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## LT/C BUD MILLER, JN, WILL SHOW SLIDES AND TALK ABOUT JUDY AND HIS ALASKA CRUISE

We will be privileged to have Bud Miller as our guest speaker. Bud, as you know, is our hardworking Administrative Assistant who loves to travel, both on cruise ships and his boat. He and Randy Johnson work hard to arrange trips for our squadron to enjoy and he hopes you will take advantage of what they have arranged. Y'all come.



Alaska, our 49th state, is beautiful, scenic, and colorful. Bud and Judy recently cruised there aboard the "Norwegian Sky" which departed from Seattle and returned to Seattle.

Bud recorded some video footage so we'll see and we'll hear about this most memorable trip. Better come early for a good seat ! To be sure Bud has some good yarns to

spin .

This is a good time to thank our Program Chairpersons Lt Michelle Anderson, AP, and Lt Mark Anderson, AP, who have worked diligently to bring interesting programs for the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. Despite the fact that they are establishing a new guided excursion tour company, they have kept on doing their job. When everything is in order, (there is lots of red tape) you'll hear more about this venture. Hopefully Squadron members will support them when they are established.

## 7 MEMBERS OF CBPS ATTENDED THE DISTRICT 23 CONFERENCE

The District 23 Council Meeting was held in Leesburg at the Silver Lake Community Church

They had several different workshops available to all, and each of us selected topics which might be useful to us. The second session was assigned to each Bridge member there was a Cdr group, an SEO group, an Administrative Assistant group, etc. Since I had no rank I sat in with the Secretary-Treasurers workshop and was amazed to find out how complicated the Treasurer's duties are.

It was most interesting to discover that at least 75 per cent of those who were secretaries also did the Squadron newsletter. The members were all gracious and answered a few questions that I had, although I didn't remember everything I wanted to ask.

After that session we went to lunch and then there was a general meeting. Each Commander read his or her report, and business was conducted.

Reported by Lt Rhoda Bernbaum



Hope to see you at these events:  
Ski Island



Coral Bay



4th of July  
Fireworks



And the BCC  
Planetarium

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L to R are P/C Frank Sebree, SN, Lt Rhoda and Lt/C Howard Bernbaum, SN, P/C Ed Kydd, SN, P/C Les Tribout, AP, Lt Marion (Bud ) Miller, JN, and Cdr Dick Fille, AP.

After drinking coffee, the attendees sought workshop groups of interest or of office (cdrs, secretaries, etc.) There were two sessions in the morning. They then broke for an enjoyable lunch and then back for a general meeting where commanders' reports, and National reports were given, and all agreed we came away from the conference with a little more information than we had before.

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**REPORT ON THE MEMBERSHIP SURVEY****Cdr Richard Fille, AP**

We have a 20% response to date on the Membership Survey. We expect 25%. If you have not sent one back to us, I encourage you to do so, because it will give the Bridge and Committees direction in shaping the squadron to your liking.



them? We hope so, because the vote indicated you want them.

♣ What have you expressed?

♣ A significant percentage did not agree with the length of the business meeting. The emphasis should be on social/boating upcoming events and not on past events or on National or District details.

♣ We should conduct the business of the squadron at the Board Meetings

♣ The programs are interesting and the opportunity to socialize is good.

♣ You look forward to receiving the Soundings and it meets most of your needs. There is less enthusiasm (but still OK) toward the Ensign.

♣ Education is our shining star. Most felt the program meets their needs and is well presented. There was a slight bias against fairness of exams.

♣ The boating/social activities votes brought out interesting results. First, more people (43) voted on the boating activities than have participated for the last 3 years. Second, there were more votes for an increased number of boating events than for anything else. The number of votes (for more) (24) was 2 to 3 times the number of people that show up for our boating events. That presents a dilemma for the Committee. Will you use your boat to attend events if the Committee plans

♣ Do you want more social events? 34% strongly agreed, 22% agreed and 44% were neutral. The vote count:

More on water events(24); Dinners(21); BCC Planetarium(19); More Picnics(18); Caribbean Cruise(12); Card Parties(11); Dances(8); King Center Performances(6); Pro/College Sports(4).

♣ The results of the Membership Involvement category showed that

♣ The squadron provides good opportunity for you to be involved

♣ Officers, in general, respond to your input

♣ Committee assignments are available to you

♣ There may be a small problem with organizational cliques & politics

♣ In the direct – Yes – No questions 72% of you said you would serve on a committee while 28% said no thanks. Consider teaching a course? 28% said YES and 72% said NO. 65% have visited the Squadron Web page but only 50% are willing to receive information and/or the Soundings via the computer.

