



General William Smallwood Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
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1. **REMINDER-** Next luncheon meeting is 4 November at Waldorf-VFW, starting at 11:30.
2. Our speaker will be our member Mrs. Regina Chavis who works at MOAA National Headquarters & joined our chapter this summer.
3. ** Ask all who are attending the November 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.
4. 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. This year we will be having two cars in the parade & so far the drivers & participants are Roy Hale, Neil Johnson, Dan Donohue, Jim Goldsmith & Jake Mitchell, have space for one more passenger.
5. MOAA sent an e-mail requesting interested members to volunteer for events on The Mall on Veteran's Day, if you are interested in volunteering for this please contact LTC Clarence Counts, USA(Ret), phone# 703-838-5818, e-mail: clarenc@moaa.org. Our Secretary Sandy Wadsworth, CWO3-USN(Ret) & Val Wadsworth, CWO2-USN(Ret) will be participating. Imagine that there is still time to register to participate.
6. Received a letter from the MOAA Scholarship Fund, dated 13 September, that five (5) students from Southern Maryland area have been selected to receive interest free loans &/or grants for 2017-18 academic year. The Chapter will be contacting these recipients.
7. I have been asked to speak at the American Legion Post #82 in La Plata, Veterans Day program on Saturday, 11 November at 11:00.
8. The National Symphony Orchestra in conjunction with the Kennedy Center will be hosting 2 free concerts honoring the military this fall. The details are in the attachment to this e-mail that was sent by Harvey Kaplan, COL, USA(Ret), President- Maryland Council of Chapters, it was from Terri Coles, COL, USA (Ret), Sr Director, Council & Chapter Affairs/MOAA.
9. Nice article about Thomas Stone High Scholl Army JROTC program and the Senior Instructor LTC(Ret) Karen Himmelheber a member of our chapter in the Maryland Independent October 13, 2017 edition.

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

2017 General William Smallwood Chapter Calendar
4 November Luncheon followed by Board Meeting
2 December Holiday Party

*** 2018 General William Smallwood Chapter Calendar**

Jan 27- Luncheon at VFW, followed by Board meeting
March 17- Luncheon at VFW
April 5- Board meeting
May 5- Luncheon at VFW
June 9- Cribbage tournament-picnic; location- TBD
Aug 2- Board meeting
Sept 8- Luncheon at VFW
Oct 4- Board meeting
Nov 3- Luncheon at VFW followed by Board meeting
Dec 1- Luncheon at VFW meeting-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 have a change 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 27 January 2018 meeting and will need speakers for 5 lunch meetings in 2018, ask for your assistance.

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, 4 November 2017 Cost: \$20.00 (please pay in advance if possible)

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

Menu: Baked Chicken, 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 28 October 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.