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Coming Events

- South Hills Power Squadron Christmas Party 13 December 2003 1200–1500 at Bistro Bello Enoteca
- USPS Annual Meeting-Orlando 14–18 January 2004
- Pittsburgh Boat Show 23 –25 January and 30 January–1 February at the Convention Center
- Pittsburgh Governing Board Pittsburgh Hilton 19–23 May 2004

The Commander Says . . .

My hat's off to the Nominating Committee for a job well done in getting the new Bridge lined up for the upcoming year 2004-2005. We will be contacting all committee people to get their commitments for the next year.



This is your Squadron. We welcome new people and new ideas. We appreciate the contributions of our 55 hard working members. To be successful we need to grow and change. Now is the time to start thinking about who is going to take the helm when the two-year term of this Bridge is concluded!

On the lighter side, I would like to report that all Merit Marks have been submitted and have been accepted without any deletions. Your certificates should be forthcoming. Thanks for all your efforts!

I would like to wish you all a very Merry and Happy Holiday Season.

Cdr Tom Merritt, JN



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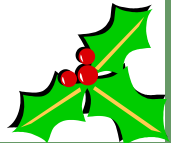
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Do You Enjoy the Southwind?

The editors of the SouthWind want to do everything that we can to improve this publication. Your ideas and your contributions can make this publication truly special.

We would like to publish photographs of members' boats and hear stories of your boating activities.

Thanks and Happy Holidays from your Cheerful SouthWind Elves



Education Department By Lt/C James A Stark, AP

Congratulations to the following people who recently passed the Boating Course: Vira A. Doughton, Vira M. Doughton, Ginny Goppelt, John Watters, Carol Watters, and Daniel Merritt, Jr.

The AP Course has just started their practice cruise. The open book exam begins on 15 January and the final exam is 29 January 2004.



The following are anxiously waiting for the results of the Cruise Planning Course: Helen Davis, Jacqueline

Campen, Selden Campen, Robert Cheswick, Morry Miller, and Lou Doughton. Robert Cheswick is also challenging the Marine Electronics Course.

Thanks to all the instructors who made it possible.

JN commences on 17 February 2004. GPS Course starts 7 February 2004. The Public Boating Class begins 10 February 2004 at Mt Lebanon High School.



Executive Department By Lt/C Dorothy Meloy, AP

Thanks to all Vessel Safety Examiners for the superb job you did and to P/C Ken Campbell, JN for keeping all the VSC records up to date.

Since I am on the Nominations Committee, it was a great relief when our Commander and SEO challenged the bridge officers to hold their positions for one more year, and they agreed. It did take a little talking, but we are set for another year. We just have to fill the assistant treasurer's office. Since other members were not contacted to be an officer, I ask that you please don't hesitate to serve when asked to be on a committee.

Dick Toler will be looking for help to staff the USPS Pittsburgh Boat Show booth on 23 and 31 January 2004.

See you all at the Christmas luncheon on 13 December. Happy Holidays to all.



South Hills Power Squadron Christmas Party

Saturday
13 December 2003

1200 to 1500
Bistro Bell Enoteca
1600 Painters Run Road
Upper St Clair, PA

Reservations and Details:
P/C Bill Macko, P 412-279-4571



Former member of the Pittsburgh Steeler Football Association and former member of South Hills Power Squadron, **Jim Boston**, passed away November 27, 2003.

Steeler Owner, Dan Rooney, stated that Boston performed many valuable duties for the Steelers from the 1950s through the 1990s, including scouting, negotiating player contracts, and making travel arrangements.

Jim was a member of SHPS from 1988 –1998. He served as squadron treasurer for many years and earned 8 merit marks. It was Jim who had arranged for our squadron executive meetings to be held at Pittsburgh Steeler Headquarters in Three Rivers Stadium. It was always interesting to walk by the four Super Bowl trophies on the way to a meeting. It was easy to imagine all the football greats who sat in the room where our squadron bridge met.

Our sympathies are extended to his wife, Janet, and to Jim's family.

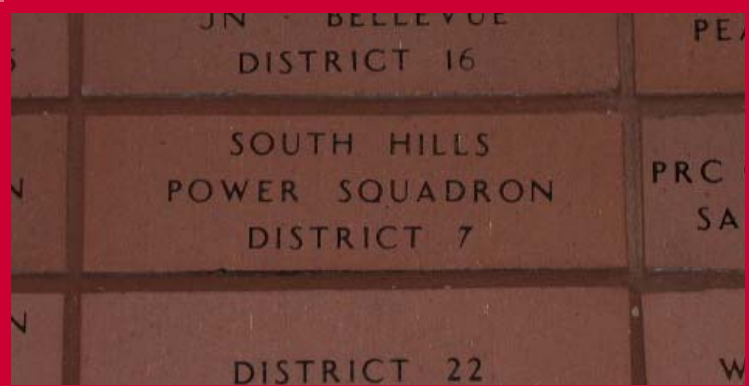
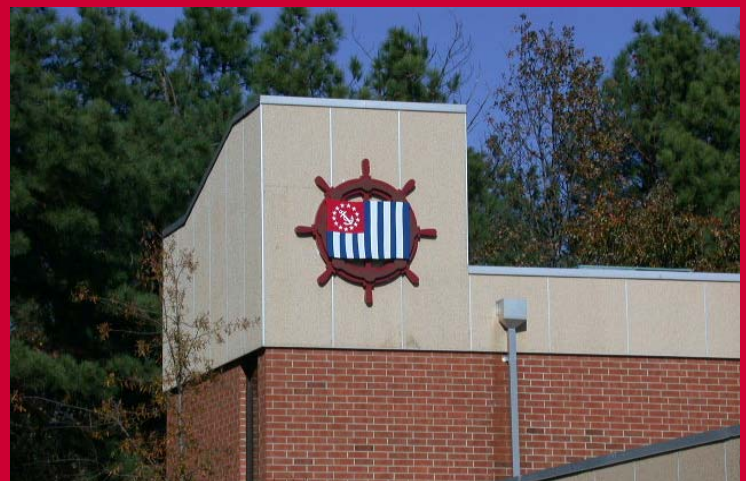


Sunshine Corner

We wish returning good health to:

P/Stf/C Bob Colteryahn, AP
P/D/C L. Lynn Leslie, AP
P/D/Lt/C Jack Kilgore, SN
D/Lt/C C. Douglas Sewell, SN

Scenes from the USPS National Headquarters



Did you know that South Hills Power Squadron is a prominent name at USPS National Headquarters in Raleigh, North Carolina?

Thanks mostly to the efforts of P/C Dorothy Meloy, AP, South Hills purchased a commemorative brick in support of the USPS Building Fund.

USPS headquarters is the repository for most of the history of our squadrons.

If you ever have the opportunity to visit Raleigh, stop at 1504 Blue Ridge Road. You will be most welcome.