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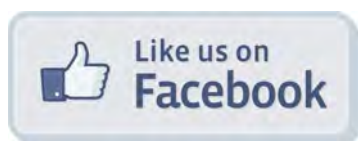


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2023 Spring Conference

Coming Attraction!

Our Spring Conference and Change of Watch will be held at The Princess Royale in Ocean City, MD from 31 March to 2 Apr 2023. The conference includes important training for the new Squadron/Club bridge officers coming aboard. All new officers should take advantage of this as it will give you a good foundation for leading your groups and understanding what you are expected to do in your Bridge position, resulting in a successful year.

Friday evening includes the always popular hospitality suites. This year the format will be a little different. Due to renovations of the 200 level rooms, the suites surrounding the atrium are not available. Therefore, all Hospitality Suites will be located on the 3rd floor. There is a block of ten rooms available. Do not contact the hotel. All reservations for the Hospitality Suites are being handled by Ginny Parry. The Conference and Hospitality Suite reservation forms are located in this issue on pages 4 and 5. Additional information in the coming weeks online at www.abc-midatlantic.org.

It is hoped many of our D/5 Squadrons will participate by hosting a suite.

Friday and Saturday features a number of seminars with the Council & Conference meetings. The evening Change of Watch and Awards banquet is the big event.

Looking forward to seeing many of you there!

D/C Stephanie Ward, AP

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Commander's Message

D/C Stephanie Ward, AP

It's hard to believe that winter is here and all the fun that comes with boating is over for now. This hit home a month ago as we watched our boat in the sling being winterized. However, that means Spring is just around the corner and there is plenty to do in USPS and ABC-MidAtlantic to "tide" you over! It's also hard for me to believe that by the time you read this latest message, I'll be $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through my year as District 5 Commander. What an exciting and rewarding year it has been!

Since our last issue I attended the Fall Governing Board meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina, where we voted on new By-Laws that will allow for greater flexibility in the structure of the District and Squadron Bridges. There were also a number of interesting seminars focusing on marketing, member benefits and increasing member retention. There was a wonderful meet and great event where we were able to meet new friends and get reacquainted with old ones! Thanks to the District Aides, our table was definitely the best decorated! There was also a cocktail party for the District attendees prior to the Saturday banquet. I was so proud to be part of District 5, with two of our own on the National Bridge; V/C Ralph Bernard and V/C Bill McManimen.

Thanks to D/Lt/C John O'Reilly, ABC-MidAtlantic's Fall Conference was a great success. Held at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum, MD, this event focused on recognizing excellence in education. We were honored to host Colonel Luis Miguel Cordoso representing the Portuguese Embassy, who assisted with the presentation of the prestigious Caravelle and Prince Henry the Navigator awards. All of the winners should be very proud of their achievements!

I think one of the most interesting seminars was the sneak preview of the Inlet Drone videos presented by P/D/C Marty Lafferty. The first three of these have now been released to the public and I ask that you circulated them among your boating friends. Please use all of your social media platforms to get the word out as the more visibility we can get the more successful these will be!

Once again, the District Aides led by Megan Humphrey and Judy Stow, threw quite the party, titled Chocolate and Cordials. Are you seeing a theme here? I didn't know there were so many

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things that could be made with chocolate! We work hard but also play hard!

Sincere gratitude goes to the Henry Sweet Trust for their generous offer to defray some of the cost of the conference. Thanks go out to P/D/C Bill Selden, V/C Bill McManimen and P/D/C Warren Stevens for this contribution. It was very much appreciated.

Many of you are formalizing your plans for Founders Day and Change of Watch. Please make sure to submit your requests for District representation; I know I speak for the entire Bridge when I say we enjoy spending time with your squadrons and clubs.

The Annual Meeting will be held in Orlando, FL 19-26 February at the Rosen Plaza. More information is located in this issue and on the National website. This is a great opportunity to learn new things, reconnect with friends and enjoy some sun and warmth during the cold winter months. This event was my new husband Paul's first America's Boating Club meeting and he was amazed by how much fun he had. Please consider attending!

We're working hard behind the scenes on the Spring Conference, which will be held March 30th – April 2nd at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD. Registration forms will be posted in this issue of the Mark 5 and are to be posted on the ABC-MidAtlantic website over the coming month. I hope you all will attend and please consider having a hospitality suite, either on your own or teaming up with other area Squadrons/Clubs. These have always been such a fun part of the Spring Conference and I'm hoping that we have one from every group this year!

