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Happy Easter

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District 6

Mark your Calendars

District 6 Spring Conference and Change of Watch

**Tioga Downs Casino
Rt. 17, Exit 62
Nichols, NY 13812**

April 12—14



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Remember our own Nancy Bieber will be sworn in as District Commander

Executive Meeting and Easter Dinner

Kirkwood Elks Lodge

17 April 2019

6:00 PM Dinner - 7:00 PM Meeting

Menu

Ham

Scalloped Potatoes

Veggies

Cole Slaw

Dessert

Cost \$13.25

**Please call Linda Rought 607-760-6388
For reservations by 10 April.**

All members are welcome!

**United States Army
Field Band**

The United States Army Field Band will be holding a free concert at the Broome County Forum. Our Member Involvement Chairman, D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, has tickets and will give them to any Squadron member who wishes to attend. Please contact Nancy at: 518-813 7888 or at: nancybieber@twc.com

Where: Broome County Forum

When: Sunday, April 7, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM



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Commander's Column

For Bob and me, March is the fastest month of the year. We are so blessed to spend it in beautiful St. Petersburg on the west coast of Florida. We have some amazing sunsets (see photo) and enjoy meeting up with friends we have made over the last 11 years. But, now back to reality.

Looking at the minutes of the March meeting, things went very well, thanks to P/C Mike Acciai, AP, filling in for me and also thanks to all members who were able to attend the meeting.

On 7 April a group of Squadron members will be attending the Army Band Concert at the Forum in Binghamton. Thanks to D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P for arranging this. As Nancy will be taking on the duties of District 6 Commander she would like to step down from her role as Membership Involvement Chairperson. I know that Nancy has had a lot of fun and done a great job planning our events for several years. We even went on a cruise to Bermuda! I am hopeful that someone will come forward and take this position. For more information please contact Nancy or me.

Speaking of Nancy becoming our District Commander, our planning committee will meet one last time on 9 April at my home to finalize all plans for the conference. Many Susquenago members will be at the conference to show their support for Nancy and the other District officers.

April is starting off as a very busy month with the conference and our general membership meeting on 17 April at the Kirkwood Elk's Lodge where we will enjoy a delicious Easter dinner and dessert.

Please plan to join us for our upcoming events. Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter season.

Commander

Mary Kucharek, P

Some Nautical Trivia

What does *Above Board* mean?

Pirates would often hide much of their crew below the deck. Ships that displayed crew openly on the deck were thought to be honest merchant ships. Thus they were as known as "above board."

What does *As the Crow Flies* mean?

The most direct route from one place to another is a straight line. Before modern navigational systems were developed, large sailing vessels usually carried a cage of crows. These birds are known to fly straight to the nearest land when released at sea, this indicated where the nearest land was.

What is the *Bitter End*?

The last part of a rope or final link of chain. It's the end attached to the vessel, as opposed to the "working end" which may be attached to an anchor, a cleat, or another vessel, etc. When not used nautically the term describes a final, painful, or disastrous conclusion.

Bet you didn't know these terms had nautical roots.

March General Membership meeting at Jonathan's



Articles, Articles, Articles

The SeaChest editor could use help with researching articles for posting in the SeaChest publication. Personal stories and pictures, and nautical items are preferred, however, general interest stories are also good. Additionally, summer is coming with, hopefully, a long, nice boating season.

When you are having fun and taking pictures don't forget to send me some with a short story or caption. As Susquenango members and acquainted with each other your experiences will be enjoyable for us to share.

Jack Young, Editor

A fleet of heroes

The most inspirational stories are the ones that show you don't have to be a chiseled explorer or globe-trotting captain to be a hero. That's why the tale of the Dunkirk rescue is so important to boating enthusiasts. Between the 26th of May and the 4th of June 1940, approximately eight hundred and fifty "little ships" sailed the English channel to Dunkirk. These were simply private ships owned by normal people such as you and me. From lifeboats to fishing boats, yachts to dinghies, this eclectic fleet helped rescue thousands of soldiers in the aftermath of the D-day landings. Not only does it show that any boat is ripe for adventure, it shows anybody can be a hero too.

Remember to put the plug into the drain hole before putting the boat in the water

I forgot once and was very embarrassed when I had to drop my drawers and jump into a very cold Lake Winola in front of a lake full of fishermen (and fisherwomen). I don't know which hurt worse, my pride or my cold butt.

Open Positions

We are in need of members to volunteer to fill some open positions in our squadron. These are not stressful jobs nor are they very time consuming, but they would help us in our squadron activities.

If you would like to help please call Commander Mary (722-5136) and she can help you find your niche in the squadron.

In Appreciation

Thank you Kay Shaver for your kind words regarding the long-time friends you and Paul have made over the years as members of the Power Squadron and for your generous contribution to the SeaChest.

We will keep you in our thoughts and our prayers.

Being on a boat that's moving through the water, it's so clear. Everything falls into place in terms of what's important and what's not.



On the Horizon

Susquenango Events

17 April
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Meeting

Executive Meeting and Easter Dinner
Kirkwood Elk's Lodge
1 Trim St.
Kirkwood, NY

District Events

12-14 April

D/6 Spring Conference & COW
Tioga Downs Casino
Rt. 17, Exit 62
Nichols, NY

Looking for Prize Items

Planning for the Spring 2019 District 6 conference, to be held at Tioga Downs in April, is well underway. Our very own Nancy Bieber will be installed as District 6 Commander.

We're looking for items - large and small - to be used as prizes for attendees. You may bring items to our Squadron meetings now through February, or contact Mary Kucharek (marykuch47@gmail.com) or 722-5136 for information or to make other arrangements.

Help us make this a successful project.
Lt Mary Kucharek, P

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