♣ The Bridge will devote a lot of effort reviewing this. We will be responsive. This will be the main item of discussion for action at our June Board meeting and it will be hashed over many times before then via our meetings and emails.

*Have a great summer!*

We were saddened to hear about the loss of our following CBPS members.

Lt George W. Brewster (a member for 10 years)

James O. Jackson, P ( a member for 5 years)

V. James Manzella, AP

P/C Durant J. Thompson, JN (a member for 25 years)



*May the sympathy of friends bring some comfort to relatives and loved ones at this difficult time.*

## Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Marion Miller, JN

Last month I asked "What's the Good Word"? Many of you have responded to our Survey in order to tell us. Those of you who have not responded, please do so. We really want to hear from you. The feedback received so far is proving to be quite beneficial. Our Commander has summarized the results received to date in his column.

We have lot's of Social and Boating activities planned for this summer. They include a Ski Island Raft up and picnic on June 28, a Brunch and cruise to the Coral Bay restaurant in Melbourne, BCC Planetarium show, Fourth of July Fire Works Raft up in the Indian River, and a potluck Italian night dinner prior to the August meeting. Details on these activities appear in later sections of the Soundings. So ya'll come.

Though the December holidays seem to be far in the future, the entertainment committee has reserved 06 December, Saturday, evening, for a dinner dance. More will appear in the Soundings as the members of the committee work out the details. Mark that date on your calendar. It's always a grand affair.

We are planning to conduct a New Member squadron orientation class will be held on August 4, 2003. New members will be contacted by the Member Involvement Chairman, Lt. Clarence Pennington.

Lt. Pat Clay advises that the next Blood Bank donation will be on Monday, July 14, 2003. Many thanks to those who participate. In previous months the mobile blood unit was held on Wednesdays, so put a string around your finger to remind you of this change.

Many activities, boating and entertainment, are listed in the Calendar and ads are sprinkled throughout. Please participate. Power Squadron is work and play and now is the time to play.

You may have heard rumors that we sold our boat. It's true, JUBULATION is on a truck headed up to Delaware! We plan to buy a smaller boat however, and continue to enjoy the wonderful boating opportunities that surround us. Not ready for the RV yet.

Judy and I just got back from a fantastic Alaskan cruise out of Seattle, Washington, and I'm looking forward to telling you all about it during the July meeting. *Bud*



## Safety Report

P/C Jane Schnoor,

Are you planning a trip to the Bahamas this summer? If so, do you have your own EPIRB (Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon)? The answer is probably no since EPIRBs are costly and most boaters think about purchasing one only if they are going on extensive ocean voyages. However, members of Boat U.S. have the option of renting an EPIRB from Boat U.S. for just \$50.00 per week. This is a pretty good deal. An example of just how useful an EPIRB can be happened on March 28 when a 42' sloop crossing from Miami to Bimini was caught in a tornado-laden weather front. After dropping their sails, the rough seas killed their engine and they developed electrical problems as well. Their rented EPIRB gave the Coast Guard a fix on their position and they were safely towed to shore.

Just a reminder to wear your sunscreen when out in the boat or working around the yard this summer. Sunscreens that are SPF 15 or higher are recommended and the amount to adequately cover exposed skin is equal to a full shot glass. Every 90 minutes or so it should be reapplied or immediately after swimming. A broad-spectrum sunscreen is best. It should protect against both UV-A and UV-B rays. And don't forget to wear a hat and a good pair of sunglasses for complete protection from our beloved but brutal Florida sunshine.

*Enjoy yourself, but stay safe,*

## Is P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN, A Doctor?

The Howard Bernbaums traded their Hunter sailboat for a Sea Ray Sun Dancer 240. When Dick learned of this transaction he said, "Don't forget to have a vessel safety check."

Of course they forgot about it until one June morning, Dick called. "If you're home, I'd like to do that check." Twenty minutes later he arrived all set to do his job. Rhoda now calls him "Doctor Dick" because he makes house calls just like doctors did so long ago.



While the words Vessel Safety Check implies a check of those items related to safety such as fire extinguishers, life vests, and working bilge pumps, a VSC goes much further. It includes a verification of numbering and registration/documentation. The examiners look for pfd's, visual distress signals, proper ventilation, backfire arresters on gas engines, sound producing devices, navigation lights, along with the pollution placard and MARPOL trash placard. He also checks the marine sanitation device for adherence to pollution rules, the galley equipment, and ventilation.

