

Western Ontario District AGM

Sunday April 28th. 2024

Four of us from WOD attended the USPS D9 Spring conference and change of watch in the Detroit Novi hotel in Michigan. The Friday night hospitality rooms formally with mostly individual squadrons and WOD having individual rooms with a theme and free food and drink changed last year to everyone in one room with complementary food and drink. This year it changed again with the hotel supplying the food and a cash bar. The conference committee suggested that the squadrons each sponsor a tray or two of hors d'oeuvres. We sponsored a tray of hot vegetable spring rolls for \$345.00 which is \$475.31 in Canadian funds. This change lessened the enjoyment of the attendees but will save the squadrons some money and a great deal less work.

The evening went well with much comradery, renewing old acquaintances, and squadron discussion.

Saturday started with seminars up till 11am when the general meeting commenced. We broke for lunch at 1215 and started the second half at 1330 for change of watch. Al Schwaller stepped down and Chester Dunbar was pledged as district commander, William Strano became executive officer and long time serving Judy Delargy was replaced by Thomas Giggie as education officer. Thomas Fisher took on both secretary and administration officer and another new person Ron Babin became the district treasurer.

Vice commander Charles Wells the new national education officer represented the national commander and pledged the new district commander and bridge. He also had a meet and greet meeting as one of the morning seminars where he outlined his plans for some changes in the national education format

Respectfully submitted

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