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## DISTRICT 23 GALAXY NEWSLETTER



### **D23 Commander D/C Roy Merritt, SN-IN**

Greetings Everyone

We are fast approaching our busy season of meetings, parties and holidays. Speaking of meetings and parties, August 26<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>, Anne and I will be at the National GB meeting in San Diego. I'll be producing a report from the event shortly after our return. This Segway's nicely to our Fall Council meeting which will be held via a GotoMeeting session on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. I have asked for a note of any business to be brought before the Council to be sent to me by August 28<sup>th</sup>. To date, I have received one agenda item for discussion. Other events of note approaching soon is your Squadron Change of Watch. I have already requested Squadron Commanders send me a note of your Squadron's C.O.W. date. I would be most grateful if you would not delay submitting this as soon as you can.

Jacksonville has planned an exciting event for us at the Fall Conference. With football season upon us, I am looking forward to the tailgate party on Friday night. So, if you haven't done so already, I encourage you to not delay any longer and sign up today for the weekend event. The cutoff for reservations is 15<sup>th</sup> September, so please, don't delay.

Awards. I would like to encourage all the Squadrons to participate in the Awards and Teaching Aids programs. There are some excellent awards available to those Squadrons that take an active part in various programs. The Fall Conference is fast approaching and deadline submissions are too. If you have not already done so, please review the D23 Awards Manual which details the judging criteria and nomination time frame for each of the awards. The D23 Awards Manual is available on our website in the D23 Resource section and is there for anyone to download.

On a closing note, and very much in keeping with awards and recognition, please note that Merit Marks are due by early October for submittal on 1 November. This is the best way we can recognize the hard work and time our Squadron members give to our organization and community, so please, take the time to recognize those members and ensure your entries are submitted on time.

Yours in Safe Boating

D/C Roy Merritt, SN-IN