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District 23

D/C Kurt W. Mikat, SN

District 23 2020 Spring Conference and Change of Watch

**Emergency Format: Free Conference Call
1900 (7:00 PM) March 21, 2020**

Instructions:

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Special Preface:

This Meeting is being held under National Emergency Conditions during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. For this reason, with the concurrence of our District 23 Council, we have cancelled the previously scheduled in-person weekend conference and instead are holding this emergency electronic online and telephone version of conference. We intend to perform only necessary and important business including the election and installation of District Officers for the 2020 – 2021 Watch Year. The general requirements for a valid meeting such as determination of a quorum of the District Conference Members and Delegates will be followed.

When a national emergency has occurred, the National Committee on Rules position is: “. . . for squadrons and districts to conduct business by the best available means while preserving the safety and security of our members;” thus we may make use of electronic means.

Please institute and continue to use the recommended contagious disease precautions in your personal life such as frequent hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, “social distancing” and other generally recommended procedures. Avoid directly touching others, touching your own face. Keep warm.

Dress Code:

(NO uniform is actually ever required; quote from Operations Manual: “There is no requirement that any member buy or wear any uniform. Although many members may not choose to wear a uniform, those who do so will want to wear it correctly.”) Obviously for this meeting: anything goes!

Meeting called to order / Welcome

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Invocation

God, our Father, be our strength now as our beloved Nation and the entire world are amid an epic pandemic storm. Guide our leaders, grant all of us health, strength and wisdom. As our True Captain, guide our course now especially as the seas are so high. Be our compass if we lose our way. Be our anchor if we are adrift. Be our beacon when we're in the dark. And finally, be our landfall when our course is run. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

USPS Pledge

I do solemnly pledge to abide by the bylaws of United States Power Squadrons; promote high standards of navigation and seamanship; maintain my boat and operate it legally; render assistance whenever possible; and conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor and respect to United States Power Squadrons.

Recognition of Past District Commanders and Chief Commander's Representative: National Secretary: V/C Harry Hebb, SN

Recognition of Members with National Jobs

D/Lt/C*	Tom Anderson	SN-CN	Cdr	Shari Marshall	AP
D/Lt***	Bob Becker Jr.	SN	D/C***	Kurt W. Mikat	SN
Lt/C*	William Charles Benny	SN-CN	D/1st/Lt*	Bud Newton	SN-CN
P/R/C	Don Clark	SN		Albert J. Pappas	SN
P/Lt/C	Gretchen A. Clark	S	Lt****	Richard M. Peoples	SN
Cdr	Brian H. Crusan	P	1st/Lt**	Ken Scherz	SN
Lt/C*	Teresa Davidson	JN	Cdr	Richard D. Schoonmaker	SN
P/D/C	Timothy Thomas Henke	JN-CN	Cdr	Ralph Lee Shrivalle	AP-IN
P/Lt/C	Edmund LeCun	JN	P/D/C	Jim Spencer Jr.	SN

Determination of Quorum

D/Lt/C Jannette S. Spencer, JN

Minutes of 2019 D23 Fall Conference

Many Thanks to our Conference Committee (especially, but not limited to: Sandra Schoonmaker, SN; John F. Mulkey, AP; Ronald Radford, AP and Jannette S. Spencer, JN) for organizing and preparing to host this meeting, even though it had to be cancelled.

District Bridge Reports (abbreviated please)

Secretary	D/Lt/C Jannette S. Spencer, JN
Treasurer	D/Lt/C John F. Mulkey, AP
Administrative Officer	D/Lt/C Ronald R. Radford, AP
Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Thomas J. Anderson, SN
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Ronald D. Poland, SN
Commander	D/C Kurt W. Mikat, SN

Important Note: Other usual business, including Passing of the Bar Ceremony, special recognitions, awards, etc. will be deferred to future meeting yet to be determined.

Squadron Commanders Reports (abbreviated or deferred please)

Cdr Shari Marshall, <u>AP</u>	Banana River
Cdr Chris A. Waguespack, <u>AP</u>	Central Florida
Cdr Richard D. Schoonmaker, SN	Cocoa Beach
Cdr Brian H. Crusan, P	Daytona Beach
Cdr Jib A. Davidson, <u>JN</u>	Gainesville
Cdr Ralph Lee Shrivalle, <u>AP-IN</u>	Harris Chain
Cdr Jon M. Vanatta, S	Jacksonville

Committee Reports (Abbreviated or deferred please)

Audit
Budget
Rules

Nominating Committee Report for Watch Year: 2020 - 2021

--Submitted by P/D/C Mark Adams, SN, Chairman

District Commander: Ronald D. Poland, SN
Executive Officer: Ronald R. Radford, AP
Education Officer: Thomas J. Anderson, SN
Assistant Education Officer: Edward H. Newton, SN
Administrative Officer: Jeffrey T. Wise, JN
Assistant Administrative Officer: Jon M. Vanatta, S
Secretary: Jannette S. Spencer, JN
Treasurer: John F. Mulkey, AP

--Audit Committee:

Member 1 year Barbara Ann Bakalla, P
Member 2 years Calvin C. Ray, SN
Member 3 years Elmer Bakalla, P

--Nominating Committee:

Member 1 year Ron Gagen, JN
Member 2 years Jim Suber, AP-CN
Member 3 years Kurt Mikat, SN

--Rules Committee:

Member 1 year Bobby Bray, AP
Member 2 years Jeffrey Wise, JN

Member 3 years Sharilyn Dale Marshall, AP

Other Essential Old or New Business

Election

Installation of New 2020 – 2021 Officers – V/C Harry Hebb, SN

DISTRICT COMMANDER'S PLEDGE

I do solemnly promise
to serve loyally and diligently,
as Commander of District Twenty-Three;
To conduct the District affairs
with dignity and impartiality;
To encourage and assist its Squadrons;
And to promote the best interests
of the United States Power Squadrons;
All in accordance with the Bylaws
of the United States Power Squadrons
and District Twenty-Three

DISTRICT OFFICER'S PLEDGE

I do solemnly promise
to faithfully perform
the duties of the District office
to which I have been elected
and which I now assume,
To assist the District Commander
wherever possible
for the betterment of District Twenty-Three,
its Squadrons and members,
All in accordance
with the Bylaws
of the United States Power Squadrons
and District Twenty-Three.

Closing Remarks by New District Commander