



## Upcoming

**January 4, 2014**  
District 27  
Training Day  
Raleigh

**January 26 - Feb 2, 2014**  
USPS Annual Meeting  
Jacksonville, FL

**March 21 - 23, 2014**  
District 27 Spring  
Council/Conference  
New Bern

**June 20 - 22, 2014**  
D27 Rendezvous  
Pecan Grove Marina  
Oriental

**October 17 - 19, 2014**  
D27 Fall Council/  
Conference  
TBA

# D/C Message Robert Howd, JN

Hello D27.

We have a lot going on in the next few months that will culminate in a very good year for the district as a whole and for the entire USPS.



### TRAINING DAY – JAN 4

January 4 is one of the most important days in the year for your bridge members. We have the day set aside so that each officer can get training in what their job entails. Upcoming officers, incumbent officers, anybody can attend. Plan to be at the NCSU University Club in Raleigh on January 4. See the registration form and agenda located elsewhere in this issue of The Carolina BITTS.

### NATIONAL MEETING

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting of the USPS will be held in Jacksonville, FL, the last week of January 2014. If you ever attend a national meeting this should be it. The registration is available on the [USPS.ORG](http://USPS.ORG) website. There is quite a savings if you sign up before Jan 1. The price for the leadership classes has been reduced to \$49. These are great classes and everybody benefits from them.

### SQUADRON VISITS

Since the fall conference Sandie and I visited Greensboro for their P/C's event and I visited Raleigh to be in attendance when George Malindzak's Member of the Year award was presented to Marianne. We also attended P/C Bob Gardner's memorial service in Charlotte. We plan to attend several Christmas parties.

### PUBLICITY

The fall issue of the Ensign had two articles about D27. Page 7 has an article about the D5/D27 Rendezvous in August. The only recognizable people in the pictures were D27 folks. Page 33 has an article about the mayors from Pine Knoll Shores and Morehead City who signed Safe Boating Week proclamations. To thank the mayors, I presented each of them their own copy of the Ensign magazine in which their pictures appeared.

## USPS CENTENNIAL FLAG

The D27 Centennial flag now has 19 battle ribbons attached. Fayetteville, Greensboro and Goldsboro have added theirs since the fall conference.

## BOATUS ENTRIES

We had several squadrons and the district entered for the BOATUS Civic Service award. So far D27, Lake Norman and Fort Macon have been notified that they are finalists. The district entry is a compilation of what each and every squadron has done. Since several squadrons entered themselves I was not able to put their involvement in the D27 entry. Without their activities I was still able to come up with over 1000 hours. This information was primarily gathered from the squadron websites and newsletters. Your civic service involvement is wonderful. Thank you all.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

At the fall conference V/C Gary Cheney presented the Lake Norman Sail & Power Squadron with the National Boating Federation Award for Public Boating Education.

Fifty-Year Awards: Boyce Brown (Charlotte), Henry Parker (Catawba), John Rogers (Charlotte) and Marshall VanWinkle (Cape Lookout) received 50 year plaques.

Twenty-Five Year pins were received by: David Stewart, Marvin Chaney, George Rogers Jr., and John Cattuna (Charlotte), David Simons, Michael Dykstra, and Frank Liggett II (Raleigh), Diane Marshburn (Tar River), Scott MacKenzie, Ansel MacMillan and Hal Stasch (Pamlico), Alec Wrenn, Steve Puckett, Dawn Long, Mack Gordy, and Donald Elliott (Greensboro).

Member Involvement and Retention Awards: Pamlico placed 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally and Albemarle, Cape Fear, Lake Norman, New River and Pamlico received certificates for submitting a report.

## BRIDGE NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee chair, P/D/C Harold O'Briant, JN tells me that we could still use an assistant admin officer and an assistant treasurer.

## REPORTS

The VSC life jackets report was due November 15. It was completed on time. D27 is one of only four districts that completed the report on time.

Merit Marks were also due November 15. I submitted 50 for a MM from the district. All were accepted and I received a note saying it is great that we have so many involved.

The next report is the Doing it Right report that is due Dec 15. This is a 15 minute report that really lets you know how you stand. Your Admin officer should do this one. Assuming your admin officer will be commander in two years it is a chance to see what needs to be done to guide the squadron.

I've really appreciated the energy and enthusiasm I've seen in the people and squadrons in D27. Keep up the good work. We still have the exciting Change of Watch season coming up. I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and will enjoy a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you all for everything you have done.



