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## 2022 DISTRICT 5 SPRING CONFERENCE

Members of our Squadron had the pleasure of attending the annual District 5 Spring Conference at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort in Ocean City, MD. It was a great opportunity to meet and reconnect with members of other squadrons in our District.

Since NVSPS has a newly installed Commander, the Officer Training for Commanders was essential. New Commanders were given instructions on how to lead their squadrons while keeping in step with National requirements as we undergo a reorganization. It also provided a chance for new Commanders to ask questions and gather needed information to move forward with confidence.

The Newsletter Editors Meeting was quite enlightening. Many “tricks and tips” of publishing were shared. Most importantly, the rules and guidelines for squadron newsletters were explained. The importance of sharing the benefits of membership was a focal point.

It was nice to see and visit the themed hospitality suites hosted by the various squadrons. Hopefully, NVSPS will participate and have a hospitality suite with an interesting nautical theme at one of the upcoming conferences—as has been done in the past.

The Spring Conference was highlighted by the NVSPS being honored with a 2021 Distinctive Communicator Award and our very own Jean Durgin was given honorable mention for receiving her 25th Merit Mark—earning a lifetime membership in America’s Boating Club. Congratulations!

Please see previous issues of “of Tars & Terns” online. If you do not have internet access, you may request that a paper copy be mailed to you from the Editor. If you require additional information pertaining to content in this newsletter, please contact us at [editor@nvspss.org](mailto:editor@nvspss.org)

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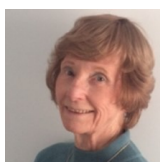
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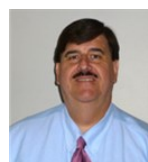
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## Meeting Information

*If you do not receive an email notice about meetings, please contact a Bridge Officer for confirmation of in-person meeting prior to heading out.*

#### General Membership Meetings:

**2nd Tuesday of each month**

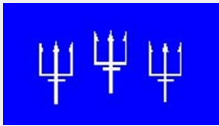
**May meeting held at Spring Picnic; October meeting held at Fall Picnic—No Zoom available**

**No meetings in August and December**

**Location:** Alexandria Police Headquarters, Community Room, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 at 1930 hours, also accessible via Zoom. Login information will be distributed via email and available from Bridge Officers.

#### Executive Committee Meetings (when deemed necessary):

**4th Wednesday of the month via Zoom at 1900 hours**



## Commander's Message



July/August 2022

Hello Squadron members,

I had the pleasure of attending the District 5 Spring Conference. It was my first time attending a conference as a member of the NVSPS. I was very interested to learn how to capably serve as Commander of our Squadron. I received a very informative overview of the duties and responsibilities of my position. I was also able to meet Commanders from other squadrons—some new and others more experienced. They were all very welcoming and I enjoyed the camaraderie.



I attended the Newsletter Editors Meeting with our NVSPS Member At Large, P/C Alan Hart. We learned much about what should be included in our newsletter to keep the membership informed—both at the squadron and at the National levels. The value of promoting the benefits offered to our members from National was impressed upon us.

Visiting the various hospitality suites hosted by the squadrons throughout the District was very entertaining. It was a great meet-and-greet opportunity. I found it quite interesting to see how creative the squadrons were with choosing and executing the different themes. I hope NVSPS will host a hospitality suite in the future. It would be such fun!

At the Spring Conference Meeting, I had the privilege of accepting the 2021 Distinctive Communicator Award for our Squadron. Thank you very much Claire Wyngaard, Jean and Dick Durgin, and Walt Lazear for helping NVSPS to achieve such an honor. Congratulations also goes to Jean Durgin, who earned her 25th Merit Mark—which is a lifetime achievement in the United States Power Squadrons, also known as America's Boating Club. (Please see pictures from the Spring Conference on page 7.)

Cdr Denise Robinson



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## \* NVSPS Member Birthdays \*



### JULY

Samuel Barr	01
Edward Jones	03
Michael D. O'Dell	11
Douglas E. Layne	24

### AUGUST

Fred Zugay	04
Mary Jane Dodson	23
Denise Robinson	23



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## UPCOMING BOAT SHOWS

6-9 Oct

Annapolis Powerboat Show

Annapolis, MD

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13-17 Oct

Annapolis Sailboat Show

Annapolis, MD

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### **2022 District 5 Fall Educational Conference**

The Fall Educational Conference will be held 3-6 November 2022, at the Maritime Institute Conference Center in Linthicum Heights, MD. Please check your email for registration information and conference details. If you have not received an email about the Fall Educational Conference, please contact a Bridge Officer.



## 2022 DISTRICT 5 SPRING CONFERENCE PHOTOS



Pictured from left to right:  
Mary Hart, Cdr Denise  
Robinson and Member At  
Large P/C Alan Hart



Squadron members visiting the  
hospitality suites



Squadron members  
socializing at the hospitality  
suites



P/C Alan Hart and wife Mary  
enjoying refreshments



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