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**Cover:** *Celebrating the local heritage of Elmira, NY. Clockwise from upper left - Samuel Clemens (a.k.a., Mark Twain), Corning Museum of Glass Hot Glass Show, Mark Twain Study, Corning Museum of Glass. Center: New Orleans river steamer Natchez pencil sketch by Don Davey.*

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## Conference Highlights

### Conference Specifics

**Dates:** April 14 – 16, 2023

**Location:** The Clarion Inn, 760 East Water Street, Elmira, NY 14901

**Conference Committee:** D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Bridgett Arieno, JN; P/D/C Nancy Bieber, P; Lt Ron Bieber, S; D/Lt/C Karen Green, S; C Mary Kucharek, P; Ann Smith, P

### Conference Venue

**The Clarion Inn Elmira** – Experience a great stay at the smoke-free Clarion® Elmira-Horseheads hotel, located in the heart of Mark Twain Country, close to historical sites and other area attractions. Hotel amenities include an indoor heated pool and free coffee is available throughout the day. Each guest room has a refrigerator, microwave, Keurig coffee maker, and flat-screen TV. Traveling with a furry friend? The hotel has pet-friendly accommodations.

### USPS National Representative

**V/C Chuck Wells, SN-CN**, National Education Officer

### Conference Feature Events

- **Friday Evening Meet and Greet** - Join us to meet our new **National Educational Officer, V/C Chuck Wells, SN-CN**. Grab a drink and a bite of food and catch up with your old and new friends. Feel free to bring a dish to pass if you'd like.
- **The Quaker City, the Alonzo Child, the Kanawha, & the Steamship America: The World of Mark Twain's Watercraft (Matt Seybold)** - Mark Twain was, quite possibly, the most well-traveled American of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In an age when most

people never ventured more than fifty miles from where they had been born. He not only crossed from coast to coast, but circumnavigated the globe, landing on every continent save Antarctica. Much of that travel was done on various forms of watercraft, as both passenger and crew, extending over more than half a century. Dr. Seybold tells the story of Twain's America through a series of riverboats, yachts, and ocean liners.

- **Seminar: Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes (Tom Alley)** - Confidently boat in safe water in fickle rivers, develop the special skills you need to deal with currents and shallows, know how to maneuver through locks, and learn the correct ways to maneuver in the presence of commercial vessels when you are boating on major inland waterways.
  - What's included?
    - Special navigation rules for rivers
    - The Western Rivers System of buoys and marks
    - River currents
    - "Reading" a river
    - Jetties and wing dams
    - Intricacies of locking through
    - Communicating with lockmasters and bridge tenders
  - If you would like "credit" for taking this seminar, the cost is \$10, payable at the conference.
- **DEO Meeting:** All SEO's and ASEO's are invited to attend this meeting led by D/Lt/C Les Smith, JN.
- **Conference Banquet:** The banquet on Saturday night includes a delicious Buffet.
- **Gift Baskets Raffle:** Buy tickets to win beautiful gift baskets donated by our members. Drawing will be held during the banquet.

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## Non-Business Meeting Options

### Woodlawn Cemetery

1200 Walnut Street, Elmira, NY

Woodlawn was chartered by the State of New York in 1858 and is comprised of 184 scenic acres. Its paths and avenues wind through hills and wooded areas with towering trees, family plots, mausoleums, lovely marble sculptures and hand carved memorial stones and is the final resting place for Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) among other historically famous people. The cemetery is open 9am to 5pm daily. Maps and directions to specific gravesites may be obtained from the office.

### Chemung Valley History Museum

415 East Water Street, Elmira, NY

Take a walk through time and discover treasures from the past. The Chemung County Historical Society "brings history alive" through interpretive exhibitions, education programs, and publications that tell the county's history. The Historical Society has an exhibit on Mark Twain's Elmira, which focuses on the people and places that the author knew during his time in Elmira. The exhibit features artifacts used by Mark Twain and his family and historic images of Elmira during the late 1800s. Hours are 10 am – 5 pm on Friday and Saturday and are closed on Sunday.

### Corning Museum of Glass

1 Museum Way, Corning, NY

Drive approximately 20 minutes to visit the Corning Museum of Glass (CMOG). Home to the world's most comprehensive collection of glass, the world's foremost library on glass, and one of the top glassworking schools in the world. The Museum is a dynamic institution that continues to actively collect, educate, preserve, and share the experience of the art, history, and science of glass. Over 50,000 objects representing more than [3,500 years of history](#) are included in the Museum's collection. The Museum also brings glass to life through live, narrated, glassworking demonstrations.

### The Rockwell Museum

111 Cedar St, Corning, NY

Also located in Corning is a diverse, complex, and engaging collection of art. The Rockwell Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate Museum of American art and tells the story of the American experience through fine art.

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## Other Local Establishments of Note

### Anthony’s Restaurant

Located in The Clarion Hotel

Come enjoy a full hot breakfast (for a charge), lunch and dinner without ever leaving the hotel. Featuring a large menu selection, including burgers, wraps, seafood, steaks and more. Anthony's also features daily specials and an award-winning Friday Fish Fry!