Fayetteville ribbon being attached



Greensboro ribbon attached



Goldsboro ribbon attached

## District Marketing and PRO - P/C John E. "JB" Bagby, JN

Earlier this year, Pine Knoll Shores Mayor Ken Jones and Morehead City Mayor Jerry Jones joined with the National Safe Boating Council to designate the week before Memorial Day as National Safe Boating Week in our community by mayoral proclamations. To further emphasize the importance of educating the public about boating safety, the United States Power Squadrons® conducted extra classes, set up booths for vessel safety checks, conducted seminars and held other events, starting a year-long effort to promote safe boating in and around the waters of the Crystal Coast.

District Commander Robert F. Howd, JN was on the early agenda at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pine Knoll Shores. Mayor Ken Jones welcomed Mayor Jerry Jones of Morehead City as a distinguished guest for a special presentation.

The USPS national magazine *The Ensign* had devoted six pages to National Safe Boating Week activities across the

country by local squadrons (pages 28-33) in the Fall 2013 issue. On page 33, the magazine chose to feature Mayor Ken Jones of Pine Knoll Shores and Mayor Jerry Jones of Morehead City with their proclamations of Safe Boating Week along the Crystal Coast.

D/C Howd remarked to the Board of Commissioners and the mayors, "This year USPS District 27 Public Affairs Officer JB Bagby was able to get a half page article in the USPS magazine, *The Ensign*, as well as in several other local magazines. This has not typically been done before.

"As a token of our appreciation of your support, we are today presenting Mayors Ken Jones (PKS) and Jerry Jones (MHC), with their own copies of this magazine.

"Again mayors, thank you for your help in promoting Safe Boating in your communities."



Pictured are D/C Robert Howd, JN, Morehead City Mayor Jerry Jones, Pine Knoll Shores Mayor Ken Jones, District 27 Public Relations Officer JB Bagby, JN. Howd and Bagby are both Past Commanders of the Fort Macon Sail and Power Squadron led by Commander Kenneth D. Link, SN.

# District Executive Officer—D/Lt/C Burt Pearson, SN-CN

As I walk around outside the chill, no really the cold, feeling in the air reminds me that I need to finish winterizing my boat. At this time I am still a fair weather boater and cold weather does not stimulate me to get on the water too often. But the cold weather does provide a good time to plan ahead, whether it is planning routes to new destinations, planning Co-op Charting projects, looking around for more boats to inspect next year, or locating loaner PFDs. The first item is generally personal, but the last three can help your Squadron and your District.



## CO-OP CHARTING

As of information received last month, District 27 had the distinction of being the only District to have 100% of the Squadrons in the District participate in Co-op Charting for the current year. I guess that I was dreaming. We still have one Squadron that needs to make a report. So I can still keep on dreaming. This is a group effort, starting with the individuals, Squadrons, and D27 Co-op Charting Chairpersons. I use the plural for the District Chairperson as Phil Benson served January through March and Charles “Bo” Ibach served the rest of the year. Phil and his predecessors set a high goal and Bo stirred things up and kept everybody going until we reached the 100% participation plateau. Our thanks go to Phil and Bo, and all of the Squadrons and individuals that participated.

At the D27 Fall Council and Conference, Co-op Charting awards were presented for the 2012 efforts of Squadrons and individuals. D27 was awarded Honor Roll Status for having 75% of the Squadrons participate. D27’s National ranking was #4.

The following Squadrons reached Honor Roll status. Honor Roll status is calculated on a complicated formula based on exceeding a standard depending on Squadron size.

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Ranking</u>
Rocky Mount	5 <sup>th</sup>	Charlotte	8 <sup>th</sup>
Ft. Macon	20 <sup>th</sup>	Lake Norman	34 <sup>th</sup>
Greensboro	41 <sup>st</sup>	Cape Lookout	43 <sup>rd</sup>
Shallotte River	49 <sup>th</sup>	Albemarle	53 <sup>rd</sup>
Durham	57 <sup>th</sup>		

The following individuals reached Honor Roll status. Honor Roll status is calculated on a complicated formula based on exceeding a standard.