The inspector looks at the overall boat condition including hazard free deck, clean bilge, safe electrical and fuel systems, safe galley and heating systems. While not required, it doesn't hurt to have a marine radio, manual bilge pump, mounted fire extinguishers, anchor and rode, first aid kit, and a capacity placard. The inspector may also discuss, accident reporting/owner responsibility, offshore operations, nautical charts/nav aids, first aid, fueling/fuel management, float plan, weather, insurance, boating check list, and attendance in safe boating classes. You thought it was a simple once over. **You get an insurance rate break too. These VSC examiners really earn their pay!**

## SEO REPORT Lt/C Howard Bernbaum, SN

### Current Classes

Advanced Piloting taught by P/C Frank Sebree, SN  
Marine Electronics taught by Lt Gary Monai, P

### Completed Classes

Seamanship, Bob Mittauer, AP

Dr. Ross Clevens, Joe Chrzaszcz, John and Ann McCandless all passed S101 and have taken S102, results of which are pending. We look forward to their passing this course and being able to post a capital S after their names. Well, they did it. See Honor Roll. Well done.

### Boat Smart

Boat Smart is coming up in July and we will need proctors and members to help with registration. The proctors sit with the students at an assigned table and help with marlin spike and course content providing a personal link between Power Squadron members and students.

### Future Classes

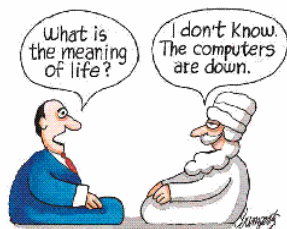
Summer is upon and we are all getting busy with summer activities. Our next lineup of classes are scheduled to start in September although the we are considering starting one of the elective classes in August depending on demand and availability if instructors. If you are interested in any particular class please contact:

Lt/C Howard Bernbaum at: 452-0320 or  
P/C Les Tributou at: 636-5811

### Honor Roll

Hats off to the following students who have passed Seamanship 101 and 102 and are now officially credited with having passed Seamanship. Joe Chrzaszcz, Dr. Ross Clevens, Ann McCandless, and Johnny McCandless.

While all did well on their exam, Dr. Clevens received a perfect score and was recognized by National.



*Spring Governing Board Meeting, May 7-11 '03 at "The Sheraton New Orleans Hotel"*

**Reported by Asst. SEO P/C Les Tributou, AP**

This Governing Board Meeting was the best one we have been to in a long time (with the exception of Houston). CBPS had Adames and Tributouts. I wish CBPS would have had more attendees. BRPS had nine members in attendance. The National Bridge Officers did an outstanding job putting on the Work Shops and getting across the ideas and themes to enhance their presentations. The Marketing/Public Relations, Membership and Education Departments and all of the Committees are to be congratulated for the great presentations and participation at the meetings; "OUTSTANDING".

Some of the highlights in the Education Dept. were: Bylaws changes in Section 17.0, Boating Courses. Section 17.1 "WAS" (condensed): Every USPS Squadron is required to teach at least one USPS Published Boating Safety Course each year to remain in good standing. Section 17.1 "NOW" (also condensed) Each Squadron must teach at least once a year a USPS Boating Safety Course that meets the Education Department qualifications for USPS Membership. (meaning: it could be ABC, USCG, USPS or other State Courses that Qualify)

Also:

1. The new Marine Electronics Course Manuals are available at Hqtr's.
2. The ABC Classroom Instruction CD (Power Point) has been sent to all Squadrons. Use it as an alternative Public Course.
3. SEOs now have a GPS seminar on CD (Power Point). Need M. E. Instr's onboard here!
4. Instructor Certification is a mandatory program being driven by the States and NASBLA.

We need to get our Instructors, both Internal and Public, into this program as soon as possible. CBPS SEO will be getting information on this!

There are two new programs kicked-off at the Work Shops and C/C Smith also pushed this during the all-up Governing Board meeting.

First, to outline the joint effort of the USCG and USPS called "You're in Command", a Boat Safety Message and CD's, DVD's, Pamphlets and many promos are coming on this Blitz to get to the public. It will be everywhere. Billboards on Highways (much like the seat-belt campaign, they want everyone to wear PFD's). They have two to three Million Dollars worth of Grant money to spend on this program. Look for this LOGO to show up on all Safety Publications. It's a ten year program in two phases, (5 yrs/5yrs).

Second, C/C Smith changed the whole meeting by taking care of all the business in the AM and said we are going to have some fun this afternoon and take time to tell you of what we are doing at Hqtr's to promote the M and M Year. If you have not heard yet, that means Marketing and Membership or some say Marketing Membership. You will also be hearing more on this as the year goes on.

