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Commander

Cdr Patty Pezely, AP

Commander's Report

Here we are in October already. The summer flew by. It was great to get out and about this summer feeling safer having received the vaccine. I know the vaccine is not for everyone but for me, it was my safety blanket.

The next in person event after the summer cruise was the Commander's Picnic at Joe's and my place. We hosted a catered picnic for 25 people. It was great seeing so many members whom we haven't seen in over a year. We enjoyed the first 45 minutes outside and very quickly moved indoors away from the thunder and lightning which lasted for hours. Everyone seemed to have a good time and the food from Jemscatering was awesome! As I am writing this, the September dinner meeting is two days away. Rita Rossi is having a picnic at her house. Also catered by Jemscatering. Jemscatering is owned by her brother, so she gets the credit for the choice of venue.

I was hoping that we could safely return to an in-person ExCom meeting in September, but Tropical Storm Ida said otherwise. At the last minute I reverted back to a Zoom only meetings. We held the call as the water level increased in our basement. My phone was blasting flash flood warnings, tornado warning and possible dam breaching warnings all night. We were lucky to have little damage but many people in the area lost a lot. I know some of our mem-

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2021-2022 Bridge

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bers were also affected.

The next ExCom will be on October 13th at Paoli Presbyterian. Assuming no weather events, pandemic or other act of God, this meeting will be held in person and on Zoom. Normally the ExCom meetings are the first Wednesday, but the Delaware Valley Education Cruise will be held on October 6th and that is a trip not to be missed. Paoli Presbyterian follows the CDC recommendations so please review the mask requirements prior to coming to the meeting in person.

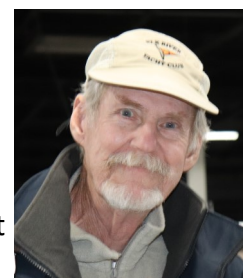
If you are interested in coming to an ExCom meeting and you are not an active member on the ExCom, please let me know. We welcome new people with fresh ideals. You can join online or in person. We also have the October dinner meeting coming up on October 21st and the Holiday party will be December 11th. Keep an eye out for these notices.

Enjoy the changing of the leaves and the cooler weather.

Commander Patty Pezely, AP

Correction

Many apologies to long-time member Tom Payne, P. Tom has been a member since 1967 and has 17 Merit Marks. The national database had an incorrect date for Tom's birthday and therefore we also had an incorrect birthday date in the Pilot. Tom's birthday is actually August 9th.



Happy Belated Birthday Tom!





Executive Officer

Lt Cdr Ginny Parry, S

Does your boat or PWC have a kill switch? Do you wear it? Honest?

A federal law which took effect earlier this year requires operators of new vessels that are 26 ft. in length or less to use a kill switch, formally known as an ECOS – emergency cut off switch. The law states that if someone is going more than headway speed, they must have that kill switch attached to their person, clothing or life jacket – and be wearing the life jacket.

A recent incident in Florida underscored why these switches are valuable. When the operator of a boat fell overboard near St. Pete Beach, he was not wearing a life vest or a kill switch. The boat continued, moving in large circles near the beach. Alerted by a witness, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office rescued the man, cleared swimmers and snorkelers from nearby waters, and came alongside the boat to board it and cut the engine. You can watch an aerial video of the action, provided by the Sheriff's Office to Soundings Magazine, here: <https://www.soundingsonline.com/news/runaway-boat-heads-for-swimmers-in-florida> . The man was uninjured. The video dramatically shows



and narrates both his rescue and the process of boarding the runaway boat.

On a personal note, Lance, a friend and I witnessed the value of an emergency cut off switch a number of years ago when we were sailing in Barnegat Bay. After a day of sailing, we were headed toward the dock near sunset when I heard someone calling for help. Then I heard a man calling for help in the water some distance away. We brought the sailboat to him, helped him aboard, and learned that he had been jet skiing with friends when he fell off his jet ski. Unable to reach his ski, which was no longer visible, he had been in the water – wearing a life vest – for about 45 minutes and was tiring.

We were able to lend him a phone so he could call his wife, (an uncomfortable call to make and to receive) and return him to where he launched from. It was never really clear why his companions were nowhere in sight. He said he was not impaired by alcohol or recreational drugs.