- Phillip A Benson, Rocky Mount, 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Charles Ibach III, Charlotte, 8<sup>th</sup>
- Brevard Myers Jr., Charlotte, 12<sup>th</sup>
- John J. Rodgers, Charlotte, 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Sally A. Benson, Rocky Mount, 38<sup>th</sup>
- Scott V. Brown, Ft. Macon, 61<sup>st</sup>
- Robert Howd, Fort Macon, 63<sup>rd</sup>
- Earl Wilson, New River, 67<sup>th</sup>
- H. Clay Helm, Rocky Mount, 69<sup>th</sup>
- Richard LaPalme, Ft. Macon, 70<sup>th</sup>
- Suzanne LaPalme, Ft. Macon, 71<sup>st</sup>
- Cathy E. Payne, Rocky Mount, 75<sup>th</sup>
- Christopher Payne, Rocky Mount, 76<sup>th</sup>
- Wilma Helm, Rocky Mount, 92<sup>nd</sup>
- Peter Dahl, Cape Fear, 132<sup>nd</sup>
- Burt Pearson, Raleigh, 133<sup>rd</sup>
- Norm Greisen, Southport, 136<sup>th</sup>
- Paul D. Long, Greensboro, 141<sup>st</sup>
- Lloyd Moore, Cape Lookout, 144<sup>th</sup>
- Ed Summers, Goldsboro, 149<sup>th</sup>
- Conrad Wessel III, Goldsboro, 150<sup>th</sup>
- Bruce P. Banbury, Charlotte, 155<sup>th</sup>
- Roger G. Simmons, Cape Fear, 161<sup>st</sup>
- Lorraine B. Ryan, Rocky Mount, 168<sup>th</sup>
- Stephen L Puckett, Greensboro, 172<sup>nd</sup>
- Hubert Bordeaux, Cape Fear, 178<sup>th</sup>
- Harold T. Bloom, Lake Norman, 182<sup>nd</sup>
- Russell Klein, Lake Norman, 183<sup>rd</sup>
- Richard Van Dyke, Lake Norman, 184<sup>th</sup>
- Robert Yannacci, Lake Norman, 185<sup>th</sup>
- James R. Davidson, Cape Lookout, 190<sup>th</sup>
- John A. King II, Charlotte, 203<sup>rd</sup>
- William J. Gewain, Cape Lookout, 206<sup>th</sup>
- Robert Morris, Shallotte, 209<sup>th</sup>

We congratulate all of the above award winners and others that participated. The end of the Co-op Charting year is March 31, 2014 so there is still time to do more Co-op Charting and either move up the list or join those on the Honor Roll next year.

## VESSEL SAFETY EXAMS

We had some anxieties and problems relative to having VSC decals to place on vessels that passed the examination. Each of the Districts were issued decals



based on last year's use. For some reason, the difference between the amount issued and the number of reported passing exams was significant. D27 received 2090 decals and there were 1281 passing exams reported as of the Fall Council/Conference. The situation was that some inspectors had more than they needed and others needed more than they had. D27 VSE Chair Chris Payne communicated with the Squadron Executive Officers to keep them informed, and in some Squadrons, the unused decals were redistributed to other Squadrons. As of November 21, the number of vessels passed has increased to 1374, still far below the number of decals issued. We will try to do something different relative to issuing the decals in 2014 to assist everyone with having the number of decals that you need. Many thanks to Chris for foraging out the problem and working with the Squadrons to get us through this year.

### **LOANER PFD REPORTS**

I am sure that the Squadron Executive Officers and Commanders are glad that my emails about the US Coast Guard Loaner PFD reports have stopped. The reason that the emails stopped is because all the Squadrons in D27 sent in their reports by the deadline of November 15. Sometime late in afternoon of November 15, a check of the USPS website indicated that D27 was one of four Districts that had 100% of their Squadrons submitting their reports. As of November 21, only 6 Districts are listed as 100% reporting. Since the reports have been recently made, now is a good time to check your list of who has the PFDs, what condition the PFDs are in, and give a copy to the incoming Executive Officer and your successor if you have one. Then put a copy of the list in a prominent place so that you will be sure to find it next October when the D27 XO starts sending emails requesting that the reports be made.

Remember, the PFDs are "loaners" distributed by the US Coast Guard for Squadron VSEs to wear while performing vessel safety exams and be available for use by the Squadrons for instructional purposes. One of the prerequisites of receiving the PFDs is the agreement that the quantity and condition be reported annually.