I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commander. It's been such a rewarding and fulfilling time for me and I thank you for your support and participation. This wonderful organization can only succeed with your input.

I hope you have a safe and healthy holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all soon. Continue to "Reach for the Stars!"





RESERVATION FORM
America's Boating Club – Mid-Atlantic
United States Power Squadrons D/5 Spring
Conference 30 March – 2 April 2023
Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland



MEMBER: Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
SQUADRON _____ POSITION _____ FIRST TIMER? _____
E-mail _____ PHONE _____

SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ First Timer? _____
Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ First Timer? _____

MENU SELECTIONS

SATURDAY LUNCH:

Maryland Fried Chicken: served with whipped potatoes # ____ @ \$27.00 = \$ ____

Vegetable Lasagna: served with sauteed zucchini and squash # ____ @ \$26.00 = \$ ____

Selections served with: Garden Salad, Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee & Iced Tea

SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:

Shrimp Scampi: Sauteed shrimp in garlic and butter, served with whipped potatoes and green beans almondine. # ____ @ \$39.00 = \$ ____

Chicken Marsala: Sauteed chicken breast in a mushroom marsala wine sauce served with au gratin potatoes and sauteed seasonal vegetables. # ____ @ \$42.00 = \$ ____

Vegetable Stir Fry: Fresh Pea Pods, Onions, Julienned Carrots, Broccoli, Red Pepper and Water Chestnuts in a Teriyaki Sauce With Sherry # ____ @ \$34.00 = \$ ____

Selections Served with: Garden Salad; Fresh Garden Greens and Vegetables, Sauteed seasonal vegetables, Au Gratin Potatoes, Rolls & Butter, Cookies and Cream Smith Island Cake, Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee, & Iced Tea

Dietary Restrictions: _____
(Gluten Free Option Available)

Children: Chicken Tender and Fries # ____ @ \$18.00 = \$ ____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Absecon Island Power Squadron

SEND TO: D/1st/Lt Apryl Bernard

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Mays Landing, NJ 08330 (609-432-7449) (aprylber@msn.com)

**MEAL RESERVATIONS must
be received by 8 March 2023**

Recommended Dress for Banquet: Uniform A with bowtie or suitable civilian attire.
Dress Code for other portions of the Spring Conference will be published separately

MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL - Call Reservations Dept. at 800-476-9253

Use the Reservation Group Code: United States District 5 and Block Code 23UNITED

The hotel requires a \$100 incidentals hold upon check in and it will be released at check out if not used.

Princess Royale Hotel 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland

Non-Smoking Venue - Handicapped Rooms available on a request basis

Rates: Ocean view/pool view Suite: \$129.00 per night Ocean Suite: \$169.00 per night

2BR/2BA Oceanfront Condo: \$279.00 per night, 3BR: \$359.00 per night

(Rates listed do **not** include taxes)

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 28 FEBRUARY 2023 TO ENSURE USPS RATES



HOSPITALITY SUITE RESERVATION FORM

USPS D/5 Spring Conference

30 March – 2 April 2023



Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center
9100 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842

Hospitality Suites MUST be reserved for both Friday 31 March & Saturday 1 April, 2023

RESERVATION DEADLINE Friday 24 February 2023

Rooms assigned on a first come first served basis

Normal check-in time is after 1600 (early check-in dependent on availability)
Check-out time before 1100

Cost: Cost for Suites \$143.19 (\$129.00 night plus tax) \$ _____

Addition: Per Suite Bed Removal (Includes two 6' tables) @ \$75.00 \$ _____

Tub-Ice (2, 20 lb. bags) @ \$13.00/Day/Tub \$ _____

Extra Table with Tablecloth @ \$15.00/Table \$ _____

Extra Chairs @ \$2.00/Chair \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

HOSPITALITY SUITE PREFERENCE

Please do not contact hotel directly regarding the Hospitality Suites

Suite locations are on the 3rd floor and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Squadron: _____

Name of Responsible Party: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Credit Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ CVV _____

Type of Card: MC VISA DISCOVER AMEX

You may call with the credit card information if you are uncomfortable mailing it.

