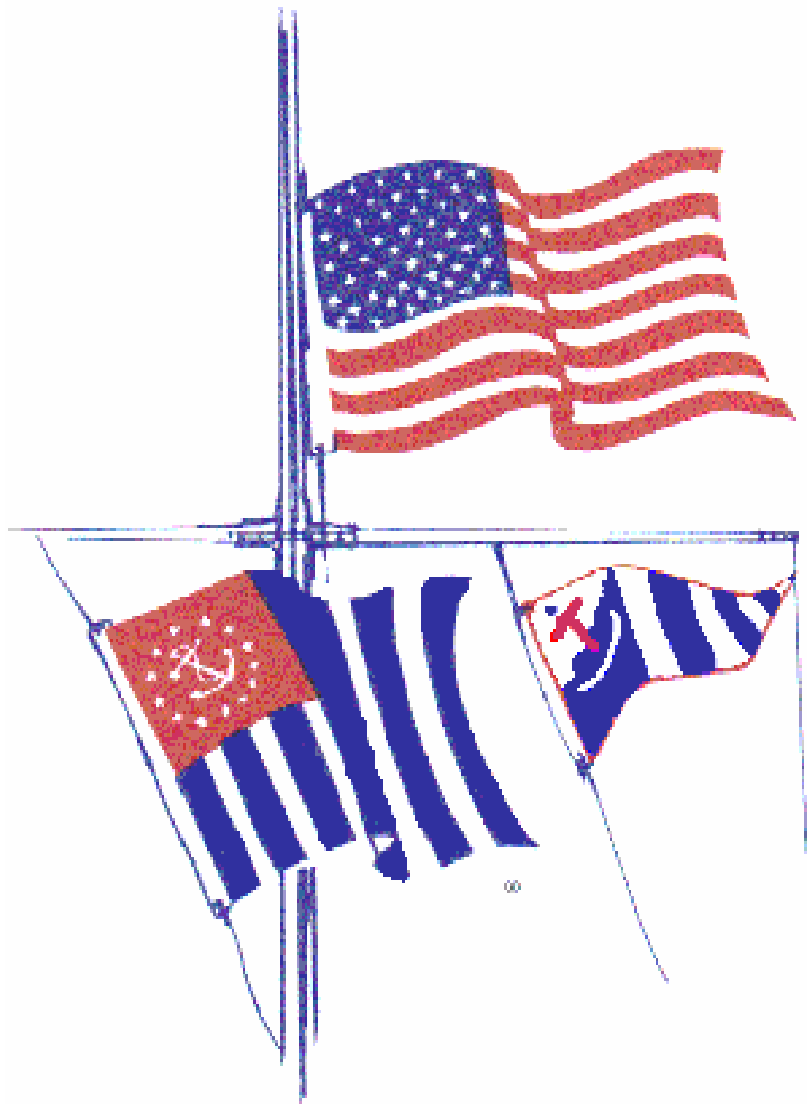


# Short Blast

## TAMPA POWER SQUADRON

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**February 2011**



**TAMPA POWER SQUADRON**  
**COMMANDER'S CORNER**

**Cdr Ryan Brown, S**

I want to thank everyone who helped out this past year, new members and old alike.. job well done. The one thing that seems to stick out every year is that there are a few dedicated people who do most of the work; occasionally we are blessed to gain a new person of dedication, "you know who you are and so do we! Thank you again for all your hard work"  
Should any of you have any ideas on how to better get our name out there and what it is we do, please feel free to contact me or anyone on the board.

**Ryan Brown**

**(813) 546-7115**

[cdr@tampaps.org](mailto:cdr@tampaps.org)



**THE 3RD ANNUAL TAMPA BAY SQUADRONS**

**"EDWIN C. ALDRICH MEMORIAL" KITE FLY-IN**

**Fort Desoto Park, Shelter 13**

**on Sunday, 20 March 2011**

1030 – Kites begin launching 1200 – Lunch

The cost is \$6.00 per person, free under 14 years.

Reservations are requested by Friday, 11 MARCH 2011,

in order to have sufficient supplies. Contact Anna Morris  
at: [amorris@bangheadhere.org](mailto:amorris@bangheadhere.org) –or- 813.598.5939.