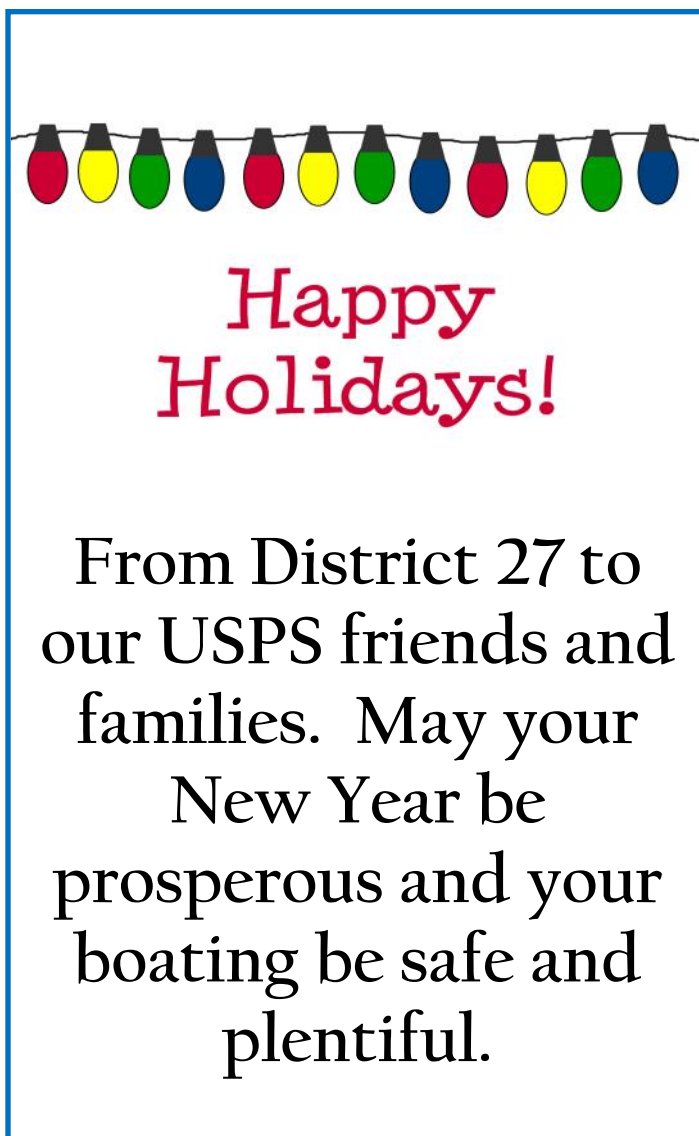
### **MEETINGS**

You are sure to see the upcoming meetings listed several times in this Bitts, but the D27 Training Session scheduled for Saturday, January 4, 2014, in Raleigh is an important meeting. All Bridge officers should attend this training session. There may be information that an outgoing officer needs to assist their successor and there will be information that the new officers need to help make their job easier. Registration information is included in this

copy of The Bitts and is posted on the D27 website at <http://www.uspsd27.org/>.

The USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL, will be something to remember -- from the combined cocktail party Friday night with the boat parade viewable from the party area, to the opening of the General Meeting on Saturday when the 33 District 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ensigns enter with the Squadron Battle ribbons attached, to the election of new officers and the term "Past" added to D27's own John Alter, Chief Commander. The event starts on Sunday, January 26 and continues until Saturday, February 1, although most of us don't need to be there until Thursday morning. A lot of 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities are planned throughout the week. Check the USPS website at [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org).

Enjoy your Holidays and start the New Year off right by attending the Training Session.



# District Educational Officer—D/Lt/C Clay Helm, JN-CN

## JANUARY TRAINING SESSIONS



January 4<sup>th</sup> District 27 will hold its annual training for all squadron officers. This training is for all new squadron officers but is open to anyone who is moving into a new job, all assistant officers, and anyone who would like to be more involved in the squadron. The educational parts of the program include a morning program on “How Do I ...?” that will answer the nuts and bolts questions on how to do the activities around the Educational Department. The afternoon session will be training on using the HQ-800 program to schedule classes and seminars. Everyone is invited to attend these classes. The registration form is in this newsletter and on the District 27 web site. See you there!

## 2013 CRUISING AND CRUISE PLANNING COURSE NOW AVAILABLE

A major rewrite of the course has been completed. The 2013 Cruising and Cruise Planning course includes a new Student Manual, Instructor Guide, a Slide Presentation with notes, and a full set of examination questions. In addition to the traditional cruise planning topics, the new manual includes descriptions and tips about some actual cruise routes/areas (the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Inland Rivers, Northwest Pacific Coast, and the Great Lakes). The course also includes a class virtual cruise planning exercise that involves the major elements of cruise planning (charts, guidebooks, route, provisioning/meals, etc.).