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I learned at least three lessons from that afternoon:

-Make sure your craft is equipped with a kill switch and it's attached to your clothing or your life vest when you're on plane or moving at greater than displacement speed.

-Make sure your PFD is a bright color. This man's was dark purple, and would have been harder to spot as the sun set. It was only by luck that I heard, and then saw him.

-And make sure your boating or skiing companions keep an eye out for all members of

the group. Don't forget to tell someone where you're going and when you expect to return.

The federal law does not require the switches on older boats, although many boats have had them for decades. Alternately, consider getting a wireless cutoff device as part of your safety equipment. And use it!

Full details are on the Coast Guard website at: <https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/engine-cut-off-devices.php>

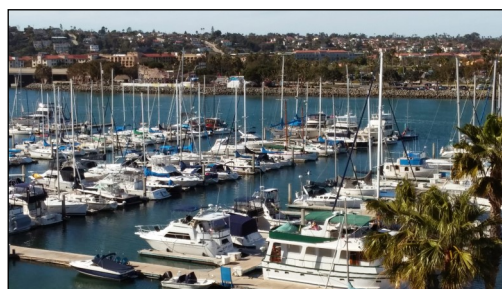
LtC Ginny Parry, S



[Upcoming Boat Shows](#)

Annapolis Power – October 7-10

Annapolis Sail—October 14-17



Do You Use a Float Plan?

CLOSE CALL: MISSING BOATERS RESCUED THANKS TO FLOAT PLAN

A search for two missing boaters and their dog has a happy ending thanks to several search and rescue agencies ... and the fact that the boaters communicated their expected return time to relatives. The boat owner, his dog, and a companion had been on the water in Newport News, were overdue, and were not returning calls, a family member reported to the U.S. Coast Guard Friday morning. The Coast Guard found the boat, along with its owner and the dog, beached near Morrison Creek. The second boater had swum across the Warwick River and walked to safety, then called 911.

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Educational Officer
Stf/C James Heckman, SN



Asst. Educational Officer
Lt Wayne Barrett, JN

"Knowledgeable boaters have more fun."

Hurricane Preparation for Boaters - Online Seminar

When a hurricane threatens, you need to be prepared and protect your boat. In this 2-hour seminar, you'll learn the basic structure of a hurricane, how to select a location from which to weather the storm, and how to prepare your boat. Time will be allocated for discussion, including story telling.

Date: Monday, October 25, 2021

Time: 7 – 9 PM ET

Location: [Online using FreeConferenceCall](#)

Cost: Free

Contact: Jim Heckman (JLHECKMAN4929@gmail.com)

Note: Please inform Jim that you plan to attend, he will give you the login information for the seminar. (JLHECKMAN4929@gmail.com)

The Instructor Development Course (ID Course)

Location: [Online using FreeConferenceCall](#)

Cost: Free

For more information contact: Jim Heckman (JLHECKMAN4929@gmail.com)

All instructors teaching in our public boating courses are required to have completed ID. It is a great course for all instructors and communicators!

USPS District 5 will be offering the ID Course during the Fall Educational Conference (Nov. 11 -14 in Lancaster, PA). It is described on the D5 website (<https://www.uspsd5.org/>). Phase 1 is a set of required online tutorials which can be viewed anytime before the conference. Phase 2 consists of required presentations. The Phase 2 presentations can be given in Lan-

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Hurricane Ida

Megan Weber, Safety Officer

There's storm runoff, then there's Ida's storm runoff.

I've got to say I like paddling after the rain. The river flows more smoothly but after Hurricane Ida and watching the news with paddlers and even a diver going into the runoff water, I started thinking that cannot be safe. This

is what makes Hurricane Ida more trouble than other storms.

First, when I saw the forecast for 6 to 8 inches of rain for one day I knew this was going to cause an issue that would last for a few days. Some people were not registering this because it was not a direct-hit hurricane. Rainfall for Reading PA rarely exceeds 6.3 inches for the month of Sep-



tember.

An article from Connecticut Public Radio goes deeper into what the concerns are for big storms like Ida. A storm this size causes major stress on the wastewater infrastructure. Nick Salemi, spokesperson for the Metropolitan District Authority, which

manages water around Hartford, said, "No system is designed to take that much water in that short of a time period." So for larger storms, keep in mind the water quality goes way down. The article recommends avoiding "direct contact with surface water in areas in close proximity to drainage pipes."