Many other Motions and Resolutions were Introduced and Passed at the Governing Board Meeting. I will get them to the membership ASAP. "More Later"

*Asst. S E O, P/C Les Tributou, AP*



## Message from the Bridge - District 23



D/Lt/C Donald C. Clark, AP

Ahoy, Mates! I welcome this opportunity to give you the Treasurer's Message from the Bridge. At this time of the year, all of our attention is focused on membership renewals.

All of the renewal information is not yet in from the squadrons. However, reviews that I make of the squadron newsletters reflect a good effort by most everyone. Our biggest challenge is always from those members on the fringe who are somewhat undecided as to whether they will renew or not. One way to get them for sure is to make contact and let them know you care. Insure them that their individual interests, be it classes, cruises, socials or civic events, will be served in the coming year. Make your plans very visible to the squadron. Squadron Commanders should call on bridge officers to aid in the reinstatement efforts of non-renewed members.

A new USPS campaign is the "Power of One" campaign, which means that each member will try to get a new member. USPS is focusing on the individual this year. Individuals are being given incentives to recruit one or more members. Squadrons will be given new recognition for their performance also. Don't you agree that if each member brought in a new member or saved an old member, our membership numbers would be great?

Some member benefits that you can remind potential renewals about are: sharing boating knowledge from experienced instructors, on-the-water activities, USPS publications, vessel safety checks, boat insurance, First USA Visa cards, Port Captain's Program, tax deductions, travel discounts, customer service center at HQ, and the ship's store.

Want to keep up with how the membership is going by district and by squadron? Membership reports can be found by going to the URL:

<http://www.usps.org/national/hq/may03stat.html>

Past members who have let their membership lapse for one reason or another may request reinstatement. These people fall into two categories: those who have been away for less than one year, and those who have been away for more than a year. Those who have been away for less than a year are usually members who are late paying their dues. For these you should collect the amount they should have paid in June, plus a reinstatement fee of \$2.00.

For those who have been away more than a year, the same reinstatement fee applies but their renewal membership dues are prorated depending on the time they reinstate. The Reinstating Members Chart, found in the Treasurer's Manual, tells you how much to charge the reinstating member. Do not forget to add squadron and district dues according to your bylaws.

Good job squadrons! Let's make this year a banner year for memberships and renewals.

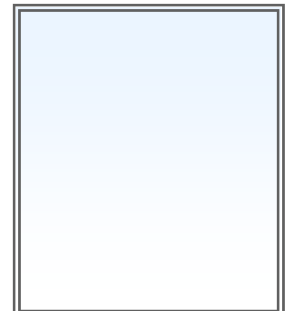
### *The Blessing of the Fleet, An Annual Event, Was a Beautiful Event*

While the turn-out Saturday was in no way as large as in past years, a good time was had by the attendees. Eight boats (6 members' boats and 2 guest boats) were blessed. Altogether 21 members and 4 guests attended the picnic at Lee Wenner Park. (A great place for future get-togethers). Due to Bud Miller's efforts the facility was donated for our use. Pam and I would have been the ninth boat. However, we got held up at the east end of the barge canal by Brevard County Sheriff Enforcement officers, Fish & Wildlife officers and United States Coast Guard personnel. It seems that a man in his twenties had too much to drink, failed in his attempt to swim the barge canal and drowned. Drinking and water activities don't make for safety.

Thanks to all who attended and a special thanks to the Valentines for inviting Faith Lutheran's Minister, Dr. Russell Frahm, to officiate at the Blessing of the Fleet. The benediction he delivered was inspirational. Submitted by Lt Larry Johnson, P



After the Blessing of the Fleet the squadron members and their guests picnicked and enjoyed the rest of the day. P/C Ed Kydd, SN, P/C John Valentine, AP, Lt Marilyn Flanigan, P, Lt Doris Valentine, Helen Kydd, S, Doris Hess, P/C George Hess, SN, P/C Ed Bonnet, SN, and the other attendees enjoyed a pleasant day.