## “PARTNERS IN COMMAND” ONLINE COURSE IS NOW AVAILABLE

USPS and Boat/US Foundation have partnered to present the new online course of “Partners in Command”. The course can be found on the USPS home page. Scroll down to **Online Boating Education** and click. There is an introductory charge for members before the full price becomes effective.

Coming soon will be the **Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio Seminar**, and **Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes Seminar**.

## FORM ED-80

National Form ED-80 is the SEO/ASEO nomination form. It is submitted by the Chair of the Squadron Nominations Committee and needs to be approved before the Squadron Change of Watch. Even if the person is continuing in the same position, the form needs to be completed. Form ED-80 is available on line. Go to **Site Index/Forms**.

## NOAA ANNOUNCES END OF TRADITIONAL PAPER NAUTICAL CHARTS

On April 13, 2014, the federal government will stop lithographic printing of NOAA's nautical charts. It is the end of the 150-year heritage of a traditional printing process. It is not the end of paper nautical charts, however, as Coast Survey will continue to update our Print-on-Demand (POD) paper nautical charts weekly, to add all of the latest critical chart corrections. The public can purchase paper POD nautical charts at their convenience.

Additionally, Coast Survey is offering almost all of NOAA's thousand nautical charts as PDF nautical charts, for free download. The site got over a million hits in the first seven days after we announced their availability. Go to <http://www.charts.noaa.gov/PDFs/PDFs.shtml>.



# District Administrative Officer—D/Lt/C Dave Parsons, JN

Can you believe that we are just a short time away from ending 2013 and welcoming in 2014? Just seems like yesterday that I was sworn in as the District Admin Officer. I know that everyone is now in the process of finalizing their new Bridge for 2014-2015 and Linda and I are looking forward to being involved in conducting the COW's for Southport, Shallotte River, Winston-Salem, Fort Macon, Kinston, and Raleigh. It is always a great time to fellowship with the many friends we have come to know over the past few years.



## MEMBERSHIP

We have not yet met our goal of 1800 members, and we need to continue to work on this objective. As of this writing, Cape Fear, Catawba, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Greensboro, New River, Pamlico, Rocky Mount, Shallotte River, and Southport, have completed their **Doing It Right** report and submitted it to Stf/C Sandra Krupa. Of this group of reports, Cape Fear continues to lead the way in being able to answer yes to each and every item on the report. Many of the others are close behind and I encourage them to continue to work on those items that do not have a “yes” answer. Doing It Right helps to bring in new members and retain those we currently have on board.

## OPERATIONS TRAINING

Have you conducted Operations Training this year? I have not heard of any reports being submitted to June Reasons, Chairperson of OT for the District. New members need to know this information and it's also a good refresher for those who have been members for some time but have possibly forgotten a lot of the internal workings of a Squadron, District, and National Operations. Be creative and do something at your General Membership Meetings that highlight the objectives of Operations Training and let June know of your efforts.

## BOARMAN YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

Paula Schubert, Chairperson of the Poster Contest, has done another outstanding job in getting posters submitted and judged at our District meeting in Greenville. The

Kinston squadron provided this year's winners of the District judging, which will now be entered into the National judging in Jacksonville. Congratulations to our 6-8 yr old winner, Kamanriah Banks; 9-11 yr old winner, Jose Sanjibanez-Carter; and 12-14 yr old winner, Natasia Wooten. A special thank-you goes to the Kinston Boys and Girls Club and the Salvation Army in participating in this year's contest, celebrating **100 Years of Wearing It**.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

I don't think enough can be said about our **D27 Training Program** at the NCSU University Club in Raleigh on Saturday, January 4. Since this was changed to a one day event, many have taken advantage of learning more about their responsibilities as a Bridge Officer at the various breakout sessions. Like most who serve on the Nominations Committee, we don't like to get a “no” from someone we are asking to take a position and unfortunately we take the easy way and not tell the prospect everything about their responsibilities. This then becomes a problem when the Officer does not understand the reports necessary for District and National. It is imperative that the new officers and those transferring out attend this practical Training Session and become a strong leader for their squadron.

