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Education Recognition
and
Merit Mark Appreciation Picnic
and
Executive Meeting (all welcome)

17 June 2015

6:30 PM

Grippen Park (on South Grippen Avenue), Endicott, NY
(free park admission)

The Squadron provides hamburgers, hotdogs and rolls.
Bring your favorite dish to pass and your own beverages.

Cost: \$3.00 per person.

The \$3.00 is waived for members who took, taught, lectured or proctored a course
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Commander's Comments



This has been a very eventful start to our squadron's Spring season. We started off with our Change of Watch followed by hosting a very successful District 6 Spring Conference. Our 20 May meeting was well attended and we all enjoyed a good chicken barbeque dinner followed by a slideshow presentation shown by our excellent squadron photographer, Karl Oakley.

It was great to see so many of our members back after their return from wintering in the South. It was especially nice to see Don Rumrill back after his extended bout with a serious illness and Doctor Hobart, who we haven't seen for awhile. Welcome back to Don and Dr. & Mrs. Hobart.

We learned from Nancy Bieber that a very deserving girl had been selected to receive our scholarship to attend the Sisters Under Sail program. This award will provide the daughter of a military parent, the opportunity to sail aboard a tall ship in a safe learning environment where she can push herself to try new things she has never done before. With Nancy's help, our squadron applied for and was awarded a grant from the USPS Educational Fund to sponsor this young woman.

Our squadron agreed we should take up the project to work toward having new warning signs installed above the deadly Rock Bottom dam in Binghamton. Our leadership for this project will provide the needed **Danger - Dam Ahead** safety warning signs and also bring recognition to the squadron and our mission. We have already discovered this is not going to be easy to accomplish; determining the agency that will be responsible for placement and maintenance of the signs is a major challenge.

Our next meeting will be the Education Recognition and Merit Mark Picnic on 17 June at Grippen Park. The picnic is free to anyone earning a Merit Mark, or who took, taught, lectured or proctored a squadron course. Cost to others is just \$3.00. Please call Linda Rought at 607-760-6388 by 12 June to make your reservation and coordinate a dish to pass.

Respectfully yours,
Commander David L. Olds, AP



On The Horizon

Susquenago Events

06/17/2015	Education & Merit Mark Appreciation
Wednesday	Picnic
6:30 PM	Grippen Park
	Endicott, NY

Chicken BBQ 2015



Our own Karl Oakley, receiving award from Commander Olds for providing our slide show and for being our Squadron Photographer.

Commander Olds presenting membership certificate to our newest member Pat Natale.

To see more pictures of our squadron events click on this link
<http://www.susquenango.org/photos/Susquenango%20Events/>

Photos of all our events are located on our [susquenango.org](http://www.susquenango.org) web page under **Photo Album**

Summer Rendezvous—Cancellation

Our Susquenango Summer Rendezvous is being canceled. Our plan was to have an early afternoon picnic at Myers Park, some afternoon activities and then do the Cayuga dinner cruise in the evening. However, I received this message from the cruise line owner:

"Our vessel sustained significant damage while being re-launched from the shipyard for this season. Unfortunately, the boat received more than \$540,000 damage and is beyond repair. We are currently in the process of looking for a new boat, but at this time we are postponing the start, even possibly cancelling our entire season."

He has canceled our reservation and I have since been earnestly looking for a replacement for dinner. July 25 is a very busy Saturday up there and just about every other suitable cruise in the Finger Lakes region and/or restaurant is booked.

A query of many of our members indicate that they aren't particularly interested in going up there just for the picnic. Because of this I am canceling the rendezvous.

We have had discussions regarding a similar event in September. If this materializes we will post the details in the next issue of the SeaChest.
Commander Dave.



Sisters Under Sail

Military Daughter Scholarship



Savannah Shirley has been selected as our Military Daughter. She will voyage in July on the S/V Denis Sullivan, a Great Lakes schooner, for sailing and leadership skills training. While learning a great deal about herself, she will also learn navigation, piloting, knot tying, engine room maintenance, shipboard communications, helmsmanship and how to set sails.

Savannah is almost fourteen years old and is the daughter of Adam and Julie Shirley. Adam is a United States Marine who was stationed at Quantico, Virginia and has recently been reassigned to Camp Pendleton in California. Savannah's father was deployed to Afghanistan on her 10th birthday, making it an especially hard day for her and her family. They tried to give her a nice birthday, but it just wasn't possible. She has met the difficulties of being a military daughter by overcoming obstacles on a daily basis. The night her father left she started a project that continued for his seven-month deployment. The family wrote something they did each day and made a paper chain that hung throughout the house, reminding her daily of how far she had come through the struggle of war and separation.

She stays active in school while excelling in all her endeavors. She has been the new kid in school eight times through the eighth grade and makes a point of welcoming every other new kid who is trying to adjust to a new situation. Having been bullied on occasion, she is pro-active in supporting others that may be bullied by displaying friendship, understanding and forgiveness. In her letter of reference, this wonderful young woman was associated with the following quote. "Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is that quiet voice at the end of the day saying 'I will try again tomorrow.'"

This scholarship was made possible by the United States Power Squadron Education Fund Grant.

Weather Proverbs



We have been attempting to forecast the weather since the beginning of recorded history. Long before the invention of radar and other meteorological tools, people relied upon "natural" clues to approaching weather. Many of these have a scientific basis and it can be explained why they "work," others have no such basis but often prove to be true.

Perhaps the most often quoted weather proverb among mariners is:

***Red sky in morning, Sailors take warning.
Red sky at night, Sailors' delight.***

A red sky at night (when the sun is to the west) is caused by light passing through dust particles in the air to the west. Dust indicates dry weather and since most weather changes come from the west, a red sky at night usually indicates dry weather approaching. A red sky in the morning, however, indicates that the dry air has moved away. A gray sky at night means that the western air is filled with moisture and it will likely rain soon.

The first recorded use of this system of weather forecasting can be found in the Bible. In Matthew 16.2-3, Jesus says to the fishermen, "when it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' and in the morning 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening." Since it has lasted so long, we think there must be something to it.

Other variations on this theme include:

***Evening red and morning gray, help the traveler on his way.
Evening gray and morning red bring down a rain upon his head.***

***Rainbow in the morning
gives you fair warning***

The sun is in the east in the morning, the shower and associated rainbow are in the west. Since weather generally moves from west to east, rain is approaching.

***Beware the bolts from north or west;
In south or east the bolts be best.***

Same reasoning as the above.

***Rainbow to windward, foul fall the day;
Rainbow to leeward, rain runs away.***

If the wind is coming from the direction of the rainbow, the rain is heading toward you. Conversely, if the rainbow is in the opposite direction, it has passed you.

***Mackerel skies and mares' tails
Make tall ships take in their sails.***

Cirrus clouds (mackerel skies or clouds that looked as if they'd been scratched by a hen, according to the old-timers) often precede a warm front which brings winds and rain.

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