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**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**  
**Lt/C Tom Thompson, S**

It is hard to believe this is my final report for the year as Executive Officer. We have had a wonderful year with many activities and events. I'd like to thank everyone who has made this year so successful with all the jobs done, both big and small. This mighty group has once again come together to make this year so successful.

We are now looking forward this month to our planned Change of Watch, 26 February 2011 with social starting at 1300 at Fraternal Order of Police building. We are honored our District Commander Mary Page Abbott, N will attend with her husband Steven as our guests. Remember the deadline for registration is Noon, 7 February 2011.

There will be strong attendance from Tampa Power Squadron at the National Conference held in Orlando. There will be detailed reports in the next Bulletin.

Respectfully,  
Lt/C Tom Thompson, S Executive Officer  
**Tom Thompson** [xo@tampaps.org](mailto:xo@tampaps.org) ..

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## EDUCATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORT

P/C Charlie Laye, AP

SEO Report for Feb 2011



The Change Of Watch is still a few days away but the Education program is "ramping up". The Weather Class started on Jan 19<sup>th</sup> and our Public Boating Class schedule is ready. I'm pleased to say West Marine in Brandon and Gator Ford have both been very kind in offering their facilities on any day we choose. Gator Ford is even going to feed us!

Although we have a great educational staff there is always room for more. There is no better way to learn to public speaking and to teach than the Instructor Development as taught by Bob. Maybe we can even get Alta involved again now that she is a "woman of leisure" ☺

If you have not yet confirmed your COW plans please do so. This is one of those things you don't want to have say, "I wish I had been there."

One final thought: I am now working on a schedule for Seminars. If there is one you would like, please let me know right away, cl

P/C Charlie Laye ,AP (813) 967-0516 [SEO@TampaPS.org](mailto:SEO@TampaPS.org)

# ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

**Lt/C Anna Morris, AP**



Greetings from the Disney Coronado Springs Resort where National's 2011 Annual Meeting is being held. It seems as though it were only yesterday that I first attended the DAO/SAO training presented by the Leadership Development Committee. Now, Angie Stanley is preparing to assume the duties of Administrator Officer and I'm taking the DXO/SXO seminar. That's right – the 2011 Change of Watch is drawing closer and I've only just figured out how the Administrative Department works!

Although the 2010 Watch Year got off to a rocky start due to some health issues, I am pleased to report that the Administrative Department was very busy. To quickly recap:

- 5 new members were added to our squadron roster from the 16 new cyber members that we welcomed to USPS
- The Kite Fly-In, Cardboard Boat Challenge/Picnic, Pizza Party, Lighted Boat Parade/Pot Luck and Christmas Party events were well received
- A Pool Party/Cook-Out was hosted in lieu of a dinner meeting (*here's to hoping that this becomes an annual event!*)
- Venues for 6 Membership Meetings, 6 Membership Dinners and 12 Executive Committee Meetings were obtained

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Did I do all of this by myself? Certainly not! There were many hands to share the works and to take on some major projects. That's why the Administrative Department of 2010 was delighted to write 16 merit mark recommendations for their contributions and efforts!

Thank you – one and all for the most amazing year! You've all been there to offer support, guidance, advice and friendship. I know that you will be there for Angie as she steps into the position of Administrative Officer.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Change of Watch,

Lt/C Anna Morris, AP Administrative Officer  
813.598.5939 [amorris@bangheadhere.org](mailto:amorris@bangheadhere.org)



**KITE FLY-IN**  
**Fort Desoto Park, Shelter 13 on Sunday, 20**  
**March 2011**

The award categories are:

- ◇ **Largest kite** flown;
- ◇ **Smallest kite** flown;
- ◇ **Best home-made kite** flown;
- ◇ **Prettiest kite** flown;
- ◇ **Highest kite** flown;
- ◇ **Most Spectacular Crash**; and,
- ◇ **The Best Kite flown by a Squadron Commander.**

Reservations  
are requested  
by Friday, 11  
**MARCH**  
2011



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN**

Now that I am officially a retiree from the "other" USPS (U. S. Postal Service), I must say, it is a different way of life. And I certainly have not accomplished a smidgen of what I thought I would each day. As I have been reading a lot, writing letters a lot, playing Solitaire on the computer a lot. Haven't got to my cross stitching and jig saw puzzles yet.