I am looking forward to a grand **100th** anniversary celebration of USPS in Jacksonville, FL, January 27-February 2, 2014. This has been a great location over the past years and I know that the activities that are being planned will make for a remarkable celebration. Don't miss this once in a life-time event.

SAFE Boating!



# District Secretary—D/Lt/C David J. Simons, AP-IN

## COMMUNICATIONS

This may be getting a bit old, but I continue to emphasize this subject. With squadrons dispersed around a community or, in some cases, more than one county, keeping everyone up to date is one of the most difficult and most crucial activities of a squadron. Then when we consider that District 27 has 1700+ members spread from Manteo to Murphy (philosophically-speaking), things can get really complicated. USPS recognizes this and has an on-going awards program to acknowledge those squadrons and districts which are doing a good job in this area. The award is called the Distinctive Communicator Award and it applies to both newsletters and websites.



District 27 has received the Distinctive Communicator Award for both the website and the newsletter ever since the inception of those awards. The awards for the year 2012 have recently been announced and distributed. District 27 has again received both of these awards. As noted, these awards are for 2012. As of the middle of this year, we have a new editor of our BITTS newsletter (P/C Paula Schubert of the Durham Squadron) and a new webmaster (Lt/C Stefan Ufer of the Raleigh Squadron). From what we have seen already, they are definitely maintaining this tradition of excellence. So our thanks for the 2012 awards go to their predecessors, Editor P/D/C George Ellis (Winston-Salem Squadron) and Webmaster Lt Luis Lopez (Raleigh). My thanks to both of them, on behalf of all of District 27, for a job really well done.

The 20 squadrons of District 27 were very successful with regard to the Distinctive Communicator Awards for 2012. 15 squadrons received the Award for their websites (Albemarle, Cape Fear, Cape Lookout, Catawba, Charlotte, Fort Macon, Greensboro, Lake Norman, Pamlico, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Shallotte River, Tar River, and Winston-Salem). Only one other district (District 9) had more awards (16 rather than 15). Fourteen squadrons received the Award for their newsletters (Cape Fear, Cape Lookout, Catawba, Charlotte, Durham, Fort Macon, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Lake Norman, Pamlico, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, and Shallotte River). All in all, District 27 has done an outstanding job!

The USPS Communications Committee has an extensive checklist (actually two - one for websites and one for newsletters) which they use when evaluating newsletters and websites. When the evaluation is complete, that checklist is sent to the editor or webmaster, whichever is appropriate. For those few D27 squadrons which did not receive the Award(s), the squadron officers may want to consult with the editor or webmaster in order to determine what steps or assistance may be in order to improve the chances of receiving the Award next year.

## WHAT IS ON THE HORIZON?

We are about to get into the year-end busy time also known as COW-season! Unfortunately, COW-season coincides with ski-season. The over-riding problem is that skiers who want to ski must do so when there is SNOW! This makes sense, doesn't it? So Carolyn and I will be absent from the District 27 neighborhood for the first half of March 2014. But we are definitely going to be in Jacksonville, FL for the USPS Annual Meeting at the end of January. Chief Commander John Alter will be completing his 2-year tour-of-duty and we need to be there to show our support and thanks for our own D27 "graduate" as he goes out of office. Not everyone in District 27 realizes that John is the fourth Chief Commander to come from the ranks of District 27. Just in case you are wondering; his predecessors are James H. "Pou" Bailey (Raleigh), L.M. Barnes (Rocky Mount) and Ernest Marshburn (Tar River).

But before we get to that, we have our annual D27 Training Day at the NCSU University Club in Raleigh on January 4. That is when we all "Get Smart" (pun intended). The occasion actually has 2 purposes. The first is to provide knowledge and wisdom to the incoming officers of the squadrons in D27. The secondary goal is for the officers of each squadron to become better acquainted with their counterparts from other squadrons in District 27. It has been arranged in terms of both central location and timing so that everyone can participate and still be able to return home in time for dinner. I hope to see lots of your smiling faces there.

## AND IN CONCLUSION

In my opinion, a website is a better means of communication than a newsletter. But having a website is



like having a new baby in the house in that it requires constant attention. One good aspect is that it can be updated and distributed very quickly. It is also not constrained by printing costs, so numerous photos and such can be included. The other good aspect in my view is that it is available to the public; i.e., prospective members who might be interested in what we are doing. But, as I noted above, it requires constant attention. It needs to be updated on a regular basis because “old news” is not “good news”. There is also the problem that any errors or mistakes become public knowledge almost instantly and “wrong news” is not “good news”. So careful review is crucial.