We can help with interception solutions for the future to stop more pollutant runoff from happening. One example: citizens can create rain gardens to absorb run-offs. Towns can also start encouraging the growth of rain gardens by forming storm water authorities. The article offers some hopeful solutions for cleaner storm water runoff.

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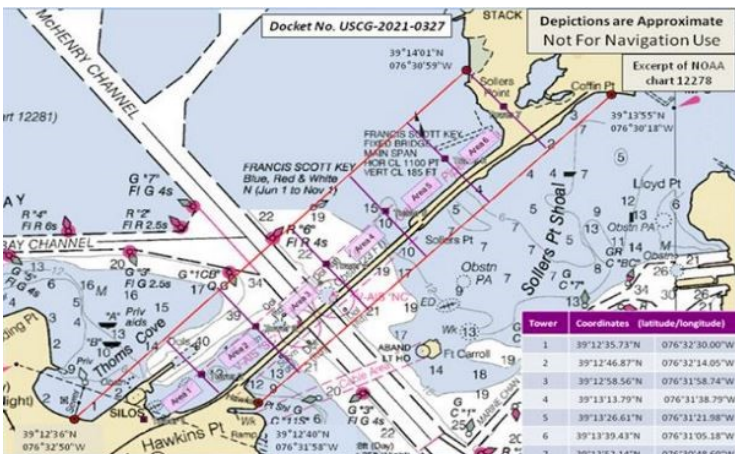
P/C Lt. Jim Friedrichs, JN

Use caution on the Patapsco River

The following is an excerpt from the USGC Notice to Mariners regarding installation of overhead power lines on the Patapsco River. Further details can be found [here](#).

MD – BALTIMORE HARBOR - PATAPSCO RIVER – SAFETY ZONE

To facilitate critical overhead power transmission lines installation activities in Baltimore Harbor, from September 1, 2021 through November 17, 2021, the Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for certain waters of the Patapsco River near the Francis Scott Key (I-695) Bridge, at Baltimore, MD. This action will restrict vessel traffic on a portion of the Patapsco River while work crews install power transmission lines crossing over the river.



There are six areas within the safety zone, one or more of which, will be temporarily closed to navigation during the prescribed enforcement period. These areas include "Area 1," "Area 2," "Area 3," "Area 4," "Area 5," and "Area 6." To view the safety zone regulation and a chartlet depicting the safety zone, see below. During the days the safety zone will be enforced, the affected area of the river will be closed during the dates and times scheduled. These dates and

times may change due to weather, or for any reason that the primary dates and times cannot be used. Alternative dates have been provided in the event the primary dates cannot be used. Exact dates and times will be announced by broadcast notice to mariners, between one and five days in advance of the scheduled date, to alert mariners of the change.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this article, please contact the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capital Region's Waterways Management Division staff via email at D05-DG-SectorMD-

NCR-Prevention-WWM@uscg.mil, or at telephone numbers (410) 576-2519, (410) 576-2674 or (410) 576-2693.

Jim Friedrichs, JN*

Fleet Captain

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caster on Nov. 11. However, if you prefer not to travel to Lancaster, ABC Valley Forge will offer you the chance to give the presentations online via FreeConferenceCall. Please contact Jim Heckman to learn more and once the number of students is identified the dates for the sessions will be determined.

CyberSecurity Advisory

It's not paranoia if they really are out to get you. The hackers are out to scam you and your friends. If you received an email from a friend that looks like this:

Message from friendsname@verizon.net

Hi

I hope this email finds you well. Please can I ask you a favor?

If you reply to this email, an email will likely come back with from friendsname@gmail.com saying something like this:

Thanks for responding, I am sorry for bothering you with this e-mail. I need to get a GOOGLE PLAY GIFT CARDS for my Niece. It's her birthday but i can't do this now because I'm currently away and i tried purchasing online but unfortunately no luck with that. Can you get it from any store around you? I'll pay back as soon as I am back. Kindly let me 'now if you can handle this?