This year the suites will be located on the 3rd floor as the suites on the atrium level are being renovated. All suites will be in the same general location with pool view. If renovations are completed before our arrival, suites will be moved to the atrium level.

\$250 deep clean fee for excessive cleaning if warranted \$5.00/per day housekeeping tip is highly recommended

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INLET DRONE VIDEOS—Behind the Scenes



Inlet Drone Videos publicly launched over Thanksgiving Weekend after its in-person world premiere at the D/5 Fall Educational Conference in the Maritime Conference Center. The new service offering from America's Boating Channel can be accessed now at: bit.ly/InletDroneVideos. These videos are designed to help recreational boaters prepare for their first sorties through specific US waterway entrances. Inlets are chosen based on how challenging they are to navigate, and how much boat traffic they attract. The videos

feature narrated low-altitude aerial footage and chart animations to demonstrate the best approach to traversing each inlet. Videos covering Cape Fear, the Columbia River Bar, and the Haulover inlet were the first to be produced. Coverage of nine more inlets is planned for 2023.

There will be a three-hour hands-on drone workshop on Friday afternoon, 24 February at the Annual Meeting to teach prospective participants all they need to know to produce and submit footage for the project. A live drone-flying demo will be included, and a DJI Mavic Mini, the model drone recommended for the project, will be given away as a workshop door prize. Meanwhile, here's a glimpse of behind-the-scenes learning from production of the inaugural videos.

Cape Fear

The Cape Fear River inlet in NC was the first video produced for the new series based on an impressive proposal submitted by Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron ASEO Meg Morrison, JN. Due to national security flight restrictions covering a large area around the Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point from Snow's Cut south to the Fort Fisher Ferry Terminal, we could not solely rely on drones to capture all necessary footage.

To cover that area, we devised a gimbal-stabilized bow camera for a run of the inlet aboard SEO Ned Rhodes' boat. That in turn led to two important innovations that were incorporated into inlet drone video production to follow: 1) running the inlet by boat before conducting drone videography, and 2) recording commentary by local experts during the run.



Running the inlet by boat enabled us to see firsthand the various elements that would need to be captured with drone shots; and, mounting a video camera aboard the boat allowed us to record audio, specifically that of onboard crew describing critical waypoints during navigation of the inlet. Having this audio on the raw video footage proved to be enormously valuable in post-production. Scriptwriters transcribed it as source material for drafting narration tracks and editors used it to sync visual elements with the drone shots.

Haulover



The second inlet covered was the small but infamous Baker's Haulover Inlet in Florida known for the multitude of boat "fails" promoted in videos across social media. Lessons learned from Cape Fear immediately paid off, and enhancements were made that were carried forward. Onboard camera mounting evolved with a gimbal camera centrally mounted to the windshield to mimic a boater's perspective and a second submersible camera mounted to the starboard rail to get "up close and personal" with waves. Local expert Cdr Lee

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Popham, JN of the Miami Sail & Power Squadron recorded commentary accompanied by Capt. Anthony Pupillo at the helm.

Columbia River Bar

The third inlet covered was the large and treacherous Columbia River Bar in the Pacific Northwest, with its eye-catching landscapes. Due to complex no-fly zones along both the Washington and Oregon shorelines, we decided to make an exception to our policy of not flying drones from boats to capture required footage. The policy was put in place because of combined challenges of keeping boats stationary for takeoff and landing points and having drones find their way back over constantly changing waves as visual reference points for returning home.



The *Honey Badger*, crewed by Capt. Ken Piper and Capt. John Pearson, did a yeoman's job of holding position, but the Columbia River Bar quickly showed everyone who was boss. Rapidly changing and unpredictable weather brought in thick fog, winds, and rain creating a stressful moment when landing the drone back onboard safely in degrading conditions—and reinforcing our policy of not flying drones from boats. Fortunately, D/C Charlene Donnelly, P of the Ft. Vancouver Sail & Power Squadron scouted areas on surrounding jetties and identified launch points that enabled us to complete drone flights, capturing all necessary footage on the

final day of shooting.

For more behind-the-scenes details visit <https://stevetroletti.com/2022/11/27/inlet-drone-videos-americas-boating-channel/>.

