



General William Smallwood Chapter
 Military Officers Association of America
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good news! The General Smallwood Chapter is being awarded the “**Five Star Level of Excellence**” award, the highest recognition offered in the **2009 Levels of Excellence Award** (LOE) program for Category V chapters (120 or fewer members). This year a record 103 chapters submitted entries from all categories. Some 74 chapters earned the highest five-star award for outstanding performance, and another 26 chapters earned a four-star excellence rating. Objective scoring covered categories of specific chapter activities, while a subjective portion involved scoring narrative submissions of detailed chapter activities ranging from legislative affairs and recruiting to community involvement. Our chapter will be provided a special battle streamer at the November annual meeting in Arlington, VA by the president of MOAA. Congratulations to all Chapter members, especially those who have done much to earn this special recognition!



The Chapter's annual CAPT Francis L. Busey Cribbage event was held on June 12 at **Jake and Sandy Mitchell's** home on the bay. They have graciously hosted this event again this year, and their hospitality was first rate! In this year's contest it came down to **Alice Mary Welch** and “**Tut**” **Hendricks, COL, USA (Ret.)** for an exciting finish, but in the end Alice prevailed. Congratulations to Alice Mary as this year's cribbage champion!

Her name has been added to the winners' board, and she received a gift certificate.

We are privileged to welcome **Ed Nicholson, CAPT, USN (Ret.)**, our guest speaker for the September luncheon. Ed's distinguished 30-year career included many sea-going assignments, including a tour in Vietnam. He is President & CEO of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc., an organization dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military personnel and veterans. **Ferris Butler, CPT, USA (Ret.)**, is also scheduled to join us. After being wounded and receiving a medical discharge, he participated in Ed's program.

At the luncheon we will continue our Veteran Profile series with **Jim Howcroft, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)**, a meteorologist by profession. He served during WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Jim and his wife Beverly (B.J.) have been members of the General Smallwood Chapter since 2009. The President of MOAA Maryland Council of Chapters, **Jack Fringer, Jr., LTC, USA (Ret.)**, will also attend and make brief remarks.

See you in September!

Günter Finkenauer, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)
 President

Chapter Notes

New Chapter Member

Please welcome **Timothy Corrigan, LTC, USA (Ret.)**, a former Judge Advocate General. His last assignment was with the Army JAG School in Charlottesville, VA, where he retired in 2005. Tim and his wife Dale currently reside in La Plata.

Local Activities of Interest

On Friday, September 17, the La Plata Summer Concert Series will present the US Navy Band "Cruisers." The performance will be held from 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Town Hall on Queen Anne Street. For more information, go to www.townoflaplata.org or call 301-934-8421.

Plan ahead: La Plata's Salute to Veterans Parade will take place on Sunday, November 7, at 1:00 p.m. The parade goes down Charles Street, through downtown, ending at the Town Hall for a Veterans Day ceremony. As in previous years, the General Smallwood Chapter will participate.

Officers serving for calendar year 2010

President	Günter Finkenauer
First VP	Roy Hale
Second VP	Terry Briggs
Treasurer	Jim Goldsmith
Secretary	Polly Zimmerman

Director: Darlene Keller

Board of Directors

Chapter members interested in joining the Board of Directors should contact Günter Finkenauer or one of the Chapter officers for more information.

Chapter Committees:

The chapter has several standing committees that assist the officers and board in conducting its business. We are always looking for members to participate on a committee. Please contact Günter Finkenauer or any of the officers if you have any questions. Listed below are the standing committees:

- **Programs:** This committee secures guest speakers and entertainment for chapter events.
- **Membership:** This committee solicits and actively engages prospective members with MOAA information and offers both Chapter and MOAA applications.
- **Personal Affairs:** This committee answers questions about benefits for members and spouses, and assists when a member passes away.
- **Legislative Affairs:** This committee keeps the membership up to date on legislation of interest to the group.
- **Special Projects:** This committee manages the aluminum recycling program, the JROTC programs, and Boys and Girls State programs.
- **Newsletter:** This committee writes and distributes the newsletter.

Chapter Luncheon Schedule for 2010

The following dates are planned for 2010:

- Sep 11
- Oct 23
- Dec 11

Date: Saturday, September 11, 2010

Cost: \$17.00

**Place: VFW Post 8810
RT 925 (Old Washington Road)
Waldorf, MD**

**Menu: Stuffed pork chops,
sweet potatoes, California medley
vegetables, salad, rolls, applesauce**

Dessert provided by Chapter members

**Time: 1130: Social hour
1200: Lunch
1245: Speakers**

**Speakers: Ed Nicholson, CAPT, USN (Ret.)
Ferris Butler, CPT, USA (Ret.)
Jim Howcroft, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)
WWII Veteran
Jack Fringer, Jr., LTC, USA (Ret.)**

Please Note: We need to provide a count of luncheon attendees to our hosts at the VFW, so please confirm your reservations with Sandy Mitchell (mail the reservation form or call Sandy at 301-934-8086 to pay at the door)—THANK YOU!

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Reservation Form for Luncheon, September 11, 2010

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Cost: \$17.00 per person

**Mail check to: General Smallwood Chapter, MOAA
P.O. Box 554
Waldorf, MD 20604-0554**

**Please mail this form or call Sandy Mitchell at 301-394-8086 no later
than September 6, 2010.**



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