The email of the sender friendsname@verizon.net was hacked! It is likely that the password on their email account was hacked or also used on another account that was hacked. The usernames and passwords of these hacks are available on the Dark Web for hackers to purchase.

If you reply to the initial email, the reply will likely come back from a similar but different email address.

friendsname@verizon.net is changed to friendsname@gmail.com

If you are the owner of the hacked email account:

Change your password right away

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Inn to Inn on the Chesapeake

P/C Susan P. Woron

While I am not one of those people who travel from inn to inn by biking or skiing 15 miles a day, I do have a sense of adventure. Knowing my limits, and love of leisure, I decided to travel on this year's cruise by booking a series of bed and breakfast inns on a route chosen by following the cruise agenda, supplemented by my wants and desires. This year I also decided to let you in on how this decision affects my time on vacation.

First and foremost, I know we save money. I paid about \$75. for gas during the cruise, compared to who knows what those 44' yachts paid. Secondly, we didn't have to pack all that "extra stuff" for the boat and haul it aboard. Just some shorts, T-shirts, and bathing suits, and a few good books. Third, I didn't have to worry about getting on and off my boat. I knew I could get out of the car... getting out of bed in the morning is another story.



The joy of visiting some beautiful bed and breakfast inns makes our day! This year John and I started at the Graduate Annapolis hotel, which we really liked. The private deck attached to our room was almost as big as our room. We spent most of Sunday morning sitting outside reading the newspapers. Then we walked to Miss Shirley's for a fabulous brunch with high prices. We enjoyed the nautical decorating and the funky style of this place as well as it's good location and parking.



Next stop was the Inn at Herrington Harbor. Everyone knows how beautiful this place is, but the big news is that they remodeled all their guestrooms and improved their facilities. The room on your left went well beyond a basic hotel room and included a living room and small kitchen.

It was decorated in an attractive Mission style. While I was here, I engaged my adventurous style and drove down to Chesapeake Beach just to see how things have changed. There I discovered quite a bit of new construction and an area where residents took a lot of pride in their surroundings. Beautiful flowers were planted everywhere along the board-

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walk and the town looked peaceful and welcoming. I also picked up a great chocolate cake in the supermarket to share at one of the parties.

By now John had gone back to work for a few days, and I moved on to St. Michael's. Naturally I had to stop at the Queenstown outlets. I was disappointed that these stores weren't as appealing as in the past as people are shopping more online, but I did manage to find a few bargains. Here I chose to stay at the Parsonage Inn, a small Victorian Inn at the entrance to the museum where the boaters were staying. The best part about staying here was that they told me I could use the swimming pool at the George Brooks House down the road. I lugged my stuff up to my room and was in the pool 30 minutes later.

St. Michael's is a lovely town and I always enjoy coming here. With the boaters I enjoyed visiting the Chesapeake Maritime Museum and shopping in town. Here I was able to pick up some friends and drive them back and forth to dinner and the ice cream stores.

About 45 years ago I crossed the bridge at Knapps Narrows and sat all afternoon with a different husband in a restaurant that sits right at the base of a very interesting bridge. We were mesmerized by the bridge that went up and down all day as boats made their way through this narrow channel. I decided to take a drive down there and check out the bridge and restaurant and see how things were going on at Tilghman Island. To my amazement, everything looked pretty much the same at the bridge and it amazed me that so many years had passed since I sat in that restaurant eating seafood and drinking wine on my first trip to the area. Then, we thought the real estate was a bargain and the area was amazing. Although that is still true, there are a lot of homes being built and the area is changing. I wonder what another 45 years will bring.



My next stop was the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club in Stevensville. I went there by mistake since the itinerary for the cruise had changed a bit. This is one of the unexpected things that can happen when you travel without a boat. So, while the boaters went to Haven Harbor, I went to the beach club. I really enjoyed my one night there. This was a gorgeous place that I didn't even know existed. So, I decided to check it out. The other reason I went to my

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room to watch some TV shows that John hates. Another advantage of being alone.



The next day I went to Haven Harbor. John was rejoining me today. They put us in a large room in the Manor House. It was very nice and had rooms downstairs that we could use for breakfast, games, or relaxing. There was also a large deck and we had access to the creek and kayaks. At Haven Harbor, we spent quite a bit of time in the restaurant eating ice cream and lunch and laughing with friends.