Steve Troletti,
America's Boating Channel Drone Videographer



Fall Governing Board 2022

The Fall Governing Board was held in Raleigh, North Carolina on 17 September 2022. The first order of business was to establish the site of the 2023 Fall Governing Board which will be held on 27 August – 4 September 2023 at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown in Missouri.

Significant By-law changes were approved by the members of the Governing Board. These new rules govern the formations of squadrons and districts. It allows each squadron/district the autonomy to have a smaller Bridge. This is outlined in the new model by-laws for both entities. Basically, it allows a squadron/district to operate under the by-laws prior to the meeting or to operate under the new approved by-laws. The bridge, in both squadrons and districts, shall have a commander, educational officer, secretary and treasurer. The secretary and treasurer may be the same member. To list all the changes made would make this article too long, please refer to the National by-laws on the website or to the new models printed by the Rules Committee.

Members can now procure a printed copy of the Ensign for a small cost.

Nominations were held for vacant offices: District 5 members, Walter Neese (Dundalk) and Roberta Dougherty (Absecon Island) were approved to be Staff Commanders.

Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron was approved to change districts from District 28 to District 30.

V/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP

The social side of the Governing Board was filled with fun for all the District 5 members who attended. Commander Stephanie Ward hosted two nights of cocktails for all district members in attendance. A big thank you to Megan Humphrey and Judy Stow for the coordination of both events.

Wednesday evening started off with the Casino Night. D/5 members V/C Ralph Bernard and P/D/C Randy Stow were among the dealers for the evening. Thursday evening was the Comedy Night dinner. There were three comedians and they were outstanding. District 5 hosted a table for the Hospitality Night on Friday evening. Needless to say, our table was the best decorated. It was great to see friends that we had not seen for awhile. Saturday brought the meeting and the changes referenced in the above article. Hopefully, this will make it easier for squadrons and/or districts to fill their slates. A delicious luncheon was served between the two sessions of the meeting. Saturday evening was the Beach Party. A truly casual and fun event. D/5 members were out in full force and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The next National event is the Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. There are many exciting events and evenings planned. Check out all the information beginning on page 17 of this issue.

D/Lt Apryl Bernard, P

A large collage of 30 small photographs arranged in a 6x5 grid. The photos depict various social events, group photos, and activities of the 1st Coast Guard District Auxiliary. The images show members in uniform and civilian attire at meetings, dinners, and social gatherings. Many photos feature the Coast Guard Auxiliary flag (a red field with a white anchor and stars, and a blue field with white stripes) and nautical-themed decorations like balloons and beach balls. The scenes include group portraits, individuals at podiums, people at tables during meals, and members engaged in social activities. The overall atmosphere is one of community and service.

2022 Fall Conference Maritime Institute, Lithicum Heights, MD

The Fall Conference held 3-6 November at the Maritime Institute was one for the ages. The facility was one of the best. The food was delicious, the accommodations comfortable and the staff was extremely accommodating to our wishes. Most of this would not have been possible without the generous offering by the Henry Sweet Foundation to cover some of the costs of attendance. Thanks to our District Commander Stephanie Ward for her diligence to make this happen.

Another special thank you to the District Educational Officer John O'Reilly and Assistant DEO Mike Maszczenski for the scheduling and obtaining presenters for the seminars. Those who have done this before know that this is not an easy task.

Thanks to Nance Bernard who chaired the raffle table and her committee of workers, especially those who stepped up to assist her during her absence due to a family matter. I echo those thanks for the members who helped man the registration table. We could not have done it without you.

It was a pleasure to meet the new Portuguese attaché who represented the country well. Colonel Luis Miguel Cordoso attended the Awards Banquet, spoke about the special relationship between USPS® and the country of Portugal. He then assisted John O'Reilly giving out the Prince Henry and the Caravelle awards. John also gave out many other educational awards. They are:

Ken Smith Seamanship

Patuxent River
Rockville
Virginia Beach

Prince Henry

Rockville
Patuxent River
Smith Mountain Lake

Caravelle

Patuxent River
Smith Mountain Lake
Virginia Beach

Henry Sweet Excellence

Wilmington
Colonial

Virginia Beach

Commanders Trophy Advanced Grades

Smith Mountain Lake
Virginia Beach
Patuxent River

Commanders Trophy Electives

Colonial
Wilmington
Richmond

Work Boat

Wilmington
Rockville
Richmond

Chapman Award - Brian Becker

Fall Conference Awards



Fall Conference Friday



Fall Conference Saturday Mtgs



Fall Conference Saturday Cocktails



Fall Conference Saturday Dinner



Fall Conference Sunday



2023 ABClub Annual Meeting

Sunday 19 February - Sunday 26 February 2023



**Rosen Plaza Orlando , FL
9700 International Drive
Orlando FL 32819
Telephone: 407-996-9700
Rate: \$169.00**

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER - YOU CHOOSE THE DAY Time: 0730-1930

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 **ICON Park Excursion** (opens at 11 a.m.)

