

WILD WEST
 MURDER
 MYSTERY
 JOIN IN FOR A
 "WILD" GOOD
 TIME!



**DISTRICT 20 Spring
 CONFERENCE**

28 - 29 March 2025

**HOLIDAY INN & SUITES
 CHICAGO NORTHWEST - ELGIN**

**495 Airport Road Elgin, Illinois
 60123**

Room Rates: King Standard \$115 per night, Double Queen Standard \$125 per night, Junior King Suite \$129 per Night, and King Executive Suite \$135 per night. Room block is limited.

Make reservations by 13 March: use this link: [United States Power Squadron District 20](#) Group Code: **USP** or call 847-488-9000 and reference "United States Power Squadron District 20" to receive the discounted rate.

Rank	Name	Grade	Squadron	Email	Telephone
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Lunch: Price \$32.00 per person. All lunches include Bennigan's potato soup, coffee and soda station.

- #1 _____ Very Berry Salad
- #2 _____ Turkey O'Toole
- #3 _____ Grilled Chicken Ceasar Wrap

Dinner: Includes Cream of chicken & wild rice soup, rolls, seasonal vegetables, potatoes, and NY cheesecake. Coffee and soft drinks.

- #1 _____ \$50.00 Chicken Marsala
- #2 _____ \$55.00 Grilled Salmon
- #3 _____ \$58.00 Grilled Ribeye

<u>No. Attending</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____ x \$32.00 Lunch	\$ _____
_____ Dinner Cost	\$ _____
TOTAL \$	_____

Schedule of Events

Friday 28 March

- 1500 — 1800 Registration (Conference Center)
- 1830 — 2100 Cocktails/Cash Bar
- 1900 — 2100 Wild West Murder Mystery
- 2100 — 2300 Hospitality Suites

Saturday 29 March

- 0700 — 1100 Friendship
- 0800 — 1100 Registration (Conference Center)
- 0900 — 0950 Educational Officer Meeting
- 1000 — 1040 CC Message & National Meeting Highlights
- 1050 — 1150 Guest Speaker, Ron Luttrell, Maritime Historian
- 1200 — 1300 Lunch and Raffle Prizes
- 1315 — 1330 Verification of Delegates
- 1330 — 1530 Spring Conference
- 1700 — 1800 Cocktail Hour/Cash Bar
- 1800 — 2030 Banquet and Change of Watch
- 2030 — 2230 Hospitality Suites

Make checks payable to: Skokie Valley Power Squadron
Registration and check should be sent by **Wednesday, March 12, 2025** to:

Frank D'Amico
 1240 Bison Lane
 Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

Dress Code:

- Friday night Western attire or casual
- Saturday: Uniform G (short sleeve shirt, no tie) or Suitable business casual attire
- Banquet USPS dress uniform or suitable attire



Friday Night Activity – Wild West Murder Mystery

Join Bella Starry and the whole D20 gang at the Gravestone Saloon (in the Conference Center) on Friday March 28, 7:00-9:00 PM for a Wild West celebration and a murder mystery to solve. We will have a full bar, specialty cocktails, and saloon platters (cheeseburgers, potato skins, onion rings, egg rolls, and chicken quesadillas). Optional attire: western-style shirt, bandana, cowboy hat, and boots. Or are you one of those outlaws that threaten our town?

The story...

The presiding mayor of Gravestone, Arizona, must live in constant fear, for an unidentified killer has put bullet holes in the previous three sheriffs' backs. As a result, Gravestone is a lawless town run by a ruthless gang known as The Ranchers.

The famous Wylie Arp retired early as the Duck City, Kansas, sheriff. Wylie is one of the most feared lawmen in the United States—a legend in his own right. He left his life as a law enforcer and traveled west toward Gravestone with his brothers and friends, planning to sink his life savings into a business in what he believed to be a quiet and safe town. He intended to live the rest of his days stress-free as a civilian, but little did he know what awaited him in Gravestone.

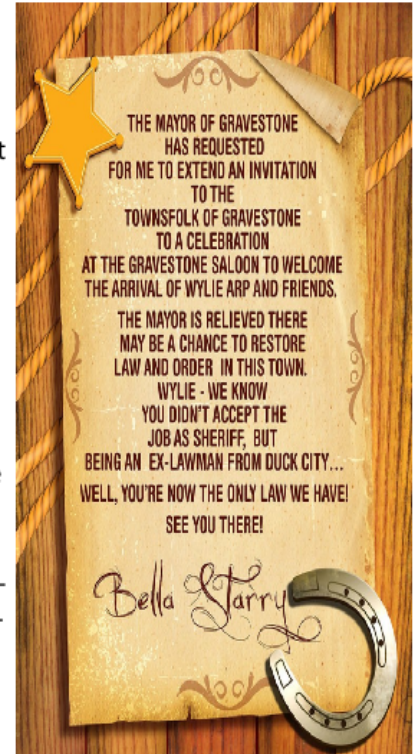
The mayor caught wind of Wylie's arrival and immediately requested that Bella Starry invite the town for a celebration. The mayor hopes that Wylie and his brothers will consider taking over Gravestone's law enforcement. Moreover, with Wylie's untarnished reputation, the mayor hopes it will be easy for him to get The Ranchers under control - or, better yet - run them out of town.

Wylie has a few days to settle in and get a feel for the town before everyone gathers for an exciting night at the Gravestone Saloon. Unfortunately, the sheriff's station is collecting dust, so preventing The Ranchers or other outlaws from attending the event will be impossible.

Not everything is doom and gloom, however. An elder in town has divulged that secret codes hidden around the city will lead to buried treasure in the Gravestone Cave on the outskirts of town. Many folks are already hunting for these codes but have yet to be discovered. The hunt has kept the outlaws busy, which has been good for the town.

Nevertheless, Bella Starry has an agenda to keep everyone happy during the gathering: festive beverages, delicious food, and a few Wild West party games. So, hopefully, everyone will keep their guns holstered and be on their best behavior. But the question is—will Wylie help Gravestone or slip away in the night to move on to the next town?

We hope you plan to attend the celebration at the Gravestone Saloon Friday evening.



Ron Luttrell is the guest speaker on Saturday. He was the docent during the tour of the Kenosha Lighthouse at the Cruise & Rendezvous in August. Ron will share a presentation about lighthouses and shipwrecks on Lake Michigan. Mr. Luttrell is the Keeper and Historian of the Southport Lighthouse Museum in Kenosha