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**President's Corner**

Greetings to all Southern Maryland Chapter members. I sincerely hope that the snow last week is winter's "last gasp" for the season. We had a very interesting meeting on March 15, with two presentations, the first by Lt Col Al Brewster, USAF – Ret, who is the president of Battle Buddies, a veterans' networking and assistance program in southern Maryland. The second presentation was by Carole Lewis, a community outreach coordinator for Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Our chapter supports the Veterans Home each year with various donations, which this year included a donation by Past-president, MAJ Evelyn DeLuca Widmer, who is also a representative of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), which provided the donation. We would love to have better attendance to support these informative programs.

We have a great opportunity for a "field trip" meeting for April. We have been invited by the General Smallwood Chapter in Charles County to participate with them for a visit to the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum in Newburg, MD, in southern Charles County. We will have a special tour of the museum conducted by Mr. Larry Abell, the President of the museum. We often invite the Smallwood Chapter to join us for some of our programs, and are very pleased to be included in this visit, which promises to be one of the highlights this year.

The April meeting will occur on 12 April, which is one week ahead of the weekend we usually set aside for our meetings, so please note the change. The museum tour will include a luncheon catered

by Thompson's Seafood, which always provides great food. I hope to see everyone there.

Warren Prince

**Auxiliary Corner: Medicare (Part 2)**

Medicare Part A is free as long as you or your spouse has worked the required 40 quarters. Recently, Medicare officials announced monthly premiums for Medicare Part B will remain the same for beneficiaries in 2014. The basic Medicare Part B premium remains \$104.90 a month. Beneficiaries with 2012 adjusted gross income (plus tax-exempt interest income) over \$85,000 — or \$170,000 if married filing jointly — will continue to pay higher means-tested premiums. The means-tested rates also will remain the same in 2014. Means-tested rates range from \$146.90 to \$335.70 per person per month, depending on income. The Part B annual deductible also will remain at \$147.

It also was announced the Medicare Part A deductible, which people pay when admitted to a hospital, will increase by \$32 in 2014 to \$1,216. That deductible covers up to 60 days of Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care. Beneficiaries will pay \$304 a day for days 61 through 90 in 2014 (up from \$296 in 2013) and \$608 a day for hospital stays beyond 90 days (up from \$592 in 2013). Because TFL acts as a supplemental insurance to Medicare, TFL pays the deductibles for Parts A and B. Eligibility for TRICARE is determined by a person's information in the DEERS. Learn more about TFL (eligibility, enrollment, cost, and coverage details) and the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program at [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil).

**Chapter Meeting: 1200-1400 Saturday 12 April**

Our April chapter meeting will be attending a luncheon hosted by the General Smallwood Chapter at the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum. The museum's physical address is 11000 Crain Highway, Newburg, MD 20664; the building is the Old Glasva School. The luncheon will be catered by Thompson's Seafood and cost \$18.00 per person; please bring a check or correct change. The guest speaker will be Mr. Larry Abell, a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Navy Seabees, and the Museum President. Larry will give us an orientation to the Museum. Please take a close look at the Museum's mission and exhibits and support its efforts with a donation. (<http://mdvets.webs.com>)

Menu: crab balls; fresh vegetable tray; fresh fruit tray; beef, ham and chicken salad sandwiches; pasta salad; coffee and iced tea. Dessert: Please bring some to share!

**RSVP** A hard count of attendees is needed by 7 April. Please call Sandy Mitchell at 301-934-8086 to **RSVP by Monday 7 April 2014**. If you wish to RSVP and send a check payment in advance via mail by the 7th, send it to General Smallwood Chapter, MOAA, Box 554, Waldorf, MD 20604.

**Directions to Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum:** on US301N-0.25 mi north of MD234 intersection

From the north: Make your way to US 301 South. At MD Route 234 (Budds Creek Road) intersection, execute a U-turn to head North on US 301. Turn right at the Museum entrance just past Glasva School Road (the Museum has a huge radio antenna behind it). Come on inside.

From the south: Make your way to US 301 North and turn right at the Museum entrance just past Glasva School Road (the Museum has a huge radio antenna behind it).

From the east: Make your way to US 301. If north of MD Route 234, head south and follow the directions above for "from the north." If south of MD Route 234, head north and follow the directions above for "from the south."



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