Dive deep as you explore thousands of sea creatures at SEA LIFE, snap the perfect selfie with your favorite celebrity at Madame Tussauds, and soak in Orlando's most spectacular views from 400 feet on The Wheel. ICON Park provides entertainment, fun and games for the whole family. Spend your day exploring over 50 venues, including excellent restaurants, funky bars, boutique shops, and amusement park rides. And the best part, transportation is almost free! A round trip on the [I-Ride Trolley](#) costs 50 cents for those 65 or older and \$4 for everyone else. Purchase a [multi-day pass](#) to take advantage of this great service all week! The ticket price includes park admission and three attractions. Both the trolley and ICON Park are handicap accessible.

SEAWORLD ORLANDO DISCOUNTED TICKETS Cost: \$107.00 Price until 1 February 2023 \$89.00
YOU CHOOSE THE DAY BUT PURCHASE HERE

Purchase special USPS-ABC group rate tickets to SeaWorld Orlando and use them any day Tuesday through Friday (Feb 21-24). Tickets must be purchased in advance here by checking the box. Get there on the [I-Ride Trolley](#) system. A roundtrip ticket costs 50 cents for those 65 or older and \$4 for everyone else. Better still, purchase a [multi-day trolley pass](#) and use it all week. The I-Ride Trolley red line stop is just across the street from the hotel.

NOTE: The ticket for Sea World is a group rate ticket. Purchase it here at the group rate for Tuesday through Friday any time of day. Transportation on the trolley is included. You also can determine when you want to leave and return. For Park times and details, see seaworld.com/orlando/. For Accessibility Information, click on I-Ride Trolley link above or arrange for your own.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

DIY CHARCUTERIE BOARD DEMO Time: 1230-1400 Cost: \$25.00 Price until 1 February 2023 \$18.00

Attend a demonstration, hosted by The National Social Activities Committee, on how to create a charcuterie board. Perfect for those relaxing afternoons at home or on your boat. We will be featuring the new USA cutting board from the Ship's Store as a platform for the display. Enjoy food, beverages, and a chance to win a USA cutting board from the Ship's Store. Location is inside the hotel.

AL CAPONE'S DINNER THEATER Time: 1700-2200 Cost: \$111.00 Price until 20 January 2023 \$93.00

Hop aboard a motor coach to be transported back to the Prohibition Era and 1930s Gangland Chicago, with speakeasies, mobsters, dames, and Al Capone. Back by popular demand, Al Capone's new show will soon have you talking the talk, walking the walk, and singing the songs. Enjoy a four-course dinner served by Al's finest, with bread, salad, desert, all-you-can-drink beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and your choice of entrée and appetizer from an Italian American menu fit for any mob boss with options for those with dietary restrictions. At the theater, you can purchase apparel such as fedoras, boas, and headbands that you can use for our Roaring '20s-themed Saturday night event as well!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Miniature Golf Tournament at Pirate's Cove Time: 0930-1430 Cost: \$20.00 Price until 1 February 2023 \$15.00
Plunge into the legendary world of 18th century buccaneers!

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Putt your way through mountain caves, across a full-scale pirate ship, over footbridges and under cascading waterfalls--all amid a fun-filled atmosphere of meticulously kept landscaping and enchanting pirate lore. We will be transported to the land of pirates by the i-Ride Trolley to the Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf where we will team up in groups of 4 players for 18 holes of putt-putt challenges amid lush foliage and water features. Choose from 2 courses. Prizes will be awarded. Restaurants are within walking distance for lunch on your own following the tournament or you can take the trolley back to the hotel. The winner(s) will be announced at the Welcome dinner tonight. Geaux teams! i-Ride Trolley system - for round trip cost of \$0.50 if you're 65 or older and \$4.00 round trip under 65! You can also purchase a multiday pass to take advantage of this great feature all week! The i-Ride trolley stop is on the Red line and is just across the street from the hotel. Quarters will be available at the Registration Desk and with your tour guide.

