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### FROM THE COMMANDER



Thanksgiving is fast approaching as I write this article. The first Thanksgiving was set in survival conditions in the New World. As squadrons struggle in the new world of increased boating costs and a reluctance of the younger generation to join USPS, I want to remind everyone that squadrons have long-term members.

The last several years, several members received the 25 year pin. The pin recognizes 25 years membership in USPS. D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN was awarded the pin at the last meeting. SCPS is very fortunate to have her as a member. She has contributed immensely to the squadron. Thank you Joanne for your dedication!

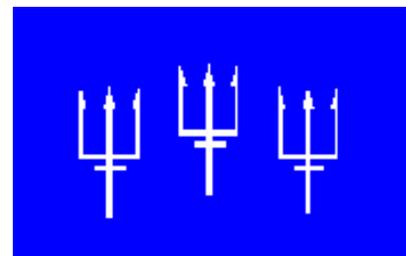
I am thankful for those who continue to support our squadron:  
... those who have volunteered and served on the Bridge at District and Squadron level and on Committees.  
... those who came up with speakers or stepped forward and presented a

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program at our meetings.  
...those who gave up their time to teach classes.  
...those who joined us at our rendezvous.  
...those who helped when it was our squadron's turn to host a conference.  
...those whose consistently attended monthly meetings.  
...those who brought food to our dinner meetings.  
...those who each month wrote articles for the newsletter.  
...those who put the the newsletter together for publication.  
...and those who support the squadron with their membership dues.

A great big thank you to each of you! Happy Thanksgiving and make sure you eat too much!





**FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER** Lt/C Karen R. Long



Well, I can safely say that according to the calendar, summer is over but according to the weather, I'm not so sure! Cliff and I enjoyed 80 degrees and sunshine as we prepared to move our

boat for winter storage on October 14. It is always sad to end our weekly voyages to Sandusky but now we have other boating activities to look forward to like SCPS's HOLIDAY PARTY!

The holiday party will again be held at Skyland Pines. We were there last year and the food was great and the room was perfect for a holiday evening. All we need is a large crowd to go with the fine dining! Please see the enclosed flyer on page 5 for specific information and mark your calendars for Saturday, 2 December.

Just a reminder to everyone that the Soundings is only being published 7 times a year so this will be your only newsletter before the holiday dinner.

FYI: The SCPS now has 55 members so to get a nice crowd at our dinner, EVERYONE needs to come and enjoy the evening of fellowship, fun, and food. See you 2 December.



See Page 3 for details of Dave and Lori Guertal's recent trip to New England. This is the retired WWII aircraft carrier, the Intrepid.

Send your articles and pictures to:

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## WHAT'S NEW IN EDUCATION

D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN



Stark County Power Squadron has an excellent group of members willing to teach classes and seminars. These individuals are experts in their fields and can easily explain difficult concepts and theories.

The two offshore navigation courses, Junior Navigation and Navigation, may contain some complex concepts to understand, but once explained are easily understood. Both courses are fascinating to study and upon completing the classes, one has to appreciate the work ancient mariners did to navigate.

Junior Navigation subject matter includes precise time determination, Nautical Almanac use, sextant use and sun sights and their reduction to establish lines of position.

Navigation subject matter includes moon, stars and planet sights and their reduction to establish lines of position, alternative sight reduction calculations and use of electronic planning tools to plan an offshore voyage.

Both courses require an open book exam and sight folder submission for completion. Do these classes appeal to you? Let me know and we will get a class going.

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER Lt/C David Guertal, P



Wow - what great weather we have had this fall! I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy it, possibly extending your boating season into October.

Lori and I spent the month of October in our RV on the east coast and the southern New England states. Even though we didn't have our boat with us, we found ourselves on a boat at every stop. Whether it was on the ferry in Hudson Bay around New York City, the harbor cruise in Boston, visiting lighthouses on a high speed ferry in Narragansett Bay out of Newport Rhode Island, or whale watching out of Provincetown Cape Cod, we always seemed to find ourselves on or around boats. I guess once a boater, always a boater! We also visited one of the United States first warships, The USS Constitution, or "Old Ironsides" as she is fondly known, and listened to the tales of her historic victories over the British Navy. Our country has such a rich and proud naval history and standing on this magnificent warship sure made one proud to be an American. We also visited the retired WWII aircraft carrier, the Intrepid and could easily see the proud tradition of The United States Navy and its remarkable ships that continues today.

These ships and several others that we saw remind me of boating and our USPS organization and its love of the water and proud traditions too. We are so lucky to live in America and have the opportunity to be members of such a great boating organization. Let's never take for granted the opportunities we have through the USPS and the Stark County Power Squadron. We are blessed to be a part of them both and let's do whatever we can to continue their rich maritime success.

We have many great off season activities coming up in the months ahead. Get active - be a part of the fun and learning that the Stark County Power Squadron has to offer. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events. Come enjoy the Stark County Power Squadron!



## *Geodetic Marker Recovery Day*

**Saturday, November 11, 2017**

**Hunt: 1200 at Hancock house  
426 Emerson, North Canton, 330-499-3660**

**Dinner: 1700 at Walthers Twins Tavern  
440 Applegrove St NW., North Canton**

Join Stark County Power Squadron as we hunt for geodetic markers around the Stark County area! You don't need experience. We conduct a training session. You must bring your GPS/camera for the hunt. Additional helpful hunt items include small shovel, metal detector, wire brush, paper towels, grass clippers, socket set, tire jack, bottled water and trash bags to mention a few.

If you can't make it for the hunt, join us at Walthers and hear how your squadron friends' day turned out.

**Menu:** We will order from the menu.

**Cost:** menu price, individual checks

**Reservations:** Joanne Hancock 330-499-3660, email [jhancock@neo.rr.com](mailto:jhancock@neo.rr.com) or Sail Angle by Friday, November 10, 2017





Stark County Power Squadron  
Holiday Dinner Celebration  
2 December  
Skyland Pines

3550 Columbus Road, Canton 44705

Time: Cash bar – 18:00

Dinner: 18:30

Menu: your choice of steak, baked scrod, or parmesan crusted chicken  
Included with all meals is a salad, bread, parsley potatoes, rigatoni,  
sautéed peppers, ice cream and beverage

Price: \$25.00 per person

Contact Joanne Hancock for reservations by  
Tuesday, 28 November  
330.499.3660

Make checks payable to Stark County Power Squadron  
Send to Treasurer Tom Hancock  
426 Emerson Ave. NW  
North Canton, OH 44720

Or

Pay at the door

As in the past, please bring a small plate of your favorite Holiday Cookies  
to share

In keeping with the Holidays, we would like everyone to bring non-  
perishable items to be donated to a local food pantry



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## SCPS 2017-2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2 November	Bd of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme	7 December	Bd of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme
3-5 November	D7 Fall Conference Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, Coraopolis, PA Hosted by Pittsburgh PS	4 January	Bd of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme
11 November	Geodetic Marker Search 1200 Dinner at Walthers Twins Tavern 1700 See Page 4	18-21 January	Mid-America Boat Show IX Center Cleveland, Ohio
2 December	Annual Holiday Party Skyland Pines, Canton 1800 See Page 5	1 February	Annual Meeting/Bd of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme

