



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,

It is early October and there is a bit of Fall in the air. Our outside thermometer reads 38 degrees Fahrenheit. We've laid in our firewood supply for the winter.

We had a great luncheon on 10 September. Ms. Sharon Mattia, the Director of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, was a fantastic guest speaker and the menu of roasted chicken and sides was mouth watering.

I encourage you to attend the luncheon on 5 November 2016 at the VFW in Waldorf. The luncheon will feature a great presentation on General Smallwood and the Maryland 400 in the Revolutionary War. We will also elect our slate of officers for the coming two years. Please attend.

Sincerely,

Mike Rhoden  
COL, USA (Ret.)  
Chapter President

### **Legislative Update**

We had four General Smallwood Chapter members attend the Congressional luncheon last month: The Rhodens and the Finkenauers. With negotiations underway on a continuing resolution, fewer representatives attended this year's luncheon. Neither Rep. Steny Hoyer nor Sen. Barbara Mikulski made it. Sen. Ben Cardin did attend and speak. He emphasized the need for Congress to pass, "... defense authorization and appropriations bills to ensure adequate resources for our defenders."

### **Chapter Notes**

#### **5 November Chapter Luncheon**

Our next chapter luncheon is on 5 November 2016 at the Waldorf VFW. Social hour will begin at 1130 with the luncheon starting at 1200. Our guest speaker will be Major Richard Martiny, USA (Ret). He has written a book on 'Military Beginnings' and will speak on General Smallwood and the Maryland 400 in the Revolutionary War. Please see the newsletter's last page for menu and RSVP information.

### **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.

### **La Plata's Veterans Day Parade**

Our chapter will again participate in the La Plata Veterans Day Parade. Look for four members riding in Past President and La Plata Mayor LT (USN, Ret.) Roy Hale's convertible. The parade takes place on Sunday, 6 November 2016 at 1300. You can view the parade along Charles Street, La Grange and Queen Anne Streets.

### **Annual Holiday Party Just Around the Corner**

Our annual holiday party will be held on 3 December 2016 at the Waldorf VFW. The menu includes turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, vegetable medley, green bean casserole, rolls, salad, coffee, iced tea, and water. If you want to participate in the "Chinese gift exchange", please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10.00-\$15.00. We are also collecting toiletries and other items (CDs, puzzles, etc.) for donation to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Please bring full size toiletries, not travel size, and ensure none contain alcohol.

### **Southern Maryland Chapter to Join Some of Our Meetings**

Due to a declining meeting participation rate in 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**

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, 5 November 2016**

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

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

**Menu: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,  
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 31 October 2016.  
Please mail your check to Sandy: General Smallwood Chapter MOAA, P.O. Box 554,  
Waldorf, MD 20604.**