MARDI GRAS PARTY WITH BINGO WELCOME FRIENDS

Time: 1800-2200

Cost: \$71.00 **Price until 20 January 2023 \$59.00**

What do Mardi Gras and Bingo have in common? Come to the Orlando Annual Meeting and find out! Make plans to join us as we celebrate Mardi Gras USPS|ABC style! Instead of tossing beads, we will be "tossing out" bingo cards -- now who doesn't love a good night of BINGO!?!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023

KEYNOTE SPEAKER BREAKFAST Time: 0715-0900 Cost: \$51.00 Price until 20 January 2023 \$42.00

Join us in welcoming Division Chief of Training Tim Barrett of Sanibel Fire and Rescue will be presenting to discuss Hurricane Ian and emergency preparedness. He will provide a briefing of the preparations, the reality, and thoughts moving forward including the need for teams like SERAT.

A DAY IN HISTORIC WINTER PARK Time: 0915-1330 Cost: \$58.00 Price until 20 January 2023 \$48.00

This day tour includes transportation to nearby Winter Park, where you will be dropped off at [Casa Feliz Historic Home Museum](#) for a free docent-led tour of Winter Park's Community Parlor. Afterward, visit any of the free venues around the city or purchase tickets on your own for those that have an entrance fee. Lunch is on your own. Some free or inexpensive tours you can enjoy:

[Mead Botanical Garden](#) was established by Theodore Luqueer Mead, an American naturalist, entomologist, and horticulturist, who discovered more than 20 new species of North American butterflies; pioneered work on the growing and crossbreeding of orchids; and created new forms of caladium, bromeliad, crinum, amaryllis and hemerocallis (daylily).

[Kraft Azalea Garden](#), secluded and unique, is Winter Park's secret garden. Enormous cypress trees shade this public lakefront garden.

[The Morse Museum](#) houses the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany, including the artist and designer's jewelry, pottery, paintings, art glass, leaded-glass lamps, and windows; his chapel interior from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago; and art and architectural objects from his Long Island country estate, Laurelton Hall. Admission \$6.

[Rollins Museum of Art](#) features rotating exhibitions, ongoing programs, and an extensive permanent collection that spans centuries from ancient art and artifacts to contemporary works. Open to the public year-round, the museum has the only European Old Master paintings in the Orlando area, a sizeable American art collection, and a forward-thinking contemporary collection on view both at the museum and the Alford Inn at Rollins.

NOTE: This is for transportation to Winter Park ONLY. Winter Park has lots of great lunch options, but they are not included in this price. All but one of the museums above are free.

Peacocks, Presidents and Puzzles Winter Park Boat and Walking Tour

Time: 0915-1330

Cost: \$161.00 **Price until 20 January 2023 \$134.00**

First permanently settled in 1858 and chartered in 1887, Winter Park Florida has a rich history as the secret southern destination for many U.S. Presidents, celebrities, and wealthy families escaping the harshness of northern winter for the gentle breezes, palms, and pines of a village built along a southern park. During this tour, you'll hear fascinating stories of how this quaint town with its European-feel cafes, shops and brick streets came to be, and why it's still an off-the-radar getaway for the rich and famous! The 90-minute to two-

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hour walking tour includes a brief visit to the Winter Park History Museum and a Park Avenue tasting room with a brief demonstration. Next, you'll be escorted to the docks for a one-hour narrated cruise along three of the seven tranquil Winter Park lakes and through two man-made, interconnecting canals. You'll see breathtaking mansions, Rollins College (Florida's first college and the alma mater of Fred Rogers and actor Anthony Perkins) as well as local wildlife among natural settings. You'll get ice-cold bottled water to refresh you for the journey! This add-on activity has a six-person minimum.

NOTE: This is for transportation to Winter Park AND the walking and boating tour. Winter Park has lots of great lunch options, but they are not included in this price.

LUNCH FOR EVERYONE - THURSDAY

Time: 1200-1330 Cost: \$59.00 Price until 20 January 2023 \$49.00

This lunch is designed to provide you with an opportunity to break bread with your fellow members – old friends and new! Sign up and take advantage of this networking opportunity.

