



General William Smallwood Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
P.O. Box 554
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The Smallwood Crier

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Fellow Members of the General Smallwood Chapter,

Next luncheon meeting is 6 May at Waldorf-VFW, starting at 11:30.

I want to thank our Secretary Sandy Wadsworth for arranging to have U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Michael W. Tedford, former Air Force One Chief of Communications and member of the Air Force One aircrew give a presentation at the 18 March meeting.

Neil Johnson has arranged to have GEN(Ret) Mike Williams, USMC speak at the 23 September meeting & my thanks to Neil for leading the 18 March meeting in my absence.

* Ask if all who are attending the May meeting to please bring some personal hygiene items that we can donate to the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home, the residents always have a need.

Please note that the 10 June picnic meeting/annual cribbage tournament will be at Smallwood State Park & that there is a \$3 per person fee to enter the park for Maryland residents. However, for those 62 and older you can buy a Golden Age Pass for \$10 that's for life and good at any Maryland State Park. The Park Volunteers are planning to provide a tour of "The Retreat House". We have the main pavilion near The Retreat House and other amenities.

I want to welcome our new member, Regina Chavis, the surviving spouse of Capt. James C. Chavis, USAF (Ret), to our chapter.

Jake Mitchell is coordinating our JROTC awards and will be needing members support when it's time to make presentations to the high schools.

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

Unfortunately, the full uniformed services retirement income tax modification died in the General Assembly this legislative session. Leaders of the Maryland Council of Chapters and MOAA National participated in the Storming of the Hill (Congress) on 5 April. "Stormers" emphasized two MOAA objectives: 1) Ending sequestration now, and 2) Ending the "Widows Tax" that is created by the Survivor Benefit Plan-Dependency and Indemnity Compensation offset.

Chapter Notes

Next Chapter Luncheon on 6 May 2017

Our next luncheon will be held at the Waldorf VFW on 6 May 2017. Our guest speaker is Capt. Travis Davison, USMC and he will share his experiences as the Aide-de-Camp to then BGen Wm. Mullen, USMC who was the Deputy-J3 of Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq from 2015-16.

2017 General William Smallwood Chapter Calendar

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| 6 May | Luncheon at VFW |
| 10 June | Picnic/Annual Cribbage Tournament at Smallwood State Park |
| 3 August | Board Meeting |
| 23 September | Luncheon at VFW |
| 5 October | Board Meeting |
| 4 November | Luncheon followed by Board Meeting |
| 2 December | Holiday Party |

New Chapter Chaplain Please welcome our new Chaplain, Eric Shoemaker, MAJ-USA(Ret). He is currently a Deacon at Christ Church- La Plata. His Army background includes Airborne units and Special Forces.

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 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.

Recycle and Support Your Chapter!!!

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, 6 May 2017

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

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

Menu: Pork Roast, Scalloped Potatoes,
Green Bean Casserole, Salad, Tea, Water,
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Dessert: Please bring some to share!

Time:

1130, Social Hour

1200, Luncheon

Please call Sandy Mitchell at 301-934-8086 to RSVP by 28 April 2017.

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