



Friendship Fountain Jacksonville

# Go Jacksonville!

**Get on the phone, spread the word, Jacksonville Annual Meeting is January 22 thru 29.**

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## Special points of interest:

- EXPO will be held in Jacksonville..
- The Change of Watch will happen in Jacksonville..
- Department Meetings will happen in Jacksonville.
- BOC will happen in Jacksonville.
- Don't miss Shipwreck.



Jacksonville Riverfront looking from the Hyatt to the St Johns River at dawn October, 2011

## Register for Jacksonville now to avoid the rush and sell outs!

**There are several events that require ticketing and require postmarks by December 22. Also, there are events which are sold at a lower price if reservations are made early.**

Hotel room reservations also should be made early to avoid

sellout of the desired bed arrangement.

See page 36 of the Fall issue of the ENSIGN for hotel reservation information. See page 37 of the same ENSIGN for activities registrations information.

You may also access this infor-

mation on USPS.ORG.

**Read the small print.** The small print includes credit card registration information, deadlines and refund policy. Our new on-line registration system is working great. Get registered ASAP.

## NMC TURNS THE NUTS AND BOLTS



**NMC turns the nuts and bolts to make the meetings work.**

The National Meetings Committee takes the lead in planning and organizing the USPS Annual Meetings and the USPS Governing Board Meetings.

Given the guidance from the USPS C/C and BOD, from time to time, the NMC develops a program satisfying the needs of the organization.

NMC is a platform for coordinating the needs of the Vice Commanders and Rear Commanders with the hotels/sites

and outside support activities available across the country.

NMC plans the meals, music and entertainment for all of the social and department luncheon activities.

On occasion, the NMC seeks out viable presenters for interesting seminars and local presentations.

The NMC promotes each meeting through written communications and coordination with other internal media and sites.

The NMC is constantly seeking and negotiating new affordable sites for future meetings 4 or 5 years in advance.

The committee is making the wheels turn once on site through integrating our staff with the hotel/site staff to make a team. This team plans months ahead even years to insure smooth operations.

NMC has over 40 talented members who are all members of your squadrons and districts.



## St Augustine

First big reason to come to Jacksonville. Don't miss St. Augustine!

Founded in 1565 by Spanish explorer and admiral Pedro Mendez de Aviles, it is the oldest continuously occupied, European established city and port in the United States of America. It is located in the

area known as "The First Coast". Along Florida's Historic Coast, history comes alive in red brick lanes leading to centuries old churches, in forts where soldiers still walk the grounds, and on horse-drawn carriage rides through time.

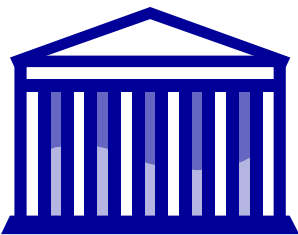
Head just out of town and back to nature along 42 miles of

pristine Atlantic beaches. Bring your clubs and hit the links—numerous championship golf courses await. Check the waterways and bring your boat.

Jacksonville Squadron will show you how to get from Jacksonville to St. Augustine by boat.

You will always return.

## Walk Downtown Jacksonville on your own.



**Visit the museums**

"Downtown Jacksonville" is the city's core, and the region's center for business. Behind the Hyatt is "Downtown Jacksonville", also known as the "Northbank Core".

Downtown Jacksonville is the geographic center of 1.5 million people living in Northeast

Florida. Downtown has six miles of waterfront along the St. Johns River with three miles of public riverwalks.

Downtown has 44,000 parking spaces available at hourly and daily rates.

Downtown is home to 86 upscale/casual restaurants, 22 clubs

and bars, 17 cultural entertainment venues and 12 churches.

When you get to Jacksonville, go to the concierge and get the "Downtown Guide and Map". Put on your walking shoes and see what "Downtown" has to offer.



## REGISTER NOW FOR “LIFE SKILLS” TRAINING IN JACKSONVILLE. FIVE LEADERSHIP SEMINARS PLANNED!

Many members think that the Leadership Development seminars are only for District and Squadron bridge members. This could not be further from the truth.