**MARCH 2003 CO-OP CHARTING**

	TYPE	CREDITS AWARD- ED	YTD CREDIT	HONOR ROLL	EXCESS OVER REQUIRE- MENT
DISTRICT 23					
SQUADRON - COCOA BEACH					
SQUADRON TOTAL		54	3137	YES	1767
KADENBACH JERRY V	G	0	453	YES	233
MONAI GARY J	G	0	271	YES	151
MONAI GARY J	N	0	70	YES	151
PAPPAS ALBERT J	N	0	169	YES	24
SCHNOOR MARYJANE	G	0	360	YES	179
SCHNOOR MARY JANE	N	0	19	YES	179
SCHNOOR RICHARD H	G	0	379	YES	193
SCHNOOR RICHARD H	N	0	19	YES	193
STONE DENISE M	N	0	110	NO	0
STONE MICHAEL A	N	0	125	NO	0
Members physically inspect waterways to verify chart markings or to find errors.					
These physical findings are then reported through the Squadron back to NOAA, and the CG to help them maintain and update their charts.					
SQUADRON TOTAL		0	1975	YES	991

**Ed and Helen Kydd—A Much Admired Boating Couple**

P/C Ed Kydd, SN, and his first mate, Helen Kydd, S, will have been married for 60 years on August 16. Many years ago, Ed owned a boat and invited a friend aboard. The gentleman said he would come aboard only if his girl friend and her friend came. Coincidentally, both of these ladies were named Helen. Thus Helen and Ed met and shared their passion for the sea and their love for each other. The other couple were married also.

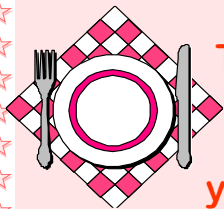
While they lived aboard their boat in Connecticut ( for two years) they sailed to Martha’s Vinyard in Nantucket and other cruises in the northern waters and also sailed to the Bahamas a few times. The two are parents of three daughters and a son, and have two grandchildren.

Never at a loss for words, Ed has written stories of his sea experiences for the Soundings. One of his vignettes appears on page 8.

Both he and Helen have been active with the CBPS, Ed since 1968 and Helen since 1992. Ed served a term as Commander from 2000-2001 and Helen worked along with him helping him to make his term successful.

Knowing them has been a privilege.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND- ITALIAN POT LUCK DINNER NIGHT**



**Tuesday, 05 August 1800 hours**

**General meeting will begin at 1930 hours.**

**Bring your favorite Italian foods, desserts, appetizers, and your libations. Soft drinks, coffee, tea, dinner settings and good company provided by CBPS. Always delicious, always fun.**

**Prepay \$5.00 at either the July or August meeting.**

**Volunteers are needed for setup and whatever else is needed. Your help will be very much appreciated.**

**CONTACT LT. AGNES BOND AT 452-6865 to “JUST SAY YES.” or if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you at the dinner.**



## A SALUTE TO OUR WOMEN COMMANDERS-THEIR STORIES

### Meet P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN



**Jane and Susan have been a credit to the CBPS and role models for future women squadron leaders.**

At the USPS Fall Governing Board in 1982, the delegates voted to allow women to become members. This was a reversal of a policy that had been in place since 1914 when USPS was founded. The change came about partly because of a law suit pending in New York at the time which challenged the all male membership of an organization that gave a boating course to the public and used community facilities. Almost as much a reason for the change was a feeling within the membership that it was a foolish policy which no longer made much sense since women were already very active in boating and were taking USPS courses, proctoring courses and in some areas teaching courses.

At that time I was proctoring in the Boating course at the Cocoa Beach High School. Dick decided that I would become a second active member and had me signed up before I knew what was happening. I received a merit mark for 1982 and in 2007 hope to have my 25 merit marks and become a life member.

In 1986 the Nominating Committee asked me to serve as the squadron secretary. I was the first woman to hold a position on the Cocoa Beach Squadron Bridge although other squadrons around the country already had women members in various officer positions. After my first year on the bridge, I was asked by the Nominating Committee to be the Administrative Officer. From there I served as Executive Officer and finally as Commander in 1989. I found the experience to be both challenging but very rewarding. The membership and my fellow officers were very supportive and helpful. One of the added bonuses of being a squadron officer was the many lasting friendships that I made by attending the District and National meetings.

The year I became commander, P/C Susan Kneeland, SN was asked to be the Administrative Officer. So during the 1989-90 squadron year two women served on the bridge. Both of us had hoped that having paved the way more and more women would step up and answer the call of the Nominating Committee. It wasn't until this year that Lt/C Pam Johnson, P was willing to serve the Cocoa Beach Squadron once again. We know that Pam will enjoy herself despite the extra responsibility or maybe because of it. We have many talented women members in the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. So gals what do you say? Be ready to say "YES" if the Nominating Committee comes calling. You won't be sorry .

P/R/C/ Mary Jane Schnoor, SN

### Meet P/C Susan Kneeland, JN



Like P/R/C Jane Schnoor, SN, I had been active teaching in USPS education prior to 1982. Jane's husband, Dick, invited me to join CBPS so Jane and I were among the first women to join USPS in November 1982. I also earned a merit mark in 1982 and we both hope to be in the first group of women eligible to receive their 25<sup>th</sup> merit mark and life membership in 2007.