There are many advantages to traveling inn to inn by car. However, the disadvantages are also apparent. We missed the spray of the bay in our faces and the joy that comes from traveling on the water. There is an excitement about the water, which cannot be matched while driving. Camaraderie with friends is also a big factor... all the joking and laughs, as well as the bonding that takes place, cannot be matched in a car. However, if you don't have a boat, it's a great way to relax and join the cruise for a few days, or the whole time. We certainly had a good time!

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Delete any rules or filters you don't recognize

Delete any application passwords you don't recognize

Enable Multifactor Authentication (two-step verification)

Ensure your antivirus software is installed and up to date.

Change the passwords of all accounts that use the hacked password.

Use a password management system.

If you received this email:

Do not reply to the email.

Notify the sender through another means such as a phone call, text or messenger.

Never respond to an email asking for gift cards or money.

If you have a Verizon or AOL account and you have not changed your password in the past 3

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Charles Rossi—October 11

Patty Shaw—October 12

Frank Visich—October 12

George Nelson—October 15

James Heckman—October 22

Debby Pellegrini—October 22

Collin Borzell—October 31

Abby Borzell—October 31



John McGowan — Nov 3

Maryann Boettjer—Nov 9

George Painter—Nov 10

James Affleck—November 14

James Dale—November 15

Joy Lyness—November 16

Wayne Barrett—Nov 19

Mark Parker—November 20

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USCG points out that letting someone know you're headed out on the water and when you plan to be back is a crucial step—especially if something unexpected happens.

“When boaters are overdue and missing, minutes and seconds can be the determining factor in life or death for those involved,” said LT Michael Brooks, Sector Virginia Command Duty Officer. “Float plans, EPIRBs, lifejackets and working communication devices are all gear that can get the Coast Guard to you quickly and accurately in emergencies.”

** You can download the USCGAUX float plan [here](#), or get the app for free to your Apple or Android phone. This gives you the ability to create and email your float plan to up to 3 contacts. Below is some highlights of this electronic float plan:

Set up a basic plan ahead of time and save it on your computer. Update it when you decide where and when you're going to go. Then, e-mail your completed plan to whoever you choose to follow up should you not return, or check-in as planned.

Features and capabilities you'll find in the mobile version of the float plan app:

- Accommodates up to 13 canoers/kayakers/paddle boarders that want to paddle together as a group.
- User defined fields provide increased flexibility.
- The ability to enter the unique identification numbers for the vessel's EPIRB and Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) attached to individual PFDs.
- Drop down lists that let you easily see all of your choices.
- Accommodates up to 12 passengers.
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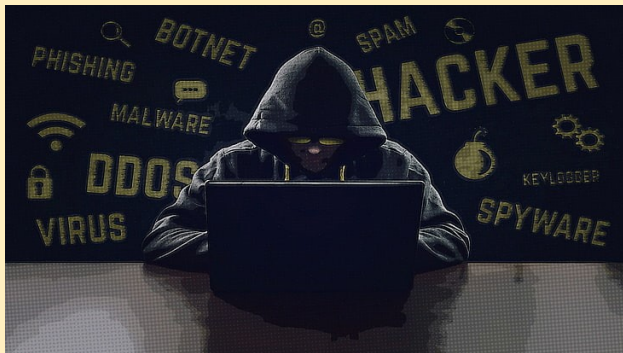
It's FREE. From the experts in boating safety, the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

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months, please change it. This is not only a Verizon/AOL problem but it has happened to 2 of our members with Verizon/AOL accounts recently.

Your Cybersecurity Navigator,

Commander Patty Pezely



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Did You Know?

Dometic, a company that makes marine sanitation devices and air conditioning equipment, has acquired Igloo, the cooler manufacturer, in a multi-million dollar deal.

In other news, Yamaha has introduced their version of an electric propulsion setup called HARMO.