These seminars are open to each and every USPS member and the skills learned are useful in your life outside of our organization. If you are interested in expanding your leadership, teambuilding, presentation, motivation and problem solving skills, these are for you!

We will be offering DAO/SAO training on Wednesday 25 January and DXO/SXO on both Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th.

In addition, we will be offering the new District Commander/ Squadron Commander seminar on both Wednesday and Thursday. As in the past, you must have completed the AO seminar before taking the XO and you must have completed the XO before taking the Commanders class.

Those who would like to get two days of *Life Skills* training in Jacksonville can register for the AO on Wednesday and XO on Thursday or the XO on Wednesday and the Cdr on Thursday.

Registration forms can be found on the Leadership Development Committee website at [www.usps.org/national/ot](http://www.usps.org/national/ot).

R/C Peter H. Hames, AP

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**Five Leadership Seminars this time.**

## EXPO HAS NEW LEADER

P/D/C Mark Gathings, JN has just taken over the job of EXPO Chairman!

Mark hails from Sacramento, CA and is in D 25, Marin and has been in the USPS since 1985.

Mark is a JN and has held squadron commander three times and has been XO, SEO, Admin, and Secretary. He has

been D/C, DXO, and DEO (3 times).

Mark has a background in business and is a welcome addition to the National Meetings Committee.

Mark has taken off running and will be responsible for the EXPO in Jacksonville.

EXPO is a tough job requiring

organization and attention to detail and good PR skills.

Mark has great enthusiasm for the job and expects great support from the USPS committees to make his first EXPO successful.

He will be bringing other partners and vendors to EXPO 2012



**EXPO is ready to make it happen. Attend EXPO and talk to committee persons face-to-face!**

## ON THE WATER TRAINING AT LAMB’S YACHT CENTER, JACKSONVILLE

During the week of the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, there will be On-The-Water Training at Lamb’s Yacht Club. Lamb’s is about 7 miles from the hotel. Stay at the Hotel.

Lamb’s is located at 3376 Lake Shore Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32210

Training will be held on Monday, January 24 and on Saturday, January 29. Start time is 0800. Registrations are accepted by calling up: [usps.org/owt](http://usps.org/owt).

Training will be on the USPS boat on loan from Brunswick, the 20 ft. Boston Whaler

“Dauntless”. It comfortably and safely accommodates four students and one instructor in the cockpit. It has a 200 horse power Mercury engine to help negotiate the training routines.

D 23 and Jacksonville representative is Bud Newton 904-737-8341 in Jacksonville.



# SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK IS PACKED WITH BUSINESS AND FUN THINGS TO DO!



Look out of the hotel and some-

times see a large ship parked out front on the St Johns River, like the Environmental Protection Agency ship, BOLD.

But, you may be too busy with our schedule to even take a look. If you are fortunate to get a water view room, all you will have to do is pull the curtain.

Our week will be filled with interesting meetings and seminars useful to the field in running squadron and district business.

Don't know why we're selling our programs to outside sources? Come to the meetings and find out why. Discussions go on here that cover the management of resources of USPS and the best decisions to be made for the organization as a whole. Why complain after the fact, when you can be a part of the decision?

Need a vacation with fun things to do and good food and plenty to see. Come to Jacksonville!

## Wednesday

Arrive on Tuesday for Wednesday activities. Tours, Golf and Leadership seminars are big on Wednesday.

- USPS Registration Counter opens.
- EXPO move in-begins.
- DAO/SAO Leadership Seminar
- DXO/SXO Leadership Seminar
- D/C, Cdr Leadership Seminar

**Golf Outing**  
**Made in Jacksonville Tour**  
 Arrive on Tuesday and be there for the Wednesday activities. Wednesday is a good day to participate in the golf outing and see the city on your own. Special, is our "Made in Jacksonville" Tour which will be leaving the Hyatt at 0900 and return at

1500. See the ENSIGN activities registration for details.  
 Leadership Seminars fill the day for those interested in jump starting the conference with "Life Skills". The Leadership Development Committee has prepared a great program just for you.

