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## Commander's Report



### Let's ring in the new year together! Happy 2019 everyone!

First, I want to express my gratitude to everyone that participated in our December events. We had a merry time at the Christmas dinner. Thank you for making a donation to CASA/Child Advocates of Northeast Oklahoma. The Squadron added \$500 to the \$700+ that members donated. The check will be presented to them at our January Dinner Meeting. Good job Administrative Officer staff Michelle and Julie!

Thanks Scott and Sharon for fostering our volunteer member's creativity and hard work to produce an outstanding Christmas Float for the Grove Lighted Christmas Parade. It was a lot of fun! Thank you Todd and Cheryl of Indian Hills Marina for providing the boat, truck, and trailer.

Our squadron gained 9 new members in 2018. Some of our newest members have stepped up and are now participating on the Executive Board and Bridge. I look forward to your enthusiasm and getting new ideas for our squadron. I encourage everyone to help spread the word to friends and associates who might be interested in joining America's Boating Club Grand Lake this year. Consider inviting a potential new member to come to one of our dinners.

We are still seeking a GLA Liaison volunteer to help with scheduling our member's participation on summer weekends at the GLA Visitor Center. I would greatly appreciate someone coming forward for this. GLA appreciates this service and it's also a fun way to meet and assist new folks coming to the Grand Lake area. Please get in touch with me if you are willing to help us out.

We have some exciting events coming up in the new year, such as the Boat Show coming up in March. Anticipate more events later in the year such as Dock Parties, another Poker Run, and other opportunities to get out on the water and enjoy Grand Lake. I hope to see you all at our events in 2019! Our next dinner meeting is January 17<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to seeing you then!

*Kevin Kamrath, S*

*Commander, Grand Lake Power Squadron*



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P ————Piloting  
AP ———Advanced Piloting

JN ———Junior Navigator  
N ———Navigator  
SN ———Senior Navigator

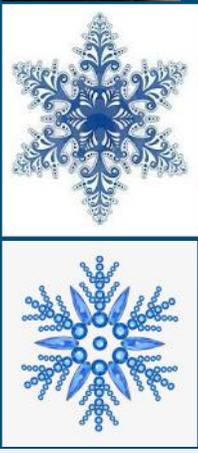


# CHRISTMAS PARTY

Julie Jones and Michele Hooper checked in 48 members attending our festivities on 12/6/18 at the River Bend Casino. We enjoyed a delicious buffet while listening to the Grove High School Chorus sing many of our favorite holiday songs. Their rendition of Noel with an African beat was especially interesting. We reminisced while watching P/D/C Bill Miller's slide presentation of our 2018 squadron activities.

This year our members opened their hearts by donating to the Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over and speak up for abused and neglected children to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service systems or languish in the foster care system. CASA volunteers stay with each child until he or she is placed in a safe, permanent home and the case is closed. For many abused children, their CASA volunteer is the one constant in their lives and often, the one adult who cares only for them. The squadron will donate up to \$500 in matching funds. Thank you for reaching that goal.

A Commander's photo was taken with Commander Kevin Kamrath and Past Commanders Bruce Watson, Ken Moore, Larry Stout, and Bob Hunt in attendance at the party.



# GROVE LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

Each year our squadron participates in the Grove Christmas Parade. This year the theme was *Christmas on the Lake*. Thanks to the Snyder's for providing their home as a workshop for constructing the waves and colorful fish. The parade was originally scheduled for Saturday, December 8, but with a weather forecast predicting snow and ice, the date was postponed to Sunday, December 9. However, as you know the bad weather never materialized. It probably ended up being a good thing because the weather was warmer on Sunday morning when we decorated the float. Thanks to the Miller's for opening up their house for breakfast and float construction on the Tritoon donated by the Elson's from Indian Hills Marina. Executive Officer Scott Graves led the effort while Sharon Dennis added crafting ideas to create the finished product. Thanks to everyone who helped construct, craft, and create the beautiful finished float, as well as those who donned their winter attire to ride on the float during the parade.



# GROVE LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE



The squadron members who rode on the float commented on how much fun it was to see the delight in the kid's faces when they saw the colorful lighted fish on our float and to hear them yelling Merry Christmas! And of course, the evening ended at Rancho Viejo for a celebration of a job well done.



WELCOME



# Come for the Boating Education... Stay for the Friends.<sup>SM</sup>

## 2019 Schedule of Classes

The Grand Lake Power Squadron Education Department has been busy preparing the schedule of classes for the New Year for both members and non-members alike. The planned 2019 Schedule of Classes is shown below and other classes may be added as interest dictates.