Serving in various capacities in USPS takes time and energy. To serve as a bridge officer culminating in Commander involves a commitment to USPS and to the members of CBPS is well worth the effort. Lasting friendships are the glue that ultimately binds us and leads to "long timer's syndrome". The longer you are a member, the less you remember and the less important are the differences of opinions you had with each other, the now, "long term members". What you discover after years of membership is that even though you may no longer own a boat, you remain a member because you have acquired a passion for safe boating education and the bond with your friends.

P/C Susan Kneeland, SN



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## SUMMARY OF DISTRICT 23 COUNCIL MEETING

Cdr. R.D. Fille, AP

The District 23 Council Meeting was in Leesburg on Sat June 14. We had 7 representatives from our Squadron. Most, but not all, of the individual seminars held in the morning were very good. There was a hands-on Co-op Charting one in which the participants went out into the surrounding area armed with hand-held GPS's and searched for Geo Markers. They returned and learned how to file the reports.

The Commander's Session and the Educational group covered the topic of the 8 week intro boating course as compared to the 4 week Boat Smart Course. The consensus was that the 8 week provided more of a service to the community and improved success in recruiting.

Membership retention was a prime topic in an open meeting and the Cdr's meeting. Several studies have reported on " Why People Stay Loyal" (continue to belong). One was a study of churches. It was found that it is not the cause that creates the loyalty. The strongest tie was found to be personal relationship. If a person developed a personal relationship with at least 2 other people, that person would stay associated with the organization. With that in mind, we should reach out to new members and include them at your table at a meeting, invite them to join with you at a boating or social function or get together in some other fashion.

The D-23 meetings are not only beneficial for the Bridge Members, but also (maybe more so) for the Committee members. A District committee (of which I am a member) is working to make the meetings far more "meaty" than they have been. This is being done to attract more attendees. That is for the betterment of each individual and squadron. To get more people attending, you have to build a better ballpark --- and they will come. Why don't you make it a personal commitment to attend the next District meeting? See if you can.

### A Wanderer's Song by John Masfield

A WIND'S in the heart of me, a fire's in my heels,  
I am tired of brick and stone and rumbling wagon-wheels;

I hunger for the sea's edge, the limit of the land,  
Where the wild old Atlantic is shouting on the sand.

Oh I'll be going, leaving the noises of the street,  
To where a lifting foresail-foot is yanking at the sheet;  
To a windy, tossing anchorage where yawls and ketches ride,  
Oh I'll be going, going, until I meet the tide.

And first I'll hear the sea-wind, the mewing of the gulls,  
The clucking, sucking of the sea about the rusty hulls,  
The songs at the capstan at the hooker warping out,  
And then the heart of me'll know I'm there or thereabout.

Oh I am sick of brick and stone, the heart of me is sick,  
For windy green, unquiet sea, the realm of Moby  
Dick;  
And I'll be going, going, from the roaring of the  
wheels,  
For a wind's in the heart of me, a fire's in my  
heels.



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## MARTINI, ANYONE?

Several years ago my first mate and I spent many happy week ends on Happy, our 26 foot Pearson sailboat, cruising on Long Island Sound. Frequently we sailed in company with Wade and Gwynette on their Seawind 30 ketch.

There were several reasons we enjoyed sailing with Wade and Gwynette. Beside the fact that they were good neighbors, she was a great cook and he served excellent Martinis. Part of his success was the way he used extreme caution, exposing only the label of a top quality vermouth to the equally good gin. It is really an art which is improved by frequent practice.

This particular afternoon we had rafted in Mattatuck Inlet on the north shore of Long Island. Wade set up a rather flimsy three legged, backyard grill in the cockpit of Fresh Breeze. It was not very stable on the boat.

Our mates were dutifully preparing goodies below while Wade built the Martinis and I studied his technique. Then we both waited impatiently for them to join us topsides.

Finally they came, put things on the already hot grill and we all settled down to tell sailors lies and share other important trivia.

Suddenly there was a disaster. Wade moved to take care of something on deck and bumped the grill. It fell over and spilled glowing charcoal onto the deck and a piece fell onto Helen's foot. At that point your hero sacrificed his priceless martini and poured it on her foot. The ice cold treatment prevented any burn and fortunately did not ignite the hot charcoal that was lying around on deck.

The grill, the charcoal and the food were deep-sixed and, after replacing the Martini, we all went out to dinner. Since then, I have often wondered if I did the right thing by sacrificing that Martini.