At the December Christmas Party, Tampa Squadron gave me a beautiful silver metal jewelry box, fashioned in the form of a letter. The stamp is the "Love" stamp. The postmark city is "Special Delivery" and the round date of the postmark has "XOXOXOXOXOXOX" all around it. And engraved in the address area is:

Alta,  
Congratulations on your retirement  
from your crewmates at the other USPS,  
Tampa Power Squadron

I want to thank all the members of Tampa Squadron for such an awesome retirement gift. What a very kind gesture, and I truly appreciate it. Thank you all again.

On to another subject. I hope you plan to attend the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, 3 – 5 February 2011 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort. If you have never been to a

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National Meeting before, be sure to attend one of the First Timers Receptions either on Thursday, 3 February, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in the Coronado A Room or Friday, 4 February, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. in the Fiesta 9 Room. Hope to see you there.

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**General Membership meetings**  
**now begin at 7:00 p.m.**

The Bylaws of Tampa Power Squadron and the Standing Rules are posted on the TPS website Member's Only page at <http://www.TampaPS.org>. If you don't have access to the website, let me know and I will mail you a copy.

The minutes of recent General Membership Meetings and the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings are posted on the Member's Only page.

**The Short Blast is now being mailed to your home.**  
**You can also read it on our Website.**

**Alta Mullins**

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# Tampa Power Squadron



Cordially invites you  
to our 63rd Annual Change of Watch  
Saturday 26 February 2011  
1300 Social Hour  
1400 Lunch & Ceremonies  
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 27  
6912 N. Florida Ave.  
Tampa, FL 33604  
(Parking is off Dearborn Ave)

Reservation Deadline: 1200 on 7 February 2011

Please make checks payable to Tampa Power Squadron  
in the amount of \$25.00 each person

Mail to: Lt/C Linda Thompson, S  
17206 Whirley Road.  
Lutz, FL 33558-4826

Please contact Lt/C Charlie Laye 813-967-0516  
for information.

Dress Code: Team Casual / Polo Shirt & Dockers

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Menu:

Firehouse Boneless Chicken with Chopped Tomatoes, Onions, Basil, Garlic Herbs  
& Parmesan Cheese  
Penne Pasta with Red Sauce

Grilled Vegetables: Broccoli, Baby Carrots, Zucchini, Yellow Squash

Country BLT Salad: Iceberg & Romaine Lettuce, Bacon, Hard Boiled Eggs, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Shredded Cheddar & Croutons served with Buttermilk Ranch Dressing

Dinner Rolls & Butter

Tea, Coffee, Water, Wine or BYOB

Dessert: Cake

Please contact Lt/C Charlie Laye 813 967 0516 for any questions

R.S.V.P.

Reservation Deadline received by 1200 on 7 February 2011

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Rank, Name, Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Guest name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Amount of Check: \_\_\_\_\_

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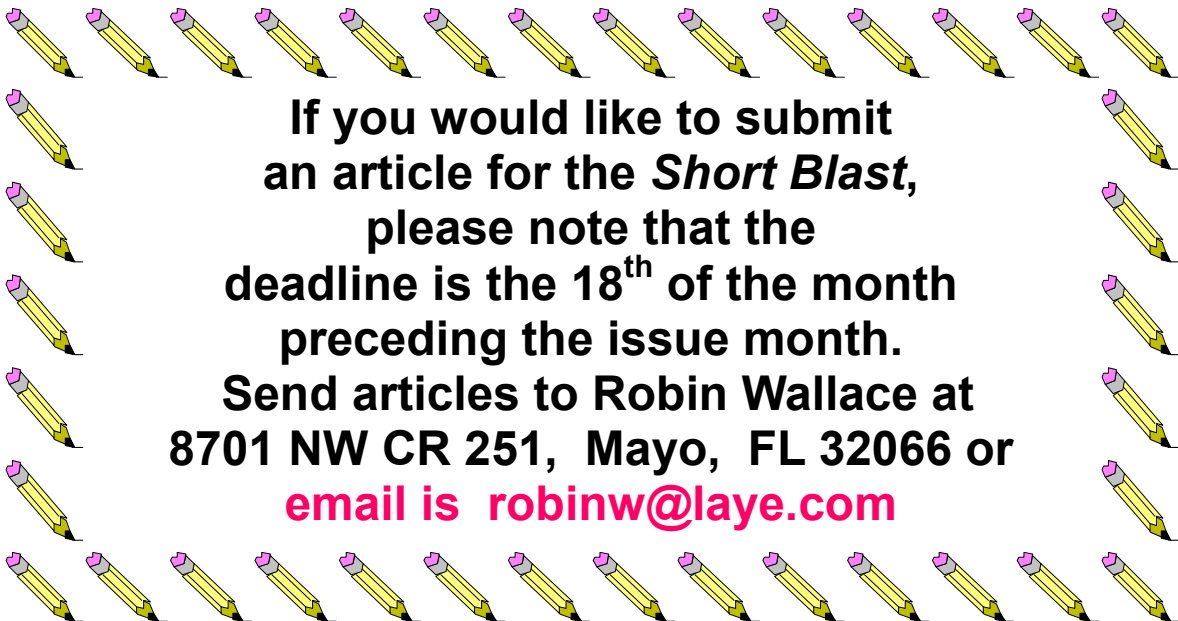


