debbie Pilorge (Oboe). What a nice performance they put on, thank you so much, you were great!

I wish to thank our outgoing CO Mary Wohlstein for her leadership during her term in office, and XO Tamara Smith whose footsteps I will try to follow in next year. Our past commanders don't usually just fade away. Most of them still work in the background helping out those on the bridge in many ways, so although I will not mention names, thank you all.

And on that note, here is wishing everyone a Healthy, and a big time Happy 2017!

XO-Elect, Dick Myers

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The Squadron in Pictures

Becker, Ferdinand	01/01
Fanders, Mirabel, P	01/01
MacLeod-Bilotta, Patricia	01/03
Rebik, Thomas L.	01/03
Ziamba, Michael D.	01/03
Helm, Donald	01/04
Simon, Ellis D., SN	01/04
Rose, Glenn, S	01/05
Thompson, Jean R.	01/05
Davis, Edmund R., SN	01/07
Yunker, Virginia E.	01/07
Blados, Colleen M.	01/11
Duprey, Ronald	01/12
Archer, Raleigh R., S	01/15
Hargreaves, Sandra T.	01/18
Miller, Ron A.	01/18
Mooney, Jan	01/18
Kiefer, Larry F.	01/19
Barberi, Linda L., S	01/22
Jacobs, Suzanne	01/22
Kennedy, Eileen M.	01/22
Smith, Wayne M., S	01/22
Jarman, Jo Ann	01/25
Chatterton, Judith A.	01/28
Reimer, Dale A.	01/28
Dillon, Stafford	01/29
Jacoby, Douglas B., AP	01/29
Troiano, Lois L., S	01/29

February

Butts, Barbara W., S	02/03
Hutchinson Jr., N. Roger, P	02/04
Neligon, Diane C.	02/04
Powers, Stoney L.	02/04
Michini, Joanne F.	02/05
Ray Jr., Henry W., S	02/05
Peterson, William A., AP	02/08
Vauter, Richard P.	02/08
Finney, Mary Elizabeth	02/09
Powers, Michalene S.	02/09
Boele, Elizabeth	02/11
Mattern, Donald E., AP	02/11
Bowden, S. Lee	02/15
Farrell, Kathryn M., P	02/15
Hineline, Frank	02/18
Rebik, Nancy A.	02/18
Scully, Robert, SN	02/18
Wangen, Pat M.	02/18
Casey, Jeremiah P., AP	02/20
Warburton, Mary Jo	02/20
Bilotta, Frank, S	02/21
Ferguson, Andrea C., S	02/22
Cousins, Doris E.	02/27
Fenstermaker, Susan C.	02/27
Fuller, Margaret P., P	02/27

Boys & Girls Fishing trip



photos provided by Joann Michini

For more pictures of Boys & Girls Fishing trip, follow this [LINK](#)

Annual Meeting - Voting for new bridge, and by law changes, 60 Years!

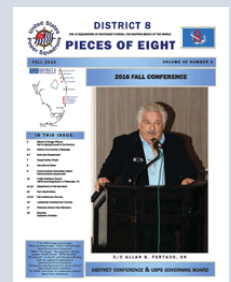


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Formal Christmas Party - V.B. Yacht Club



For more pictures from the formal X-Mis party, follow this [LINK](#)

Informal Christmas Party - at the Squadron



For more pictures of the informal X-Mis party, follow this [LINK](#)

ABC Classes - Robert Scully



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January 16, 2016
 March 12, 2016
 May 21, 2016
 July 9, 2016
 September 10, 2016
 November 12, 2016

Ladies Luncheon - Mary Wohlstein



5th Annual
Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show
Hosted by Vero Beach PowerSquadron

Saturday
February 18th
11:30am

Vero Beach
Yacht Club
3601 Rio Vista Blvd.

VNA Hidden Treasures
A Resale Boutique Benefiting VNA Hospice

Tickets may be purchased in advance at either VNA Hidden Treasures Store or from Mary Wohlstein or Joanne Michini

On The Water Training - Robert Scully

Vero Beach Power Squadron (VBPS) is promoting the Boat Operators Certificate ON Water Training Inland Navigator program developed by USPS.

Dues paying members are reminded that this is being offered to them for FREE! Materials costs for the books are \$40. The manual is not mandatory to take the course.

If you decide to pursue the Inland navigator passport there will be additional costs. The OWT portion program is set up for a one day - four hours classroom and 4 on the water to complete the class. The test is your hand at the helm during the on water portion.

To minimize confusion I offer the following...Boat Operators' certification on water training inland navigator has numerous elements'. You can just take the one day on water. To qualify for the Inland Navigator card you need additional courses to complete the passport.



Hope this was helpful and trust I will see some of you taking advantage of the opportunity to get on the water ...soon.

Bob Scully
USPS D8 VBPS Boat Operators Certification chair

New Members



Ron and Kathie
Duprey



Patrick Conahan

Please welcome the following new members who joined the Vero Beach Power Squadron since July 2016:

Cheryl Meade
Christopher Fay and Chelsea Rouse
Elizabeth and Brian Boele
Ron and Patricia Drago
Mike and Beverly Hunter
Carol and Stan Levin
Ron and Kathie Duprey
Gunnar Anderson
Patrick Conahan
Dale Beckmann
Walter and Mary Jo Warburton
Paul and Marlana Fuller
Lee Bowden and Mary Stuart Tilt
John and Melissa Hillyard



Gunnar Anderson.



Mike and Bev Hunter



Dale and Mary Beckmann



Tim and Susan Fenstermaker



Stan and Carol Levin

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Chaplains Corner

A miracle in the field.....

I was conducting a Bible Study during maneuvers while in the Army. That was a blessing in itself to be given the time to do this. Fortunately our company commander who was not a practicing Christian was a compassionate man and considered it to be a harmless morale booster. Never the less, I had about a dozen attendees. As part of the experience I decided to serve communion and make that ceremony part of a discussion topic on unity and things that bind us together spiritually or in particular on the battle field. The bread was the easy part but the wine (Welshes) was a little more involved. I put a little bit of juice I had in a small jar and procured some small plastic condiment cups for distribution. We passed the bread but when I went to grab the juice the jar tipped over. There was an 'adult sigh' from the 12 men. The wine was not only gone but had spilled on the ground. I was ready for lightning to strike me dead! Put yourself in my position!

This is where the miracle occurred! We learned that although I wasn't quick enough or smart enough to 'save the day' God delivered. I picked up a canteen of water (which we always carried in the field) and refilled the fallen jar and small remnant of juice with water. I told the men 'we

started with wine but we will finish with the 'Grace of God!' We drank the water and carried on.

In the discussion that followed (to the man) they agreed that this was the sweetest wine and most memorable communion service they had ever experienced. Although the water was just water as far as I could discern it became the symbolic blood of Christ through faith. I was distraught because I had screwed up ... the men were over joyed and filled with spirit because of what had occurred that day in the field. In the context of 'communion', it was something out of the ordinary that we did together.

It was just 'one of those things ... where you ponder how God provides if man opens the door.

Chaplain 'Tom' Jones, VBPS

SGM F.T. Jones III
The Great American Storyteller
United States Army, Public Affairs (Ret)

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A new year is upon us, and there are changes in the air. As you can see by this edition of the NN that we left 2016 behind in great style. Parties, B&G fishing, 60 Anniversary of the VBPS, a new Bridge & a new boat. With the ladies luncheon, and a boat for our On the Water Training, 2017 is starting off right.

Thanks
Ron Miller
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