



ROCKY MOUNT POWER SQUADRON

THE COASTAL PLAINS SIGNAL

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Commander Linda (Bug) K. Joyner, S



Many people and places suffered damage due to winds and water during this year's Hurricane season. Due to the weather and after effects many scheduled events were postponed or completely cancelled. The Rocky Mount Power Squadron sends its thoughts and prayers to all affected by the hurricanes.

Clay and Wilma helm attended the USPS Governing Board Meeting in August. In October the D27 Fall Council/Conference took place in Raleigh. It was previously planned to be held in Atlantic Beach, but due to Hurricane damage in the area, the event was moved. Lorraine, Clay and Wilma attended the conference.

In January, D27 training will take place in Cary. This promises to be filled with much valuable training. There may be a bit of Operations Training, which I am sure everyone needs to review. I look forward to this training as there is always much to take away and share with the Squadron. The annual USPS spring meeting/COW will be held in Orlando, FL. The dates are February 17 to 23.

Our Christmas party will be held on December 15 at Hing Ta. We did not have enough attendees to have the party at Myrtle Grove. We will have a festive time of fellowship, food and gifts!

Hope to see everyone soon. In the meantime play some Christmas music, everyone else is doing it! The holidays will be here before you know it.

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RMPS Calendar 2018/2019

1800 Monday 10 December	RMPS Bridge Meeting El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC
1800 Saturday 15 December	RMPS Xmas Party and Annual Meeting Hing Ta Restaurant Rocky Mount, NC
12 January	D27 Training Meeting Cary Resurrection Lutheran Cary, NC
17-23 February	USPS Spring Annual Meeting Orlando, FL

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P/C Christopher E. Payne, AP

Chair VSC Committee



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Thanks Chris

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USPS PLEDGE

"I do solemnly pledge to:

Abide by the bylaws of the 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 the
United States Power Squadrons.*

Secretary's Report

By Stf/C Phillip A. Benson, JN

Our Xmas/Annual meeting will be held on 15 December at the Hing Ta Restaurant in Rocky Mount. I would normally at this time be reporting to you on the nominations to be elected at this meeting. At this time we have no nominations to report and the election will most likely not happen. If anyone would like to submit a nomination for any of the bridge offices please advise Chris Payne.

Many of you already know that along with the passing of my father in July, Sally and I are planning to move to Ohio in the next few months. We have been working hard to clean out our attics and closets in preparation to sell our house along with planning and working on renovations to a house in Ohio. Needless to say we don't plan on spending a lot of time in North Carolina in the coming year. It is with great sadness that we will be leaving many good friends (along with a daughter and her family).

One of the squadron's needs is to have someone take my place in publishing the newsletter and managing the web site. They are not difficult tasks and are not that time consuming, but they do require some computer skills. I am willing to work with someone over the next few months to bring them up to speed with the documentation and files. Let me know if you are interested.

We hope to see you on 15 December as this may be our last official meeting. We do intend to visit North Carolina often in the future as we still have a grandson to watch grow.

Phil Benson

News from National

For this month, we have another suggestion from R/C Bob Howd, SN-CN, chair of the Membership Committee: **Keep in contact with non-members**

Keep in contact with the list of contacts that you have—past students, contacts from information booths, contacts from events, cyber members, USPS university students, VSC contacts. You never know when they will pop up again at another event or a class.

In addition, Stf/C Bob Bales, AP, of the Safety Committee reminds us of a timely video:

United States Power Squadrons® “America’s Boating Channel Video Archive”

[\(https://www.facebook.com/pleasewearit/videos/207009399925790/\)](https://www.facebook.com/pleasewearit/videos/207009399925790/)

Please view and share this very important child/infant PFD safety message.
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