



General William Smallwood Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
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The Smallwood Crier

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Fellow Members of the General Smallwood Chapter,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I'm ready to continue our mission of fun and fellowship while supporting our community; and to engaging with our national, state and local political leaders toward sensible measures that enhance the missions and lives of our active, reserve, and retired military personnel.

We still have General Smallwood Chapter members who have not yet paid their 2016 dues. Members pay \$15.00/Auxiliary members pay \$5.00 per year. Please take a look at your check register and if you haven't paid your dues, please do so. The sooner, the better. We must forward our roster to MOAA National prior to 1 February 2016. It doesn't cost much and it's a great investment. Please mail your check to: General Smallwood Chapter MOAA, P.O. Box 554, Waldorf, MD 20604.

Are you inundated with charity solicitations? Check out www.charitynavigator.org. This website gives insight to how much a charity devotes to executive compensation, and overhead vs. operations. It also advises on how to decrease charity solicitations.

Sincerely,

Mike Rhoden
COL, USA (Ret)
Chapter President

Chapter Notes

Next Chapter Luncheon on 20 February 2016

Our first luncheon of 2016 will be held at the Waldorf VFW on 20 February 2016. The program is being finalized.

Holiday Care Packages for the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and Chapter Member Admitted

Our Chapter Secretary, Ms. Polly Zimmerman, took your generous donations of toiletries and other items to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

Speaking of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, our own Charlie Morrison, Lt Col USAF (Ret) has been admitted to Charlotte Hall following a stroke in November 2015. I visited with Charlie for a little over an hour last week in his room following his physical therapy session. Charlie is

in great spirits, making fine progress, and praised the physical rehab program at Charlotte Hall. He welcomes visitors in the afternoons.

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

7 January	Board Meeting
20 February	Luncheon at VFW
10 March	Board Meeting
16 April	Luncheon at VFW
12 May	Board Meeting
11 June	Cribbage Tournament (Location TBD)
4 August	Board Meeting
10 September	Luncheon (Tentatively at Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum)
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 them a Get Well card. If you can't reach Marge, 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.

Date: Saturday, 20 February 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 and Brown Gravy
Green Bean Casserole, Salad, and Rolls.
Coffee, Iced Tea**

Dessert: Please bring some to share!

Time:

1130, Social Hour

1200, Luncheon

Please call Sandy Mitchell at 301-934-8086 to RSVP by 12 February 2016.

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