



DISTRICT 20

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DISTRICT 20
2023 SPRING CONFERENCE



Friday & Saturday, March 24-25, 2023
Holiday Inn Northwest, Elgin, Illinois

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2023 Spring Conference and Change of Watch

24-25 March, 2023
Holiday Inn Chicago Northwest-
495 Airport Rd., Elgin, IL 60123



The theme for this year's conference was selected to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the iconic movie **"American Graffiti"**. The movie depicted the last day of summer in 1962. So we are asking you to look in your closet and dress like it was the 50's or 60's. Ladies, find your poodle skirts and saddle shoes or sweater sets and pearls. And, dudes get out your white tee shirts, jeans and leather jackets and come to the hotel Friday night to see what your hosts have in store for you. There will be a cash bar, records playing 50's and 60's music and an American Graffiti Trivia Contest with some nautical questions thrown in for good measure. You may even win a prize for the most correct answers! Later in the evening you can visit the hospitality suites and keep the party going.

Start the day off on Saturday with coffee and a Danish in the Friendship Room. The first speaker will be P/D/C Mike Ludtke, SN-ACN. He will bring you up to date on what's happening at national. The reorganization is on everyone's mind and he will be able to give you the latest information.



We were fortunate to be able to have Phil Aleo back again. We really enjoyed his last presentation about the Fox Valley region. This time he will tell us about Chicago and the first hundred years of it's existence.

Phil was born in Chicago and has resided in Dundee Township his entire life. His passion is travel, history and photography. He has been able to combine these three passions and has to date written and published seventeen historical/photographic books.

Phil has always been an avid researcher that has documented projects on various subjects. Topics range from religion to ancient history with a prominence in local history. Phil tells almost forgotten stories of some of the most intriguing landmarks, buildings and people.

After lunch the conference meeting will convene. During the meeting the slate of officers for 2023/2024 will be nominated and you will have an opportunity to cast your vote. The new bridge will be sworn in during the banquet in the evening.

We encourage you to attend the banquet Saturday evening. This will provide you the opportunity to meet and talk with your new bridge officers and the national representative who will be there to conduct the Change of Watch ceremony. Your hosts have engaged "The Kennedy/Taylor Experience" combo to provide music for your enjoyment and dancing.



The registration and schedule of events are on the next page. The deadline to make your hotel reservations is 3 March to receive the discounted rates. Hope to see you in Elgin.

MARK THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR SO YOU DON'T FORGET.

Your D/20 host committee
P/D/C Mary Merrell, SN
D/Lt/C Jesse Bowen, JN



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Room Rates: Standard King \$104/night, Standard Double Queen \$109/night; Junior Suites (King/Queen) \$119/night, Executive Suites \$129/night. Room block is limited. **Make reservations by 3 March at (847) 488-9000.** Be sure to mention America's Boating Club Block to receive discounted rates.

Rank	Name	Grade	Squadron	Email	Telephone
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Luncheon Choices : Price \$25 per person

- _____ Very Berry Salad—Fresh Fruit on Kale blend
- _____ Monte Cristo Sandwich w/French Fries
- _____ Kilkenny's Country Chicken Wrap w/French Fries

Dinner Choices: Price \$50 per person

- _____ Chicken Marsala with Wine Sauce
- _____ Salmon Teriyaki
- _____ Grilled Ribeye Steak

(Dinners include salad rolls, Chef's choice of starch & vegetable, coffee/decaf, tea or soft drink)

<u>Meals</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
Luncheon: _____ x \$25 = \$ _____	
Dinner: _____ x \$50 = \$ _____	
TOTAL _____	\$ _____

Make checks payable to:
WSPS

Registration and check should
be sent by 15 March to:

P/Lt/C Ellen Ludtke, AP
11419 Zarnstorff Rd.
Richmond, IL 60071



Schedule of Events

Friday 24 March:

1500-1800	Registration
1900-2000	Cocktail Hour—Cash Bar
1930-2030	50's/60's Trivia Contest with prizes
2030-2230	Hospitality Suites open

Saturday 25 March:

0800-0900	Coffee/Tea & Snack to wake up in the Friendship Room
0900-0945	Updates from annual meeting by P/D/C Mike Ludtke, SN-ACN
1000-1130	Chicago: The First Hundred Years presented by Phil Aleo, Historian
1200-1300	Lunch
1315-1330	Verification of Delegates
1330-1600	Spring Conference Meeting
1700-1800	Cocktail Hour—Cash Bar
1800-2000	Banquet, Change of Watch, Raffle
2000-2200	Music & Dancing by "The Kennedy/Taylor Experience"

Dress Code:

Friday night: 50's/60's costume or Casual
Saturday: Uniform G (short sleeved shirt no tie) or business casual
Banquet: USPS Dress Uniform or suitable attire

D/20 Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with the Bylaws of District 20, the following members are hereby nominated for election at the 2023 District 20 Spring Conference. All nominees have agreed to serve if elected. The District Educational Officer has been approved by National previously.

Office	Name	Squadron
District Commander	P/D/C Mike Ludtke, SN-ACN	Waukegan
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Jesse Bowen, JN	Waukegan
Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Scott Harmon, AP	Land of Lincoln
Administrative Officer	P/C Greg Kelso, AP	Land of Lincoln
Secretary	D/Lt/C Anita Donkers, AP	DuPage
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Joan Eichorst, SN	DuPage

Nominating Committee

Chair	P/D/C Karen D'Amico, AP	Skokie Valley
Vice Chair	P/D/C Theresa Phillips, P	Mid Illini
2 nd Vice Chair	I/P/D/C Rich Davidson, SN	Skokie Valley
Member (1 Year)	P/C Gerry Christman, AP	Mid Illini
Member (2 years)	P/C Nicholas G. Scheuer, AP	Rockford

Rules Committee

Chair	P/C Nancy Sibrava-Koenen, SN	Chicago
Member	P/D/C Dennis McNamara, JN	Skokie Valley
Member	P/D/C Harvey Young, SN-IN	Illinois Valley

Audit Committee

Chair	Lt/C Ron E. Zingler, AP-IN	Skokie Valley
Member (1 Year)	L/C Dan Porter, S	Rockford
Member (2 Years)	Cdr Janice M. North, AP	Chicago

Respectively submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Mary Merrell, SN (Chair)
 Karen D'Amico, AP
 Terry Phillips, P
 Gerry Christman, AP
 Nicholas Scheuer, AP