P/C Ed Kydd, SN  
4/26/03





## **CBPS MEMBERS HONORED TO HEAR COLONEL DANNY R. MCKNIGHT, U.S. ARMY, RETIRED, SPEAK AT THE 06 MAY MEETING**

Squadron members were privileged to have as our guest speaker, Colonel Danny McKnight, US Army Retired. He was born in Columbus, Ga., moved to Rockledge, FL, in 1959 and attended FL schools. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate from Florida State University in 1973 where he earned a BS Degree in Management. In 1985 Danny earned his Masters Degree in Higher Education from the University of Florida while assigned as an Assistant Professor of Military Science in the ROTC Department. His military career also included combat duty on two occasions - Panama 1989, and Somalia 1993 (basis for Book & Movie "Black Hawk Down").

Colonel McKnight's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2 awards), the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Master Parachutist Badge with Combat Star, and the Pathfinder Badge. After completing 28 1/2 years service to our country, he returned to Brevard County where he now works as the County Homeland Security Coordinator.

When asked to write an article for the Soundings, he was most gracious, but was unable to do one for last month, but this month he sent the following write-up. Pictured above he is receiving another award, a certificate of appreciation from the CBPS given by Lt Mark Anderson, AP

### **OUR WAY OF LIFE AND HOMELAND SECURITY Col. Danny McKnight, US Army Retired**

As the Homeland Security Coordinator for Brevard County, I consider it my supreme privilege and responsibility to ensure to the best of my ability the safety and security of all the county's citizens. This is both a personal and professional focus on my part because of my family ties to the area as well as the professional trust placed in me by every member of the community. My focus includes an absolute commitment to educating the populace so they have an improved level of awareness and are better prepared to handle any activities that may be associated with terrorism. Now, more than ever, there is the realistic possibility of an intentional event caused by terrorism. In the January 29, 2002, State of the Union address, our President asked that Americans volunteer to improve and safeguard our country . . . to meet this call to service, all Americans must be better educated about terrorism and the necessary actions to take following a possible terrorist act.

Terrorism is simply an unlawful act committed by a group or individual to intimidate or coerce another group or individual in the furtherance of some objective . . . clear examples of this are the 1993 Oklahoma City bombing and the destruction of September 11, 2001. Terrorism acts can occur with or without warning. An act of terrorism can result in mass casualties/fatalities, loss of critical resources, disruption of vital services, serious negative economic impact, and increased emotional stress. All of this equals a desire by terrorists to create fear and disrupt lives to achieve political and social objectives.

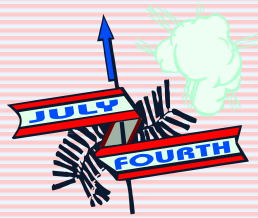
Terrorists usually choose targets that permit easy access and allow them to avoid detection, but not always . . . as with the attacks of September 11, 2001, terrorists will also choose targets that provide a high payoff in terms of the impacts resulting from their action, even if it means committing suicide. In Brevard County, there are numerous targets that could be considered in either way - easy targets or high payoff targets. Easy targets would be things such as malls, causeways, public buildings like the Government Center, and even hospitals; high payoff targets would be those like Patrick Air Force Base, Kennedy Space Center, and Port Canaveral.

As a civilian near a suspected terrorist event, your safety is the number one priority. If you are near an incident, you can help responders by observing conditions around you and noting them so that you can report them to authorities. You should note items such as incident location, nature of the incident, number of victims, and people/vehicles leaving the area of the incident. Most importantly, remember your safety is the number one priority.

The true bottom-line to this for us, the civilians of the Brevard County community, is that our Homeland Security will only be as good as the involvement of the local community members. Homeland Security means "home" "land" security, and that means ownership by everyone and a commitment to doing the right thing. "I am proud to serve my country."



This picture is of Marian Sweigert's son-in-law, the newest member of the Sweigert family, Travis Chapman, who is reading his 4wheeler magazine 15 miles outside of Baghdad where he was stationed. The temperature is 115 degrees during the day. You can see by looking at the picture that the young men and women in the military are living under less than ideal conditions. He has since been deployed to Kuwait.



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### **HISTORY OF THE 4TH OF JULY** INFORMATION FROM HOME LEISURE INDEX (HOLIDAY)

Schoolchildren in America learn the basic history of the events surrounding the Fourth of July, but the details of this monumental occasion in American history somehow fall through the cracks.

Although July 4th is celebrated as America's official split from Britain's rule and the beginning of the American Revolution, the actual series of events show that the process took far longer than a single day.