COURSE	START DATE	SESSIONS
Operations Training	7-Jan	1 Afternoon Session
Vessel Safety Inspector Training	Late Jan/Early Feb	TBD
Weather Seminar	4-Feb	1 Session
Instructor Development/Recertification	4-Mar	5 Sessions
America's Boating Course (ABC)	23-Mar	1 Session
Piloting	1-Apr	8 Sessions
Partner in Command Seminar	6-May	1 Session
America's Boating Course (ABC)	1-Jun	1 Session
Boat Handling	9-Sep	7 Sessions
CPR Training	10-Sep	1 Session
Advanced Piloting	1-Oct	8 Sessions

Note that all the dates are tentative at this point and can be adjusted to accommodate students' needs. Also, remember that each squadron member receives a free class each year. So if you are interested in one of these scheduled classes or another class, please email Bob Russell, SEO, at [robren95@aol.com](mailto:robren95@aol.com); or Roger Zinn, ASEO, at [rogerzinn601@yahoo.com](mailto:rogerzinn601@yahoo.com).

Also note that there is always the option of a home study course. Home study students will be assigned an instructor to help schedule study pace, schedule face-to-face help sessions, and provide other assistance as needed. Taking a course by home study is a great way to study at your own pace.

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## DO YOU KNOW?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



### ARTICLE 1

Grand Lakers along with others in our hemisphere can soon celebrate the winter solstice knowing the sun and warmer temperatures will start making its way back north. Our seasons are determined by the combine effects of the rotation of the earth around its axis and its ecliptic orbital movement. What is referred to as the winter solstice will occur about December 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is when the sun's angle to the celestial equator is at its maximum southern angle of 23 degrees bringing winter to the northern hemisphere and summer to the southern hemisphere.

The summer solstice occurs around June 21<sup>st</sup> when the angle of the sun to the celestial equator reaches its maximum northern angle of 23 degrees. We enjoy summer at the lake while the southern hemisphere has winter.

### ARTICLE 2

When winterizing your boat don't neglect your batteries. If the boat is to be hauled and put in dry storage for the winter, remove the battery, clean the exterior and store it where you can periodically charge it. The cable terminals should be wiped with petroleum jelly or other nonmetallic grease to prevent corrosion.

If the boat is to remain in the water, it is best to leave the battery in place to provide electrical power for all 12 volt systems such as the bilge pumps and alarms. Be sure the battery stays charged through the winter as a discharged battery can freeze, expand and explode spraying acid in the surrounding area. It is also important to not overcharge a battery in cold weather as it can damage a battery and shorten its life.

### ARTICLE 3

Chartering a boat to explore areas far from one's normal boating area is an option for the boater. Charters are available all over the world. During the winter months the Caribbean becomes a popular destination. One of the first choices to be made is whether to do a bareboat charter or one with a hired crew. Boats with a hired crew will usually be larger and provide greater comfort and amenities. Sharing the cost with others can make it more affordable.

Bareboat charters are similar to renting a car. You assume the responsibility for the boat and provide your own crew. The charter company will want to make sure that you are competent to handle the boat. They will request a resume of your boating experience and boating education such as courses through the United States Power Squadron. Some companies may have you do a hands-on test to show your ability to handle the boat.

Boat Smart from the start and take a course from the United States Power Squadron, America's Boating Club. For more information visit our website at: [www.grandlakeusps.com](http://www.grandlakeusps.com) or on Facebook at GLSPS.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>January</b>			
1/1	Happy 2019		
1/7	Operation's Training	1330	GLA
1/15	E-Board	1300	GLA
1/17	Dinner Meeting	1800	Eagle's Landing
1/28-2/3	Tulsa Boat Show	Varies	River Spirit Expo
TBD	Vessel Safety Inspector Training	TBD	GLA
<b>February</b>			
2/4	Weather Seminar	1 session TBD	GLA
2/19	E-Board	1300	GLA
2/21	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBD



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



1/3 Ed Dennis  
 1/4 Debbie Sweeten  
 1/5 Steve Snyder  
 1/17 Jim Reynolds  
 1/28 Linda Fletcher  
 1/29 Jim Sweeten

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome  
Winter

### From your Editor...

Please send me pictures (with names and the activity), ideas and suggestions that are most important to you. The deadline is the 25th of the month. Thanks for your input and support., Micki

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