



## District 23 Galaxy

From the District Bridge  
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I was tasked to represent District 23 at the Governing Board in Detroit. First and foremost on the agenda was to present the resolution that we, as a district, sent through the channels for consideration. Extensive preparations, were made to have all resources available at the meeting. I have to thank the entire District Bridge and several other members that offered support in making this presentation. It was just a FABULOUS power point that listed all of the critical points that this resolution, was bringing to light.

Second and just as important, I would thank Ken Scherz of Jacksonville for taking on the position of ADEO and thus, coming to Detroit in a very supporting role. His assistance was multifold and invaluable. Thanks, Ken!

Even though a valiant attempt was put forth, the District 23 resolution did not pass the Governing Board.

Looking forward, next year is the 100th anniversary of the United States Power Squadrons. From the start of the celebration at the National meeting in Jacksonville, the next entire year is a series of celebrations. (and opportunities to recognize our organization at each level). To kick off the celebration a 100 year logo has been commissioned. At the National Meeting, each District Commander will be awarded a full sized ensign with the 100th logo to take back to their district. During the next year, each squadron will have the opportunity to add a supplemental ribbon that reflects their squadron. We will have each squadron create a special event or ceremony to commemorate this event. At the 2014 National Meeting, all ensigns, complete with squadron ribbons are to be returned, to start the meeting. All in all, this next year will be very special for the entire organization. To get the word out to the entire world, the amateur radio subgroup will be setting up a special Ham radio station in JAX. The ships store has a line of special 100th anniversary clothing and items. There is also a supply of commemorative ensigns for every member to purchase.

The challenge to each and every squadron is, how are they going to publicize the 100th in amongst their other various public relation efforts? Don't forget that the Dis-

trict 100th ensign is coming around for the addition of the squadron ribbons.

There are also many other programs that are being debuted. The Coast Guard is starting a PV – Visitation program.

Brunswick Boats is coming out with an integration of our education efforts to complement their boat sales.

The BOC committee continues perfecting their two established levels of certification and are finalizing the off shore programs. USPS will have an expanded, 6 station, learning center at the National Boy Scout Jamboree.

There is so much going on, that Ken and myself could not cover every meeting ! One thing that I do know is that there is *Something for Everyone*, and the next year is going to be huge.

Remember without **U**, there is no sqUadron. Think about it, become involved and enjoy.



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