Taxation without representation! That was the battle cry of the 13 colonies in America who were forced to pay taxes to England's King George III with no representation in Parliament. As dissatisfaction grew, British troops were sent in to quell any signs of rebellion, and repeated attempts by the colonists to resolve the crisis without war proved fruitless. The original resolution was introduced by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia on June 7, 1776, and called for the Continental Congress to declare the United States free from British rule.

On June 11, 1776, the colonies' Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, formed a committee with the express purpose of drafting a document that would formally sever their ties with Great Britain. The committee included Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston. The document was crafted by Jefferson, who was considered the strongest and most eloquent writer (nevertheless, a total of 86 changes were made to his draft!) The final version, the document that we know as the Declaration of Independence was officially adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, although the resolution that led to the writing of the Declaration was actually approved two days earlier.

The following day, copies of the Declaration of Independence were distributed and, on July 6, The Pennsylvania Evening Post became the first newspaper to print the extraordinary document. On July 8, 1776, the first public readings of the Declaration were held in Philadelphia's Independence Square to the ringing of bells and band music.

All of this had occurred and some of the delegates to the Congress not even present. While most of the fifty-six names were in place by early August, one signer, Thomas McKean, did not actually sign the Declaration until 1781.)

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**FAMOUS STAR GAZERS ALMANAC—SCIENCE—  
THE STARS AND THE PLANETS  
Famous Star Gazers**

**Eratosthenes 276–195 B.C.**

This Greek astronomer was the first to measure the size of Earth accurately. He determined that the earth's polar diameter was about 7,850 miles. (In fact, the distance is actually 7,900.)

**Claudius Ptolemaeus (Ptolemy) A.D. 120–189**

The ancient Greek astronomer Ptolemy theorized that Earth was the center of the universe, and the Sun, Moon, planets, and stars revolved around it. Called the Ptolemaic System, Ptolemy's vision of the universe was accepted for the next 1,500 years.

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**Famous Star Gazers Almanac—Science—The Stars  
and the Planets (continued)**

**Famous Star Gazers**

**Nicolaus Copernicus 1473–1543**

The Polish astronomer Copernicus was the first to theorize that Earth orbits the Sun. This meant the Sun and not Earth was the center of our universe—a controversial idea that was at first strongly denounced. This sun-centered theory is called the heliocentric theory (helios means Sun in Greek).

**Johannes Kepler 1571–1630** The German astronomer Kepler discovered that the orbits of the planets are elliptical (oval) rather than round. Before Kepler's discovery, astronomers thought the orbits of all the planets were perfect circles.

**Galileo Galilei 1564–1642**

Galileo is considered the first astronomer to use the telescope. He discovered four of Jupiter's satellites and the craters on Earth's moon. The telescope also allowed Galileo to verify Copernicus's theory that the planets circle the Sun (the heliocentric theory), and not Earth (the Ptolemaic theory). The idea that the Sun was at the center of our universe was so revolutionary that in 1616 Galileo was condemned by the Inquisition and forbidden to discuss Copernicus's theories.

**Sir Isaac Newton 1643–1727**

This British astronomer is best remembered for discovering the principle of gravity. Legend has it that, seeing an apple fall from a tree, Newton concluded that a force, gravity, pulled it to the ground. He then used his theory of gravity to explain how the moon is held in its orbit around Earth. Newton's theory of universal gravitation states that every particle of matter (anything that takes up space) attracts every other particle of matter. The force becomes weaker as the distance between particles is increased.

**Edmond Halley 1656–1742**

This British astronomer was the first to calculate the orbit of a comet. The comet was later named after him. Halley's comet passes close enough to Earth to be seen about every 76 years. It was last seen in 1986 and should return in 2061.

**Sir William Herschel and Sir John Herschel  
1738–1822 and 1792–1871**

These English astronomers, father and son, are the first to have conducted a thorough study of stars and nebulae. William Herschel identified more than 800 double stars (pairs of stars in orbit around a common center of gravity) and about 2,500 nebulae. Only about 100 nebulae had been discovered before. His son, John Herschel, moved to South Africa for a number of years in order to catalog the stars in the Southern Hemisphere, which were not visible in England. He also discovered many new double stars and nebulae.

**Edwin Hubble 1889–1953**

The American astronomer Edwin Hubble classified the different types of galaxies in the universe and developed the theory that the universe is expanding, which is called Hubble's Law. The Hubble Space Telescope, which was carried aboard the space shuttle in 1990, is named in his honor.

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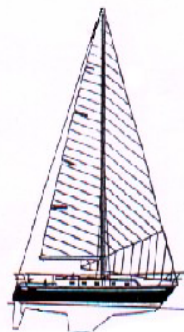


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