



General William Smallwood Chapter
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The Smallwood Crier

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Fellow Members of the General Smallwood Chapter,

I hope you all have had a great summer and are ready to look forward to autumn and what will hopefully be moderating temperatures. Margie and I enjoyed a fantastic vacation in Europe touring with German friends and then a river cruise down the Rhine from Basel to Amsterdam.

We have a busy second half of the year coming with the annual Maryland Council of Chapters Congressional Luncheon (see below), the MOAA Annual Meeting in late October, Chapter Officer elections in November, and our Holiday Party in December.

Sincerely,

Mike Rhoden
COL, USA (Ret.)
Chapter President

Legislative Update

The annual Maryland Council of Chapters Congressional Luncheon will be held on Thursday, 15 September 2016 from 1130 to 1400 in Room B340, Rayburn House Office Building. We expect each Maryland Congressional Representative and Senator to attend and speak. While the total cost of the luncheon is \$37.00, the Chapter Board again voted to subsidize attendance by picking up half of each Chapter attendee's cost. Therefore, each attendee's actual cost will be \$18.50. If you ride with me, you won't even have to pay for parking. RSVPs and checks to me (301-396-5981) are required by 15 August 2016.

Chapter Notes

10 September Chapter Luncheon

Our next chapter luncheon is on 10 September 2016 at the Waldorf VFW. Social hour will begin at 1130 with the luncheon starting at 1200. Ms. Sharon Mattia, the Director of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, will be our guest speaker. Please see the newsletter's last page for menu and RSVP information.

MOAA Retention Award

I am pleased to announce that our chapter received a MOAA Retention Award for 2016. The \$250.00 award recognized the chapter's 90%+ retention rate from 2015 to 2016 and getting our roster to MOAA headquarters by the suspense date. The Board voted to use a portion of

the award to purchase a chapter brick at the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum. Please remember this year's award as we approach the end of 2016 and get your 2017 dues and changes to your roster information by the date we request. This will enable us to receive another Retention Award next year.

Cribbage Tournament

Phyllis Smith won the annual Captain Francis L. Busey Cribbage Tournament held on 11 June 2016 at Jake and Sandy Mitchell's Chesapeake Bay-side house. It was a beautiful day that included lots of great conversation and a fine potluck lunch. Thanks to Jake and Sandy for once again hosting the tournament and lunch.



Seeking an Interim Chapter Secretary

Our fantastic Chapter Secretary, Polly Zimmerman, has reported she can no longer serve in that capacity as family obligations prevent her from attending our board meeting every other month and some of our luncheons. If you would like to volunteer to serve as interim secretary until the end of 2016, please contact the chapter president at 301-396-5981.

Joint Base Andrews Annual Retiree Appreciation Day

The 2016 Retiree Appreciation Day at Joint Base Andrews is scheduled for 29 October 2016 from 0700 to 1300. Contact the Retiree Activities Office at 301-981-2726 for further information.

Southern Maryland Chapter to Join Some of Our Meetings

Due to a declining meeting participation rate in the their chapter, the Southern Maryland Chapter President, CDR Phil Campbell, USN (Ret) suggested holding joint meetings with us for some portion of the year. Our Chapter Board unanimously concurred with this idea. So, you may see some other outstanding Americans like Phil, LTC Jack Fringer, USA (Retired), and CDR Greg Dalke, USN (Retired) and their spouses at future General Smallwood /Southern Maryland Chapter joint meetings.

Supporting the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum

Some of our chapter members volunteer at the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum in Newburg, MD. If you are interested in volunteering at the Museum, or in donating items the Museum may be interested in having, please let Mike Rhoden know and he will contact the appropriate personnel at the Museum.

2016 General William Smallwood Chapter Calendar

10 September	Luncheon at VFW
6 October	Board Meeting
5 November	Luncheon at VFW and Chapter Officer Election
17 November	Board Meeting
3 December	Holiday Party

Do You Know a Chapter Member or Spouse Who is Ill? If you know of a chapter member or spouse who is ill, please contact Marge Asman at 301-643-3595. We want to at least send a Get Well card. If you can't reach Marge, please call Mike Rhoden at 301-396-5981.

Changes to Your E-mail Address or Telephone Number? If you change your e-mail address or telephone number, please provide the new information to me at (mmrhoden@aol.com).

Speaker Suggestions? If you would like to recommend a speaker or a luncheon topic, please contact Mike Rhoden at mmrhoden@aol.com or 301-396-5981.

Recycle and Support Your Chapter!!!

A reminder that Jake Mitchell will be happy to take your aluminum cans for recycling, **if you make arrangements with him by calling 301-934-8086**. All proceeds go into the Chapter Treasury to benefit the JROTC programs we support at St. Charles, McDonough, Stone, Lackey, La Plata, Westlake, and North Point high schools.

Date: Saturday, 10 September 2016

Cost: \$20.00 (please pay in advance if possible)

**Place: VFW Post 8810
2310 Old Washington Rd
Waldorf, MD 20601**

**Menu: Baked Chicken, Roasted Potatoes,
Green Bean Casserole, Salad, and Rolls. Coffee, Iced Tea.**

**Time: 1130, Social Hour
1200, Luncheon**

Dessert: Please bring some to share!

**Please call Sandy Mitchell at 301-934-8086 to RSVP by 5 September 2016.
Please mail your check to Sandy: General Smallwood Chapter MOAA, P.O. Box 554,
Waldorf, MD 20604.**