## Thursday



Don't miss the St Augustine historical tour on Thursday

- EXPO OPENS
- Admin Dept Seminars
- Fashion Show
- Educational Dept Committee Meetings
- Silent Auction
- Commodore Sales
- XO Leadership Seminar

- Cdr Leadership Seminar
- District/Squadron and Member Meeting
- Historian Committee
- Squadron Activities and Amature Radio
- First Timers
- Rules Committee Open

- Social Networking
- Squadron Development
- Safety Committee
- Youth Poster Contest
- Scouting Jamboree
- St Augustine Tour



## Wednesday Golf

We started a Golf Outing in Greensboro. It was fun and great camaraderie.

The Golf outing will be at Mill Cove on Wednesday and has a rate of \$30.00 for 18 holes. This course is 15 minutes from the hotel. Tee time is 0800.

Rental clubs are available under \$20.00. Bring your own clubs if you can.

We will travel there by van or in your own vehicle.

Register by sending us the information attached..



Yes, I would like to play!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

Live in Jacksonville? \_\_\_\_\_

Staying at Hyatt ? \_\_\_\_\_

Need Clubs? \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: [stanaman@aol.com](mailto:stanaman@aol.com)



**Mix business with pleasure. Come golf with us. Ladies too!**

## EXPO PRESENTS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Best use of your time is EXPO.

What is EXPO? EXPO is a communications tool to talk face-to-face with members and leaders of the various departments and committees in USPS. It is informal and non-threatening in which you can ask any question in a conversational tone and get answers.

We will have booths with most of the committees present. The Committee booths will be staffed by knowledgeable people who know the answers or who know how to get the answers.

We will have outside vendors and partners from other boating organizations and agencies

who can help solve your squadron or district interests and problems.

Nothing like eye-ball to eye-ball contact. Share your views and make suggestions.

EXPO also takes on a social atmosphere to meet old friends and acquaintances from across the country.



**Our booths will be filled with handouts, giveaways and loads of good will and knowledge. Visit EXPO.**

## FRIDAY

**Government/Partner Relations**

**DEO/ADEO Meeting**

**Individual Social Networking**

**Educational Department Open**

**Marketing & PR Seminar**

**Squadron and District Legal Seminar**

**Guest Speaker**

**D/C and DXO Meeting**

**Sea Scouts**

**Sail Angle Workshop**

**DB2000 Workshop**

**Town Hall Meeting**

**Cummer Museum Tour**

**Membership Open Meeting**

**Treasurers Open Meeting**

**Awards Ceremony & New Life Awards**

**Jewish Services**



**Come and see what USPS has to offer.**



# Explore Jacksonville

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## Dress code

### Sun.-Tues., 22-24 Jan.

USPS casual or other appropriate attire.

### Wed.-Thurs., 25-26 Jan.

USPS polo or other appropriate attire.

### Fri., 27 Jan.

USPS polo or dress shirt and tie with blazer or other appropriate attire.

### Sat., 28 Jan.

**Daytime** Uniform F. Men: Regulation long-sleeve white shirt with black four-in-hand tie, black uniform trousers, black belt (if worn), black socks, black shoes, or other appropriate attire. Ladies: Regulation long-sleeve white shirt, black skirt or slacks, black crossover tie, black shoes, black purse (if carried) or other appropriate attire.

**Evening** Uniform A or USPS blazer, gray slacks, shirt and tie, or other appropriate attire.

## Get there

Despite its size, Jacksonville is easy to move around, and transportation is plentiful. It is accessible by automobile from I-95 south or north or I-10 coming from the west. Nearby St. Augustine, the oldest city in the U.S., is a must-see for area tourists. If you have time, drive along the Florida beaches on the East Coast. A marina for those who want to dock their boat in the St. Johns River is located about two miles from the hotel. A local shuttle travels between the marina and the hotel.

## Navigate from the airport

Jacksonville International Airport is serviced by all major airlines. Go Airport Shuttle transports passengers between the airport and the hotel for \$20 per person and is available daily from 0500 to 2400. Please call 904-353-8880 to schedule your shuttle; departures must be scheduled 24 hours in advance. Taxi service with Checker Cab is \$29 for one to two people and \$7 for each additional person. Rental cars are available at the airport, and parking is \$10 per night. Valet parking is also available.