D/C XO SQUADRON COMMANDERS EXECUTIVE OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

Time: 1200-1400 Cost: \$59.00 Price until 20 January 2023 \$49.00

Calling all District Commanders, Executive officers, squadron commanders and those in the Executive Department! Sign up for this lunch to meet and mingle with your counterparts from across the country to learn what works and may not work so well for their squadrons!

AWARDS DINNER AND LIFE MEMBER RECOGNITION

Time: 1800-2200 Cost: \$77.00 Price until 20 January 2023 \$64.00

Begin the evening with the reception; join us as we honor the achievements of our fellow members at the Awards Ceremony part of the evening. And don't forget to make your reservations for the special dinner - a great way to end the evening.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023

QUICK BREAKFAST Time: 0730-0845 Cost: \$54.00 Price until 20 January 2023 \$45.00

Quick breakfast for everyone to start their day off.

GATORS AND LUNCH AND FORTS - OH MY!

Time: 0845-1500 Cost: \$123.00 Price until 20 January 2023 \$102.00

Travel Back in Time to Jungle Adventures, Orlando's original wild animal attraction and Fort Christmas in Christmas, Florida. Jungle Adventures animal park is home to rare Florida panthers, black bears, wolves, white-tailed deer, tropical birds, reptiles, mammals, and a gator or two or 80! Your visit includes wildlife shows, a jumping gator jamboree feeding, a visit to a replica Native American village, and a cruise aboard a pontoon boat through a serene passage on Green Gator River, deep inside a natural Florida habitat teeming with alligators, flocks of birds and an authentic replica of Spanish Fort Mees. On Dec. 25, 1837, 2,000 U.S. Army soldiers and Alabama volunteers arrived near this spot to construct a fort that was aptly named Fort Christmas. In addition to the fort, seven restored historical homes have been preserved on the property, showcasing the Florida cracker architecture of East Orange County. These houses are interpreted to show pioneer life from the 1870s through the 1930s. Ticket price includes transportation and a picnic lunch at Fort Christmas. This activity has a 20-person minimum.

LUNCH FOR EVERYONE - FRIDAY Time: 1215-1330 Cost: \$59.00 Price until 20 January 2023 \$49.00

Can't find time to meet with your friends? Maybe you want to meet some other great members. Join us for a quick group lunch. Everyone is invited and entertainment is planned.

MAKE YOUR OWN ROARING 20's HEADBAND

Time: 1230-1400 Cost: \$25.00 Price until 1 February 2023 \$15.00

Need an accessory for your look for Saturday nights Roaring '20s evening in Orlando? The National Social Activities Committee will be holding a 90 minute workshop in Orlando just in time to get you ready for Saturday night. We will be holding a make your own Head Band workshop. We will supply:

- Sequin headbands
- An assortment of feathers
- Costume gems
- Glue guns

You supply your ideas and creativity. Members of the committee will be available to help you create the perfect Head Band to complete your look.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023

SOCIAL LUNCHEON Time: 1130-1400 Cost: \$65.00 Price until 20 January 2023 \$54.00

If you are interested in having a fun, social lunch with an interesting guest speaker, join us for lunch!

MEMBERS LUNCHEON Time: 1200-1400 Cost: \$65.00 Price until 20 January 2023 \$54.00

Take advantage of this luncheon to talk to leadership and fellow members. Great opportunity to go over what you have learned, heard or have questions about during the course of the week. Another great networking opportunity!

1920's THEMED DINNER DANCE Time: 1800-2200 Cost: \$98.00 Price until 20 January 2023 \$81.00

Cat's Pajama's! The bees knees! Speakeasies and flappers! Not many of us may remember these terms or the era, but here's a chance to put our spin on those Roaring 20's days! So knock on the "green door" for a great dinner and an evening of fun to close out a week of education, meetings, and camaraderie!



District 5 Hospitality Table at the Fall Governing Board in Raleigh

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023

19-26 Feb	USPS Annual Meeting	Rosen Plaza, Orlando, FL
2-6 Mar	Atlantic City Indoor Boat Show	AC Convention Center
30 Mar-2 Apr	District 5 Spring Conference	Princess Royale, OC, MD



District Aides at Fall Conference

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