### Lib’s Supper Club

106 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Elmira, NY 607-733-2752

From their web site: *“Lib's Supper Club menu offers no ‘specialty of the house’ except that every dish is a specialty. If our cuisine must be given a name, let it be Italian. From that point we have departed in directions of our own. American, French, and Chinese cooking styles have had an influence on our menu. Special cooking such as ours takes time, we ask for your patience.”*

### Hill Top Inn

171 Jerusalem Hill Road, Elmira, NY 607-732-6728

Searching Elmira for the most beautiful setting to call their home, John L. and Louise O'Neil Sullivan discovered a site atop Jerusalem Hill, just outside the city limits. Originally the Wyckoff summer home, the Rathbone's Joy-Jack Lodge was purchased by the Sullivans in 1932. The following summer John L. and Lou started a tradition among local folk and visitors of dining on the large flagstone terrace that overlooked the Chemung Valley. This same

view is more famous for its connection with Mark Twain. Mark spent 22 summers in Elmira and wrote many of his most famous works from this same East Hill. And thus, it is often referred as, “The View that Inspired Mark Twain.”

### Charlie’s Café

205 Hoffman Street, Elmira, NY 607-734-1173

Charlie's Café is a small restaurant not far from the hotel with excellent food and great martinis.

### 1157 North

1157 North Main Street, Elmira, NY 607-738-7571

Serving homemade food with fresh ingredients. Friendly and accommodating staff — great food in an updated neighborhood restaurant. Previously occupied by the Palms Restaurant, established in 1946. Carrying on their tradition by serving fresh homemade pasta.

All D/6 squadron commanders, squadron bridge officers, members and their guests are invited to our 2023 Spring Conference.

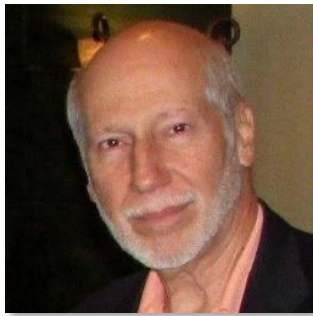
***On behalf of the entire D/6 Bridge and Conference Committee, welcome to the 2023 Spring Conference!***

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## Introducing Our National Representative

V/C Charles “Chuck” Wells, SN-CN



Chuck is our new National Education Officer. After retiring as an intelligence officer in 2005, Chuck joined USPS and volunteered to teach all facets of boating. He has chaired the Marine Environment

Committee, the Instructor Development Committee, and the Navigation Committee. Also, in the Administrative Department, he chaired Member Benefits. He has taught many of our courses and seminars, but most enjoys teaching Weather and Inland and Coastal Navigation. Chuck has held leadership positions at the squadron and district levels. He also served as an instructor with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Department of Natural Resources in Maryland. He holds a Coast Guard captain’s license.

Chuck was born in Baltimore, Maryland and was raised on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. He has crewed, owned, and leased power, sail, and paddle craft here and abroad. With over 50 years of experience on the water, he understands the importance of education in the safe operation of recreational vessels.

Chuck holds a BS in Geography, an MPA (Master of Public Administration), and an MS in Economics with undergraduate work in Climatology. He also completed work towards a certificate of Ocean Education from the University of Virginia.

Since 2019, Chuck and his wife, Deany Blades, have enjoyed living on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Their daughter, and previous crew member for Chuck, resides in New York.

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## Introducing Our Featured Speaker

Matt Seybold, PhD



Dr. Matt Seybold is Associate Professor of American Literature and Mark Twain Studies at Elmira College, where he also serves at the resident scholar at the Center for Mark Twain Studies, editor of

MarkTwainStudies.org, and host of *The American Vandal Podcast*, one of the most downloaded academic podcasts in the world.

Dr. Seybold's work on the intersections of media theory, political economy, and US

literary culture has been published in dozens of academic and trade periodicals, and cited by *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Financial Times*, *The Guardian*, *Bloomberg*, *The Atlantic*, and *Politico*. He has been a guest on MSNBC and BBC Radio. He is co-editor of *The Routledge Companion to Literature & Economics* (2018) and is currently working on *Networks of Disunion: Mark Twain, Dave Chappelle, & The Rhyme of Crisis*.

