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### FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr James J. Kosmos, AP



Cindy and I have returned from Emerald Isle, North Carolina and are happy to be back to resume our responsibilities on the SCPS Bridge. Although this will be the close of our official duties we would still enjoy keeping in touch with all of the friends we have made along this chapter of our lives. I feel very confident that the incoming Bridge will continue to serve in a very responsive and professional way. Please plan to attend the SCPS COW scheduled for Saturday, 09 April, 2016 at La Pizzeria 3656 Dressler Rd. NW, Canton, OH 44718

We are now opening a new chapter in our lives as we prepare and depart on an adventure of our lifetimes. We have been carefully educated and mentored along these last few years and I feel confident that the skills we have acquired will be an asset on our Journey. Our launch date will be 23 May (weather permitting) and departure

will be sometime in mid July, so... if you have time, come up to Sandusky Harbor Marina and see us. (have your people contact our people and we can do lunch).

I would also like to congratulate Tom and Joanne Hancock for being recognized second place nationwide in Co-Op charting. A very impressive accomplishment.

Thank you to all, by your participation and guidance, that have made this USPS experience enjoyable and memorable.

## *The Journey*

*"Is just as important as the final destination"*





## WHAT'S NEW IN EDUCATION SEO STF/C KENNETH T. LEQUE, SN



Spring has finally arrived and with it with it we have six graduates from our recent America's Boating Course that was held at the Louisville YMCA. Congratulations goes to: Noah Barnby, Cade Middleton, Chayse Middleton, Molly Middleton, Matt Oberholtzer, and Richard Stahl. This was a very enthusiastic class and everyone did very well on the test. We had a new officer from ODNR to teach the Ohio law section this year on the third week of the class. Her name was Tammy Vanderwall and did an excellent job. She held everyone's attention and was very professional.

A special thanks goes to P/C Cliff Long, P for teaching the class along with P/C Chip Cassidy, JN who did the marlinespike section on test night. D/Lt/C Tom Hancock, P and D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN brought refreshments and Lt Karen Long was there to meet and greet new members.



## For The Good Of The Order

Please plan to attend the SCPS Change of Watch on 9 April. It will be held at LaPizzaria and begins at 1800. If you have not been to this event, it is very good food and all that you can eat.

The deadline for reservations is Monday, 04 April.

See the add on page 4 for more information. This year we enter through the front door.

Please support the incoming Bridge.

Send your articles and pictures to:

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**1304 Washington Blvd**  
**Louisville, OH 44641**  
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 IS 20 APRIL**

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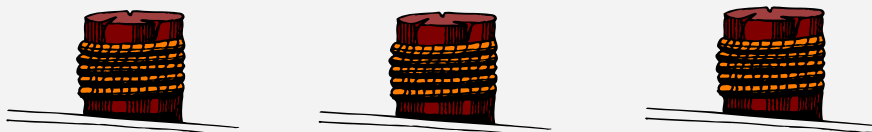


Spring ever faithful is once again here. The crocuses hopefully will begin to show from the warmth of the April sun. Returning robins will be everywhere and waking us up early morning with their chirping. Spring brings the thought of boating season fast approaching. Most importantly, Spring is the District 7 Conference and the Stark County Change of Watch.



The last several months, I had been dedicated to the conference. I had been working on all the centerpieces with Jim's help. I have found out he has a creative side or should I say an engineering side. There were a few hairy times between us creating the TVs. I thought I was anal but Jim fitted the definition completely. Working on a project together brings you more awareness of each other. Due to everyone's hard work, the conference will result in interesting meetings, yummy food, lots of laughs in the hospitality rooms and good alcohol to relax! As you are reading this newsletter, my prediction should prove to be right on.

In closing this article, I'm looking forward to celebrating our squadron's Change of Watch on 9 April with all my fellow squadron members who I consider friends. Please plan to attend and support the incoming Bridge and other officers.





# Change of Watch



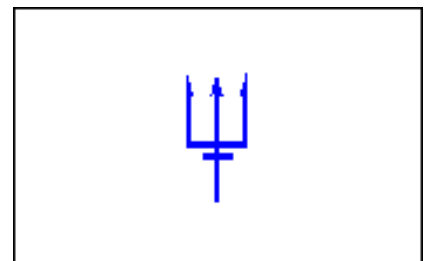
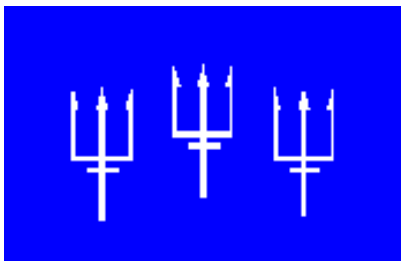
**Saturday, 09 April, 2016**  
**La Pizzaria**  
**3656 Dressler Rd. NW, Canton, OH 44718**

Menu: Family Style consisting of roast beef, parmesan crusted chicken, lightly seasoned scrod, sausage & peppers, salad, fresh beans in oil & garlic, roasted potatoes in rosemary, penne pasta, chocolate kahlua cake and beverage.

Time: 1800-social time (cash bar), 1900-dinner

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Reservations: Joanne Hancock 330-499-3660, email [jhancock@neo.rr.com](mailto:jhancock@neo.rr.com) or Sail Angle by Monday, 04 April, 2016



**Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting/Launch Party,  
Cinco de Mayo Celebration  
Sippo Lake Clubhouse  
5300 Tyner Ave. NW  
Thursday, May 5, 2016  
1800 (6:00 pm)**



The squadron will provide tacos and beverage. Please bring a covered dish to share. Bring your own table service and utensils for eating.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Reservations by Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to Joanne Hancock, 330-499-3660,  
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## SCPS-2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1-3 April	D7 Spring Conference Canton McKinley Grand Hosted by Stark County	14-21 May	National Safe Boating Week <b>DONT GIVE UP THE SHIP</b>
7 April	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme	2 June	Board of Directors/General Member- ship Meeting <u>Annual Picnic</u> Price Park, North Canton 1800
9 April	SCPS Change Of Watch La Pizzeria 1800 See Page 4	17-19 June	SCPS Rendezvous Maumee Bay State Park Contact Joanne and Tom Hancock
5 May	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting / Launch Party 1800 Sippo Lake Shelter See Page 5	24-26 June	SCPS Lake Erie Rendezvous Sandusky Harbor Marina