There is one other aspect to be considered. Let’s call it the “archives”. A newsletter is a one-time creation with a specific date. We can easily build up an archive of these newsletters in chronological order. We have no such

capability with a website. We can also prepare a newsletter and then distribute it to a small number of people for proofreading. So where are we? The real answer is that a squadron which can successfully maintain both mechanisms should do so.

Here comes the caveat. Websites require a certain level of expertise. A squadron which is considering starting a website should first determine that the squadron has the technical expertise within its ranks to build the website and then maintain it. We should never create a website just to have one because it can have a negative impact as I have addressed above. As my grandmother used to quote from Alexander Pope (whom she did not know or even recognize the name): “Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.”

## District Treasurer—D/Lt/C Paula F. Stewart, AP

January will be a very busy month for the D27 Treasurer’s Department.

### D27 WINTER TRAINING, Raleigh, NC



There will be a breakout session for current and/or incoming squadron treasurers at the meeting on January 4, 2014. Please make every effort to attend this meeting – especially if you are new to the Treasurer’s position. This will be a perfect opportunity to meet your fellow squadron treasurers and hopefully learn something, too!

submitting your reports is January 21, 2014. Reminder emails will be sent to each squadron treasurer.

Finally, for those of you who don’t know, my home squadron is Charlotte Power Squadron. This year I will have the privilege, as a D27 officer, to conduct our Change of Watch. What an honor it will be to install Charlotte’s 5<sup>th</sup> female commander!! Plus, I also have the honor of relieving my husband, David, of his command as he is the current commander (second time) of our squadron. I also look forward to representing D27 at Catawba Sail and Power Squadron’s Change of Watch.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! I look forward to seeing you in Raleigh!!

### NEW MEMBER ASSESSMENTS

Currently, I have received payments for the new members from all of the squadrons billed except for two. New member assessments for July – December, 2013, will go out in mid-January to all squadron treasurers.

### SALES TAX REFUNDS

If you would like to file for your sales tax refund from July – December, 2013 with D27, the deadline for

**4 January 2014  
District 27  
Winter Training Meeting Agenda  
NC State University Club  
4200 Hillsborough Street  
Raleigh, NC 27606**

**0900 – 0930 Check-In**

**0930 – 0945 University Room- Welcome and Overview – D/C**

**0950 – 1120 1st Breakout Sessions**

**University Room - Squadron Commanders – D/C and D/XO**

**State Room - Educational Officers – D/EO**

**Bar Room - Squadron Secretaries – D/SEC**

**Ballroom - Information and Reporting Sources (DB2000) (XOs, Admin,  
and Treas. Attend)**

**1130 – 1200 Lunch in the Main Dining Room**

**1210 – 1340 2nd Breakout Sessions**

**University Room - Executive Officers - D/XO**

**State Room - Squadron Treasurers – D/Treas**

**Bar Room - Squadron Administrative Officers – D/AO**

**Ballroom - Information and Reporting Sources (HQ800)**

**(Cdrs, Ed Officers, and Secretaries Attend) – D/EO & D/AEO**

**1350 – 1415 University Room - Overview, Feedback – D/C and Bridge**

**NOTE**

**EVERYBODY NEEDS TO BRING THEIR LAPTOP AND YOUR  
SQUADRON PASSWORDS TO THE DB2000 BREAKOUT SESSION.**

4 January 2014  
 D/27 Winter Training Meeting  
 NC State University Club  
 4200 Hillsborough Street  
 Raleigh, NC 27606

This is a one day training session that is for your present Squadron Bridge, upcoming Bridge, and any interested members.

Check-In from 0900-0930 with morning sessions starting at 0930. Lunch will be at the University Club from 1130-1200. The afternoon sessions starts at 1210 and all sessions should be over by approximately 1415.

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Facility Fee for each attendee \$ 5.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

### Lunch Choices

Club House Sandwich and potato salad \$20.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Chef Salad –w/ dressing on side and crackers \$20.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Dessert of cookies, coffee, tea, and water incl. TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Send form and check made payable to District 27 by 31 December 2013 to: P/R/C Sarah McCurry, 915-152 Shoreline Drive W, Sunset Beach, NC 28468.  
 Questions – [smccurry@atmc.net](mailto:smccurry@atmc.net) or 910-579-9927.

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