## Plan your stay

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, our meeting hotel, is located at 225 E. Coastline Drive; the hotel phone number is 904-588-1234. The Jacksonville hotel staff has already sent us a welcome—a sign of the Southern hospitality you will receive from this cosmopolitan city. Situated on the St. Johns River, the hotel has 963 guest rooms equipped with high-speed Internet service.

## Have fun

In addition to USPS planned tours, horse-drawn carriage rides are available from Avalon Carriage Service by calling 904-842-7722. Other attractions include Adventure Landing and Shipwreck Island Waterpark, Budweiser Brewery, Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, Jacksonville Landing, Dave & Buster's, Museum of Contemporary Art, and historic St. Augustine, which has factory outlet malls. Shop at The Avenues mall, Regency Square Mall, St. Johns Town Center and the historic San Marco area. Jacksonville has 70 golf courses, including the Slammer and Squire at World Golf Village. While you're there, visit the World Golf Hall of Fame. Ponte Vedra Beach is also just a few miles away.

## Reserve your room

Reserve your room at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront by calling 888-421-1422 or by visiting <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/usps2012>. Use reservation code "BPOW." The room rate is \$132.

# Jacksonville

USPS 2012 Annual Meeting 22-30 Jan.

ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION >> Reserve online at [usps.org/php/reservations](http://usps.org/php/reservations)

Rank	First	MI	Last	Grade	Cert. No.
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Address	City	State	ZIP	Squadron/District	
Home phone	Cell/Office			Dietary restrictions?	
E-mail address	First time attending a national meeting?				

## Wednesday, 25 Jan.

### 0900-1500 Made In Jacksonville

Savor the tastes and smells of downtown Jacksonville. Can you smell the coffee brewing at the Maxwell House Production Center? Head off to enjoy the sweet taste of Jacksonville's own Peterbrooke Chocolatier in San Marco. This state-of-the-art chocolate production center gives fun and informative tours. Samples are included of course! After lunch, take in the exquisite décor of the homes of San Marco as you cruise by the Swisher Estate, home of the creator of Swisher Sweets cigars. End your tour at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery where an open-air brew hall awaits. During a tour of the gallery, you'll discover the wonders of a century-old brewing process. Marvel at high-speed packaging lines that fill thousands of bottles and cans per minute. Midway through the tour, relax in the hospitality room and enjoy a tasting of the refreshing brews.

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$70 Total \_\_\_\_\_

## Thursday, 26 Jan.

### 0900-1500 St. Augustine Historical Tour

Start your trip into St. Augustine with an unusual beginning—by picking up a hitchhiker! Don't be alarmed if your driver pulls over to allow this disoriented stranger to board the coach. It's only Ida Alice Shourd Flagler, the oil and hotel baron's second wife, she'll teach you about the area and its history and give you the dirt on Mr. Flagler. Your tour of the city will include the Mission of Nombre de Dios, the birthplace of Christianity on this continent. When you arrive at the Castillo de San Marcos, you will be invited to step off for a few moments to walk around this fort, the oldest national monument. Next, you will see the heart of the city with its magnificent Spanish Renaissance architecture. Now that you've been steeped in more than 400 years of history, go shopping on St. George Street. This shopping mecca has more than 240 gift shops, ice cream parlors and restaurants along a four-block pedestrian street. Get something to eat, shop or just relax until it's time to board the coach once more for your return trip.

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$74 Total \_\_\_\_\_

### 1830-2230 Shipwreck Party

Enjoy an informal indoor party with seafood, a traditional dinner buffet, cash bar, creative costumes, a DJ and lots of dancing. Weather permitting, we will open the doors to the riverfront and take the party outside.

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$41 before 22 Dec. (\$46 after) Total \_\_\_\_\_

## Friday, 27 Jan.

### 0900-1400 Cummer Museum and lunch

A docent will give your group a private tour of this outstanding art museum, which features traveling exhibits and European gardens. The museum and its award-winning education center, Art Connections, occupy adjacent buildings overlooking the three-acre Cummer Gardens. The museum campus is situated on the banks of the St. Johns River. Be sure to leave time to browse its exquisite gift shop before boarding your transportation back to the hotel. Your group will also enjoy a private luncheon at the museum.