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## Spring Conference Schedule

### **The Clarion Inn**

760 East Water Street  
Elmira, NY 14901

Friday, April 14 – Sunday, April 16, 2023

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON and EVENING (UPSP Polo or Casual Attire):**

- 3:00 – 6:00 PM **Hotel Check-in and Conference Registration**
- 6:00 – 10:00 PM **Meet and Greet**

### **SATURDAY MORNING and AFTERNOON (D6 Shirts, USPS Polo, or Blazer):**

- 7:30 – 10:00 AM **Conference Registration**
- 8:30 AM – Noon **D/6 Spring Conference meeting**
- Noon – 1:00 PM **Lunch Buffet**
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM **Program: *The Quaker City, the Alonzo Child, the Kanawha, & the Steamship America: The World of Mark Twain's Watercraft* (Matt Seybold)**
- 2:00 – 2:15 PM **Break**
- 2:15 – 4:15 PM **Seminar: *Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes* (Tom Alley)**
- 4:15 – 5:30 PM **SEO/ASEO Meeting with Les Smith, DEO**

### **SATURDAY EVENING (Smart Casual Attire or Blazer):**

- 5:45 – 6:45 PM **Cocktail Hour**
- 7:00 – 9:00 PM **Banquet and Gift Basket Raffle**

### **SUNDAY MORNING (USPS Casual):**

- 8:30 - 9:30 **P/D/Cs meeting**
- 8:30 – 9:30 **D/6 Bridge meets with Squadron Commanders**
- 9:30 – 10:30 **D/6 Bridge meets with P/D/Cs**
- 10:30 – 11:30 **D/6 Bridge meeting**

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## Hotel Details – The Clarion Inn

760 East Water Street  
Elmira, NY 14901

Just 30 minutes south of Watkins Glen and the southern tip of Seneca Lake is the Clarion Elmira-Horseheads hotel. Find us near downtown Elmira off Water Street, with easy access to I-86 (the Southern Tier Expressway). We're down the street from the Chemung Valley History Museum, near historic downtown shopping and dining, close to Elmira College. Take a short drive into nearby Corning to visit the famous Corning Museum of Glass.

**Room Rate is \$110** per night for single or double occupancy. A pet friendly hotel with a \$50 fee. Breakfast is NOT included. Check-in at 3:00 PM; Check-out at Noon.

### Meeting Amenities - \$15

Includes Coffee, Tea, Decaf, assorted Danishes, and Breakfast Pastries. A mid-morning coffee refresh with fresh sliced fruit added to the break. The afternoon break will include freshly baked cookies and a variety of sodas. The charge also covers the AV equipment and room rental.

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## Meal Information

### Lunch Buffet

**Cost: \$26**

- Soup du Jour
- Mixed Green Salad
- Cold Salad
- Chef's Choice of Vegetable
- Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Oven Roasted Chicken
- Chef's Choice of Dessert

### Buffet Dinner

**Cost: \$33**

- Warm Rolls with Butter
- Caesar Salad
- Broccoli Salad
- Baked Penne with Marinara and Asiago Cheese
- Citrus Glazed Baked Tilapia
- Sliced Top Round of Beef with Au Jus
- Seasoned Oven Roasted Potatoes
- Green Beans Almondine
- Dessert: Chocolate Mousse
- Coffees, Tea, and Milk

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## Reservation Form

Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel:

Friday, Apr 14: \_\_\_\_\_

ADA Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, Apr 15: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total at \$110 per night: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Meals:

Do you have any dietary restrictions? (Vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, lactose free) \_\_\_\_\_

# Meeting Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Lunch Buffets: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$26 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Buffet Dinners: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$33 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total if Paid by Mar 24: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Fee** if Paid after Mar 24 + 10% \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total with Late Fee** (if applicable): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**  
**LATE FEE OF 10% WILL BE ADDED AFTER THIS DATE.**  
**FOR A FULL REFUND, CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY**  
**MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2023.**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: USPS DISTRICT 6

SEND RESERVATION FORM & CHECKS TO:

D/1<sup>ST</sup>/Lt Bridgett Arieno, JN

139 Shore Dr., Rochester, NY, 14622

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## District Calendar

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### April

14-16 D/6 Spring Council & Conference  
*Clarion Inn, Elmira, NY. (D6)*

17 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles (D6)

### May

01 Spring issue of *The Deep 6* publication  
date. (D6)

20-26 Safe Boating Week

### June

*No events currently scheduled.*

### July

15 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles. (D6)

28-30 Sampson Boater's Weekend, *Sampson  
State Park Marina. (ABC-FLX)*

28-30 ABC-Rochester Rendezvous, *Fairhaven,  
NY. (ABC-Rochester)*

### August

01 Summer issue of *The Deep 6* publication  
date. *Theme: Back to School. (D6)*

27-Sep 04

National Governing Board, *Kansas City,  
MO. (National)*

### September

Aug 27- Sep 4

National Governing Board, *Kansas City,  
MO. (National)*

### October

20 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles (D6)

20-22 D/6 Fall Council & Conference, *Mariott  
Niagara, Buffalo, NY. (D6)*

### November

15 Fall issue of *The Deep 6* publication  
date. (D6)

### December

*No events currently scheduled.*

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### January

19 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles. (D6)

### February

01 Winter issue of *The Deep 6* publication  
date. (D6)

TBA Annual Meeting. (National)

### March

*No events currently scheduled.*

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*Do you have an event that you think others  
should know about? Please let me know so that  
it can be included!*

*– Ed. ([TheDeep6@uspsd6.org](mailto:TheDeep6@uspsd6.org))*