



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,

The speaker at our April luncheon, National Park Service Ranger Mike Litterst, did a great job speaking on the centennial of the National Park Service. If you've watched the "Today Show" on NBC lately, they are also celebrating the centennial by visiting various national parks. I've seen them profile White Sands National Monument, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, the Dry Tortugas National Park and Fort Jefferson.

It was my pleasure, as a National Park Service volunteer, to lead a group of Vietnam veterans and their spouses on a tour of the National Mall and Memorial Parks. The veterans were observing their unit's 50th anniversary of its Vietnam deployment. They honored their unit members who made the ultimate sacrifice at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial by placing their pictures at each members' panel.

Sincerely,

Mike Rhoden
COL, USA (Ret.)
Chapter President

Legislative Update

Unfortunately, the Maryland state legislature did not pass any tax relief measures during its 2016 session. There's always next year.

On a brighter note, the legislature passed, and the governor signed into law, a bill that establishes private sector Veterans preferences in hiring and promotions as permissible under Maryland law.

Chapter Notes

Cribbage Tournament

Mark your calendar for the 2016 annual cribbage tournament and pot luck picnic. We'll see if Ashley Smith, LtCol (Ret) will repeat as champion. Festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch at 12:00 p.m. on **11 June 2016** at Jake and Sandy Mitchell's Chesapeake Bay property. Children are welcome at this picnic. Attendees are asked to bring a salad, meat, side, or dessert. The Chapter will provide water, tea and soft drinks. BYOB if you want to drink something else. RSVP to Sandy Mitchell at 301-934-8086 not later than **6 June 2016**. Tell

Sandy how many are coming and what dish you will bring. If you are playing cribbage, please bring cards and cribbage board with you. If you are not playing cribbage, bring binoculars to spot fowl and maybe porpoise.

Directions to Cribbage Tournament and Pot Luck Picnic

Make your way to the intersection of US 301 North and MD Route 4 south of Upper Marlboro in Prince George's County. Take MD Route 4 East for four miles and take MD Route 258 East (toward Bristol/Deale) about two miles. Turn right onto MD Route 2 South (toward Prince Frederick) and follow for 2.3 miles to Fairhaven Road and turn left onto MD 423 (AKA Fairhaven Road) for 3.1 miles to "WINDY CREST" on the left at the patriotic wind sock. The address is 710 Fairhaven Road, Fairhaven, MD; tel. 410-257-2725. If you reach Leary Road you are too far south.

Packages for the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Our Chapter Secretary, Polly Zimmerman, will ferry toiletry or "goodie" packages voluntarily brought to the Cribbage Tournament to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Full size toiletry items or other goodies that do not contain alcohol are welcomed.

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 me know and I'll contact the appropriate personnel at the Museum.

2016 General William Smallwood Chapter Calendar

11 June	Cribbage Tournament (Location: Jake and Sandie Mitchell's Chesapeake Bay-side House)
9 August	Board Meeting
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 Polly Zimmerman and me (pollyzimmerman@gmail.com & 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.