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$92.00 Total \_\_\_\_\_

## Saturday, 28 Jan.

### 1200-1400 Members Luncheon (cash bar 1200-1230)

Enjoy lunch with your fellow USPS members and guests

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 before 22 Dec. (\$36 after) Total \_\_\_\_\_

### 1100-1400 Ladies Luncheon—Others Welcome

Our circle of USPS friendships will widen as we enjoy a lovely lunch together. Each guest will have a beautiful gift to take home as a remembrance. Our theme is Asian Inspiration.

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$36 before 22 Dec. (\$38 after) Total \_\_\_\_\_

### 1830-2200 Change of Watch Reception and Banquet

Enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship with USPS members and guests. Come and meet the new USPS bridge officers for 2012.

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$54 before 22 Dec. (\$56 after) Total \_\_\_\_\_

### Meeting CD

CD includes presentations, handouts and PowerPoint slides from all committee meetings. Pick up CDs at activities registration desk along with your tickets.

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5 Total \_\_\_\_\_

Total no. tickets & CDs: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For RV information, visit [usps.org/ic/highwaymariners](http://usps.org/ic/highwaymariners)

Reserve tickets online at [usps.org/php/reservations](http://usps.org/php/reservations) using a credit card, or mail this form and a check made out to 2012 Annual Meeting to USPS Headquarters, P.O. Box 30423, Raleigh, NC 27622. For more information, contact Arlene Anderson at 757-367-6319 or [arlene.anderson-47@yahoo.com](mailto:arlene.anderson-47@yahoo.com).

Activity reservations must be secured or postmarked by 22 Dec. 2011. After 22 Dec., call or email for instructions. Refund requests made after 22 Dec. will be honored only if the tickets are resold. All tickets must be picked up at the activities registration area no later than one hour before the event, except for social luncheon, members luncheon and banquet tickets, which must be picked up by 1000 Saturday, 28 Jan. Agenda and additional details may be found at [usps.org/national/natmeetings](http://usps.org/national/natmeetings).

Our meeting hotel is Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. Reserve online at <https://resweb.punkey.com/go/usps2012>, or call 904-588-1234. Use group Code BPOW to request the USPS rate of \$132 plus tax per night.





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Go Jacksonville!

We're on the web  
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## SATURDAY HIGHLIGHTS

**Annual Meeting**

**Social Reception & Luncheon**

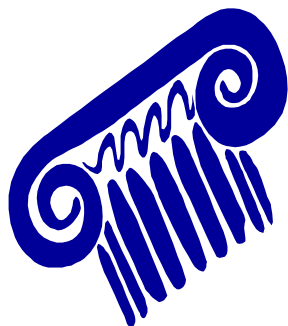
**Members Luncheon**

**Open Reception**

**Change of Watch Ceremony**

**Dinner Dance**

## We are already working on future meetings.



**NMC is working years ahead to get our first class meetings on a low budget.**

### JACKSONVILLE 2012

22-30 January

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville

### DETROIT GB 2012

2-9 September

Marriott Renaissance Center

### JACKSONVILLE 2013

13-20 January

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville

### SAN ANTONIO GB 2013

1-8 September

### Grand Hyatt San Antonio

### JACKSONVILLE 2014

26 Jan -2 February

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville

### WASH., D.C. GB 2014

7-14 September

Hyatt Regency Crystal City

### JACKSONVILLE 2015

18-25 January

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville

Detroit planning is well under way. Our NMC representative, Denise Samu is paving the way to make Detroit a winner this time. Tentative things being planned are a Tuesday Detroit Tiger's baseball game. Greek-town Lunch on Wednesday. Detroit Princess Cruise on Wednesday evening. Motown Theme Dance on Thursday night at the hotel. Friday Henry Ford Tour. We are working on the Detroit airport to hotel challenge. But, we are working. There are challenges to all of these meetings that we work through daily until they look seamless to you.