



General William Smallwood Chapter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Fellow Members of the General Smallwood Chapter,

- Next luncheon meeting is 23 September at Waldorf-VFW, starting at 11:30.
- Neil Johnson, COL (USA-Retired) has arranged to have GEN (Ret) Mike Williams, USMC speak at the 23 September meeting, it should be interesting.
- ** Ask if all who are attending the September meeting to please bring some personal hygiene items that we can donate to the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home (CHVH), the residents always have a need. We received a nice thank you letter from CHVH for our donations after the May luncheon meeting.
- Note of thanks to Neil Johnson & Sandy Wadsworth CWO3 (USN-Retired) for participating in the car show over the Memorial Day weekend to support the CHVH, understand that over \$20,000 was raised.
- I want to welcome our new member, Karen Himmelheber, LTC (USA-Retired), to our chapter. She is the Army JROTC Instructor at Thomas Stone High School.
- The La Plata Veterans Day parade will be on Sunday, 5 November at 13:00, we plan to participate again this year as we have in the past.
- Congratulations to Will Greer, COL (MD Army National Guard- Retired) for being appointed as a Circuit Court Judge.
- We will be sending out updated Chapter rosters via e-mail and will have paper copies available at the September meeting.
- Please note that the USAF Band "Max-impact" will be performing at the La Plata Town Hall on Friday, 11 August at 7:00 p.m. and the USN Band "The Commodores" will be performing on 29 September also at 7:00 p.m., the concerts are free.
- The Maryland Veteran's Memorial Museum is now open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and their monthly meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month, business at 6:00 p.m. & speaker at 7:00 p.m.

Very respectfully,
Dan Donohue
Col, USMC (Ret)
Chapter President

Legislative Update- Mike Rhoden Legislative Liaison

****Congressional Luncheon, "Storming the Hill"** is scheduled for 13 September at 11:00, in the past it has been in the Rayburn House Office Building, the cost is \$38.50 each & the chapter will subsidize half the cost, would like to get at least 6 members to attend, to include spouses, we should show our support and interest by attending.

TRICARE Webinar - Received following information from Maryland District:

Please pass on to your members and others as appropriate. TRICARE will hold a webinar on Aug. 15, 2017 from 1 to 2 p.m. EDT to discuss how to use TRICARE For Life with Medicare and what you need to do to keep your TRICARE coverage. With all the changes to both systems being discussed and proposed but only some passed, it will be a good opportunity to catch up with reality. The presenter (Anne Breslin the Defense Health Agency, TRICARE For Life program manager) will share information about:

- TRICARE For Life and Medicare eligibility
- Medicare enrollment
- Medicare Part A and Part B
- Getting care
- Cost-shares
- Health care claims

TRICARE For Life is Medicare-wraparound coverage for TRICARE beneficiaries. You're eligible for TRICARE For Life if you have Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B, regardless of your age or where you live. Once you have both Medicare Parts A and B, you automatically receive TRICARE benefits under TRICARE For Life.

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people who are age 65 or older, under age 65 with certain disabilities, and those with end-stage renal disease, Lou Gehrig's disease or certain cases of mesothelioma.

See the registration website for details but registered webinar participants can submit questions for the presenter to answer during the live webinar. Be sure not to include personal health information when you submit your question.

Register for the webinar here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9151846990742954498>

Chapter Notes

Next Chapter Luncheon on 23 September 2017

Our next luncheon will be held at the Waldorf VFW on 6 May 2017. Our guest speaker is GEN (Ret) Mike Williams, USMC a friend of our own Neil Johnson, sure it will be interesting.

2017 General William Smallwood Chapter Calendar

23 September Luncheon at VFW

5 October Board Meeting

4 November Luncheon followed by Board Meeting

2 December Holiday Party

Do You Know a Chapter Member Who is Ill? If you know of a chapter member or spouse, who is ill, please contact Dan Donohue at 301-283-6414. We want to at least send them a Get Well card.

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 Sandy Wadsworth, our Chapter Secretary (Sandy.Wadsworth@comcast.net).

Speaker Suggestions? If you would like to recommend a speaker or a luncheon topic, please contact Dan Donohue at dadonohue@hotmail.com or 301-283-6414, we need your input. We are looking for a speaker for the 4 November meeting.

Recycle and Support Your Chapter!!!

Reminder that Jake Mitchell will be happy to take your aluminum cans for recycling. Please 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, 23 September 2017 Cost: \$20.00 (please pay in advance if possible)

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

**Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Green Bean Casserole, Salad, Tea, Coffee, Water**

Dessert: Please bring some to share!

Time:

1130, Social Hour

1200, Luncheon

Please call Sandy Mitchell at 301-934-8086 to RSVP by 16 September 2017, so we give the VFW Ladies Auxiliary enough time to prepare.

Please mail your check to Sandy: General Smallwood Chapter MOAA, P.O. Box 554, Waldorf, MD 20604.