  
*Birthdays  
of the Month*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU !!**

**February Birthdays**

<b>Matthew Mullins</b>	<b>05</b>
<b>Robin Wallace</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Richard Holcomb</b>	<b>23</b>

  
If you would like to submit  
an article for the *Short Blast*,  
please note that the  
deadline is the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month  
preceding the issue month.  
Send articles to Robin Wallace at  
8701 NW CR 251, Mayo, FL 32066 or  
**email is [robinw@laye.com](mailto:robinw@laye.com)**

Please join us for  
*Our Membership Dinner*  
*Which is*

**On 10 Feb, 2011**

**Olive Garden at**  
**2801 E Busch Blvd**  
**[Special Date]**

More information on our web page.

E-mail me if you need directions

Anna Morris [ao@tampaps.org](mailto:ao@tampaps.org)

I look forward to seeing you there,  
Ryan.

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## 2010-2011



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**May 2010 Evelyn Wellausen**  
**May 2010 David Slazas**  
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**Sept 2010 Dorothy Martin**  
**Jan 2011 Anna Morris**  
**Jan 2011 Scott Morris**  
**Jan 2011 Linda Thompson**  
**Jan 2011 Tom Thompson**

**Thank you for your Support**

For those who would like to also support the Short Blast mailing fund to help us defray the cost of printing and postage, please complete the following:

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# Calendar of Events

*Need more information?  
Contact Charlie  
[Charlie@Laye.com](mailto:Charlie@Laye.com)  
(813) 967-0516*

**Meetings are at **1900** unless other  
wise noted**

## **FEB, 2011**

- 01 - 06 USPS Annual Meeting, Lake Buena Vista, FL**
- 02 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 09 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 10 Membership Dinner (Special Date** Olive Garden; 2801 E Busch Blvd.)
- 14 Valentines Day
- 16 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 21 President's Day
- 23 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 24 Board Meeting**
- 26 (Sat) Tampa Change of Watch**

## **MARCH 2011**

- 02 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 03 Membership Meeting**
- 09 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 16 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 [Kite Fly-in](#)
- 23 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 31 Board Meeting**

## **APRIL, 2011**

- 07 Membership Dinner**
- 09 ABC3** (Gator Ford)
- 24 Easter Sunday
- 28 Board Meeting**
- 29 District Conference**

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**2010 Bridge and Executive Committee**

**Commander - Cdr Ryan Brown, S**  
**Executive Officer - Lt/C Tom Thompson, S**  
**Educational Office - P/C Charles L. Laye, AP**  
**Administrative Officer - Lt/C Anna Morris, AP**  
**Secretary - P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN**  
**Treasurer - Lt/C Linda Thompson, S**

**Executive Committee -**  
**Lt Addie Kimbril, S**  
**1/Lt Bob Dougherty, AP**  
**Immediate P/C John Orr, III, S**  
**Short Blast Editor - Lt Robin Wallace, S**

**Tampa Power Squadron**  
**General Membership**  
Meetings are held at 1900 the  
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The Executive Committee Meetings  
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1900 the last Thursday of each month

(Exceptions are announced  
in the *Short Blast*.)

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