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Photos from the Commander's Picnic



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	
7-10	Annapolis Powerboat Show
6	Ex Com Meeting, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
<i>tbd</i>	Submit all Merit Marks to Bill McManimen
14-18	Annapolis Sailboat Show
21	Monthly Dinner Meeting
November	
3	Ex Com Meeting, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
11-14	<i>D/5 Fall Educational Conference, Hilton Doubletree, Lancaster PA</i>
	No dinner meeting
12	<i>Pilot</i> articles deadline
December	
1	Ex Com Meeting, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
<i>tbd</i>	Holiday Party,
January 2022	
5	Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm, (7:30 pm if we're meeting in person)
<i>tbd</i>	D/5 Spring Conference Hospitality Planning Meeting
<i>tbd</i>	2020 Budget meeting
<i>tbd</i>	New Members party at the Fegans' house
<i>tbd</i>	Change of Watch planning meeting at the Pezelys' house
20	Dinner Meeting – Founder's Day
12	<i>Pilot</i> articles deadline
February	
2	Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm, (7:30 pm if we're meeting in person)
19-27	America's Boating Club® (USPS) Annual Meeting, Ponte Vedra, FL
17	Dinner Meeting – Officer elections
March	
2	Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm, (7:30 pm if we're meeting in person)
12-14	Greater Philadelphia Boat Show, Oaks, Pa.
?20?	Change of Watch
12	<i>Pilot</i> articles deadline

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED SUBMITTALS TO USPS/D5

April	
	SEO submits Spring Boating Course ED-27's Online
	SEO submits Summer Boating Course HQ-800 Online
May	

March	
2	Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm, (7:30 pm if we're meeting in person)
12-14	Greater Philadelphia Boat Show, Oaks, Pa.
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Whitehall Veteran's Picnic....Huge Success!

VF ABC held a great event at the Whitehall Veteran's Picnic.



The weather was great, and the food was fantastic! We had over 60 residents that attended the event. Our menu consisted of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pasta, Macaroni, Cole Slaw, and Potato Salad with all the fixings. Desert was 7



dozen Red White and Blue cupcakes made by my local Acme. We had a DJ who played great tunes while everyone ate. Of course, there was some dancing too! (Patti led a Congo line that had others up and dancing)

I was approached by some of the veterans who told me this picnic was the highlight of their year. One

resident told me she really loved the event, another said 'Thank -you for thinking about us and lastly another said "God Bless! You really made us feel like someone is remembering us. We hope you will come back next year!'



I want to give a big Thank You to all that helped: Megan for doing all the serving, Wayne who slaved over the grill making mountains of cheeseburgers, Meridith (and her chickens) making dozen and dozens of deviled eggs, Jim and Sue Friedrichs for bringing a salad and Ed White for getting there early to decorate the patio. Special thanks to Patti Visich, who got up early to pre-cook over 100 hamburgers and hot dogs. The leftover food was put



into the community refrigerator that, I was told, was greatly appreciated. The residents had a great time, but MLSPS members who were there were rewarded with a heartfelt happiness knowing we put a smile on these veteran's faces.

MLSPS October Dinner Meeting



Pepper's by Amedeo Restaurant and Bar

DATE: Thursday, October 21, 2021

COCKTAILS: 6:30 pm **DINNER:** 7:30 pm

PLACE: Pepper's by Amedeo Restaurant and Bar

ADDRESS: 239 Town Center Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

COST: \$35.00 per person

RSVP: BY October 7, 2021

To: Rita Rossi 610-533-0909 or rrossi2000@comcast.net

The speaker will be Darryl Bacchi. Darryl will be talking about 911 (since it is the 20 year anniversary). Darryl is a NREMT and PA Certified EMT. He is also a volunteer fire fighter and an honorary member of Squad252 Brooklyn, NY, FDNY.

PLEASE PRINT OUT THIS FLYER WITH YOUR CHOICE OF ENTREE AND ENCLOSE IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT THANK YOU.

Main Line Sail & Power Squadron Dinner Reservation:

Name(s): _____

Check Amount: Total # Dinners: _____ **at \$35.00 each** **Total:** _____

Garden Salad and Ice Cream for dessert Included with the meal

____ **STUFFED PORK TENDERLOIN** with spinach, roasted red pepper, pine nuts and ricotta cheese

____ **PENNE WITH ROASTED PEPPERS AND CHICKEN** tossed with Romano Cheese in a marinara sauce

____ **GRILLED SALMON** topped with a dill hollandaise sauce with a hint of white wine

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO : Main Line Sail & Power Squadron

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